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By Mr. Lewis R. Sullivan, Jr., of Boston, petition of Raymond P. Delano and others for appointment of a special commission to investigate relative to unification of passenger and freight transportation and electrification of lines of railroad corporations in Metropolitan Boston. Transportation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two.

Resolve providing for an Investigation by a Special Commission relative to the Unification of Passenger and Freight Transportation and the Electrification of Steam Railroad Lines in and about Greater Boston.

1 *Resolved*, That the trustees of the metropolitan  
2 transit district, the chairman of the Boston port  
3 authority or some person to be designated by him,  
4 the chairman of the public utilities commission or  
5 some person to be designated by him, and one rep-  
6 resentative to be designated by each of the follow-  
7 ing railroad companies; to wit: the Boston and  
8 Maine Railroad Company, the Boston and Albany  
9 Railroad Company, the New York, New Haven and  
10 Hartford Railroad Company; and one representa-  
11 tive to be designated by the New England Devel-  
12 opment Association be, and they hereby are, con-  
13 stituted an unpaid special commission, which shall  
14 consider and investigate relative to the unification  
15 under single management of all passenger and freight

16 transportation and terminal facilities in the city of  
17 Boston and surrounding territory within a radius of  
18 approximately twenty miles from the boundaries of  
19 said Boston, the electrification of steam railroad lines  
20 operated within said territory, the use of railroad  
21 and street railway trackage within said territory in-  
22 terchangeably for electrified rapid transit, the build-  
23 ing of connecting links of tracks between existing  
24 lines of railroad within said territory for the estab-  
25 lishment of a belt line or belt lines for the distribu-  
26 tion of freight therein, the reorganization of freight  
27 and passenger terminal facilities within said territory,  
28 the establishment of new freight terminals and of  
29 a union station within said territory to serve as a  
30 single junction point for all railroads entering Boston  
31 except the Boston, Revere Beach and Lynn Railroad,  
32 and to connect all of said railroads with both the  
33 North and South stations, so-called, by means of an  
34 electrified city circuit capable of delivering passen-  
35 gers at several convenient points in the heart of  
36 Greater Boston without transfer or the payment of  
37 additional fares. They shall also investigate relative  
38 to the most equitable methods of organizing and  
39 financing such improvements and shall report to the  
40 general court their findings and recommendations in  
41 relation to the foregoing matters, together with  
42 drafts of legislation necessary to carry the same into  
43 effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the  
44 house of representatives on or before December first  
45 of the current year.

46 After an appropriation has been made, the said  
47 commission may expend for services of a secretary,  
48 necessary clerks and engineers a sum not exceeding  
49 dollars.

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