

HOUSE No. 6650

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, October 6, 1977.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Resolve providing for an investigation and study by a special commission relative to health problems, public access and recreational uses of the Spicket River in the city of Lawrence and the town of Methuen (House, No. 3986, amended), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying resolve (House, No. 6650).

For the committee,

JOHN E. MURPHY, Jr.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO HEALTH PROBLEMS, PUBLIC ACCESS AND RECREATIONAL USES OF THE SPICKET RIVER IN THE CITY OF LAWRENCE AND THE TOWN OF METHUEN.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of one member
2 of the senate, two members of the house of representatives and nine
3 persons to be appointed by the governor, one of whom shall be the
4 city engineer of the city of Lawrence or his designee, one of whom
5 shall be the superintendent of the public works department for the
6 town of Methuen or his designee, one of whom shall be a member
7 of the board of public health from the city of Lawrence, one of
8 whom shall be a member of the board of public health from the
9 town of Methuen, one of whom shall be a person from the
10 department of environmental quality engineering, one of whom
11 shall be a person from the division of pollution control, one of
12 whom shall be a person from the department of public works, one
13 of whom shall be a person from the public access board, and one of
14 whom shall be a person from the Merrimack Valley Planning
15 Council, is hereby established for the purpose of making an
16 investigation and study relative to Spicket river in the city of
17 Lawrence and the town of Methuen. Said commission shall, in the
18 course of its investigation and study consider the problems of
19 pollution, health hazard, flood plain protection, low flow
20 augmentation, public access, and future recreational potential of
21 the river and proximate areas, including bicycle paths. Said
22 commission shall also study possible sources of funding proposed
23 recommendations. Said commission shall report to the general
24 court the results of its investigation and study and its recommen-
25 dations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry
26 its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of
27 the house of representtives on or before the last Wednesday of
28 June, nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.