

By Mr. Gilman of Boston, petition of George A. Gilman for the adoption of resolutions protesting against the proposed reductions in salaries or compensation of state officials and employees. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Two.

Resolutions in Opposition to Any Reduction in Wages or Compensation of Employees of the Commonwealth.

1 *Whereas*, Any general decrease in the wages or
2 compensation of public employees at the present
3 time, when every effort is being made by the presi-
4 dent of the United States and other government
5 officials to maintain present living conditions de-
6 pendent on the individual incomes of our citizens,
7 would tend to establish a precedent toward lowering
8 the earning capacity of the average employed worker,
9 and

10 *Whereas*, Such a decrease in wages or compensation
11 paid to employees in general would bring about a
12 lower standard of living through reduced purchasing
13 power, thus further handicapping the producers of
14 food, clothing and other commodities, upon the
15 prosperity of which the welfare of the state and
16 nation depends, and

17 *Whereas*, It is the responsibility of the elected
18 representatives of the people to take no action that

19 will further contribute to the causes of industrial
20 depression, but on the contrary to establish confi-
21 dence in the minds of workers and employers
22 alike by maintaining, so far as they are able, the
23 present wage levels, therefore, be it

24 *Resolved*, That the general court of Massachusetts
25 place itself on record in opposition to any reduction
26 in the wages or compensation of any of the em-
27 ployees of the commonwealth.



