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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 5, 1975.

The committee on State Administration, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 691) of the Utility Contractors Association of New England, Inc., for legislation to permit the use of a surety bond in lieu of cash to accompany certain bids; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 989) of Leo Reed for legislation to further regulate payments to contractors for contracts on certain public buildings. State Administration; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1792) of the Associated Subcontractors of Massachusetts and Robert C. Buell that awarding authorities be authorized to award building construction contracts at the lowest prices and to prevent bid shopping by general bidders; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1793) of the Associated Subcontractors of Massachusetts and Robert C. Buell for legislation to insure that competitive bids provide the lowest prices to awarding authorities and to improve the flow of funds to contractors and subcontractors engaged in public and private construction; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1794) of the Associated Subcontractors of Massachusetts and Robert C. Buell for legislation to clarify the requirement for listing sub-subcontractors in sub-bids; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1801) of the Associated Subcontractors of Massachusetts and Louis R. Nickinello relative to consolidation of arbitration proceedings on public and private construction projects; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2609) of the Associated General Contractors of Massachusetts, Inc., for legislation to permit arbitration of disputes involving contracts for public building projects; and the petition (accompanied by resolve, House, No. 3746) of Robert C. Buell that the Designer Selection Board be directed to make an investigation and study relative to the awarding of contracts, report recommending that the accompanying resolve (House, No. 5559) ought to pass.

For the committee,

CHARLES J. BUFFONE

**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Five.

RESOLVE INCREASING THE SCOPE OF THE SPECIAL COMMISSION ESTABLISHED TO MAKE AN INVESTIGATION AND STUDY RELATIVE TO THE AWARDING OF CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND FOR MATERIALS BY COUNTIES, CITIES, TOWNS AND DISTRICTS IN CASES OF EXTREME EMERGENCY AND OTHER RELATED MATTERS.

1     *Resolved*, That the special commission, established by chapter  
2 eighty-eight of the resolves of nineteen hundred and sixty-five,  
3 and most recently revived and continued by chapter four of the  
4 resolves of nineteen hundred and seventy-four, shall, in the course  
5 of its investigation and study, consider the subject matter of  
6 current house documents numbered 691, permitting the use of a  
7 surety bond in lieu of cash to accompany certain bids; 989,  
8 further regulating payment to contractors on contracts for certain  
9 public buildings; 1792, to enable awarding authorities to award  
10 building construction contracts at the lowest prices and to  
11 prevent bid shopping by general bidders; 1793, to insure that  
12 competitive bids provide the lowest prices to awarding authorities  
13 and to improve the flow of funds to contractors and subcontractors  
14 engaged in public and private construction; 1794, clarifying  
15 the requirement for listing sub-subcontractors in sub-bids; 1801,  
16 relating to consolidation or arbitration proceedings on public and  
17 private construction projects; 2609, to permit arbitration of  
18 disputes involving contracts for public building projects; and of  
19 the investigation proposed by current house document numbered  
20 3746, relative to the awarding of contracts.