

# SENATE . . . . No. 53

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To accompany the petition of Thomas F. Donlan and others for legislation relative to the acceptance by the city of Lynn of the provisions of the general laws providing for a forty-eight hour week for permanent members of fire departments. Public Service.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT FURTHER REGULATING THE HOURS OF DUTY OF PERMANENT MEMBERS OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT IN THE CITY OF LYNN.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives  
in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the  
same, as follows:*

1 Upon petition of ten per cent of the registered  
2 voters of the city of Lynn, certified by the assessors  
3 and submitted to the city clerk prior to September  
4 first in the current year, the city clerk shall cause to  
5 be placed on the official ballot to be used at the  
6 municipal election in said city in the current year the  
7 following question: "Shall section fifty-eight B of  
8 chapter forty-eight of the General Laws, providing  
9 for a forty-eight hour week for permanent members of  
10 fire departments, be accepted?" If a majority of the  
11 votes cast on said question are in the affirmative this  
12 act shall take effect in said city ninety days thereafter.

The Commission of Investigation

The Commission of Investigation was organized by the Senate on June 1, 1912, to investigate the activities of the United Fruit Company in Central America. The Commission was composed of five members, and its report was submitted to the Senate on June 1, 1913. The Commission's report was a landmark document in the history of the United States' involvement in Central America, and it led to the passage of the United Fruit Company Act of 1914.