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By Mr. Condon of Boston, petition of Daniel J. Hourihan relative to the awarding of contracts and state reimbursement to cities and towns for transportation of school pupils. Education.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

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

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE AWARDING OF CONTRACTS AND REIMBURSEMENT BY THE COMMONWEALTH TO CITIES AND TOWNS FOR TRANSPORTATION OF SCHOOL PUPILS.

*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 7A of chapter 71 of the General Laws is hereby  
2 amended by striking out clause (c), as appearing in chapter  
3 754 of the acts of 1949, and inserting in place thereof the  
4 following clause:— (c) that no contract shall be awarded  
5 and no transportation reimbursement shall be made by the  
6 state treasurer under this section except upon the basis of  
7 competitive bids to the lowest responsible and eligible bidder.  
8 The term “lowest responsible and eligible bidder,” as used  
9 herein shall mean the bidder whose bid is the lowest of those  
10 bidders possessing the skill, ability and integrity necessary  
11 to the faithful performance of the work. Essential informa-  
12 tion in regard to such qualifications shall be submitted in  
13 such form as the awarding authority may require; and the  
14 school committee shall in the event that a contract is awarded  
15 to other than the lowest bidder file with the department of  
16 education for approval a written statement giving its specific  
17 reasons therefor, which statement shall be open to public  
18 inspection.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, IN SENATE CONFERENCE, HAS PASSED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTIONS:

### The Commission on the Constitution

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Six

Resolved, That the Commission on the Constitution be authorized to report to the House of Representatives on or before the first day of January, next, a report containing its findings and recommendations.

The Commission on the Constitution shall be composed of the following members:

1. The Speaker of the House of Representatives.
2. The Minority Leader of the House of Representatives.
3. The Minority Leader of the Senate.
4. The Chief Justice of the United States.
5. The President of the United States.
6. The Vice President of the United States.
7. The Secretary of State.
8. The Attorney General.
9. The Director of the Central Intelligence Agency.
10. The Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation.
11. The Director of the National Security Agency.
12. The Director of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration.
13. The Director of the National Defense Science and Engineering Graduate Fellowship Program.
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