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SENATE No. 1774

By Mr. LoPresti, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1774) of Michael LoPresti, Jr., for legislation relative to controlling the cost of operations of the Massachusetts Water Resources Authority. Housing and Urban Development.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO CONTROLLING THE COST OF OPERATIONS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY.

1 *Whereas*, The deferred operation of this act would defeat its
2 purposes, which are to immediately restore public confidence in
3 the financial operations and management of the Massachusetts
4 Water Resources Authority and to establish sufficient controls to
5 ensure the prudent and economic operation of the Authority;
6 therefore, it is hereby declared to be an emergency law, necessary
7 for the immediate preservation of the public convenience.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 Notwithstanding any General or Special Law to the contrary
2 all water and sewer assessments by the Massachusetts Water
3 Resources Authority to its constituent cities and towns are hereby
4 limited to the 1987 level of assessments. No assessments shall be
5 in excess of that 1987 rate until a complete financial and com-
6 pliance audit and budget evaluation of the costs of the Massa-
7 chusetts Water Resources operation has been completed and
8 presented to the legislature by the Department of the State
9 Auditor.

1 days signature

Photo enclosed: In the Senate Clerk's office, Senator Michael LoPresti Jr. files legislation limiting water and sewer rates. Left to right: Ruth Ann Brooks, Assistant to the Senate Clerk; Senator Michael Lo Presti Jr.

March 31, 1988

For Immediate Release

From: State Senator Michael LoPresti Jr., D- Suffolk & Middlesex
State House, Boston, MA 02133 722-1645

Re:

LoPresti Moves to Stop Water and Sewer Rate Increases

Senator Michael LoPresti Jr., concerned that escalating water and sewer rates in the Greater Boston area may be part of the complex of budget problems associated with the Boston Harbor cleanup, filed legislation today in the Senate to hold these rates at the 1987 level until cost controls can be put into place. Specifically, the bill, which was filed in the House by Representative Marie-Louise Kehoe of Dedham, limits the FY 1989 water and sewer assessments on member communities of the Massachusetts Resources Authority (MWRA) to the FY 1987 level until the legislature receives a complete financial and compliance audit and budget evaluation of the costs of the MWRA operation from the state auditor. An emergency preamble assures that the bill will go into effect as soon as it is signed into law.

LoPresti says the water and sewer rates should remain where they are until the Legislature is satisfied that the MWRA has undergone a restructuring that ensures financial and procedural accountability. In particular he says the Authority should heed and implement the March 29 joint report of the State Auditor and Inspector General. This report, which deals with the process that led to a controversial \$100 million major contract for management of the cleanup,

finds the contract excessively vulnerable to escalating costs, and also finds that the MWRA's procurement procedures, which have been in place since the creation of the Authority in 1984, are fundamentally deficient and cannot protect either the Authority or its rate-payers from fraud, waste, and abuse in the award of contracts.

LoPresti has expressed particular concern with the section of the report that spells out six vulnerable areas in the proposed contract which result from the faulty procurement process. Because of these vulnerabilities, the report cautions that if there is no change the costs of the contract can go out of control. "We can see already that it's absurd to look at predictions of the MWRA's costs," he said. "We have huge water and sewer rate increases now. How can anyone tell what might happen in the future?"

"We have a problem that dates back to some original bad planning which has become, in Rep. Kehoe's words, a fiscal and managerial nightmare," LoPresti said. "Regardless of the time crunch in the MWRA's schedule, what we have to do now is to turn this situation around. We should implement the recommendation of the report, which is that the MWRA cancel this procurement and re-start it under new procedures, which should include adoption of the Legislature's proposed Uniform Procurement Code. Keeping costs under control and restoring public confidence has to be a first priority. People have suffered enough. We can't live with uncertainty."

Petition To Roll Back Water Sewerage Rates to 1987 Level (Sponsored by Sen Michael LePort)

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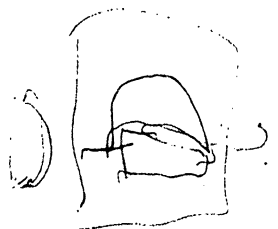
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Informational copy of an Act filed by Senator Michael LoPresti on March 31, 1988 entitled "AN ACT RELATIVE TO CONTROLLING THE COST OF OPERATIONS OF THE MASSACHUSETTS WATER RESOURCES AUTHORITY", the Senator's press release on same & a petition expressing support for same signed by various Cambridge residents.

In City Council,

April 4, 1988