

HOUSE No. 390

By Mr. Pierce of Greenfield, petition of Samuel H. Streeter and others that the Department of Public Works be authorized to replace the bridge (destroyed by flood in 1936) over Connecticut River between the towns of Greenfield and Montague. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE CONSTRUCTION OF A BRIDGE AND APPROACHES THERETO OVER THE CONNECTICUT RIVER TO REPLACE THE FORMER BRIDGE BETWEEN GREENFIELD AND MONTAGUE.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would
2 tend to defeat its purpose, therefore it is hereby de-
3 clared to be an emergency law, necessary for the
4 immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 SECTION 1. For the purpose of re-establishing that
2 part of the state highway between the towns of
3 Greenfield and Montague which was destroyed by
4 the nineteen hundred and thirty-six flood, the de-
5 partment of public works, hereinafter called the
6 department, is hereby authorized and directed to
7 construct a bridge and approaches thereto across the
8 Connecticut river between the East Greenfield sec-

9 tion of the town of Greenfield and the Montague
10 City section of the town of Montague, at or near the
11 site of the former Montague City bridge, so-called,
12 and in connection therewith make such alterations
13 in connecting ways and construction of such drainage
14 outlets as may be necessary.

1 SECTION 2. For the purpose of carrying out the
2 provisions of this act, the department may take by
3 eminent domain under chapter seventy-nine of the
4 General Laws, or acquire by purchase or otherwise,
5 such lands, rights and easements therein, as the de-
6 partment may deem necessary; provided, that no
7 damages shall be paid for public lands so taken.

1 SECTION 3. The cost of constructing said bridge
2 and land takings for the same, including any dam-
3 ages awarded or paid on account of any taking of
4 land or property therefor, or any injury to the same,
5 and all other expenses incurred in carrying out the
6 provisions of this act, shall not exceed, in the aggre-
7 gate dollars. So much of said cost as is not
8 met out of funds made available therefor by the
9 federal government under any appropriate federal
10 statute shall be paid by the commonwealth from the
11 Highway Fund.