

HOUSE No. 1894

By Mr. Costello of Boston, petition of John W. Costello for the appointment of a special commission (including members of the General Court) to formulate a ten-year plan for public transportation. Transportation.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Six.

RESOLVE FOR THE CREATION OF A SPECIAL COMMISSION TO STUDY AND TO FORMULATE A "TEN YEAR PLAN" FOR PUBLIC TRANSPORTATION BETWEEN THE VARIOUS CITIES AND TOWNS OF THE COMMONWEALTH.

1 *Whereas*, Economic conditions and modern mechanical
2 inventions including motor vehicles and airplanes, have
3 created a problem in relation to transportation for and
4 of the public; and

5 *Whereas*, Scientific invention may increase the serious-
6 ness of the transportation problem; and

7 *Whereas*, Transportation is the life line of the economic
8 and industrial progress of our communities, large and
9 small; and

10 *Whereas*, A definite plan for the future is vital to the
11 protection, well-being and advancement of the com-
12 munities of the commonwealth, therefore be it

13 *Resolved*, That a special commission is hereby estab-
14 lished to study and to formulate a "ten year plan" for
15 transportation between the various cities and towns of
16 the commonwealth, said study to include airways, rail-
17 roads, street railways, motor vehicles, tracks, trailers,
18 highways, road beds, bridges, and any other aids to
19 transportation; and to consider the joint use of rail-
20 road rights of way for highway purposes wherever
21 feasible.

22 The said plan shall be reported not later than Janu-
23 ary tenth, nineteen hundred and fifty-six, but nothing
24 in this resolve shall preclude the filing of a partial report
25 which may be filed and acted upon at any time as a step
26 in the plan, whether the full plan is adopted or not.

27 The said commission shall consist of seven members,
28 two to be members of the senate and designated by the
29 president of the senate, three to be members of the
30 house of representatives and designated by the speaker
31 of the house of representatives, and two to be appointed
32 by the governor.

33 The said commission shall select a chairman from its
34 membership and appoint a secretary.

35 For the purpose of this resolve, the said commission
36 may expend such sums as may be appropriated therefor.