

# SENATE . . . . No. 689

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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SENATE, June 7, 1951.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the House resolves providing for an investigation and study of the disposal of sewage and industrial wastes in the Three Mile River and its tributaries in the towns of Dighton, Foxborough, Mansfield, Norton, Plainville, Rehoboth, Sharon and Wrentham and the cities of Attleboro and Taunton (printed as Senate, No. 392); providing for an investigation and study of the disposal of sewage and industrial wastes in the Hoosic River Valley in the towns of Adams, Cheshire, Clarksburg, Dalton, Florida, Hancock, Lanesborough, New Ashford, Savoy, Williamstown and Windsor and the cities of North Adams and Pittsfield (House, No. 406); 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 (House, No. 407); providing for an investigation and study of the disposal of sewage and industrial wastes in the Westfield River Valley (House, No. 934); and providing for an investigation and study of the disposal of sewage and industrial wastes in the Chicopee River Valley (House, No. 1669), report recommending that the same be amended by substituting therefor a new draft entitled "Resolve providing for the investigation and study of the disposal of sewage and industrial wastes in

the Three Mile river and its tributaries, in the Hoosic river valley, in the French and Quinebaug river valleys, in the Westfield river valley and in the Chicopee river valley" (Senate, No. 689), and that, when so amended, the same will be correctly drawn.

For the committee,

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-One.

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR THE INVESTIGATION AND STUDY OF THE DISPOSAL OF SEWAGE AND INDUSTRIAL WASTES IN THE THREE MILE RIVER AND ITS TRIBUTARIES, IN THE HOOSIC RIVER VALLEY, IN THE FRENCH AND QUINEBAUG RIVER VALLEYS, IN THE WESTFIELD RIVER VALLEY AND IN THE CHICOPEE RIVER VALLEY.

1 *Resolved*, That the department of public health is  
2 hereby authorized and directed to investigate and  
3 study the condition of the Three Mile river and its  
4 tributaries, the Hoosic river, the French and Quine-  
5 baug rivers, the Westfield river, including east, middle  
6 and west branches of the same, and the Chicopee  
7 river and its tributaries, and report a plan for the  
8 adequate collection, treatment and disposal of sewage  
9 and industrial wastes originating in the valleys of  
10 said rivers in the towns and cities referred to in  
11 current senate document numbered 392 and current  
12 house documents numbered 406, 407, 934 and 1669.  
13 Said department shall, in the course of its investiga-  
14 tion and study, consider the subject matter of said  
15 senate and house documents.

16 Said department shall —

17 First, determine the sanitary condition of said  
18 rivers.

19 Second, define the sources of pollution of said rivers.

20 Third, determine the degree of treatment which

21 should be afforded the sewage and industrial wastes  
22 to maintain said rivers in a condition suitable for  
23 recreational boating, irrigation of crops not used for  
24 consumption without cooking, and a habitat for wild-  
25 life and common food and game fish indigenous to the  
26 region or such higher classification as may appear  
27 feasible, and determine the most reasonably available  
28 method of obtaining such treatment.

29 Said department shall have access to all plans,  
30 reports and specifications relative to sewerage and  
31 sewage and industrial waste disposal of any of the  
32 towns and cities referred to in said senate and house  
33 documents and of all persons, corporations and in-  
34 dustries located within the watershed of said rivers.  
35 For the purposes of this resolve said department may  
36 apply for, accept and expend any federal funds which  
37 may be available, together with such sums as may  
38 hereafter be appropriated therefor. Said department  
39 shall report its findings and recommendations, if any,  
40 together with legislation to carry such recommenda-  
41 tions into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of  
42 the senate on or before the first Wednesday of De-  
43 cember, nineteen hundred and fifty-two.