

HOUSE No. 1673

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 29, 1937.

The committee on Highways and Motor Vehicles, to whom were referred the special report of the Department of Public Works relative to construction of a state highway from a point on Maple Street in Lexington through Burlington, Billerica and Chelmsford over the route of the Old Middlesex Turnpike, so called, and connecting links between Chelmsford and Lowell (Senate, No. 35), the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 14) of P. Eugene Casey that provision be made for the laying out and construction of Scott Hill Road in the town of Bellingham as a state highway, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 16) of W. Edwin Ulmer that provision be made for the construction of a highway grade separation at Boylston and Washington streets in the town of Brookline, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 46) of Newland H. Holmes and Julian R. Merchant for legislation relative to the care, control and maintenance of a certain section of highway in the towns of Braintree, Weymouth and Hingham, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 118) of Eugene H. Giroux that the Department of Public Works be authorized and directed to widen the bridge on the Northern Artery over the tracks of the Boston and Maine Railroad and Boston and Albany Railroad Company in Somerville, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 119) of Eugene H. Giroux that provision be made for the care, maintenance and control of the Northern Artery, so called, as a state highway, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 120) of Eugene H. Giroux that the De-

partment of Public Works be authorized and directed to construct an overpass or underpass at the junction of the Northern Artery, so called, and Washington Street in the city of Somerville, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 162) of P. Eugene Casey that provision be made for the laying out and construction of a state highway from the town of Douglas to the Connecticut-Massachusetts state line at East Thompsonville, Connecticut, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 163) of Newland H. Holmes and Frederick M. Barnicoat that provision be made for the laying out and construction as a state highway of Hanover Street in the town of Rockland to Spring Street in the town of Hanover, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 166) of the selectmen of the town of Blandford, by N. L. Haines and others, that provision be made for the taking over and maintenance as a state highway of the Barrington Turnpike, so called, between the towns of Blandford and Great Barrington, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 167) of Theodore R. Plunkett for legislation to require the Department of Public Works to install, maintain and operate a system of lighting on a state highway, known as Route 20, from Pittsfield to the New York state line, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 213) of George G. Moyses that provision be made for the construction and maintenance of a state highway in the towns of Weston, Wayland and Sudbury, the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 252) of Albert Cole that the Department of Public Works be authorized to contract for the maintenance of a system of lighting on state highways, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 237) of Frank E. MacLean that a portion of the Pawtucket Boulevard in the city of Lowell be placed under care of the Department of Public Works as a state highway, the petition (taken from the files of the preceding year) (accompanied by bill, House, No. 250) of Ralph A. Chase and others (selectmen of Eastham and Orleans) and Donald W. Nicholson that the Department of Public Works be authorized to improve

the state highway from the town of Orleans to the town of Provincetown, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 258) of Theodore C. Baker and others that the Department of Public Works be authorized to improve a part of Washington Street in the town of Brookline and make such connections therewith as may be necessary, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 259) of George Demeter that the Department of Public Works be authorized to provide for further development of the Boston Airport at East Boston, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 302) of Samuel U. Streeter and others (county commissioners of Franklin County and selectmen of Greenfield and Montague) that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a bridge over Connecticut River between the towns of Greenfield and Montague in said county, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 339) of Giles W. Halladay and others (selectmen) that the Department of Public Works be authorized to lay out and construct a certain road in the town of Agawam as a state highway, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 391) of Joseph L. Whiton that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a new state highway from the Fore River Bridge at Quincy Point to the Southern Artery in Quincy, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 392) of Joseph L. Whiton that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a state highway (to be known as Shawmut Way) from the westerly end of Fore River Bridge at Quincy Point through South and West Quincy to Reedsdale Road in Milton, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 418) of Charles J. Cox and others that the Department of Public Works be authorized to safeguard the state highway along Merrimack River in Lowell, Dracut, Methuen and Lawrence, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 612) of Fred B. Dole and the Massachusetts State Selectmen's Association for legislation to increase to two hundred dollars a mile the amount which the Commonwealth may expend for repair and improve-

ment of public ways in small towns, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 614) of John F. Cahill that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct certain underpasses on Revere Beach Parkway and Broadway in Everett and a commercial highway paralleling said highway, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 706) of Edward D. Sirois that the Department of Public Works be authorized to reconstruct and improve the state highway on Riverside Drive in the city of Lawrence and town of Methuen, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 822) of Josiah Babcock, Jr., and another that the Department of Public Works be authorized to provide for the lighting of certain state highways, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 823) of Eliot Wadsworth (president of the Boston Chamber of Commerce) that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a traffic circle at the intersection of Northern Artery and Prison Point Viaduct near the northern end of Charles River Dam in Cambridge, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 824) of Edward W. Staves, Frank W. Smith and Albert O. Boyer that the Department of Public Works be authorized to reconstruct the state highway between West Brookfield and Palmer, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 825) of Frederick B. Willis, Fred A. Hutchinson and William H. Haskell that the cities of Lynn and Revere and the town of Saugus be relieved of the obligation to pay part of the cost of lighting a section of the turnpike between Boston and Salem, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 957) of Edward A. Coffey and other members of the General Court that the Department of Public Works be authorized to contract with gas and electric companies or with municipalities for maintaining systems of lighting on state highways, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 958) of the Motor Truck Club of Massachusetts, Inc., that the Department of Public Works be required to provide uniform traffic signs, lights, markings, signal systems and regulations, the petition (accompanied by bill,

House, No. 961) of Lawrence P. McHugh, James E. Hennigan and William F. Higgins that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct an underpass and other highway improvements at the Arborway and Washington Street at Forest Hills in the West Roxbury district of Boston, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 962) of Charles V. Hogan that the Department of Public Works be authorized to install and maintain a lighting system along North Shore Road connecting Lynn, Revere and East Boston with the Sumner Tunnel, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 963) of Thomas J. Lane that Winthrop Avenue or Den Rock Road in the city of Lawrence be placed under the control of the Department of Public Works as a state highway, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 964) of Thomas J. Lane that the Department of Public Works be authorized to lay out and construct a parkway or boulevard from South Broadway in the city of Lawrence to River Road in the town of Andover, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 965) of Thomas J. Lane that the Department of Public Works be authorized to reconstruct Winthrop Avenue or Den Rock Road from Shawsheen River Bridge to Winthrop Avenue and South Union Street in the city of Lawrence, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 966) of Thomas J. Lane that the Department of Public Works be authorized to widen North Main Street in the town of Andover and to construct a sidewalk on the easterly side thereof, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 967) of Augustine Airola and Frederick H. Reinstein that the Department of Public Works be authorized to extend Squire Road in the city of Revere to North Shore Road at its junction with Oak Island Street, the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 968) of Edmond Talbot, Jr., that the Department of Public Works be authorized to investigate the advisability and probable cost of constructing a traffic route along the waterfront of Salem and Beverly Harbors to Marblehead, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1096) of Mary L. Teveau

and Day Baker that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a new state highway from Framingham through Ashland, Hopkinton, Upton, Northbridge, Sutton, Douglas and Webster to the state line, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1097) of Edward A. Coffey and James F. Tobin that the Department of Public Works be authorized to reconstruct the state highway known as Highland Avenue in Salem and Western Avenue in Lynn, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1237) of Walter D. Richard and others that the Department of Public Works be given control as a state highway of Scott Hill Road in the town of Bellingham, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1238) of John Philip White and Joseph E. Duffy that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct an underpass and other improvements at Pond and Prince Streets and the Arborway in the Jamaica Plain district of Boston, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1344) of William N. Greenlaw and John C. Wilson that the Department of Public Works be authorized to install and operate a system of lighting on a certain state highway in the city of Beverly, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1345) of William Blanchard and others that the Department of Public Works be authorized to maintain a system of lighting on a state highway in the town of Wakefield, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1349) of John Philip White and other members of the General Court that the Department of Public Works construct an underpass at Washington Street and the Arborway in the Forest Hills section of Boston, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1426) of Frederick B. Willis that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a state highway from the Newburyport Turnpike at Main Street in the town of Saugus to a point in the town of Wakefield, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1427) of John J. Mullen that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a state highway from the Salem Turnpike at Bristow Street

in the town of Saugus to a point near the General Clarence R. Edwards Bridge in the city of Revere, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1546) of William P. Grant and other members of the General Court that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a new high level bridge over Taunton River between Fall River and Somerset, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1547) of Cornelius P. Donovan that the Department of Public Works construct a state highway by extending Market Street in Lynn across a part of Lynn Harbor to Nahant Road in Nahant, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1616) of Joseph A. Conway that the Department of Public Works be authorized to construct a state highway in the town of Hull and acquire the road bed of the Nantasket Beach branch of the Old Colony Railroad for that purpose, report the accompanying resolve (House, No. 1673).

For the committee,

EDWARD W. STAVES.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

Resolve providing for an Investigation and Study by the Department of Public Works relative to Certain Proposed Highway and Other Traffic Improvements in the Commonwealth and Certain Related Matters.

1 *Resolved*, That the department of public works is
2 hereby authorized and directed to make an investiga-
3 tion and study of the subject matter of current sen-
4 ate documents numbered fourteen, sixteen, thirty-
5 five, one hundred and eighteen, one hundred and
6 twenty, one hundred and sixty-two, one hundred and
7 sixty-three, one hundred and sixty-seven, two hun-
8 dred and thirteen, two hundred and fifty-two and
9 current house documents numbered two hundred
10 and fifty, two hundred and fifty-eight, three hundred
11 and two, three hundred and thirty-nine, three hun-
12 dred and ninety-one, three hundred and ninety-two,
13 four hundred and eighteen, six hundred and fourteen,
14 seven hundred and six, eight hundred and twenty-
15 two, eight hundred and twenty-three, eight hundred
16 and twenty-four, eight hundred and twenty-five, nine
17 hundred and fifty-seven, nine hundred and sixty-one,
18 nine hundred and sixty-two, nine hundred and sixty-
19 four, nine hundred and sixty-five, nine hundred and
20 sixty-six, nine hundred and sixty-seven, nine hundred
21 and sixty-eight, ten hundred and ninety-six, ten hun-
22 dred and ninety-seven, twelve hundred and thirty-

23 eight, thirteen hundred and forty-four, thirteen
24 hundred and forty-five, thirteen hundred and forty-
25 nine, fourteen hundred and twenty-six, fourteen
26 hundred and twenty-seven, fifteen hundred and
27 forty-six, fifteen hundred and forty-seven and six-
28 teen hundred and sixteen, relative to certain proposed
29 highway and other traffic improvements in the com-
30 monwealth. Said department may also study and
31 investigate such other highway and traffic improve-
32 ments related to the specific projects included within
33 the subject matter of said senate and house documents
34 as it may deem necessary or desirable. Said depart-
35 ment in carrying out its investigation and study
36 hereunder shall consider particularly as to whether
37 public convenience requires the construction or carry-
38 ing out of said proposed highway and other traffic
39 improvements, or of any of them, and if so, it shall
40 determine as to each of said projects (1) the probable
41 cost; (2) how the cost of said improvements, and of
42 land takings if necessary therefor, should be appor-
43 tioned; (3) by whom said improvements should be
44 made; and (4) by whom said improvements should
45 be maintained upon their completion. Any program
46 of projects that may be recommended by said de-
47 partment hereunder shall have the several projects
48 listed in the order of their respective importance and
49 necessity as determined by said department. Said
50 department may prepare such maps and plans as it
51 may deem necessary or desirable in connection with
52 any project or projects recommended by it hereunder.
53 Said department shall also investigate and study the
54 subject matter of current senate documents num-
55 bered forty-six, one hundred and nineteen and one
56 hundred and sixty-six and current house documents

57 numbered two hundred and thirty-seven, nine hun-
58 dred and sixty-three and twelve hundred and thirty-
59 seven, relative to the care, maintenance and control
60 of certain existing state highways, the subject matter
61 of current house document numbered six hundred
62 and twelve, relative to increasing the amount of state
63 aid for the repair and improvement of public ways in
64 small towns, the subject matter of current house
65 document numbered nine hundred and fifty-eight,
66 relative to providing for uniform traffic signs, lights,
67 markings, signal systems and regulations and the
68 subject matter of current house document numbered
69 two hundred and fifty-nine, relative to the further
70 development of the Boston airport, so called. For
71 the purposes of this resolve, said department may
72 expend such sums, not exceeding, in the aggregate,
73 dollars, as may hereafter be appropri-
74 ated therefor. Said department shall report to the
75 general court its findings and its recommendations,
76 together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry
77 such recommendations into effect, by filing the same
78 with the clerk of the house of representatives on or
79 before the first Wednesday of December in the current
80 year.

