SENATE No. 161

By Mr. Kenneally, a petition of John F. Collins, mayor of Boston, George V. Kenneally, Jr., and Paul Murphy for legislation to provide for the acquisition by the Massachusetts Port Authority of all rights in certain tidewaters in the city of Boston and for the maintenance of certain bridges over the same without a draw. Harbors and Public Lands.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING FOR THE ACQUISITION BY THE MASSACHUSETTS PORT AUTHORITY OF ALL RIGHTS IN CERTAIN TIDEWATERS IN THE CITY OF BOSTON AND FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF CERTAIN BRIDGES OVER THE SAME WITHOUT A DRAW.

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

- 1 The Massachusetts port authority is hereby authorized and
- 2 directed to acquire by eminent domain under chapter seventy-
- 3 nine of the General Laws or by purchase or otherwise, with
- 4 such conditional limitations, if any, as said authority shall
- 5 deem proper, all rights in the tidewaters above the north-
- 6 easterly side of the highway bridge over the reserved channel
- 7 at Summer street in the South Boston district of Boston, and
- 8 to do any and all things necessary to have said tidewaters
- 9 declared to be non-navigable waters within the meaning of
- 10 the constitution and laws of the United States; and to the
- 11 extent necessary for such purpose, but only to such extent,
- 12 all rights of the commonwealth in said tidewaters are hereby
- 13 released to said authority. After said tidewaters have been
- 14 declared non-navigable as aforesaid, the city of Boston may
- 14 declared non-navigable as aforesaid, the city of Boston in
- 15 maintain without a draw its bridge over said tidewaters.