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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT,  
STATE HOUSE, BOSTON, September 3, 1966.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:*

In accordance with the provisions of Article LVI of the Amendments of the Constitution, I am returning, herewith, House Bill No. 3856 entitled "An act authorizing certain cities and towns to operate a community television cable antenna and to contract with its inhabitants for the furnishing of such service."

The bill provides that "a city or town owning a municipal lighting plant may, through its board or commission having charge thereof, apply for a license from the Federal Communications Commission to operate and may thereafter operate a community cable antenna through such board or commission for the purpose of furnishing television service and may enter into contracts with the inhabitants thereof for the furnishing of such service."

It seems evident that the permission to operate is contingent upon the F.C.C. licenses being granted, but the bill does not so provide. As it stands, permission is granted by the bill even though the license were denied.

Since there ought to be no uncertainty, I recommend that the bill be amended by inserting after the word "and" in line 3 the words "if granted".

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. VOLPE,  
*Governor of the Commonwealth.*

