

By Mr. Goyette of New Bedford, petition of Roger R. Goyette and another for adoption of resolutions memorializing the Congress of the United States to amend the Community Development Act to better assist in the daily costs of administering local communities. Federal Financial Assistance.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO AMEND THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT ACT TO BETTER ASSIST IN THE DAILY COSTS OF ADMINISTERING LOCAL COMMUNITIES.

1 *Whereas*, Many Massachusetts communities have experienced
2 their highest property tax increases in their histories this past year;
3 and

4 *Whereas*, In many cases, the rates have become confiscatory and
5 have resulted in sales of property which families have been unable
6 to retain; and

7 *Whereas*, The Community Development Act permits municipi-
8 palities to decide how they should use block grants of sums for
9 various community projects; and

10 *Whereas*, In many cases, unless these funds are made available
11 for general government purposes, there will be fewer and fewer
12 communities left to develop; now therefore be it

13 *Resolved*, That the Massachusetts House hereby urges the Con-
14 gress of the United States to modify said Community Develop-
15 ment Act to make it possible for said community development
16 funds to be used for the day-to-day costs of running said communi-
17 ties; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be transmitted forth-
19 with by the clerk of the House to the President of the United
20 States, the presiding officer of each branch of the Congress, and to
21 the members thereof from the commonwealth.

REPORT OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF THE GENERAL LAND OFFICE

IN ANSWER TO A RESOLUTION PASSED BY THE HOUSE OF COMMONS IN 1851