## HOUSE . . . No. 2529

## The Commonwealth of Wassachusetts

House of Representatives, March 10, 1954.

The committee on Metropolitan Affairs, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1960) of Francis A. Harding that the Metropolitan District Commission be authorized to study the feasibility of draining certain lands near the Neponset River in Boston, Dedham, Canton, Westwood and Norwood, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1961) of Francis A. Harding that the Metropolitan District Commission be authorized to study the feasibility of draining certain lands near the Charles River in Boston, Newton, Needham, Brookline, Dedham and Dover, report the accompany bill (House, No. 2529).

For the committee,

EDWARD L. KERR.

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

AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COM-MISSION, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC HEALTH AND THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE TO STUDY, AS A JOINT BOARD, THE DRAIN-AGE OF CERTAIN LANDS NEAR THE CHARLES RIVER AND THE DEVELOPMENT THEREOF, AND THE DRAINAGE OF CERTAIN LANDS NEAR THE NEPONSET RIVER AND THE DEVELOPMENT THEREOF.

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 metropolitan district commission, the depart-2 ment of public works, the department of public 3 health and the department of commerce, acting as a 4 joint board, are hereby authorized and directed to 5 study the feasibility of draining the lands adjacent 6 to the Charles river in the areas of Newton, Needham, 7 West Roxbury, Brookline, Dedham and Dover by 8 water controls in said river or otherwise, and the 9 development of said lands for highway, health, busi-10 ness or other purposes, and to study the feasibility 11 of draining the lands adjacent to the Neponset river 12 in the areas of Hyde Park, Readville, Dedham, Canton, 13 Westwood, Norwood and Sharon by means of water 14 controls in said river or otherwise, and the develop-15 ment of said lands for highway, health, business or 16 other purposes. Said joint board shall report to the 17 general court the results of its study, and its recom-18 mendations, if any, with plans and estimates of the 19 cost of any works or improvements, together with 20 drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recom21 mendations into effect, by filing the same with the

22 clerk of the house of representatives on or before the

23 first Wednesday in December of the current year.

24 Said joint board may expend for the purposes of this

25 resolve such sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate,

26 dollars, as may be appropriated therefor.