

(Similar Matter Filed During Previous Session — See Senate, No. 448.)

**SENATE . . . . . No. 776**

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By Mr. Locke, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 776) of David H. Locke for legislation to allow city councils or similar governing bodies and annual town meetings to strike items from budgets of school committees by a two-thirds vote. Local Affairs.

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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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

AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE SUPPORT OF SCHOOLS.

*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 34 of chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby
- 2 amended by adding the following paragraph:—
- 3 Notwithstanding the provisions of this section a city or town
- 4 may, by a two-thirds vote of the city council and by a two-
- 5 thirds vote at the annual town meeting, respectively, reduce
- 6 or strike any item in the budget of the school committee.

The Government of the United States

in the Department of the Interior

and the Bureau of Land Management

Section 104 of the Federal Land Management and Policy Act of 1976 (90 Stat. 2517) provides that the Secretary of the Interior shall, in accordance with the provisions of this Act, conduct a study of the lands owned or controlled by the United States and the lands owned or controlled by the States and the District of Columbia, and shall report to the President and the Congress on or before the date specified in the Act. The Secretary shall also conduct a study of the lands owned or controlled by the United States and the lands owned or controlled by the States and the District of Columbia, and shall report to the President and the Congress on or before the date specified in the Act.