

HOUSE No. 5071

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 29, 2020.

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 755) of Daniel M. Donahue and Colleen M. Garry relative to the importation of certain domestic animals, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 770) of Carolyn C. Dykema, Paul A. Schmid, III and Jonathan Hecht for legislation to further regulate the operation of piggeries based on their impact on air and water quality, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 845) of Alice Hanlon Peisch relative to regulating the sale and purchase of horses, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3714) of Laura Kiesel for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to the effects of rat poison on wildlife, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4146) of Daniel Cahill for legislation to further regulate the prevention of cruelty to farm animals, reports recommending that the accompanying order (House, No. 5071) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

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1 *Ordered,* That the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture be
2 authorized to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of
3 House documents numbered 755, 770, 845, 3714 and 4146, relative to animal welfare.

4 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
5 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
6 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
7 on or before December 31, 2020.