

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, June 19, 1934.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

I am returning without my approval House Bill 1368 entitled, "An Act providing for the Construction of a Certain Beach on the Malden River in the City of Everett and the Construction and Maintenance of a Bath House Thereat".

This project was investigated by the Metropolitan District Commission under a Resolve of May 12, 1933, who reported against the advisability of it. In the course of its investigation the Commission found from the Department of Public Health that the river is polluted by industrial waste discharged into it and from certain sewer overflows a short distance from the location of the proposed bathing beach. Examination shows that the river is at times noticeably affected by the discharge of oily and tar substances, and that the water contains a large number of bacteria including those characteristic of sewage pollution. This is apparently an inappropriate place for a bathing beach.

In view of the large number of places where bathing is provided with safety to health within the Metropolitan area, it does not seem reasonable to establish new facilities at Metropolitan expense at the present time.

For these reasons the bill is returned without my approval.

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