

SENATE No. 89

To accompany the petition of Francis X. Quigley and Frank Hurley for an investigation by a special commission relative to the highways, parks and reservations along the Connecticut River and relative to the improvement of said river for navigation purposes. Conservation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Four.

Resolve providing for an Investigation by a Special Commission relative to the Highways, Parks and Reservations along the Connecticut River and relative to the Improvement of Said River for Navigation Purposes.

1 *Resolved*, That a special unpaid commission, to be
2 known as the Connecticut Valley Regional Planning
3 Board, and to consist of a county commissioner from
4 each of the counties of Hampden, Hampshire and
5 Franklin, to be designated by the governor, the com-
6 missioner of conservation or a member of the depart-
7 ment of conservation designated by said commis-
8 sioner, and four other persons, one of whom shall be
9 a landscape engineer and another a civil engineer,
10 both of established reputation, to be appointed by
11 the governor, is hereby established to investigate as
12 to the most appropriate and feasible manner of co-
13 ordinating the present highways, parks and state
14 reservations along the Connecticut river, and their

15 unification into an accessible system with a view to
16 promoting their most beneficial use and enjoyment,
17 and to investigate the matter of the improvement of
18 said Connecticut river for the purposes of navigation,
19 and said commission shall include in its report, here-
20 inafter provided for, all facts concerning the present
21 condition and uses of said river, what investigations,
22 reports, appropriations and expenditures have been
23 made by the United States and by the common-
24 wealth relative to the navigation of said river and
25 the protection of its banks, and what action, if any,
26 should be taken by the commonwealth and the various
27 municipalities bordering on said river or contiguous
28 thereto, either in co-operation with the United States,
29 the state of Connecticut, and the various corpora-
30 tions owning or controlling water rights or privileges
31 on said river, or without such co-operation, to carry
32 into effect such projects as may be recommended for
33 increasing the present facilities of said river for navi-
34 gation. In connection with said investigations, said
35 commission shall consider the report submitted to the
36 general court in the year nineteen hundred and
37 twenty-four by the Connecticut Valley Park Com-
38 mission, appointed under chapter sixty-nine of the
39 resolves of nineteen hundred and twenty-three, and
40 all the plans and data compiled by said commission,
41 and shall also consider the report submitted to the
42 general court in the year nineteen hundred and thirteen
43 by the Connecticut Valley Waterway Board, ap-
44 pointed under chapter one hundred and forty-nine
45 of the resolves of nineteen hundred and twelve and
46 the report of the special commission known as the
47 Connecticut Valley Regional Planning Commission,
48 established under chapter fifty of the resolves of

49 nineteen hundred and thirty-one. Said commission
50 may expend, with the approval of the governor and
51 council, for clerical assistance, travel and other ex-
52 penses, such sums, not exceeding thousand
53 dollars, as may hereafter be appropriated. It shall
54 report to the general court the results of its investi-
55 gations, and its recommendations, if any, together
56 with plans and estimates and drafts of legislation
57 necessary to carry such recommendations into effect,
58 by filing the same with the clerk of the senate on or
59 before the first Wednesday of December in the cur-
60 rent year.

