

HOUSE No. 1489

By Mr. Weinberg of Boston, petition of the Massachusetts Co-operative Bank League relative to banking premises of co-operative banks. Banks and Banking.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO BANKING PREMISES OF CO-OPERATIVE BANKS.

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 30 of chapter 170 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the first two paragraphs of said
3 section 30 and inserting in place thereof the following new
4 paragraphs:—

5 Any such corporation may invest its funds in and hold real
6 estate suitable for the convenient transaction of its business.
7 The aggregate amount invested in such real estate, owned by
8 such corporation, including the cost of land and buildings, and
9 of alterations, improvements and additions, shall not exceed, in
10 the aggregate, its guaranty fund, surplus account and unalloca-
11 ted reserves or three and one half per cent of its total assets,
12 whichever is the lesser. All such investments, except those in
13 alterations, improvements or additions to any one parcel in-
14 volving an expense of thirty thousand dollars or less made in
15 any period of twelve consecutive months, shall be subject to
16 the approval of the commissioner.

17 Any such corporation may expend sums not exceeding, in
18 the aggregate, its guaranty fund, surplus account and unalloca-
19 ted reserves or one per cent of its total assets, whichever is the
20 lesser, for alterations, improvements, and additions to any
21 premises leased by it for the convenient transaction of its
22 business. All such investments, except those in alterations,

23 improvements or additions to any one parcel involving an
24 expense of fifteen thousand dollars or less made in any period
25 of twelve consecutive months shall be subject to the approval
26 of the commissioner. Notwithstanding the provisions of this
27 section, a bank may exceed the limits provided for herein with
28 the approval of the commissioner when the amount so ex-
29 pended is for the construction of disaster facilities in said real
30 estate.