

HOUSE No. 1404.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 30, 1901.

The committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Harbors and Public Lands, sitting jointly, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 988) of Henry L. Higginson and others for legislation to provide for an official examination into the desirability of constructing a dam across the Charles River in the vicinity of the Craigie Bridge between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, report the accompanying resolve.

For the Committee,

A. P. RUSSELL.

Mr. JONES, of the Senate, and Mr. SCHOFIELD of Malden, of the House, of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs, and MESSRS. POST and LUSCOMBE, of the Senate, and MESSRS. FRANCIS of New Bedford, SWIFT of Yarmouth and PARKER of Springfield, of the House, of the committee on Harbors and Public Lands, dissent.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 23, 1901.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the resolve to provide for the appointment of a committee to consider the advisability of constructing a dam across the Charles River between the cities of Boston and Cambridge, report that the same ought to pass in a new draft herewith submitted.

For the Committee,

J. P. LOMASNEY.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and One.

RESOLVE

To provide for the Appointment of a Committee to consider the Advisability of constructing a Dam across the Charles River between the Cities of Boston and Cambridge.

1 *Resolved*, That the governor, with the advice and con-
2 sent of the council, be authorized and requested to ap-
3 point, not later than December thirty-first, nineteen
4 hundred and one, a committee, to consist of three or
5 more suitable persons, one of whom he shall designate
6 as chairman, to investigate and report upon the feasi-
7 bility and desirability of constructing and maintaining a
8 dam across the Charles river between Boston and Cam-
9 bridge, in the vicinity of the bridges known as Cragie's
10 bridge and West Boston bridge. Said committee may
11 employ such assistance as may be necessary, shall give
12 a hearing to all persons desiring to be heard thereon,
13 and shall make a report of their doings, with such recom-
14 mendations as they may deem proper, to the next gen-
15 eral court. Said committee may expend such sums in
16 the performance of its duties and shall be allowed such
17 compensation as the governor and council may deter-
18 mine. The powers of such committee shall terminate

19 on the making of their report. If the committee shall
20 find the plan feasible and deserving, they shall recom-
21 mend a plan for the apportionment of the expenses of
22 the proposed improvement between such cities and towns
23 as are specially benefited, and annex a bill in accord-
24 ance with their recommendation.

25 The expenses of this committee shall be borne equally
26 by the cities of Boston and Cambridge. The provisions
27 of this resolve shall be accepted by a majority vote
28 of the city councils of Boston and Cambridge before any
29 action can be taken thereunder.

