

SENATE No. 484

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, May 3, 1938.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am returning herewith without my approval Senate Bill 455, entitled, "AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE USE OF LAKE COCHITUATE IN THE TOWNS OF FRAMINGHAM AND WAYLAND FOR BOATING AND FISHING."

This bill gives certain rights to any inhabitant of the Towns of Framingham and Wayland with reference to the use of Lake Cochituate. The towns of Framingham and Wayland are not members of the Metropolitan Water District. The property concerned is paid for in its upkeep by the members of the Metropolitan Water District.

It is necessary that large expenditures of money be assessed throughout the Metropolitan Water District for the protection against human pollution of Lake Cochituate as a reservoir. I am informed by the Metropolitan District Commission that this reservoir may have to be used for water supply purposes on very short notice, if either the Weston or Sudbury Aqueducts should have to be closed for repairs.

This bill asks for the exclusive right to use property paid for by members of the Metropolitan Water District without recompense to the district. There is no mention in the bill, nor is there any provision set up, to provide for the maintenance necessary to properly police and provide necessary sanitary protection.

It has been estimated that to carry out the provisions with reference to the southerly portion of this lake would require an expenditure of \$41,000 of which \$20,000 would be an annual expense. I do not believe that other municipalities comprising the Metropolitan Water District should be obliged to bear this expenditure for the benefit of towns which do not contribute to the upkeep of this lake from which privileges are now being sought.

This bill should not be passed unless there is an appropriation made to protect the waters of Lake Cochituate as they may be used at any time for consumption in the Metropolitan Water District.

Therefore, I am accordingly returning to your Honorable Bodies this bill without my signature.

CHARLES F. HURLEY,

Governor.