

# HOUSE . . . . No. 1989

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 15, 1947.

The committees on Rules of the two branches, acting concurrently, to whom were referred the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to the development of the inland waterways of the Commonwealth (Senate, No. 502) (referred in the Senate under Joint Rule 29), the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by an unpaid special commission relative to the screening by the Department of Conservation of the outlet and spillway of the East Otis Reservoir (Senate, No. 505) (referred in the Senate under Joint Rule 29), and the Resolve reviving and continuing the special commission to investigate the benefits to be derived from the opening of the Connecticut River to navigation between the cities of Hartford and Holyoke (printed in House, No. 1730), report that the same ought to pass in the form of a new draft herewith submitted (House, No. 1989).

For the committee,

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Seven.

RESOLVE REVIVING AND CONTINUING THE SPECIAL COMMISSION TO INVESTIGATE THE BENEFITS TO BE DERIVED FROM THE OPENING OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER TO NAVIGATION BETWEEN THE CITIES OF HARTFORD AND HOLYOKE, AND ENLARGING THE SCOPE OF ITS INVESTIGATION.

1     *Resolved*, That the unpaid special commission, es-  
2     tablished by chapter fifty-three of the resolves of  
3     nineteen hundred and forty-six, is hereby revived and  
4     continued for the purpose of continuing its investiga-  
5     tion of the benefits to be derived from the opening  
6     of the Connecticut River to navigation between the  
7     cities of Hartford and Holyoke, and for the purpose  
8     of aiding the public of western Massachusetts to prose-  
9     cute efforts to provide for such navigation and of  
10    representing the commonwealth at any hearings before  
11    the Congress of the United States on proposed legis-  
12    lation affecting Connecticut river navigation. Said  
13    commission, in the course of its investigation, shall  
14    also consider the subject matter of current senate  
15    document numbered one hundred and eleven, relative  
16    to establishing the Merrimack river valley power  
17    authority and defining its powers and duties, of cur-  
18    rent senate document numbered three hundred and  
19    twenty-eight, relative to providing for an investiga-  
20    tion and study of the feasibility of developing the

21 hydroelectric power of the waterways of the common-  
22 wealth, of current house document numbered twelve  
23 hundred, relative to a survey and study of the natural  
24 resources of the commonwealth available for fur-  
25 nishing of electric power, of current house docu-  
26 ment numbered fourteen hundred and seventeen,  
27 relative to providing for a study of flood control and  
28 the development of electrical power from flood con-  
29 trol projects on the rivers and streams of the com-  
30 monwealth, and of current senate document num-  
31 bered two hundred and eighty and of current house  
32 document numbered fifteen hundred and four, relat-  
33 ing to the screening by the department of conserva-  
34 tion of the outlet and spillway of the East Otis reser-  
35 voir in the town of Otis. For the purpose of carrying  
36 out the purposes of this resolve, said commission may  
37 expend such sums as may hereafter be appropriated  
38 therefor. Said commission shall report to the general  
39 court the results of its investigation, and its recom-  
40 mendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation  
41 necessary to carry such recommendations into effect,  
42 by filing the same with the clerk of the house of repre-  
43 sentatives on or before the first Wednesday of Decem-  
44 ber in the current year.

