
[Offered by Senator Maurice A. Donahue.]

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, March 23, 1966.

1 *Ordered*, That a special committee, consisting of five mem-
2 bers of the senate to be designated by the president, be es-
3 tablished to make an investigation and study of water pollution
4 in the rivers and river network of the commonwealth and the
5 discharge of sewage, refuse and commercial waste into said
6 rivers, with particular emphasis on the Nashua and Black-
7 stone rivers and their tributaries, and to study the laws of
8 the commonwealth relating to water pollution control, the
9 degree of compliance therewith, and the enforcement of said
10 laws by state departments, and by local boards of health and
11 other agencies, with a view to cleaning up the pollution pre-
12 valent in the rivers of the commonwealth. Said committee
13 shall consult the department of public health, the depart-
14 ment of natural resources, and the water resources commis-
15 sion on matters relating to anti-pollution legislation and en-
16 forcement, and may consult with other state agencies and
17 officials, and with boards of health and other local agencies
18 and officials, with the Northeastern Resources Commission
19 and other regional commissions, and with the appropriate fed-
20 eral agencies, for such information and assistance as it may
21 deem helpful. Said committee may hold public hearings and
22 take testimony. It may employ such legal and other expert
23 assistance as it may deem necessary, and may expend for the
24 purposes of this order such sums as may be appropriated.
25 Said committee shall report to the Senate not later than
26 September first in the current year the results of its investi-
27 gation and study, and its recommendations.

