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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, June 12, 1943.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

I am returning to you herewith under Article LVI of the Amendments to the Constitution AN ACT ESTABLISHING THE MASSACHUSETTS PUBLIC SERVICE AND DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY AND DEFINING ITS POWERS AND DUTIES, being House No. 1875, with the recommendation that you include the subject matter of this bill in the responsibilities of the Emergency Public Works Commission created by House, No. 1844.

The purpose of this Act is excellent, and it is full of good ideas. However, it is obvious that none of these projects can be built until the war is over. This therefore becomes another planning board. We already have a planning group for private industry in the so-called Post-War Readjustment Committee; a planning group for public improvements in the so-called Post-War Public Emergency Commission; a Post-War Planning Commission composed of members of your honorable bodies, and a Transportation Planning Commission for the study of greater Boston projects. This will add a new one.

At the same time this bill gives the commission a free hand in drawing from persons in the State service for its work. At the moment it is difficult in many departments to carry on our State services with the number of employees in war work.

I believe that if the Emergency Public Works Commission is given the responsibility of drafting an Act that will carry out the ideas contained in this Act, and sub-

mit it to your honorable bodies in 1945, or at any special session that may occur due to the end of the war, you may then set up an authority that will be able to bring to fruition the projects that the Emergency Planning Board will have developed. This may become an excellent instrumentality for carrying out the plans and ideas of the Emergency Public Works Commission.

In the meantime, much more thought and care can be given to defining the terms of the Act in order that it may be foolproof from the point of view of borrowing funds from private business, and from carrying out its operations to completion.

The Attorney General calls my attention to various provisions that may well have to be altered by your honorable bodies in the present session if this bill is to become law now.

I am also informed that various of its provisions are objected to by veterans with relation to their preferences, and by labor because of the omission to provide for the prevailing wage scale.

LEVERETT SALTONSTALL,

*Governor.*