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By Mr. Kelley of North Attleborough, petition of Jarvis Hunt for legislation relative to the calling of strikes by labor unions. Labor and Industries.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

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### AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE CALLING OF STRIKES BY LABOR UNIONS.

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

- 1 No strike shall be called by any labor union in any
- 2 business or plant, or in any unit thereof, except when
- 3 such a strike is authorized by the vote of the majority
- 4 of the members of the union expressed by a secret
- 5 written ballot at a meeting called for that purpose or
- 6 other voting place. Within twenty-four hours after
- 7 the ballot, if the vote authorizes a strike, the labor
- 8 organization conducting such ballot shall make and
- 9 file with the department of labor and industries a
- 10 written report of such balloting showing (1) the num-
- 11 ber of persons voting for and against the strike and
- 12 (2) the total number of employees working in the
- 13 business, plant or unit in which the strike is proposed.
- 14 This report shall become a permanent public record
- 15 of said department and if wilfully false, the person

16 or persons making it shall be guilty of perjury. A  
17 failure to make any report within the time required  
18 shall be a misdemeanor. It shall be unlawful for any  
19 person at any time or place by force or threat of force  
20 to seek to secure or prevent attendance at any meeting  
21 or voting place at which any strike vote is taken or to  
22 influence the vote of such member by the use of  
23 intimidation or threats or by offering a reward or  
24 the threat of loss of employment or membership in a  
25 labor organization, and any person doing these acts  
26 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.