

By Mr. McGlennon of Concord, petition of John A. S. McGlennon for a legislative amendment to the Constitution relative to the conservation and protection of natural resources and to the abatement of air and water pollution and unnecessary noises. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

PROPOSAL FOR A LEGISLATIVE AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION RELATIVE TO THE CONSERVATION AND PROTECTION OF NATURAL RESOURCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND TO THE ABATEMENT OF AIR AND WATER POLLUTION AND OF EXCESSIVE AND UNNECESSARY NOISE AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATION OF WATER RESOURCES.

1 A majority of all the members elected to the Senate and
2 House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declares it
3 to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of
4 the following Article of Amendment, to the end that it may
5 become a part of the Constitution [if similarly agreed to in
6 a joint session of the next General Court and approved by
7 the people at the state election next following]:

8 ARTICLE OF AMENDMENT.

9 ARTICLE XLIX of the Articles of Amendment to the Con-
10 stitution is hereby annulled and the following is adopted in
11 place thereof:—The policy of the commonwealth shall be to
12 conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty
13 and encourage the development and improvement of its
14 agricultural lands for the production of food and other agri-
15 cultural products. The general court, in implementing this
16 policy, shall include adequate provision for the abatement of
17 air and water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary

18 noise, the protection of agricultural lands, wetlands and
19 shorelines, and the development and regulation of water re-
20 sources.

21 The general court shall further provide for the acquisi-
22 tion of lands and waters, including improvements thereon
23 and any interest therein, and the dedication of properties so
24 acquired or now owned, which because of their natural
25 beauty, wilderness character, or geological, ecological or his-
26 torical significance, shall be preserved and administered for
27 the use and enjoyment of the people. Properties so dedicated
28 shall constitute the commonwealth nature and historical pre-
29 serve and they shall not be taken or otherwise disposed of
30 except by law enacted by two successive regular sessions of
31 the general court.

PROPOSED FOR A FURTHER AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION
RELATIVE TO THE CONSERVATION AND ENJOYMENT OF NATURAL
RESOURCES OF THE COMMONWEALTH AND TO THE ENJOYMENT OF
AIR AND WATER POLLUTION AND OF EXPOSURE AND CONTAMINATION
HEREBY AND THE DEVELOPMENT AND REGULATION OF WATER RE-
SOURCE.

1 A majority of all the members elected to the House and
2 House of Representatives, in joint session, hereby declare it
3 to be expedient to alter the Constitution by the adoption of
4 the following Article of Amendment to be and that it may
5 become a part of the Constitution if duly agreed to in
6 a joint session of the next General Court and approved by
7 the people at the state election next following:

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9 Article XXIX of the Articles of Amendment to the Con-
10 stitution is hereby enacted and the following is adopted in
11 place thereof:—The policy of the commonwealth shall be to
12 conserve and protect its natural resources and scenic beauty
13 and encourage the development and improvement of its
14 agricultural lands for the production of food and other agri-
15 cultural products. The general court in implementing this
16 policy shall include adequate provisions for the abatement of
17 air and water pollution and of excessive and unnecessary