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An Act Mobilizing Economic Recovery in Massachusetts
(Governor Stimulus Bill)

Governor Patrick created this bill to assure that the Commonwealth has the opportunity to use the maximum amount of federal stimulus funds appropriated from the American Reinvestment and Recovery Act of 2009 by the established deadlines. In order to obtain nearly \$300 million in federal stimulus funding, the bill authorizes the Massachusetts Water Pollution Abatement Trust to charge a decreased interest rate for certain loans and extends the time period to receive unemployment benefits. The bill has many other provisions to capture and use federal funding including expediting the state's procurement process in order to use federal funds for projects before they are reallocated to other states.

I started out by finding the bill history on the legislature website, which I copied into **Bill History**. As Senator Spilka is a member of the Ways and Means Committee, I was able to find some other documents in a file in her office, including the original bill submitted by Governor Patrick in March 2009 (**Bill_Original**), the redraft/final bill after amendment changes (**Bill_Redraft**), the bill summary (**Gov._Stimulus_Bill_Summary[1].pdf**), the official press release upon the passage of the bill (**6-30_Press_Release**) and a folder containing all incorporated amendments (Folder: **Redrafted Amendments**). I went to Senator Panagiotakos's office (the Senate chair of the Ways and Means Committee) to see what other documents were available. Here, I was able to obtain all the original amendments to the bill (Folder: **Original Amendments**). I still had not acquired any hearing testimony, so I called Representative Murphy's office (the House chair of the committee). A staff member sent me some written testimony from the hearing (Folder: **Written Testimony**). I obtained the session law that

incorporated the bill (Chapter 30 of the Acts of 2009) from the legislative website (**Session Law**) as well as the Senate Journals and House Journals for when action was taken on the bill (Folders: **Senate Journals** and **House Journals**(in pdf)). Lastly, I searched State House News and retrieved articles about the Governor Stimulus Bill as well as transcripts from the 5/26 and 5/27 Senate sessions.