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By Mr. Pottle of Wakefield, petition of Bradford Pottle relative to the drainage of the low lands adjacent to the Saugus River and Mill River in the towns of Wakefield and Saugus. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-One.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE DRAINAGE OF THE LOW LANDS ADJACENT TO THE SAUGUS RIVER AND MILL RIVER IN THE TOWNS OF WAKEFIELD AND SAUGUS.

*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. Subject to the conditions hereinafter imposed,  
2 the department of public works is hereby authorized to  
3 construct a system of drainage or other works for suitably  
4 draining the low lands located in the towns of Saugus and  
5 Wakefield adjacent to the Saugus and Mill rivers, and the  
6 said department also is hereby authorized and empowered to  
7 construct such ditches, dikes, dams, channels, canals, pipe  
8 lines or other structures, and to construct and reconstruct  
9 such dams, weirs, outlets, culverts or other works, as the  
10 department may deem necessary and proper for carrying out  
11 the provisions of this act. The work shall be carried on under  
12 chapter ninety-one of the General Laws in part at the  
13 expense of the commonwealth and in part at the expense of  
14 the town of Wakefield.

1 SECTION 2. For the purpose of constructing such drainage  
2 system and carrying out the provisions of this act, the town  
3 of Wakefield, may purchase or take by eminent domain under  
4 chapter seventy-nine of the General Laws, all lands, water  
5 rights, rights of way and easements within the towns of

6 Saugus and Wakefield, which the department may deem  
7 necessary for the purpose of this act; provided, that no lands,  
8 water rights, rights of way or easements, shall be taken or  
9 purchased, nor shall any construction work be commenced as  
10 hereinafter provided, until such time as the drainage system  
11 designed for the purposes of this act shall have been approved  
12 by the board of public works of the town of Wakefield.

1 SECTION 3. The total cost of the work authorized by this  
2 act shall not exceed four hundred thousand dollars. The town  
3 of Wakefield shall pay into the state treasury the initial sum  
4 of ten thousand dollars, which sum shall constitute a fund for  
5 the improvements hereinbefore authorized, and be used,  
6 without further appropriation by the general court, in part  
7 for the necessary engineering service, surveys and the design  
8 of the proposed drainage system, but no construction work  
9 under authority of this act shall be commenced hereunder  
10 until the department has held a public hearing, duly adver-  
11 tised, and until there shall have been paid into the state  
12 treasury by said town the further sum of ninety thousand  
13 dollars, which shall be added to said fund. Any surplus of said  
14 fund remaining after the completion of the work authorized  
15 by this act in excess of the town's share of the cost shall be  
16 refunded by the state treasurer to said town.

1 SECTION 4. For the purposes of this act, the town of  
2 Wakefield, after the acceptance hereof, as hereinafter pro-  
3 vided, may borrow from time to time, within a period of five  
4 years from the effective date of this act, such sums of money  
5 as may be necessary, not exceeding, in the aggregate, one  
6 hundred thousand dollars, and may issue bonds or notes  
7 therefor, which shall bear on their face the words, Town of  
8 Wakefield Drainage Loan, Act of 1970. Each authorized issue  
9 shall constitute a separate loan, and such loans shall be paid  
10 in not more than thirty years from their dates. Indebtedness  
11 incurred under this act shall be in excess of the statutory  
12 limit, but shall, except as provided herein, be subject to  
13 chapter forty-four of the General Laws, exclusive of the  
14 limitation contained in the first paragraph of section seven  
15 thereof.

1 SECTION 5. When the work authorized by this act shall  
2 have been completed, the same shall be maintained by said  
3 town of Wakefield and said town is hereby authorized to  
4 enter upon and dig up and excavate within the limits of the  
5 town of Saugus or within its own boundaries, any private  
6 land within the area of any easement acquired under this act,  
7 or any public or private way, for the purpose of maintaining,  
8 repairing or reconstructing such system or works, and to do  
9 any other things necessary or proper for any of the foregoing  
10 purposes; provided, that any public way in which mainte-  
11 nance work is done under any provision of this act shall be  
12 restored by said town of Wakefield.

1 SECTION 6. This act shall not be in limitation of any other  
2 authority.

1 SECTION 7. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

The first section of the report deals with the general situation of the country. It is noted that the weather has been very dry and hot, and that the crops are suffering. The second section deals with the financial situation, and it is noted that the government has a large deficit. The third section deals with the social situation, and it is noted that there is a high level of unemployment. The fourth section deals with the political situation, and it is noted that there is a high level of corruption. The fifth section deals with the military situation, and it is noted that the army is well equipped. The sixth section deals with the foreign relations, and it is noted that the country has a good relationship with its neighbors. The seventh section deals with the education system, and it is noted that there is a high level of literacy. The eighth section deals with the health care system, and it is noted that there is a high level of health care. The ninth section deals with the infrastructure, and it is noted that there is a high level of infrastructure. The tenth section deals with the environment, and it is noted that there is a high level of environmental protection. The eleventh section deals with the culture, and it is noted that there is a high level of cultural heritage. The twelfth section deals with the sports, and it is noted that there is a high level of sports participation. The thirteenth section deals with the media, and it is noted that there is a high level of media freedom. The fourteenth section deals with the judiciary, and it is noted that there is a high level of judicial independence. The fifteenth section deals with the executive branch, and it is noted that there is a high level of executive power. The sixteenth section deals with the legislative branch, and it is noted that there is a high level of legislative power. The seventeenth section deals with the judicial branch, and it is noted that there is a high level of judicial power. The eighteenth section deals with the local government, and it is noted that there is a high level of local government power. The nineteenth section deals with the international relations, and it is noted that there is a high level of international relations. The twentieth section deals with the future, and it is noted that there is a high level of future prospects.