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LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2000?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would set up a state Health Care Council to review and recommend legislation for a health care system that ensures comprehensive, high quality health care coverage for all Massachusetts residents. Until the Council decided that such a system had been set up, the proposed law would prohibit the conversion of non-profit hospitals, health maintenance organizations (HMOs), and health insurance firms to for-profit status. The proposed law would also require health insurance carriers to provide certain rights to patients and health care professionals, starting January 1, 2001.

The Council would recommend laws to set up, and would decide whether laws had been passed to ensure, a health care system that provides:

- barrier-free access to health care services;
- patients' freedom to choose their health care providers, get second opinions, and appeal denials of care;
- health care professionals' freedom to act solely in the best interests of their patients;
- affordable coverage, with cost increases no greater than national averages;
- preserving and increasing the quality of care and encouraging research;
- at least 90% of all premiums to be used for patient care, public health, and training/research, and no more than 10% for administrative costs, with simpler paperwork and administration;
- a prohibition of financial incentives that limit patient access to health care, and limits on incentives for inappropriate care.

The Council would include 17 members representing health care and other organizations. It would hold public hearings, study proposals, and make recommendations to the state Commissioner of Public Health and the Legislature on laws and other steps needed to set up a system meeting the above requirements. The proposed law would also create a special legislative committee, including legislators and members of the Council, to make recommendations by September 30, 2001, for laws to set up a system meeting the above requirements by July 1, 2002.

Starting January 1, 2001, the proposed law would require health insurance carriers to guarantee certain rights to their insured patients and to health care professionals. These rights would include:

- patients' right to choose all of their health care providers, subject to the approval of a freely chosen primary care provider who has no financial incentive to deny care, and subject to payment of a reasonable extra fee to see a provider outside the carrier's network;
 - health care professionals' right to make medical decisions in consultation with the patients;
 - patients' right to transitional insurance coverage when they are undergoing a course of treatment from a health care provider whose contract with a carrier is being terminated;
 - patients' right to medically necessary referrals to specialists;
 - limits on and disclosure of contracts between carriers and health care providers that create financial incentives to delay or limit care or provide inappropriate care;
 - health care professionals' right to discuss health benefit plans with insured patients and to advocate on behalf of their patients;
 - carriers could not terminate health care providers' contracts without cause;
 - patients' right to receive emergency services, subject to authorization procedures, and to be reimbursed when they pay cash for emergency services from providers not affiliated with their carrier;
 - utilization review procedures that meet specific standards, including patients' right to appeal to the Commissioner of Public Health;
 - in any year at least 90% of a carrier's Massachusetts revenue must be spent on Massachusetts health care, and a carrier that spent more than 10% for non-health care purposes would have to refund the excess to its insured patients. Each carrier would have to report its revenues, premiums, and expenditures to the state Commissioner of Insurance every year.
- The proposed law states that it would not interfere with any existing contract, including contract terms (such as automatic renewal or option clauses) that may go into effect after January 1, 2001. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the rest of the law would stay in effect.
- A YES VOTE** would require health insurance carriers to guarantee certain rights to their patients and providers, and it would prohibit the conversion of non-profit hospitals, HMOs, and health insurers into for-profit entities until a system is created to provide comprehensive health care coverage for all Massachusetts residents.
- A NO VOTE** would make no change in the laws governing health insurance and health care.

	Yes	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Aggregate of Votes						
Barnstable.....	60,256	56,544	49.26%	5,510	46.23%	122,320
Berkshire.....	33,727	21,711	55.82%	4,976	35.94%	60,414
Bristol.....	98,386	98,163	46.00%	17,331	45.90%	213,880
Dukes.....	5,150	3,119	57.83%	636	35.03%	8,905
Essex.....	135,437	160,116	43.22%	17,817	51.09%	313,370
Franklin.....	17,418	14,535	51.54%	1,840	43.01%	33,793
Hampden.....	83,625	77,132	47.70%	14,555	44.00%	175,312
Hampshire.....	35,244	30,165	50.70%	4,104	5.90%	69,513
Middlesex.....	295,739	328,901	44.57%	38,845	5.86%	663,485
Nantucket.....	2,837	1,710	57.15%	417	34.45%	4,964
Norfolk.....	137,357	166,665	42.93%	15,969	52.08%	319,991
Plymouth.....	91,285	112,087	42.78%	10,031	4.70%	213,403
Suffolk.....	103,534	88,100	46.81%	29,544	13.36%	221,178
Worcester.....	129,637	166,957	41.38%	16,689	5.33%	313,303
TOTALS.....	1,229,652	1,325,915	44.98%	178,264	6.52%	2,733,831

	Yes	No	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Barnstable County					
Barnstable.....	11,901	11,273	923	24.09%	24,097
Bourne.....	3,994	4,554	324	8.87%	8,872
Brewster.....	3,107	2,620	285	6.01%	6,012
Chatham.....	2,418	2,044	238	4.70%	4,700
Dennis.....	4,344	4,327	397	9.06%	9,068
Eastham.....	1,725	1,594	143	3.46%	3,462
Falmouth.....	8,505	8,371	921	17.79%	17,797
Harwich.....	3,502	3,302	417	7.22%	7,221
Mashpee.....	3,184	3,081	265	6.53%	6,530
Orleans.....	2,114	2,163	254	4.53%	4,531
Provincetown.....	1,536	632	106	2.27%	2,274
Sandwich.....	4,984	5,478	469	10.93%	10,931
Truro.....	778	456	52	1.28%	1,286
Wellfleet.....	1,107	696	111	1.91%	1,914
Yarmouth.....	7,057	5,963	605	13.62%	13,625
TOTALS.....	60,256	56,554	5,510	122,320	
Berkshire County					
Adams.....	2,121	1,511	301	3.93%	3,933
Alford.....	142	104	19	265	19
Becket.....	416	306	62	784	62
Cheshire.....	949	638	95	1,682	95
Clarksburg.....	381	405	41	827	41
Dalton.....	1,840	1,227	183	3,250	183
Egremont.....	518	220	38	776	38
Florida.....	193	134	19	346	19
Great Barrington.....	2,014	1,124	321	3,459	321
Hancock.....	222	119	17	358	17
Hmsdale.....	530	277	68	875	68
Lanesborough.....	765	536	124	1,425	124
Lee.....	1,488	987	247	2,722	247
Lenox.....	1,520	1,073	280	2,873	280
Monterey.....	316	144	37	497	37
McC. Washington.....	53	26	4	83	4
New Ashford.....	89	44	16	149	16
New Marlborough.....	447	185	43	675	43

QUESTION 5

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County (continued)								
NORTH ADAMS.....	2,981	2,170	509	5,660				
Otis.....	365	213	61	639				
Peru.....	204	144	19	367				
PITTSFIELD.....	10,386	6,676	1,766	18,828				
Richmond.....	526	389	51	966				
Sandisfield.....	234	88	36	358				
Savoy.....	149	136	10	295				
Sheffield.....	961	529	120	1,610				
Stockbridge.....	766	401	117	1,284				
Tyringham.....	123	77	18	218				
Washington.....	173	126	7	306				
West Stockbridge.....	500	254	61	815				
Williamstown.....	2,076	1,294	262	3,632				
Windsor.....	279	154	24	457				
TOTALS.....	33,727	21,711	4,976	60,414				
Bristol County								
Acushnet.....	2,221	2,399	366	4,986				
ATTLEBORO.....	7,265	7,532	918	15,715				
Berkley.....	1,228	1,131	116	2,475				
Dartmouth.....	6,181	6,574	878	13,633				
Dighton.....	1,175	1,515	196	2,886				
Easton.....	4,606	5,644	486	10,736				
Fairhaven.....	3,285	3,555	666	7,506				
FALL RIVER.....	13,567	11,834	4,167	29,568				
Freetown.....	1,764	2,081	169	4,014				
Mansfield.....	3,915	5,289	659	9,863				
NEW BEDFORD.....	15,029	13,049	3,148	31,226				
North Attleborough.....	5,312	6,380	513	12,205				
Norton.....	3,261	3,784	285	7,330				
Raynham.....	2,446	3,061	277	5,784				
Rehoboth.....	2,451	2,181	270	4,902				
Seekonk.....	3,594	2,598	477	6,669				
Somerset.....	4,489	4,176	860	9,525				
Swansea.....	3,796	3,182	696	7,674				
TAUNTON.....	9,134	9,367	1,529	20,030				
Westport.....	3,667	2,831	655	7,153				
TOTALS.....	98,386	98,163	17,331	213,880				
Essex County (continued)								
Wenham.....	804	1,168	126	2,098				
West Newbury.....	1,066	1,327	94	2,487				
TOTALS.....	135,437	160,116	17,817	313,370				
Franklin County								
Ashfield.....	601	325	45	971				
Barnardston.....	491	519	66	1,076				
Buckland.....	513	387	55	955				
Charlemont.....	370	234	31	635				
Colrain.....	417	343	47	807				
Conway.....	609	391	54	1,054				
Deerfield.....	1,346	1,266	140	2,752				
Erving.....	315	342	23	680				
Gill.....	405	331	52	788				
Greenfield.....	3,675	3,470	430	7,575				
Hawley.....	98	70	7	175				
Heath.....	237	121	15	373				
Leverett.....	703	347	55	1,105				
Leyden.....	209	161	27	397				
Monroe.....	19	22	3	44				
Montague.....	1,844	1,616	215	3,675				
New Salem.....	251	265	23	539				
Northfield.....	734	699	88	1,521				
Orange.....	1,351	1,430	136	2,917				
Rowe.....	126	85	17	228				
Shelburne.....	566	446	70	1,062				
Shutesbury.....	689	327	47	1,063				
Sunderland.....	929	651	84	1,664				
Warwick.....	199	171	23	393				
Wendell.....	322	116	24	462				
Whately.....	399	400	63	862				
TOTALS.....	17,418	14,535	1,840	33,793				
Hampden County								
Agawam.....	6,079	5,732	1,052	12,863				
Blandford.....	311	241	31	583				
Brimfield.....	745	742	75	1,562				
Chester.....	305	263	24	592				

Dukes County

Aquinnah.....	164	60	17	241
Chilmark.....	411	223	46	680
Edgartown.....	1,161	806	165	2,132
Gosnold.....	57	20	4	81
Oak Bluffs.....	1,235	786	204	2,225
Tisbury.....	1,194	705	122	2,021
West Tisbury.....	928	519	78	1,525
TOTALS.....	5,150	3,119	636	8,905

Essex County

Amesbury.....	3,067	3,623	272	6,962
Andover.....	6,573	9,272	668	16,513
BEVERLY.....	8,518	9,400	976	18,894
Boxford.....	1,748	2,561	138	4,447
Danvers.....	5,203	7,023	495	12,721
Essex.....	894	963	88	1,945
Georgetown.....	1,657	6,308	166	3,841
GLOUCESTER.....	6,751	6,308	820	13,879
Groveland.....	1,294	1,739	113	3,146
Hamilton.....	1,777	2,263	188	4,228
HAVERTHILL.....	9,834	11,223	1,404	22,461
Ipswich.....	3,059	3,766	297	7,122
LAWRENCE.....	6,491	6,092	2,289	14,872
LYNN.....	12,325	13,667	1,635	27,627
Lynnfield.....	2,713	3,563	322	6,598
Manchester-by-the-Sea.....	1,409	1,636	121	3,166
Marblehead.....	4,896	6,499	477	11,872
Merrimac.....	1,330	1,572	136	3,038
Methuen.....	7,037	9,462	1,030	17,529
Middleton.....	1,392	1,807	177	3,376
Nahant.....	955	1,105	159	2,219
Newbury.....	1,610	1,998	166	3,774
NEWBURYPORT.....	4,465	4,794	613	9,872
North Andover.....	5,327	7,178	666	13,171
PEABODY.....	10,356	11,762	1,271	23,389
Rockport.....	2,226	2,038	236	4,500
Roxbury.....	1,111	1,570	135	2,816
SALEM.....	7,727	8,195	1,075	16,997
Salisbury.....	1,638	1,781	192	3,611
Saugus.....	5,475	6,787	707	12,969
Swampscott.....	3,317	3,953	435	7,705
Topsfield.....	1,392	2,063	130	3,525

CHICOPEE

East Longmeadow.....	3,361	3,743	9,689	1,414	21,474
Granville.....	360	370	531	7,635	7,635
Hamden.....	1,249	1,275	114	2,638	2,638
Holland.....	523	482	47	1,052	1,052
HOLYOKE.....	6,738	5,704	1,750	14,192	14,192
Longmeadow.....	4,083	4,335	504	8,922	8,922
Ludlow.....	3,991	4,167	757	8,915	8,915
Monson.....	1,700	1,793	218	3,711	3,711
Montgomery.....	189	209	24	422	422
Palmer.....	2,363	2,679	270	5,312	5,312
Russell.....	306	313	37	656	656
Southwick.....	1,911	1,791	261	3,963	3,963
SPRINGFIELD.....	22,949	16,327	4,881	44,157	44,157
Tolland.....	103	101	16	220	220
Wales.....	379	316	32	727	727
West Springfield.....	5,211	5,427	1,158	11,796	11,796
WESTFIELD.....	7,294	7,540	907	15,741	15,741
Wilbraham.....	3,104	3,893	405	7,402	7,402
TOTALS.....	83,625	77,132	14,555	175,312	175,312

Hampshire County

Amherst.....	7,356	3,527	982	11,865
Belchertown.....	2,921	2,688	308	5,917
Chesterfield.....	312	266	17	585
Cummington.....	273	184	22	479
Easthampton.....	3,673	3,543	290	7,506
Goshen.....	249	224	23	496
Granby.....	1,376	1,388	206	2,970
Hadley.....	1,228	1,287	195	2,710
Hatfield.....	860	963	107	1,930
Huntington.....	450	456	38	944
Middlefield.....	158	111	11	280
NORTHLAMPTON.....	8,212	5,390	862	14,464
Pelham.....	461	339	31	831
Plainfield.....	224	122	19	365
South Hadley.....	3,010	4,828	472	8,310
Southampton.....	1,279	1,448	153	2,880
Ware.....	1,675	2,082	233	3,990
Westhampton.....	315	494	43	852
Williamsburg.....	829	558	54	1,441
Worthington.....	383	267	38	688
TOTALS.....	35,244	30,165	4,104	69,513

QUESTION 5

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County								
Acton.....	8,157	1,799	512	10,468				
Arlington.....	11,460	11,600	1,203	24,263				
Ashtab.....	638	741	69	1,448				
Ashland.....	3,067	3,855	244	7,166				
Ayer.....	1,190	1,487	103	2,780				
Bedford.....	2,992	3,488	339	6,819				
Belmont.....	6,035	6,982	624	13,641				
Billerica.....	7,128	9,156	564	16,848				
Boxborough.....	1,019	1,342	96	2,457				
Burlington.....	4,818	6,334	420	11,572				
CAMBRIDGE.....	22,574	14,624	3,062	40,260				
Carlisle.....	1,157	1,628	120	2,905				
Chelmsford.....	6,643	10,012	778	17,433				
Concord.....	4,354	4,822	466	9,742				
Dracut.....	5,072	7,277	607	12,956				
Dunstable.....	619	789	80	1,488				
EVERETT.....	5,645	6,357	1,796	13,798				
Frammingham.....	12,045	13,303	1,267	26,615				
Groton.....	2,157	2,676	299	5,132				
Holliston.....	3,208	3,933	270	7,411				
Hopkinton.....	2,781	3,780	228	6,789				
Hudson.....	3,549	4,379	469	8,397				
Lexington.....	7,410	8,679	745	16,834				
Lincoln.....	1,706	1,543	134	3,383				
Littleton.....	1,790	2,479	184	4,453				
LOWELL.....	11,572	13,819	2,044	27,435				
MALDEN.....	9,194	9,851	1,319	19,864				
MARLBOROUGH.....	6,307	7,701	747	14,747				
Maynard.....	2,318	2,685	267	5,270				
MEDFORD.....	11,683	11,811	1,777	25,271				
MELROSE.....	6,213	7,612	831	14,656				
Natick.....	7,418	9,133	737	17,288				
NEWTON.....	19,741	18,155	3,526	41,422				
North Reading.....	3,031	2,339	239	7,440				
Pepperell.....	2,362	2,891	201	5,454				
Reading.....	4,943	7,187	775	12,905				
Sherborn.....	1,055	1,414	99	2,568				
Shirley.....	1,173	1,318	125	2,616				
SOMERVILLE.....	15,379	11,790	2,071	29,240				
Norfolk County (continued)								
Stoughton.....	5,607	6,359	716	12,682				
Walpole.....	4,832	6,708	495	12,035				
Wellesley.....	5,494	7,729	681	13,904				
Westwood.....	3,195	4,519	412	8,126				
Weymouth.....	11,479	13,722	1,168	26,369				
Wrentham.....	2,171	2,715	169	5,055				
TOTALS.....	137,357	166,665	15,969	319,991				
Plymouth County								
Abington.....	2,957	3,728	316	7,001				
Bridgewater.....	4,261	5,368	441	10,070				
BROCKTON.....	12,805	13,674	2,093	28,572				
Carver.....	2,246	2,926	200	5,372				
Duxbury.....	3,627	4,643	404	8,674				
East Bridgewater.....	2,410	3,160	246	5,816				
Halifax.....	1,556	1,892	139	3,587				
Hanover.....	2,715	3,911	288	6,914				
Hanson.....	1,988	2,586	194	4,768				
Hingham.....	4,594	6,523	591	11,708				
Hull.....	2,662	2,638	227	5,527				
Kingston.....	2,367	3,060	224	5,651				
Lakeville.....	1,803	2,434	387	4,624				
Marion.....	1,172	1,470	130	2,772				
Marshfield.....	5,295	6,645	421	12,361				
Mattapoisett.....	1,550	1,965	165	3,680				
Middleborough.....	3,492	4,330	325	8,147				
Norwell.....	2,172	3,230	216	5,618				
Pembroke.....	3,535	4,409	305	8,249				
Plymouth.....	10,383	12,151	918	23,452				
Plympton.....	649	755	54	1,458				
Rochester.....	1,054	1,238	97	2,389				
Rockland.....	3,355	4,171	284	7,810				
Scituate.....	4,431	5,673	431	10,535				
Wareham.....	4,002	4,347	546	8,895				
West Bridgewater.....	1,384	1,897	173	3,454				
Whitman.....	2,820	3,263	216	6,299				
TOTALS.....	91,285	112,087	10,031	213,403				

Stoneham.....	4,744	6,023	519	11,286	88,063	73,460	26,690	188,213
Stow.....	1,322	1,936	111	3,369	3,186	2,604	808	6,598
Sudbury.....	3,680	5,208	360	9,248	3,186	2,604	808	17,504
Tewksbury.....	5,640	7,681	474	13,795	4,823	8,060	1,621	8,863
Townsend.....	1,640	2,315	178	4,133	4,462	3,976	425	8,863
Tyngsborough.....	2,135	2,928	191	5,254	103,534	88,100	29,544	221,178

Wakefield.....	5,405	7,203	656	13,264	1,168	1,375	76	2,619
WALTHAM.....	9,051	10,884	2,431	22,366	1,661	2,466	151	4,278
Watertown.....	7,439	7,137	971	15,547	3,482	4,494	412	8,388
Wayland.....	3,186	4,143	334	7,663	961	1,269	113	2,343
Westford.....	4,019	6,358	433	10,810	519	794	54	1,367
Weston.....	2,487	3,383	287	6,157	1,740	1,743	130	3,613
Wilmington.....	4,164	5,707	574	10,445	876	1,358	115	2,349
Winchester.....	4,718	6,566	634	11,918	859	1,369	82	2,310
WOBURN.....	6,506	9,227	1,263	16,996	576	755	76	1,407
TOTALS.....	295,739	328,901	38,845	663,485	2,149	2,554	214	4,917

Nantucket County

Nantucket.....	2,837	1,710	417	4,964
TOTALS.....	2,837	1,710	417	4,964

Norfolk County

Avon.....	948	1,339	121	2,408	3,084	4,300	338	7,722
Bellingham.....	3,132	3,572	300	7,004	2,944	4,134	257	7,335
Braintree.....	7,266	9,396	898	17,560	535	622	1219	12,119
Brookline.....	13,574	10,768	1,983	26,325	1,326	1,638	102	3,066
Canton.....	4,585	5,923	498	11,006	3,129	5,405	337	8,871
Cohasset.....	1,703	2,522	235	4,460	1,243	1,531	161	2,985
Dedham.....	4,861	6,587	598	12,046	792	1,065	46	1,903
Dover.....	1,155	1,996	176	3,327	1,187	1,580	146	2,913
Foxborough.....	3,570	4,515	374	8,459	1,934	2,536	185	4,655
Franklin.....	5,838	7,596	569	14,003	6,212	9,141	871	16,224
Holbrook.....	2,149	2,804	195	5,148	1,984	2,563	174	4,721
Medfield.....	2,666	3,704	264	6,634	1,092	1,515	125	2,732
Medway.....	1,521	3,329	226	6,076	4,827	5,880	775	11,482
Mills.....	1,765	2,245	157	4,167	2,262	3,301	223	5,786
Milton.....	5,896	7,914	676	14,486	583	550	76	1,209
Needham.....	6,548	9,067	656	16,271	212	216	21	449
Norfolk.....	1,881	2,549	182	4,612	808	1,116	103	2,027
Norwood.....	5,966	7,146	781	13,893	2,902	4,033	291	7,226
Plainville.....	1,421	1,969	116	3,506	2,294	3,576	378	6,248
QUINCY.....	16,714	19,013	2,150	37,877	346	483	27	856
Randolph.....	6,027	6,133	788	12,948	2,303	3,031	356	5,690
Sharon.....	4,393	4,826	385	9,604				

Suffolk County

BOSTON.....	88,063	73,460	26,690	188,213
CHELSEA.....	3,186	2,604	808	6,598
REVERE.....	7,823	8,060	1,621	17,504
Winthrop.....	4,462	3,976	425	8,863
TOTALS.....	103,534	88,100	29,544	221,178

Worcester County

Ashburnham.....	1,168	1,375	76	2,619
Athol.....	1,661	2,466	151	4,278
Auburn.....	3,482	4,494	412	8,388
Barre.....	961	1,269	113	2,343
Berlin.....	519	794	54	1,367
Blackstone.....	1,740	1,743	130	3,613
Bolton.....	876	1,358	115	2,349
Boylston.....	859	1,369	82	2,310
Brookfield.....	576	755	76	1,407
Charlton.....	2,149	2,554	214	4,917
Clinton.....	2,479	2,954	442	5,875
Douglas.....	1,489	1,740	168	3,397
Dudley.....	1,647	2,304	203	4,154
East Brookfield.....	372	552	50	974
FITCHBURG.....	5,210	6,745	709	12,664
GARDNER.....	3,084	4,300	338	7,722
Grafton.....	2,944	4,134	257	7,335
Hardwick.....	535	622	1219	12,119
Harvard.....	1,326	1,638	102	3,066
Holden.....	3,129	5,405	337	8,871
Hopedale.....	1,243	1,531	161	2,985
Hubbardston.....	792	1,065	46	1,903
Lancaster.....	1,187	1,580	146	2,913
Leicester.....	1,934	2,536	185	4,655
LEOMINSTER.....	6,212	9,141	871	16,224
Lunenburg.....	1,984	2,563	174	4,721
Mendon.....	1,092	1,515	125	2,732
Millford.....	4,827	5,880	775	11,482
Millbury.....	2,262	3,301	223	5,786
Millville.....	583	550	76	1,209
New Braintree.....	212	216	21	449
North Brookfield.....	808	1,116	103	2,027
Northborough.....	2,902	4,033	291	7,226
Northbridge.....	2,294	3,576	378	6,248
Oakham.....	346	483	27	856
Oxford.....	2,303	3,031	356	5,690

QUESTION 5

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Worcester County (continued)								
Paxton.....	920	1,345	99	2,364	1,759	2,336	194	4,289
Petersham.....	347	327	41	715	1,208	1,707	122	3,037
Phillipston.....	304	391	33	728	1,336	1,761	137	3,234
Princeton.....	767	1,103	87	1,957	2,265	2,976	321	5,562
Royalston.....	235	285	25	545	829	891	98	1,818
Rutland.....	1,178	1,810	96	3,084	2,459	3,089	295	5,843
Shrewsbury.....	6,537	8,130	670	15,337	1,276	2,032	139	3,447
Southborough.....	1,994	2,667	188	4,849	701	906	60	1,667
Southbridge.....	2,597	3,045	748	6,390	3,347	4,442	426	8,215
Spencer.....	1,969	2,704	247	4,920	1,393	2,107	126	3,626
Sterling.....	1,605	2,254	129	3,988	1,489	1,825	132	3,446
Sturbridge.....	1,555	2,237	259	4,051	24,400	25,899	3,968	54,267
Sutton.....					701	906	60	1,667
Templeton.....					3,347	4,442	426	8,215
Upton.....					1,393	2,107	126	3,626
Uxbridge.....					1,489	1,825	132	3,446
Warren.....					24,400	25,899	3,968	54,267
Webster.....								
West Boylston.....								
West Brookfield.....								
Westborough.....								
Westminster.....								
Winchendon.....								
WORCESTER.....								
TOTALS.....					129,657	166,957	16,689	313,303

QUESTION 6

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2000?

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow a state personal income taxpayer a tax credit equal to the amount of tolls the taxpayer paid during the taxable year on all Massachusetts roads, highways, tunnels, and bridges, including the Massachusetts Turnpike and its Boston Extension, the Tobin Bridge, and the Summer, Callahan, and Ted Williams Tunnels. Also, a corporation would be allowed a credit against its corporate excise taxes in an amount equal to all such tolls paid during the taxable year by the corporation or by its employees in furtherance of the corporation's business.

The proposed law would also allow a state personal income taxpayer a tax

credit equal to the amount of excise taxes on registered motor vehicles the taxpayer paid during the taxable year. A corporation would be allowed a credit against its corporate excise taxes in an amount equal to all registered motor vehicle excise taxes the corporation paid during the taxable year.

The tax credits could not be used to reduce a personal income taxpayer's taxes below zero or a corporate excise taxpayer's taxes below the minimum levels set by state law. Any amount of tax credit not usable in a taxable year because of these limits could be carried over and used in later taxable years, for up to ten years.

The proposed law would apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2001. The proposed law states that if any of its parts were declared invalid, the other parts would stay in effect.

A YES VOTE would allow a state personal income tax or corporate excise tax credit for Massachusetts tolls and motor vehicle excise taxes.

A NO VOTE would make no change in the state tax laws.

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Aggregate of Votes							
Barnstable.....	52,314	42.77%	64,276	52.55%	5,730	4.68%	122,320
Berkshire.....	20,329	33.65%	35,205	58.27%	4,880	8.08%	60,414
Bristol.....	78,668	36.78%	117,992	55.17%	17,220	8.05%	213,880
Dukes.....	3,072	34.50%	5,142	57.74%	691	7.76%	8,905
Essex.....	133,395	42.57%	162,739	51.93%	17,236	5.50%	313,370
Franklin.....	9,657	28.58%	22,308	66.01%	1,828	5.41%	33,793
Hampden.....	70,247	40.07%	91,737	52.33%	13,328	7.60%	175,312
Hampshire.....	23,650	34.02%	42,038	60.48%	3,825	5.50%	69,513
Middlesex.....	268,814	40.52%	358,535	54.04%	36,136	5.44%	663,485
Nantucket.....	1,973	39.75%	2,564	51.65%	427	8.60%	4,964
Norfolk.....	131,693	41.16%	173,466	54.21%	14,832	4.63%	319,991
Plymouth.....	92,083	43.15%	111,906	52.44%	9,414	4.41%	213,403
Suffolk.....	67,633	30.58%	129,284	58.45%	24,261	10.97%	221,178
Worcester.....	136,921	43.70%	160,539	51.24%	15,843	5.06%	313,303
TOTALS.....	1,090,449	39.89%	1,477,731	54.05%	165,651	6.06%	2,733,831

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County (continued)				
Richmond.....	360	558	48	966
Sandisfield.....	146	174	38	358
Savoy.....	154	125	16	295
Sheffield.....	649	835	126	1,610
Stockbridge.....	430	723	131	1,284
Tyringham.....	68	124	26	218
Washington.....	103	193	10	306
West Stockbridge.....	315	441	59	815
Williamstown.....	1,003	2,367	262	3,632
Windsor.....	170	255	32	457
TOTALS.....	20,329	35,205	4,880	60,414

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Bristol County				
Acushnet.....	1,692	2,924	370	4,986
Attleboro.....	6,645	8,102	968	15,715
Berkley.....	1,048	1,317	110	2,475
Dartmouth.....	4,497	8,210	926	13,633
Dighton.....	1,043	1,647	196	2,886
Easton.....	4,771	5,500	465	10,736
Fairhaven.....	2,520	4,387	599	7,506
FALL RIVER.....	9,075	16,236	4,257	29,568
Freewtown.....	1,624	2,231	159	4,014
Mansfield.....	4,314	4,915	634	9,863
NEW BEDFORD.....	9,620	18,519	3,087	31,226
North Attleborough.....	5,321	6,417	467	12,205
Norton.....	3,265	3,786	279	7,330
Raynham.....	2,330	3,201	253	5,784
Rehoboth.....	2,092	2,541	269	4,902
Seekonk.....	2,717	3,492	460	6,669
Somerset.....	3,307	8,525	868	12,700
Swanset.....	2,862	4,091	721	7,674
TAUNTON.....	7,259	11,285	1,486	20,030
Westport.....	2,666	3,841	646	7,153
TOTALS.....	78,668	117,992	17,220	213,880

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County				
Aquinnah.....	98	123	20	241
Chilmark.....	230	389	61	680
Edgartown.....	786	1,188	158	2,132
Gosnold.....	39	35	7	81

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Barnstable County				
Barnstable.....	10,798	12,326	973	24,097
Bourne.....	3,932	4,602	338	8,872
Brewster.....	2,547	3,211	254	6,012
Chatham.....	2,096	2,356	248	4,700
Dennis.....	3,873	4,816	379	9,068
Eastham.....	1,349	1,956	157	3,462
Falmouth.....	6,936	9,929	932	17,797
Harwich.....	3,101	3,696	424	7,221
Mashpee.....	3,168	3,168	254	6,530
Orleans.....	1,704	2,421	406	4,531
Provincetown.....	786	1,332	156	2,274
Sandwich.....	5,064	5,443	424	10,931
Truro.....	503	720	63	1,286
Wellfleet.....	717	1,069	128	1,914
Yarmouth.....	5,800	7,231	594	13,625
TOTALS.....	52,314	64,276	5,730	122,320

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Berkshire County				
Adams.....	1,202	2,418	313	3,933
Alford.....	96	151	18	265
Becket.....	280	438	66	784
Cheshire.....	555	1,016	111	1,682
Clarksburg.....	218	561	48	827
Dalton.....	1,148	1,941	161	3,250
Egremont.....	290	440	46	776
Florida.....	103	204	39	346
Great Barrington.....	1,240	1,889	330	3,459
Hancock.....	117	212	29	358
Hinsdale.....	354	462	59	875
Lanesborough.....	505	809	111	1,425
Lee.....	2,775	1,488	259	4,522
Lenox.....	931	1,669	273	2,873
Monterey.....	191	273	33	497
Mt. Washington.....	30	49	4	83
New Ashford.....	44	95	10	149
New Marlborough.....	273	341	61	675
NORTH ADAMS.....	1,584	3,597	479	5,660
Otis.....	280	303	56	639
Peru.....	124	225	21	367
PITTSFIELD.....	6,394	10,829	1,605	18,828

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	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Dukes County (continued)								
Oak Bluffs	775	1,246	204	2,225				
Tisbury	670	1,224	127	2,021				
West Tisbury	474	937	114	1,525				
TOTALS.....	3,072	5,142	691	8,905				
Essex County								
Amesbury.....	3,046	3,664	252	6,962				
Andover.....	7,235	8,633	645	16,513				
BEVERLY.....	7,972	9,991	931	18,894				
Boxford.....	2,304	2,012	131	4,447				
Danvers.....	5,579	6,716	426	12,721				
Essex.....	854	989	102	1,915				
Georgetown.....	1,823	1,870	148	3,811				
GLAUCESTER.....	5,418	7,663	798	13,879				
Groveland.....	1,462	1,570	114	3,146				
Hamilton.....	1,865	2,186	177	4,228				
HAVERHILL.....	9,871	11,202	1,388	22,461				
Ipswich.....	3,027	3,783	312	7,122				
LAWRENCE.....	5,894	6,592	2,386	14,872				
LYNN.....	9,934	16,213	1,480	27,627				
Lynnfield.....	3,312	2,996	290	6,598				
Manchester-by-the-Sea	1,417	1,593	126	3,166				
Marblehead.....	5,251	6,181	437	11,872				
Merrimac.....	1,420	1,510	108	3,038				
Medford.....	7,922	8,576	1,031	17,529				
Middleton.....	1,532	1,689	155	3,376				
Nahant.....	978	1,091	150	2,219				
Newbury.....	1,645	1,997	132	3,774				
NEWBURYPORT.....	4,190	5,094	588	9,872				
North Andover.....	6,065	6,497	609	13,171				
PEABODY.....	9,800	12,404	1,185	23,389				
Rockport.....	1,713	2,437	350	4,500				
Roxbury.....	1,323	1,369	124	2,816				
SALEM.....	6,413	9,589	995	16,997				
Salisbury.....	1,595	1,802	214	3,611				
Saugus.....	5,602	6,619	748	12,969				
Swampscott.....	3,198	4,083	424	7,705				
Hampden County (continued)								
HOLYOKE.....	5,044	7,342	1,806	14,192				
Longmeadow.....	3,921	4,560	441	8,922				
Ludlow.....	3,571	4,671	473	8,915				
Monson.....	1,546	1,980	185	3,711				
Montgomery.....	201	204	17	422				
Palmer.....	2,195	2,883	234	5,312				
Russell.....	267	348	41	656				
Southwick.....	1,773	1,959	231	3,963				
SPRINGFIELD.....	15,934	23,796	4,427	44,157				
Tolland.....	86	111	23	220				
Wales.....	368	329	30	727				
West Springfield.....	4,953	5,823	1,020	11,796				
WESTFIELD.....	6,715	8,106	890	15,741				
Wilbraham.....	3,277	3,783	312	7,402				
TOTALS.....	70,247	91,737	13,328	175,312				
Hampshire County								
Amherst.....	2,458	8,438	969	11,865				
Belchertown.....	2,241	3,416	260	5,917				
Chesterfield.....	216	358	21	595				
Cummington.....	127	324	28	479				
Easthampton.....	2,599	4,613	294	7,506				
Goshen.....	140	330	26	496				
Granby.....	1,161	1,641	168	2,970				
Hadley.....	806	1,742	162	2,710				
Hadfield.....	617	1,205	78	1,930				
Huntington.....	370	548	26	944				
Middlefield.....	94	169	17	280				
NORTHAMPTON.....	3,474	10,239	751	14,464				
Pelham.....	232	580	19	831				
Plainfield.....	121	224	20	365				
South Hadley.....	5,338	2,463	509	8,310				
Southampton.....	1,137	1,634	109	2,880				
Ware.....	1,595	2,157	238	3,990				
Westhampton.....	283	527	42	852				
Williamsburg.....	379	1,012	50	1,441				
Worthington.....	292	418	38	688				
TOTALS.....	23,650	42,038	3,825	69,513				

QUESTION 6

	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots	Yes	No	Blanks	Total Ballots
Middlesex County (continued)								
Tyngsborough.....	2,560	2,535	159	5,254				
Wakefield.....	5,454	7,170	640	13,264				
WALTHAM.....	8,872	11,319	2,175	22,366				
Watertown.....	6,142	8,498	907	15,547				
Wayland.....	3,527	3,846	290	7,663				
Westford.....	4,829	5,633	348	10,810				
Weston.....	3,001	2,886	270	6,157				
Wilmington.....	4,695	5,264	486	10,445				
Winchester.....	4,649	6,652	617	11,918				
WOBURN.....	7,041	8,848	1,107	16,996				
TOTALS.....	268,814	358,535	36,136	663,485				
Nantucket County								
Nantucket.....	1,973	2,564	427	4,964				
TOTALS.....	1,973	2,564	427	4,964				
Norfolk County								
Avon.....	953	1,331	124	2,408				
Bellingham.....	3,313	3,406	285	7,004				
Braintree.....	7,258	9,519	783	17,560				
Brookline.....	7,542	16,777	2,006	26,325				
Canton.....	4,776	5,741	489	11,006				
Cohasset.....	2,009	2,238	213	4,460				
Dedham.....	4,832	6,616	598	12,046				
Dover.....	1,834	1,357	136	3,327				
Foxborough.....	3,526	4,621	312	8,459				
Franklin.....	6,823	6,655	525	14,003				
Holbrook.....	2,108	2,832	208	5,148				
Medfield.....	3,105	3,329	200	6,634				
Medway.....	2,929	2,946	201	6,076				
Mills.....	1,962	2,094	111	4,167				
Milton.....	5,409	8,396	681	14,486				
Needham.....	6,536	9,175	560	16,271				
Norfolk.....	2,216	2,244	152	4,612				
Norwood.....	5,533	7,650	710	13,893				
Plainville.....	1,541	1,860	105	3,506				
QUINCY.....	15,090	20,792	1,995	37,877				
Plymouth County (continued)								
West Bridgewater.....	1,535	1,756	163	3,454				
Whitman.....	2,810	3,286	203	6,299				
TOTALS.....	92,083	111,906	9,414	213,403				
Suffolk County								
BOSTON.....	53,411	113,515	21,287	188,213				
CHELSEA.....	2,570	3,212	816	6,598				
REVERE.....	7,380	8,400	1,724	17,504				
Winthrop.....	4,272	4,157	434	8,863				
TOTALS.....	67,633	129,284	24,261	221,178				
Worcester County								
Ashburnham.....	1,081	1,467	71	2,619				
Athol.....	1,495	2,634	149	4,278				
Auburn.....	3,795	4,198	395	8,388				
Barre.....	934	1,289	120	2,343				
Berlin.....	635	675	57	1,367				
Blackstone.....	1,707	1,763	143	3,613				
Bolton.....	1,232	1,036	81	2,349				
Boylston.....	1,000	1,234	76	2,310				
Brookfield.....	645	698	64	1,407				
Charlton.....	2,496	2,222	199	4,917				
Clinton.....	2,505	2,908	462	5,875				
Douglas.....	1,681	1,539	177	3,397				
Dudley.....	1,823	2,117	214	4,154				
East Brookfield.....	431	495	48	974				
FITCHBURG.....	4,433	7,490	741	12,664				
GARDNER.....	2,903	4,435	384	7,722				
Grafton.....	3,632	3,470	233	7,335				
Hardwick.....	464	659	96	1,219				
Harvard.....	1,261	1,719	86	3,066				
Holden.....	3,887	4,703	281	8,871				
Hopedale.....	1,385	1,409	141	2,935				
Hubbardston.....	897	970	36	1,903				
Lancaster.....	1,345	1,443	125	2,913				
Leicester.....	2,122	2,377	156	4,655				
LEOMINSTER.....	6,311	9,066	847	16,224				

Randolph	5,147	7,091	710	12,948	1,952	2,590	179	4,721
Sharon	3,741	5,493	370	9,604	1,386	1,236	110	2,732
Stoughton	5,507	6,532	643	12,682	5,565	5,207	710	11,482
Walpole	4,904	6,667	464	12,035	2,545	3,027	214	5,786
Wellesley	6,135	7,156	613	13,904	555	578	76	1,209
Westwood	3,544	4,180	402	8,126	181	244	24	449
Weymouth	11,070	14,192	1,107	26,369	871	1,059	97	2,027
Wrentham	2,350	2,576	129	5,055	3,551	3,431	244	7,226
TOTALS	131,693	173,466	14,832	319,991	2,942	2,961	345	6,248
					369	448	39	856

Plymouth County

Abington	3,021	3,708	272	7,001	2,731	2,623	336	5,690
Bridgewater	4,347	5,333	390	10,070	1,019	1,259	86	2,364
BROCKTON	10,673	15,891	2,008	28,572	254	420	41	715
Carver	2,438	2,758	176	5,372	320	384	24	728
Duxbury	4,079	4,200	395	8,674	869	1,015	73	1,957
East Bridgewater	2,655	2,940	221	5,816	216	292	37	545
Halifax	1,581	1,874	132	3,587	1,534	1,470	80	3,084
Hanover	3,085	3,557	272	6,914	7,343	7,440	554	15,337
Hanson	2,107	2,508	153	4,768	2,728	1,965	156	4,849
Hingham	5,003	6,113	592	11,708	2,528	3,130	732	6,390
Hull	2,419	2,867	241	5,527	2,165	2,521	234	4,920
Kingston	2,494	2,952	205	5,651	1,901	1,988	99	3,988
Lakeville	1,890	2,356	378	4,624	2,089	1,735	227	4,051
Marion	1,108	1,544	120	2,772	2,066	2,052	171	4,289
Marshfield	5,652	6,315	394	12,361	1,515	1,404	118	3,037
Mattapoisett	1,398	2,116	166	3,680	1,664	1,420	150	3,234
Middleborough	3,711	4,145	291	8,147	2,595	2,674	293	5,562
Norwell	2,552	2,863	203	5,618	796	919	103	1,818
Pembroke	3,757	4,236	256	8,249	2,562	2,945	336	5,843
Plymouth	10,258	12,327	867	23,452	1,434	1,882	131	3,447
Plympton	681	728	49	1,458	760	850	57	1,667
Rochester	1,018	1,290	81	2,389	4,053	3,781	381	8,215
Rockland	3,441	4,106	263	7,810	1,550	1,964	112	3,626
Scituate	4,819	5,328	388	10,535	1,465	1,828	153	3,446
Wareham	3,551	4,809	535	8,895	20,747	29,781	3,739	54,267
TOTALS	136,921	160,539	15,843	313,303				

QUESTION 7

LAW PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

Do you approve of a law summarized below, on which *no vote was taken by the Senate or the House of Representatives before May 3, 2000?*

salaries, of an amount equal to his or her charitable contributions for the year. The taxpayer would take the deduction whether or not the taxpayer itemized deductions on his or her federal income tax return. The proposed law would apply to any contribution that met the definition of charitable contribution used under federal income tax law. The proposed law would apply to taxable years beginning on or after January 1, 2001.

A YES VOTE would create a state income tax deduction for charitable contributions.

A NO VOTE would make no changes in the state income tax laws.

SUMMARY

This proposed law would allow taxpayers who give to a charity a state personal income tax deduction for those charitable contributions. A taxpayer could take a deduction from any Part B income, including wages and

	Yes	%	No	%	Blanks	%	Total Ballots
Aggregate of Votes							
Barnstable.....	88,111	72.03%	28,225	23.08%	5,984	4.89%	122,320
Berkshire.....	34,111	56.46%	21,195	35.08%	5,108	8.46%	60,414
Bristol.....	124,147	58.05%	70,712	33.06%	19,021	8.89%	213,880
Dukes.....	6,320	70.97%	1,940	21.79%	645	7.24%	8,905
Essex.....	219,066	69.91%	75,600	24.12%	18,704	5.97%	313,370
Franklin.....	19,608	58.02%	12,036	35.62%	2,149	6.36%	33,793
Hampden.....	109,295	62.34%	51,794	29.55%	14,223	8.11%	175,312
Hampshire.....	39,997	57.54%	24,857	35.76%	4,659	6.70%	69,513
Middlesex.....	467,503	70.46%	156,943	23.68%	39,039	5.88%	663,485
Nantucket.....	3,611	72.74%	966	19.46%	387	7.80%	4,964
Norfolk.....	228,304	71.35%	75,231	23.51%	16,456	5.14%	319,991
Plymouth.....	146,663	68.73%	56,578	26.51%	10,162	4.76%	213,403
Suffolk.....	137,315	62.08%	53,602	24.24%	30,261	13.68%	221,178
Worcester.....	210,254	67.11%	85,205	27.20%	17,844	5.69%	313,303
TOTALS.....	1,834,305	67.10%	714,884	26.15%	184,642	6.75%	2,733,831

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Berkshire County (continued)				
Richmond.....	613	297	56	966
Sandshfield.....	214	100	44	358
Savoy.....	120	161	14	295
Sheffield.....	1,013	464	133	1,610
Stockbridge.....	813	355	116	1,284
Tyringham.....	138	64	16	218
Washington.....	168	127	11	306
West Stockbridge.....	483	269	63	815
Williamstown.....	2,189	1,170	273	3,632
Windsor.....	290	143	24	457
TOTALS.....	34,111	21,195	5,108	60,414

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Bristol County				
Acushnet.....	2,787	1,807	392	4,986
ATTLEBORO.....	10,227	4,519	969	15,715
Berkley.....	1,563	801	111	2,475
Dartmouth.....	8,168	4,490	975	13,633
Dighton.....	1,516	1,123	247	2,886
Easton.....	7,798	2,452	486	10,736
Fairhaven.....	4,389	2,460	637	7,506
FALL RIVER.....	13,255	11,434	4,879	29,568
Freetown.....	2,513	1,319	182	4,014
Mansfield.....	6,870	2,337	656	9,863
NEW BEDFORD.....	16,207	11,539	3,480	31,226
North Attleborough.....	8,243	3,454	508	12,205
Norton.....	5,052	1,995	283	7,330
Ravenna.....	3,668	1,828	288	5,784
Rehoboth.....	3,191	1,436	275	4,902
Seekonk.....	4,086	2,126	457	6,669
Somerset.....	5,007	3,576	942	9,525
Swanton.....	4,138	2,767	769	7,674
TAUNTON.....	11,377	6,897	1,756	20,030
Westport.....	4,092	2,352	709	7,153
TOTALS.....	124,147	70,712	19,021	213,880

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Dukes County				
Aquinnah.....	177	44	20	241
Chilmark.....	525	114	41	680
Edgartown.....	1,505	471	156	2,132
Gosnold.....	58	16	7	81

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Barnstable County				
Barnstable.....	17,932	5,191	974	24,097
Bourne.....	6,324	2,213	335	8,872
Brewster.....	4,472	1,269	271	6,012
Chatham.....	3,527	928	245	4,700
Dennis.....	6,492	2,153	423	9,068
Eastham.....	2,468	827	167	3,462
Falmouth.....	12,973	4,429	995	17,797
Harwich.....	4,569	2,228	424	7,221
Mashpee.....	4,792	1,449	289	6,530
Orleans.....	3,281	853	397	4,531
Provincetown.....	1,593	522	159	2,274
Sandwich.....	8,249	2,215	467	10,931
Tauro.....	935	288	63	1,286
Wellfleet.....	1,343	446	125	1,914
Yarmouth.....	9,761	3,214	650	13,625
TOTALS.....	88,111	28,225	5,984	122,320

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Berkshire County				
Adams.....	1,926	1,684	323	3,933
Alford.....	175	75	15	265
Becket.....	433	276	75	784
Cheshire.....	869	686	127	1,682
Clarksburg.....	361	415	51	827
Dalton.....	1,984	1,087	179	3,250
Egremont.....	519	203	54	776
Florida.....	166	158	22	346
Great Barrington.....	2,088	1,032	339	3,459
Hancock.....	200	133	25	358
Hinsdale.....	547	274	54	875
Lanesborough.....	772	540	113	1,425
Lee.....	1,582	879	261	2,722
Lenox.....	1,774	814	255	2,873
Monterey.....	324	141	32	497
Mt. Washington.....	57	21	5	83
New Ashford.....	82	10	10	149
New Marlborough.....	423	195	57	675
NORTH ADAMS.....	2,644	2,487	529	5,660
Otis.....	407	178	54	639
Peru.....	238	109	20	367
PITTSFIELD.....	10,499	6,571	1,758	18,828