

SENATE No. 163

To accompany the petition of John W. McCormack that Congress be memorialized relative to the operation and control of coal mines. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Three.

RESOLUTIONS

Relative to the Operation of the Coal Mines by the United States Government.

1 *Whereas*, The public health, safety and convenience
2 depend to a great extent upon an adequate supply of
3 coal; and

4 *Whereas*, The operation of the coal mines under pri-
5 vate control has failed to produce said adequate supply;
6 and

7 *Whereas*, A change in the management of the coal
8 mines of the country is absolutely necessary for the pro-
9 tection of the health, safety and convenience of the pub-
10 lic; therefore be it

11 *Resolved*, That the general court of Massachusetts
12 respectfully urges upon the Congress of the United States
13 the enactment of immediate legislation to authorize the
14 federal government to take over and operate the coal
15 mines of the country; and to reimburse the owners

16 thereof on the basis of present physical valuation of said
17 mines; and be it further

18 *Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be sent by
19 the secretary of the commonwealth to the presiding of-
20 ficers of the two branches in Congress, and to the mem-
21 bers of United States senate and house of representatives
22 from this commonwealth.

