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By Mr. Ames, a petition of Oliver F. Ames for legislation to provide that in the purchase of supplies and materials for the Commonwealth there shall be an absolute preference in favor of supplies and materials manufactured within the United States. State Administration.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Seven.

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AN ACT PROVIDING THAT IN THE PURCHASE OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS FOR THE COMMONWEALTH THERE SHALL BE AN ABSOLUTE PREFERENCE IN FAVOR OF SUPPLIES AND MATERIALS MANUFACTURED WITHIN THE UNITED STATES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 Section 22 of Chapter 7 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out clause (17) and by substituting  
3 therefor the following two clauses: —

4 (17) A preference in the purchase of supplies and materials,  
5 other considerations being equal, in favor of supplies and  
6 materials manufactured and sold within the commonwealth,  
7 with a proviso that the state purchasing agent may, where  
8 practicable, allow a further preference in favor of such sup-  
9 plies and materials manufactured and sold in those cities and  
10 towns within the commonwealth in which the ratio of un-  
11 employment to the total labor force, as determined by the  
12 division of employment security, is in excess of five and nine-  
13 tenths per cent.

14 (17a) An absolute preference in the purchase of supplies  
15 and materials in favor of supplies and materials manufactured  
16 and sold within the United States whenever such supplies and  
17 materials are available and adequate for the purpose for which  
18 they are to be used.

THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA  
IN SENATE CONFIRMED  
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The Government of the Philippines

In the Year 1898

AN ACT TO PROVIDE FOR THE GOVERNMENT OF THE PHILIPPINES  
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