

HOUSE No. 1502.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, May 7, 1902.

The committees on Metropolitan Affairs and Water Supply, sitting jointly, to whom were referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 472) of William S. Walker and others, selectmen, for legislation to authorize an annual appropriation in favor of the town of Sterling in accordance with recommendations of the special committee appointed by the Governor, and the report of the committee appointed under chapter 101 of the resolves of the year 1901 to determine whether any, and what amount of, compensation should be paid to the towns of Clinton, Sterling and Holden, as municipalities, by reason of the construction of the Wachusett Reservoir, or of any other acts done under authority of chapter 488 of the acts of the year 1895 and the amendments thereof (House, No. 390), report (in part on the latter) the accompanying bill.

For the Committee,

SAMUEL W. TYLER.

MESSRS. SKINNER and SEAVER of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs and Mr. PRATT of the committee on Water Supply, of the Senate, and MESSRS. SCHOFIELD of Malden and LOMBARD WILLIAMS of Medford of the committee on Metropolitan Affairs and Mr. GARFIELD of Brockton of the committee on Water Supply, of the House, dissent.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 4, 1902.

The committee on Ways and Means, to whom was referred the bill to provide for compensating the town of Sterling for damages occasioned by the construction of the metropolitan water system, report that the same ought not to pass.

For the Committee,

BENJ. C. DEAN.

Mr. REED of Taunton dissents.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Two.

AN ACT

To provide for Compensating the Town of Sterling for Damages occasioned by the Construction of the Metropolitan Water System.

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. The treasurer of the Common-
2 wealth shall pay to the town of Sterling, as a part
3 of the expense of the metropolitan water works,
4 the sum of four hundred dollars, in the month of
5 September, in the year nineteen hundred and two,
6 and a like sum in the same month of each succeed-
7 ing year, so long as said town continues to be a
8 municipality, and the Wachusett reservoir remains
9 a part of the metropolitan water system; but shall
10 pay no tax and make no other payment to said
11 town on account of any property held by the
12 metropolitan water and sewerage board for the
13 purpose of a water supply acquired before the
14 fifteenth day of January in the year nineteen
15 hundred and two.

1 SECTION 2. Section two of chapter four hun-
2 dred and forty-five of the acts of the year eighteen
3 hundred and ninety-seven shall apply only to such
4 real estate as may be taken or acquired and held
5 by said metropolitan water and sewerage board
6 subsequently to the fifteenth day of January, in
7 the year nineteen hundred and two.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon
2 its passage.