

Hollywood East comes to Boston... or not

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Massachusetts Senate President Therese Murray has better things to do... What?!?!

The Boston Globe **reported today** on the progress of a legislative bill to increase tax breaks for **Plymouth Rock Studios**, a.k.a. Hollywood East. Former executives from Paramount Pictures have been planning construction of a massive \$420 million studio located less than an hour south of Boston, expected to have over 1.2 million square feet with 14 stages AND "*50,000 square feet of the world's most advanced Post Production facilities*"!!

The Massachusetts House of Representatives discussed the bill this week, and its destined for approval in the state senate next, but according to the Globe, Senator Therese Murray is blocking the additional tax incentive by claiming that its "not at the top of her agenda". The Senate's not even going to think about it.

~~Taxachusetts~~, er, Massachusetts has been hemorrhaging residents for years because there's not enough high wage jobs and out of control housing costs (a problem that continues in the area despite the nation-wide housing crisis). Hollywood comes to Boston and wants to drop a huge chunk of change, but now Senator Murray's too busy to help give the state a massive shot in the arm?

The opportunities for creative professionals in film, photography, audio, animation, and other computer specialists would be a boon for the state, and New England. According to Plymouth Rock Studio's **website**:

Plymouth Rock Studios will employ over 2,000 skilled professionals and generating billions of dollars in direct and indirect economic benefits to the Plymouth area and the Commonwealth.

And where is the brand spanking new **Massachusetts Creative Economy Director** Jason S. Schupbach in all this? He should be in Senator Murray's office ~~tearing her a new~~ lobbying on behalf of Plymouth Rock.

Geeze... Massachusetts, please get a clue!