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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, June 6, 1955.

The Senate committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 120) of Richard A. Ruether that the Department of Natural Resources be authorized to designate Mauserts Pond and recreational area in the town of Clarksburg as the John Henderson memorial park, report the accompanying Bill.

For the committee,

EDWARD C. STONE.

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

### AN ACT RELATIVE TO LEGISLATIVE PETITIONS FOR THE NAMING OF STATE FACILITIES.

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

- 1 Chapter 3 of the General Laws is hereby amended by
- 2 inserting the following new sections: —
- 3 *Section 5A.* Any petition to the general court for the
- 4 naming of any building, highway, bridge, traffic circle,
- 5 square, or other facility constructed, under construction
- 6 or to be constructed by any agency of the commonwealth,
- 7 which is seasonably filed in the office of the clerk of
- 8 either branch and is accompanied by a bill embodying in
- 9 substance the legislation petitioned for, shall, with said
- 10 accompanying bill, be transmitted as soon as may be by
- 11 the clerk of the branch in which they were filed to the
- 12 commission created by section five B of this chapter.
- 13 *Section 5B.* There shall be a commission, to be known
- 14 as the commission on memorials, to consist of five mem-
- 15 bers, to be appointed by the governor. Of the members
- 16 so appointed, two shall represent congressionally char-
- 17 tered veterans organizations incorporated in Massachu-
- 18 setts, two shall represent Massachusetts historical socie-
- 19 ties and one shall represent the public. Said members
- 20 shall be designated in their original appointments to
- 21 serve one, two, three, four and five years. Upon the
- 22 expiration of the term of office of a member, his succes-
- 23 sor shall be appointed by the governor, to serve for five
- 24 years and until the qualification of his successor. The
- 25 governor shall from time to time designate one of the
- 26 members as chairman. The members shall serve without
- 27 compensation, but shall be reimbursed for their necessary
- 28 expenses.

29 Said commission shall, not later than the thirtieth day  
30 following the date of receipt of a petition, and accompany-  
31 ing bill, from the clerk of the senate or from the clerk of the  
32 house of representatives return the same to the clerk of  
33 the branch in which they were originally filed, together  
34 with a memorandum stating whether or not, in its  
35 opinion, said petition should receive favorable consider-  
36 ation by the general court. The commission may also  
37 insert in said memorandum any other relevant state-  
38 ment which, in its opinion, might be of assistance to the  
39 general court in passing on the petition.

