

HOUSE No. 774

By Mr. Hannon of Lee, petition of James E. Hannon that the Commissioner of Public Works be authorized to take as a state highway Washington Mountain Road in Pittsfield, Dalton, Washington and Becket. Highways and Motor Vehicles.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT TO AUTHORIZE, DIRECT AND REQUIRE THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC WORKS TO TAKE IN THE NAME OF THE COMMONWEALTH AS A STATE HIGHWAY WASHINGTON MOUNTAIN ROAD, SO CALLED, RUNNING FROM ELM STREET IN PITTSFIELD THROUGH THE TOWNS OF DALTON, WASHINGTON AND BECKET TO ROUTE NUMBER 8 IN BECKET.

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 1. The commissioner of public works of
2 the commonwealth of Massachusetts is authorized,
3 directed and required to take, in the name of the
4 commonwealth, as a state highway the Washington
5 Mountain road, so called, running from Elm street in
6 the city of Pittsfield through the towns of Dalton,
7 Washington and Becket to the junction of Route 8
8 and said road in the town of Becket.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

The Commission of Enquiry

is the first of the kind in the history of the country.

The Commission is composed of members of the House of Representatives, the Senate, and the Executive branch of the Government. It is authorized to investigate any matter which may be referred to it by the House of Representatives.

The Commission is empowered to hold public hearings, to receive evidence, and to report to the House of Representatives.

The Commission is also authorized to subpoena witnesses and to require the production of documents and other evidence. It is also authorized to hold private hearings and to receive evidence in confidence.

The Commission is a permanent body and its members are elected for a term of one year.