

HOUSE No. 4571

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 6, 2018.

The committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 396) of Bruce J. Ayers and James M. Murphy relative to the funding of waterway projects and coastal protection initiatives; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 401) of James M. Cantwell and others relative to community preservation funds for seawall repairs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 403) of James M. Cantwell and others relative to community preservation funds for seawall repairs; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 405) of James M. Cantwell and Patrick M. O'Connor relative to the financing of Department of Environmental Protection dredging projects in harbors and inland waterways; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 406) of James M. Cantwell and Patrick M. O'Connor for legislation to establish a public harbor dredging program with the Division of Waterways; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 410) of Tackey Chan for legislation to expand pleasure boat access to Boston Harbor; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 411) of Tackey Chan for legislation to direct the Department of Conservation and Recreation to manage, operate, improve, repair and maintain the land under certain waters accessed for recreational boating; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 455) of James M. Murphy that development within a designated port area be subject to all municipal rules and regulations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 468) of William M. Straus that the Department of Food and Agriculture be authorized to expend a certain sum of money for integrated pest management and the control of invasive plants; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 471) of William M. Straus and others for an investigation by a special commission (including members of the General Court) to study dredging needs for recreational boating in Commonwealth waterways, reports recommending the accompanying order (House, No. 4571) ought to be adopted.

For the committee,

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1 *Ordered*, That the committee on Environment, Natural Resources and Agriculture be
2 authorized to sit during a recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of
3 House documents numbered 396, 401, 403, 405, 406, 410, 411, 455, 468 and 471, relative to
4 oceans and waterways.

5 Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study
6 and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such
7 recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the Clerk of the House of Representatives
8 on or before December 31, 2018.