

SENATE No. 323

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT, BOSTON, March 12, 1930.

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

Recently I sent a communication to city and town officials urging them to advance their programs of public works in order to take up slack employment and suggesting that preference be given to those having dependents.

It has been brought to my attention that it is impossible for cities and towns operating under the present Civil Service laws and regulations to grant this priority without legislative authority

The Civil Service Commission advises me as follows:—

“Answering your query as to how it would be possible to permit the employment of laborers with dependents from the Civil Service lists in cities and towns where the Civil Service laws concerning laborers are in force, we beg to state that in our opinion the only way that this could be brought about would be by the enactment of special legislation permitting such preference for a limited time.”

In view of the foregoing, I urge the General Court to pass legislation as promptly as possible suspending for sixty days the present Civil Service laws affecting the employment of laborers and authorizing municipalities which are operating under the law to select from the Civil Service laborers' list men with dependents, thus furnishing work where it is most needed at the present time.

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