

HOUSE No. 1045

Accompanying the petition of Charles H. Morrill for the passage of resolutions requesting Congress to provide for the public ownership and operation of coal mines. Mercantile Affairs. January 19.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Two.

RESOLUTIONS

Requesting Congress to pass Legislation providing for Public Ownership and Operation of Coal Mines.

1 *Whereas*, The inhabitants of this commonwealth have
2 suffered severely from the exactions of the present pos-
3 sessors of the coal mines, who have frequently driven
4 their employees to desperation by their inhuman treat-
5 ment, have failed to provide sufficient coal when greatly
6 needed by the public and have charged exorbitant prices
7 for such coal as has been procurable; and

8 *Whereas*, It is the opinion of the general court of
9 Massachusetts that public ownership and operation of
10 coal mines would be of great advantage to the citizens
11 of this commonwealth; therefore,

12 *Resolved*, That the general court of Massachusetts re-
13 spectfully requests the enactment of legislation by con-
14 gress providing for such public ownership and operation
15 of coal mines.

16 *Resolved*, That the senators and representatives from
17 Massachusetts in the congress of the United States are
18 hereby earnestly requested to exert every endeavor to
19 secure the quick passage of such legislation; and that
20 copies of these resolutions be sent to them by the secre-
21 tary of the commonwealth, and also to the clerk of each
22 branch of congress.