

HOUSE No. 252

By Mr. Putnam of Needham, petition of Harold Putnam that the Department of Public Health be authorized to investigate the disposal of sewage and industrial wastes in the French and Quinebaug River Valleys in the towns of Auburn, Brimfield, Brookfield, Charlton, Douglas, Dudley, East Brookfield, Holland, Leicester, Millbury, Oxford, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Sutton, Wales, Warren, Webster and West Brookfield. Public Health.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF THE DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTES IN THE FRENCH AND QUINEBAUG RIVER VALLEYS IN THE TOWNS OF AUBURN, BRIMFIELD, BROOKFIELD, CHARLTON, DOUGLAS, DUDLEY, EAST BROOKFIELD, HOLLAND, LEICESTER, MILLBURY, OXFORD, SOUTHBRIDGE, SPENCER, STURBRIDGE, SUTTON, WALES, WARREN, WEBSTER AND WEST BROOKFIELD.

1 *Resolved*, That the department of public health is
2 hereby authorized and directed to investigate and
3 study the condition of the French and Quinebaug
4 rivers and report a plan for the adequate collection,
5 treatment and disposal of sewage and industrial wastes
6 originating in the valleys of said rivers in the towns of
7 Auburn, Brimfield, Brookfield, Charlton, Douglas,
8 Dudley, East Brookfield, Holland, Leicester, Mill-
9 bury, Oxford, Southbridge, Spencer, Sturbridge, Sut-

10 ton, Wales, Warren, Webster and West Brookfield to
11 prevent the continued pollution of the French and
12 Quinebaug rivers. It shall be the duty of said depart-
13 ment —

14 First, to determine the sanitary condition of the
15 French and Quinebaug rivers.

16 Second, to define the sources of pollution of the
17 French and Quinebaug rivers.

18 Third, to determine the degree of treatment which
19 should be afforded the sewage and industrial wastes
20 to maintain the French and Quinebaug rivers in a
21 condition suitable for recreational boating, irrigation
22 of crops not used for consumption without cooking, and
23 a habitat for wildlife and common food and game fish
24 indigenous to the region, and to determine the most
25 reasonably available method of obtaining such treat-
26 ment and the approximate cost thereof.

27 Said department shall have access to all plans, re-
28 ports and specifications relative to sewerage and sew-
29 age and industrial waste disposal of any of said towns.
30 For the purposes of this resolve said department may
31 apply for, accept and expend any federal funds which
32 may be available, together with such sums as may
33 hereafter be appropriated therefor. Said department
34 shall report its findings and recommendations, if any,
35 together with legislation to carry such recommenda-
36 tions into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of
37 the house of representatives on or before the first
38 Wednesday of December, nineteen hundred and fifty.