

Petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1758) of Martin T. Reilly for legislation to prohibit diversion of Connecticut River waters by the Metropolitan District Commission; Natural Resources and Agriculture.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Six.

AN ACT PROHIBITING DIVERSION OF CONNECTICUT RIVER WATERS BY THE METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COMMISSION.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding the provisions of any general or special law
2 to the contrary, the Metropolitan District Commission shall
3 henceforth be prohibited from diverting, or planning to divert
4 Connecticut River waters for the purpose of supplementing the
5 water supply of any reservoir under its jurisdiction.

6 (2) The further development of recreational boating upon the
7 river, and the development of commercial navigation. In order
8 to fulfill this charge the study shall consult with appropriate offi-
9 cials within the state of Connecticut and the U.S. Army Corps
10 of Engineers regarding the potential for bridging the Enfield
11 Rapids so that the potential for greater recreational and commer-
12 cial use of the middle reaches of the river could be realized.

13 (3) Said study shall also inquire into the detrimental effects,
14 if any, that an interbasin transfer would have upon the present
15 state of the river and the future development of the river basin.
16 In particular the study shall focus upon the detrimental effects
17 that a diversion of the Connecticut River would have upon the
18 nature marine life forms in contiguous bodies of water. In addi-
19 tion, what reduction if any that an interbasin transfer would have
20 upon the hydroelectric generating potential within the southern
21 reaches of the river and the load bearing capacity for any recrea-
22 tional and/or commercial use within said southern reaches of the
23 river.

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