

SENATE No. 702

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

SENATE, May 11, 1953.

The committee on State Administration, to whom was referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 447) of Jarvis Hunt for legislation relative to the furnishing of certain performance bonds in connection with contracts for certain public works, and relative to fair competition for bidders on the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling or repair of certain public works by the Commonwealth or any political subdivision thereof; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 459) of the Associated Independent Subcontractors of Massachusetts, by Robert A. LaCentra, for legislation to further regulate plans, specifications and bids on the construction, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling or repair of public building projects; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1665) of the Associated Independent Subcontractors of Massachusetts for regulating the award of contracts by competitive bidding and to provide for periodic payments both to general contractors and to subcontractors on public building projects; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1666) of the Associated Independent Subcontractors of Massachusetts for legislation to regulate the awarding of contracts and making of payments to contractors and subcontractors on public building projects; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1667) of the Associated Independent Subcontractors of Massachusetts that provision be made for securing payments to laborers, subcontractors, suppliers and others engaged in public construction; the petition (accompanied by bill, House,

No. 2116) of Ernest A. Johnson for legislation to regulate competitive bidding on public building projects; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2119) of Michael J. McCarthy for legislation to provide a method of payment to subcontractors on certain public works, report the accompanying resolve (Senate, No. 702).

For the committee,

RALPH LERCHE.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

RESOLVE PROVIDING FOR AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY
BY A SPECIAL COMMISSION RELATIVE TO CONTRACTS FOR
PUBLIC BUILDING PROJECTS.

1 *Resolved*, That a special commission, to consist of
2 the chairman of the commission on administration and
3 finance, or some one designated by him, the commis-
4 sioner of labor and industries, or some one designated
5 by him, the president of the Massachusetts Select-
6 men's Association, or some one designated by him, the
7 president of the Massachusetts Mayors' Association, or
8 some one designated by him, and three persons to be
9 appointed by the governor, is hereby established for
10 the purpose of making an investigation and study
11 relative to contracts for public building projects and
12 related matters. Said committee shall include in its
13 investigation and study the subject matter of current
14 senate documents numbered 447, relative to the
15 furnishing of certain performance bonds in connection
16 with contracts for certain public works, and relative to
17 fair competition for bidders on the construction, re-
18 construction, alteration, remodeling or repair of
19 certain public works by the commonwealth or any
20 political subdivision thereof; and 459, further regu-
21 lating plans, specifications and bids on the construc-
22 tion, reconstruction, alteration, remodeling or repair of
23 public building projects; and current house docu-

24 ments numbered 1665, to regulate the awards of
25 contracts by competitive bidding and to provide for
26 periodic payments both to general contractors and to
27 subcontractors on public building projects; 1666, to
28 regulate award of contracts and payments to general
29 contractors and subcontractors on public building
30 projects; 1667, to provide security for payments to
31 laborers, subcontractors, suppliers and others engaged
32 in public construction; 2116, to regulate competitive
33 bidding on public building projects; and 2119, to
34 provide a method of payment to certain subcontractors
35 on certain public works construction, reconstruction,
36 alterations, remodeling or repair of certain public
37 works by the commonwealth or any political sub-
38 division thereof. Said commission may hold hearings,
39 shall be provided with quarters in the state house or
40 elsewhere, may travel within and without the common-
41 wealth and may expend for technical, clerical and
42 other services such sums as may be appropriated
43 therefor. Said committee, during its investigation and
44 study, shall have the assistance of such agencies,
45 departments, boards, commissions and officers of the
46 state government as may be requested by said com-
47 mittee to assist and co-operate. Said commission
48 shall report to the general court the results of its in-
49 vestigation and study, and its recommendations, if
50 any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to
51 carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the
52 same with the clerk of the house of representatives not
53 later than the first Wednesday of December in the
54 current year.