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By Mrs. Campobasso of Arlington, petition of Eleanor M. Campobasso, John A. Businger, John W. Olver, Robert A. Vigneau, James E. Smith and John S. Ames III for an investigation by the Water Resources Commission of the effects on surface water quality and flow rate caused by use or alteration of the subsurface waters of the Commonwealth. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Three.

RESOLVE DIRECTING THE WATER RESOURCES COMMISSION TO CONDUCT AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF THE EFFECTS ON SURFACE WATER QUALITY AND FLOW RATE CAUSED BY USE OR ALTERATION OF THE SUBSURFACE WATERS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Resolved*, That the Water Resources Commission is hereby  
2 directed to conduct an investigation and study of the effects  
3 on surface water quality and flow rate caused by use or  
4 alteration of the subsurface waters of the Commonwealth. The  
5 practices to be investigated should include, but not be limited  
6 to, paving or transformation of wetlands or other natural  
7 ground water recharge systems, ground water pollution caused  
8 by dumping or spillages, water consumption by users pumping  
9 ground water in large quantities, and explicit or implied land  
10 use policies affecting ground water management. The Water  
11 Resources Commission will report its conclusions and recom-  
12 mendations, if any, in relation thereto, together with drafts of  
13 such legislation as may be necessary to carry its recommenda-  
14 tions into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the  
15 House of Representatives on or before the first day of Febru-  
16 ary, 1974.

The Committee on Education

Report on the Administration of the Department of Education

The Department of Education has during the past year been engaged in a comprehensive study of its organization and functions. This study has been conducted in accordance with the recommendations of the Commission on the Organization of the Executive Branch of the Government, and has resulted in a number of proposals for reorganization and improvement of the Department's operations.

The Department of Education is one of the largest and most important of the executive departments of the Government. It is responsible for the education of the Nation's youth, and for the advancement of the general welfare of the people. The Department's activities are carried out through a complex system of bureaus, offices, and field offices. The study conducted during the past year has revealed a number of areas in which the Department's organization and functions could be improved. These areas include the Department's administrative structure, its financial management, its personnel policies, and its methods of carrying out its programs. The proposals for reorganization and improvement of the Department's operations are set forth in the following pages.