

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 5479

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## *The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 10, 1978.

The committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture to whom were referred so much of the recommendations of the Department of Environmental Quality Engineering (House, No. 730) as relates to amending the powers of said department over the construction and maintenance of dams (House, No. 74); the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 634) of Charles J. Buffone for legislation to transfer the duties and obligations relative to the construction, supervision and maintenance of dams and reservoirs from the Commissioner of Public Works to the respective county commissioners; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3366) of Leon J. Lombardi to direct the Secretary of Environmental Affairs to regulate the level of certain bodies of water in the Commonwealth, report recommending that the accompanying Order (House, No. 5479) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

WALTER E. BICKFORD.

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

*Ordered*, That the Committee on Natural Resources and Agriculture be authorized to sit during the recess of the General Court for the purpose of making an investigation and study of the subject matter of current house documents numbered 74, relative to the powers of the department of environmental quality engineering over the construction and maintenance of dams; 634, relative to transferring duties and obligations relative to the construction, supervision and maintenance of dams and reservoirs from the commissioner of public works to the respective county commissioners; and 3366, relative to directing the secretary of environmental affairs to regulate the level of certain bodies of water in the commonwealth.

Said committee shall be provided with quarters in the State House or elsewhere, may hold hearings, may require by summons the attendance and testimony of witnesses, may travel within/and without the commonwealth and may expend for expert, legal, clerical and other services and for expenses such sums as may be appropriated therefore.

Said committee shall report to the general court from time to time the results of its investigation and study and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry its recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the House of Representatives on or before the first Wednesday of December nineteen hundred and seventy-eight.