

HOUSE No. 262

By Mr. Casey of Lawrence, petition of the Massachusetts State C. I. O. for legislation to clarify the peaceful persuasion law. Labor and Industries.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-Six.

AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE PEACEFUL PERSUASION LAW.

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. Chapter one hundred and forty-nine of
2 the General Laws shall be amended by striking out
3 section twenty-four and inserting in place thereof the
4 following:—

5 *Section 24.* No person shall be punished criminally,
6 or held liable or answerable in any act at law or suit in
7 equity, for persuading or attempting to persuade, by
8 printing or otherwise, any other person to do anything,
9 or to pursue any line of conduct, unless such persuasion
10 or attempt to persuade is accompanied by aggravated
11 acts of violence to the person, business or occupation
12 of the person persuaded or attempted to be persuaded,
13 or aggravated acts of disorder on the part of the person
14 persuading or attempting to persuade, nor for attend-
15 ing, in the course of a labor dispute, at any place where
16 such person or persons may lawfully be, for the purpose

17 of peacefully obtaining or communicating information
18 or of so persuading or attempting to persuade.

19 It shall not be unlawful, actionable or otherwise in
20 violation of any law for persons to engage in peaceful
21 persuasion, as aforesaid, regardless of numbers, if
22 committed in the course of a labor dispute, notwith-
23 standing the reasons which gave rise to said labor dis-
24 pute.

1 SECTION 2. Chapter one hundred and forty-nine of
2 the General Laws shall be further amended by striking
3 out paragraph (c), section twenty (c), and inserting in
4 place thereof:—

5 (c) The term "labor dispute," when used in the
6 sections hereinbefore referred to, includes any con-
7 troversy concerning union recognition, the closed shop,
8 security or tenure of employment, dues deductions,
9 arbitration, or all or any other conditions of employ-
10 ment, or concerning the association or representation
11 of persons in negotiating, fixing, maintaining, chang-
12 ing, or seeking to arrange, all or any terms or condi-
13 tions of employment including but not being limited
14 to union recognition, the closed shop, security or ten-
15 ure of employment, dues deductions or arbitration,
16 regardless of whether the disputants stand in the
17 proximate relation of employer and employee.