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[Resolutions accompanying the petition of H. R. Legate and others for the passage of resolutions requesting Congress to secure national ownership of the anthracite mines, and for such other legislation as may be needed to secure cheap fuel in this Commonwealth. Federal Relations. Jan. 9.]

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three.

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### RESOLUTIONS

Relative to Government Ownership of the Anthracite Mines.

1     *Whereas*, It appears that the mines of anthracite, —  
2 a prime necessity of our people and our industries, —  
3 have substantially, and with apparent permanence, fallen  
4 into the hands of a monopolistic combination, to such  
5 extent that the limit of supply of this fuel is determined  
6 by their will, and its price is within only the margin of  
7 what the traffic will bear, fixed at their pleasure ; and

8     *Whereas*, Great suffering and injury have been and  
9 are likely to be entailed upon our people by reason of  
10 these conditions ; therefore

11     *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this General Court  
12 the government of the United States should hold the  
13 title to the anthracite mines of this country.

14 *Resolved*, That our senators are instructed and our  
15 representatives are requested to take such action in the  
16 Congress of the United States as may result in vesting,  
17 if they succeed, the title to such mines in the people of  
18 the United States.

19 *Resolved*, That the secretary of the Commonwealth is  
20 directed to transmit a copy of these resolutions to the  
21 presiding officer of each branch of Congress and to  
22 each of our senators and representatives therein.