

THE CITY OF PROVIDENCE
STATE OF RHODE ISLAND AND PROVIDENCE PLANTATIONS

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL

No. 846

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IN CITY COUNCIL

REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
FIFTH BIRTHDAY

RESOLVED, that the Committee on Public Welfare
is requested to study the feasibility of recommending a program,
whereby all children in the City of Providence, upon attaining
their Fifth Birthday, be Fingerprinted.

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Ernest Cooper
CLERK

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JUN 5 1975
FIRST READING
REFERRED TO COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC WELFARE

Vincent Vespa
CLERK

Councilman Bradshaw

THE COMMITTEE ON
PUBLIC WELFARE
Recommends

Clerk

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PUBLIC WELFARE

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Vincent Vespa

November 3, 1975 - Clerk

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PUBLIC WELFARE
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To be Continued
Vincent Vespa
Clerk

**Press Release of Philip F. Addison, Jr., Chairman
Committee on Public Welfare**

In view of the apparent public interest in that Resolution now pending before the Committee on Public Welfare concerning the feasibility of recommending a program whereby all children in the City of Providence upon attaining their Fifth Birthday, be Fingerprinted, it is my opinion that the subject matter should be aired publicly. Accordingly I shall shortly call a Public Hearing for that reason and because of my personal interest and concern.

Tuesday, June 10, 1975



"This is our son, Jimmy. We have him fingerprinted every month to make sure it's still him!"

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easy to dial and easy remember, he said, with common last four digits.

"This practice has been in effect in communities in Massachusetts and perhaps some other states and reports indicate it is effectively resulting in a minimum of delay in reaching police in emergencies," he said.

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representative has suggested fingerprinting all drivers as a means of cutting down on stolen cars and as another means of identifying drivers.

Rep. Walter A. Quinn Jr., of Providence, D-Dist. 8, made the proposals as part of a three-point program of dealing with juvenile delinquency and vandalism.

The measure dealing with fingerprinting would require fingerprints to appear on driver's licenses, with copies to be maintained by the registrar of motor vehicles for the life of the license.

The great preponderance of stolen cars can be laid to the door of juveniles who take them for a joy ride and then abandon them," Mr. Quinn said. "In the event the car was stolen by a juvenile holder of a license, the fingerprints might lead to his arrest, and hopefully, his rehabilitation, before he is led into paths of crime from which there is no escape."

And other measures he was

pose that welfare rent supplements be paid directly to landlords.

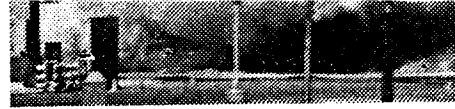
Rep. Jacob Harpootian of East Providence, R-Dist. 86, said he would introduce a bill in the General Assembly calling for direct payment to landlords of the supplements now supplied to tenants.

Mr. Harpootian said that often the tenants do not spend the supplemental money for rent, but for non-essentials, and families then go without food and other necessities.

He said his proposal would "go a long way toward eliminating the heartless eviction practices so widely publicized recently while at the same time assuring the landlord of payment to which he is entitled."

Mr. Harpootian said the tenants would be protected from violations of minimum housing provisions by current laws that allow local directors of welfare to withhold

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Chairperson, Committee on Public Welfare
Providence City Council
City Hall
Providence, Rhode Island 02903

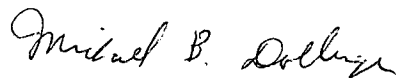
Dear Councillor Philip F. Addisson, Jr.:

I wish to formally request that public hearings be held on William G. Bradshaw's proposal to fingerprint all city children.

If enacted, this mass fingerprinting would be a significant invasion of civil liberties. Such mass fingerprinting is probably unconstitutional as a violation of the rights secured by the First, Fourth, Ninth and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution. The implications of the practice are obviously dangerous and authoritarian.

It is important that citizens be allowed to express their opinions against this proposal in a public hearing.

Yours truly,



Michael B. Dollinger
Executive Director

MBD:psl

*P.S. I'm sure the PTA's would
like to speak on this proposal.*