

By Mr. Wetmore of Barre, petition of Robert D. Wetmore for an investigation by the Secretary of Environmental Affairs relative to lumber operations conducted on state-owned land. Natural Resources and Agriculture.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY THE SECRETARY OF ENVIRONMENTAL AFFAIRS RELATIVE TO LUMBER OPERATIONS CONDUCTED ON STATE-OWNED LAND.

1 *Resolved*, That the secretary of environmental affairs is  
2 hereby authorized and directed to make an investigation and  
3 study of lumber operations conducted on land owned by the  
4 commonwealth and under the supervision of the executive office  
5 of environmental affairs. Said investigation and study shall  
6 include:

7 (a) the extent of such lumbering operations in the past and  
8 any plans in effect for present or future operations,

9 (b) the amount of income the commonwealth receives from  
10 such lumber operations and the final disposition of such funds,

11 (c) the reason or reasons for such lumbering activities, such as

12 1. improved state forest lands,

13 2. raise funds for the commonwealth,

14 3. improve wildlife habitat,

15 4. or any other reasons.

16 (d) the types of reforestation carried out following lumber  
17 operations and the species of trees that are planted, and the  
18 relation between such selection of species and reforestation to  
19 the economics of the lumber market or other considerations.

20 The secretary shall file his report and any recommended  
21 legislation with the house clerk, no later than February first,  
22 nineteen hundred and seventy-six.

IN SENATE, January 10, 1907.  
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