

SENATE No. 483

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, May 12, 1922.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I return herewith without my approval Senate Bill No. 383, being An Act "Authorizing the Reinstatement of Daniel J. O'Sullivan in the Sanitary Division of the Department of Public Works of the City of Boston."

This bill would permit without examination the reinstatement of a former employee of the City of Boston who was appointed in 1906, worked less than two years, and was then suspended. Although out of the city employ for fourteen years because of suspension it is now sought to set aside all considerations required by General Law.

A similar attempt to set aside the Civil Service laws for the benefit of the same individual was defeated in 1919 by the then city officials of Boston.

The passage of this Act would be in clear violation of the rights of other men who in good faith have taken and passed examinations for the position in question. It is special legislation directed at the very heart of Civil Service principles. It is special legislation which would do an injustice to others who with right have relied upon the provisions of General Law with which they have been obliged to comply.

CHANNING H. COX.

