

**SENATE . . . . . No. 885**

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By Mr. Walsh, a petition (accompanied by resolve, Senate, No. 885) of Joseph B. Walsh that provision be made for an investigation and study by a special commission (including members of the General Court) relative to preparing a development program for Boston Harbor. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-two.

**RESOLVE ESTABLISHING A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO PREPARE A  
DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM FOR BOSTON HARBOR.**

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission is hereby established  
2 for the purpose of preparing a development program for Bos-  
3 ton Harbor. Said commission shall consist of twenty-nine  
4 (29) members, three (3) of whom shall be members of the  
5 House of Representatives, appointed by the Speaker of the  
6 House; two (2) shall be members of the Senate; four (4)  
7 shall be representatives of the city of Boston, its agencies  
8 and neighborhoods bordering on the harbor, appointed by  
9 the mayor; one each from the cities of Chelsea, Everett, and  
10 Quincy, appointed by the mayor of said cities and one each  
11 from the towns of Winthrop, Weymouth, Hingham and Hull,  
12 appointed by the board of selectmen of said towns; one rep-  
13 resentative of the Massachusetts Port Authority, one repre-  
14 sentative of the Metropolitan District Commission, one rep-  
15 resentative of the Department of Environmental Manage-  
16 ment, one representative of the Executive Office of Trans-  
17 portation and Construction, one representative of the De-  
18 partment of Environmental Quality Engineering, one repre-  
19 sentative of the Massachusetts Bay Yacht Club Associa-  
20 tion, one representative of the Massachusetts Marine Trades  
21 Association, one representative of the Office of Coastal Zone  
22 Management in the Executive Office of Environmental Af-  
23 fairs, and five (5) to be designated by the Governor repre-  
24 senting the major economic and environmental interests using  
25 Boston Harbor. The Governor shall appoint a chairman.

26 Said commission shall prepare a development program for  
27 Boston Harbor and shall define the boundaries of the area  
28 to be included in said program. In the development of the  
29 program the commission shall consider but not be limited  
30 to, an inventory of existing public lands and natural resources  
31 in Boston Harbor, how to provide public access to the water-  
32 front, how to balance local and regional interest, how to pro-  
33 tect existing natural resources and communities from dis-  
34 ruption by development, review of the management roles of  
35 the various state and municipal agencies with jurisdiction in  
36 Boston Harbor, and examination of the effectiveness of the  
37 Coastal Zone Management Program in improving manage-  
38 ment of the harbor.

39 Said commission shall report its findings and recommenda-  
40 tions, along with any proposed legislation to the Clerk of the  
41 Senate and House of Representatives no later than June the  
42 thirtieth, nineteen hundred and eighty-two.

43 Said commission may accept and expend any appropria-  
44 tions, grants, or gifts of money, professional services, consul-  
45 tant services, clerical and other services and supplies from the  
46 federal and state government, or any other private source in  
47 the course of its investigation and study.

48 Said commission may travel within and without the com-  
49 monwealth in the course of its duties and may employ a di-  
50 rector of research and such other assistants as it may deem  
51 necessary.