

By Mr. Bresnahan of Lawrence, petition of John C. Bresnahan for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) of the feasibility of controlling and exploiting the waters of the Merrimack River for hydro-electric power. Power and Light.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION BY AN UNPAID SPECIAL COMMISSION OF THE FEASIBILITY OF CONTROLLING AND EXPLOITING THE WATERS OF THE MERRIMACK RIVER FOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC POWER.

1 *Resolved*, That an unpaid special commission to con-
2 sist of five members to be appointed by the governor, is
3 hereby established to make an immediate and thorough
4 investigation of the feasibility of controlling and exploit-
5 ing the waters of the Merrimack river for hydro-electric
6 power within the borders of the commonwealth and to
7 deal with the state of New Hampshire for the purpose of
8 establishing a common authority which shall study the
9 practicability of developing and distributing hydro-elec-
10 tric power to the peoples of the commonwealth and the
11 state of New Hampshire at low cost. For the purpose of
12 investigation, negotiation and organization, said commis-
13 sion is hereby authorized to spend a sum of money not in
14 excess of one hundred thousand dollars to be appropri-
15 ated from the General Fund. Said commission shall file
16 an initial report of its progress with the clerk of the sen-
17 ate not later than June thirty, nineteen hundred and
18 fifty-three, and at intervals thereafter of not more than
19 six months.

