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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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MESSAGE FROM HIS EXCELLENCY THE GOVERNOR  
RETURNING WITH HIS OBJECTIONS THERETO  
IN WRITING, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF  
ARTICLE II OF SECTION I OF CHAPTER I OF  
PART THE SECOND OF THE CONSTITU-  
TION, THE ENGROSSED BILL RELA-  
TIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF  
THE CONNECTICUT RIVER  
VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL  
COMMISSION  
(see Senate, No. 2208)

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

I am returning herewith, without my approval, Senate Bill No. 2208 entitled "AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE CONNECTICUT RIVER VALLEY FLOOD CONTROL COMMISSION".

The Connecticut River Valley Flood Control Commission, was established by an Act of the U.S. Congress and entered into by Commonwealth on September 8, 1953, is primarily responsible for compensating states for flood impoundment sites.

This Bill removes from the membership of the Commission, two state agencies directly involved in flood prevention and management issues affecting the Commission, namely the commissioner of environmental quality engineering and the chairman of the water resources commission.

The Commission's activities and staff are state funded. It is, therefore, important for the Commonwealth to retain a direct presence.

For these reasons I cannot sign Senate Bill No. 2208 into law.

Sincerely,

Respectfully submitted,  
EDWARD J. KING  
*Governor*