

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts



THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

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GOVERNOR

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives:

I am submitting for your consideration a bill regarding the Commonwealth's State Plan of Operation for the State Agency for Surplus Federal Property. This program will be administered by the Purchasing Agent's division and is crucial to the Commonwealth's ability to acquire surplus federal property at a fraction of its cost.

In 1946, Congress passed a series of laws making federal surplus property available for distribution to state and local agencies, public and private educational institutions, and to non-profit public health agencies. Since that time, these laws and regulations have undergone many revisions, the most recent of which, P.L. 94-519, placed supervisory responsibility with the General Services Administration (G.S.A.).

As a result of these changes, G.S.A. required that each state submit a temporary plan of operations for the management of surplus federal property. The Commonwealth has operated under a temporary plan since 1977. However, the federal government now advises us that unless the Commonwealth submits a permanent plan by June 30, 1984, it will not be allowed to continue this program.

The Federal Surplus Program has been an extremely cost-effective means for the Commonwealth to acquire surplus federal property. In the last year alone, state colleges, universities and other state agencies have received government property valued at more than \$2.5 million for approximately 5% of its original cost. Since 1977, these agencies acquired over \$8 million worth of property for slightly over 3% of its value.

The following figures reflect savings we have accrued to our clients other than state agencies under the program since 1977.

	Acquisition Cost of Property Acquired FY 1983	Acquisition Cost of Property Acquired Since 1977
Cities	\$ 1,926,073	\$ 4,168,761
Towns	923,303	7,175,461
Counties	66,978	363,999
Private Colleges & Univ.	2,323,847	15,627,736
Private Schools	467,983	3,291,461
Public Schools	1,436,728	17,342,457
Public & Private Hospitals	287,307	2,065,658

The first part of the report deals with the general situation of the country. It is found that the country is in a state of general depression, and that the people are suffering from want and distress. The cause of this is attributed to the failure of the crops, and the consequent scarcity of food. It is also stated that the government has not done enough to relieve the suffering of the people.

**The Condition of the People**

The condition of the people is described as one of extreme poverty and distress. It is stated that the people are unable to purchase food, and that many of them are dying of starvation. The government is accused of neglecting the needs of the people, and of not doing enough to relieve their suffering. It is suggested that the government should take more effective measures to provide food and relief to the people.

**Conclusion**

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-Four.

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AN ACT AUTHORIZING THE ADOPTION OF A PERMANENT STATE PLAN OF OPERATION FOR THE FEDERAL SURPLUS PROPERTY PROGRAM.

*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 1. The purchasing agent's division rules and regula-  
2 tions as promulgated and referred to as the State Plan of Opera-  
3 tion for the State Agency for Surplus Federal Property shall be the  
4 Commonwealth's permanent plan as contemplated by section  
5 203(j) (4) (A) of the Federal Property and Administrative Services  
6 Act of 1949, as amended by section 1(I) of Public Law 94-519. Said  
7 plan shall be administered by the purchasing agent's division.

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

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TO THE HONORABLE SENATE  
OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION  
PASSED AT THE MEETING OF THE SENATE  
ON FEBRUARY 10, 1910

REPORT OF THE  
COMMISSIONERS OF THE BOARD OF EXAMINERS  
ON THE PROGRESS OF THE  
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO  
DURING THE YEAR 1909-1910

CHICAGO: THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO PRESS, 1910