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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRIES,  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON 33, October 26, 1965.

HONORABLE KEVIN H. WHITE, *Secretary of the Commonwealth*, State House,  
Boston, Massachusetts 02133.

DEAR SIR:— Pursuant to the requirements contained in section 33 of chapter 30 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 67 of the Acts of 1948, I herewith transmit to you recommendations for legislation proposed by this department together with drafts of bills covering the same.

The bills have been submitted to the counsel of the House of Representatives for advice and assistance as to the form thereof.

Yours very truly,

ROCCO ALBERTO,  
*Commissioner.*

## RECOMMENDATIONS.

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1. AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE DETERMINATION OF MINIMUM WAGE RATE TO BE PAID TO EMPLOYEES OF HOUSING AUTHORITIES.

Under the provisions of section 26T of chapter 121 of the General Laws, as amended by chapter 491 of the Acts of 1960, the commissioner of labor and industries is required to determine rates of wages and payments to health and welfare plans to be paid to employees engaged in the development or administration of housing projects. The attorney general of the commonwealth has recently given an opinion to the commissioner that the procedure in determining said rates is subject to the provisions of chapter 30A of the General Laws.

With about one hundred and fifty housing authorities for which different rates of wages must be determined, and the constant increases in wage rates which must be considered by the commissioner, the detailed procedure in chapter 30A, it would be physically impossible to comply with the statute.

I am recommending, therefore, that section 26T of chapter 121 be exempted from the requirements of said chapter 30A.

2. AN ACT CLARIFYING THE STATUTE REGULATING BIDDING PROCEDURE IN THE CONSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC BUILDINGS.

There has been considerable confusion in the minds of sub-bidders on public building construction projects in the matter of the requirement that they list their own names on the bid forms as installers of certain sub-sub-categories, in compliance with requirements contained in the specifications. This has resulted in the rejection of otherwise valid bids. In order to remove any doubt as to the meaning of the statute, I am recommending that section 44H of chapter 149, be amended to make such listing clearly mandatory.