

HOUSE No. 2451

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, June 28, 1939.

The committee on the Judiciary, to whom were referred so much of the Governor's Address (Senate, No. 1) as relates to peaceful picketing (page 12) and as relates to the Anti-Injunction Act (page 12), the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 142) of the Massachusetts State Federation of Labor, by Kenneth I. Taylor, secretary-treasurer, for legislation to further define the acts relative to peaceful persuasion and injunctions in labor disputes and to make impossible the emasculation and nullification of said acts and for certain other purposes, the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 637) of Alfred Baker Lewis and Roland D. Sawyer for legislation to prohibit interference with peaceful picketing and other forms of peaceful persuasion in industrial disputes, and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 639) of The Massachusetts State Industrial Union Council of the Congress of Industrial Organizations for legislation to protect and guarantee civil liberties and to prohibit interference with pickets and meetings on public streets and in public places, report the accompanying bill (House, No. 2451).

For the committee,

PHILIP SHERMAN.

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

AN ACT DEFINING THE TERM "LAWFUL TRADE DISPUTE"
AS USED IN THE LAW RELATIVE TO OBTAINING AND COMMUNICATING INFORMATION AND TO THE USE OF PERSUASION IN THE COURSE OF CERTAIN TRADE DISPUTES.

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 twenty-four of chapter one hundred and
2 forty-nine of the General Laws, as most recently
3 amended by chapter two hundred and seventy-two
4 of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-three, is
5 hereby further amended by adding at the end thereof
6 the following new paragraph: —

7 The term "lawful trade dispute", as used in this
8 section, shall mean any controversy between an em-
9 ployer and one or more of his employees concerning
10 terms or conditions of employment or concerning the
11 association or representation of persons in negotiating,
12 fixing, maintaining, changing or seeking to arrange
13 terms or conditions of employment.