

HOUSE No. 764

Resolve accompanying the petition of the Essex County Associated Board of Trade for legislation relative to the reconstruction of Essex bridge between the cities of Salem and Beverly. Roads and Bridges. January 16.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eleven.

RESOLVE

To provide for an Investigation as to the Essex Bridge between the Cities of Salem and Beverly.

1 *Resolved*, That the members of the Massachusetts high-
2 way commission, the board of harbor and land commis-
3 sioners, and the county commissioners of the county of
4 Essex are hereby instructed to sit together as a joint board
5 and to investigate the question of the reconstruction of the
6 Essex bridge, so called, between the cities of Salem and
7 Beverly, or the construction of a new bridge, with suit-
8 able approaches, at or near the location of said Essex
9 bridge. Said reconstructed bridge or new bridge shall
10 be filled solid to such extent as said joint board may
11 think expedient, and shall be provided with a proper
12 draw for the passage of vessels, and with tide gates or
13 locks so that the flats in the Danvers, Bass and North
14 rivers may be kept covered with water at low tide, and

15 said joint board are hereby authorized to make surveys
16 and to procure plans and estimates of cost for said
17 bridge, tide gates and other work hereinbefore men-
18 tioned, and to report to the next general court on or
19 before the first day of January, nineteen hundred and
20 twelve with copies of said plans and estimates, and the
21 recommendation of the joint board in connection there-
22 with, and if any legislation is recommended by said
23 joint board the report shall be accompanied by a bill or
24 bills embodying said recommendation.

25 Said joint board shall receive such reasonable compen-
26 sation as the governor and council shall determine and
27 may expend a sum not exceeding ten thousand dollars
28 for said investigation, surveys, plans, estimates and
29 compensation, and as soon as practical after the com-
30 pletion of its investigation and report said joint board
31 shall certify to the treasurer of the county of Essex the
32 sum which has been expended by it under authority of this
33 resolve, whereupon said county of Essex shall pay to
34 the treasurer of the commonwealth one half of said sum
35 with interest thereon, and said county commissioners
36 are hereby authorized to borrow said last mentioned
37 amount on the credit of said county and to issue a note
38 or notes of said county therefor, payable not later than
39 the first of January, nineteen hundred and thirteen, with
40 interest not exceeding four and a half per cent per annum,
41 payable semi-annually.