

HOUSE No. 2787

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, June 9, 1953.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Under the provisions of Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1949, provision was made for the conveyance of that estate owned by the City of Boston and located in East Boston, which is known as World War Memorial Park, to the Commonwealth.

The Act contemplated that the Park should be placed under the control of the State Airport Management Board. Since Chapter 431 became law, the conveyances which are provided for have not taken place and it appears that it will be some time before they do. Meanwhile, the Park has become run down and unusable for the people in the East Boston District. I have heard from hundreds of them who seek the restoration of the Park to its former useful and beautiful condition. To that end I have instituted negotiations between the City of Boston and the Metropolitan District Commission.

A series of conferences which have been held indicate the desirability of placing the care and control of the Park under the Metropolitan District Commission until such time as the City of Boston conveys the Park to the Commonwealth under Chapter 431 of the Acts of 1949. Steps have been taken which enable the Metropolitan District Commission to assume care and control of the Park immediately, and to improve greatly its facilities at an early date.

In addition, I recommend the passage of the legislation which I submit herewith which will enable the Park

to be maintained under the Metropolitan District Commission by arrangement with the Airport Management Board following the deeding of it to the Commonwealth.

By these two steps we will have made available to the people of East Boston an area in which they can find rest and recreation for the months which lie ahead.

Respectfully submitted,

CHRISTIAN A. HERTER,
Governor of the Commonwealth.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Three.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CARE AND CONTROL BY THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION OF A CERTAIN RECREATION AREA IN THE EAST BOSTON DISTRICT OF THE CITY OF BOSTON.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 The care and the control of the land to be conveyed
2 to the commonwealth by the city of Boston under
3 chapter four hundred and thirty-one of the acts of
4 nineteen hundred and forty-nine, and known as World
5 War Memorial Park, shall, at the time of such con-
6 veyance, notwithstanding the provisions of said act,
7 with the approval of the governor and council, be
8 transferred to the metropolitan district commission,
9 until such time as the governor and council, upon
10 request of the state airport management board, directs
11 its transfer to said board for airport purposes.

