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**MOAKLEY/KENNEDY ANNOUNCE BOSTON HARBOR CLEAN-UP FUNDS
HAVE BEEN SIGNED INTO LAW --
ALONG WITH FUNDS FOR BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY,
NEW ENGLAND CONSERVATORY, AND LOWELL SQUARE**

WASHINGTON -- Congressman Joe Moakley and Senator Edward Kennedy announced today that President Clinton signed into law last night the \$250 million they secured to clean up the Boston Harbor.

The Boston Harbor clean up funds were included in the VA/HUD Independent Agencies Appropriations Conference report. The \$250 million for Boston Harbor clean up is the largest single waste water grant in the country, and brings the total federal funding for the Harbor to \$642 million.

Kennedy said, "I'm very pleased that the President has signed into law this additional help for Boston Harbor clean-up. A quarter of a billion dollars is the largest grant for any wastewater treatment project in the country, and it will provide much-needed relief for families and businesses throughout the Greater Boston area."

Moakley said, "The citizens of our area have been over-burdened with outrageous water bills for far too long. Thanks to this federal relief that is now law, metropolitan residents will not see the sky-rocketing water rates they were originally predicted to have. I am glad that Senator Kennedy and I were able to secure this much-needed federal funding for Harbor clean up and help the middle and low income families who would have been so hard hit by large rate increases."

Restoration funds of \$1 million for the Jordan Hall at the New England Conservatory, \$1 million for the Boston Public Library, and \$2.5 million in construction funds for the Lowell Square housing project were also included in the conference report.

Moakley said, "This law will also take serious steps toward preserving two of Boston's most significant landmarks as well as revitalizing the West End. I am pleased that our efforts on their behalf resulted in such overwhelming Congressional and Presidential support."