

By Mr. Scibelli of Springfield, petition of Anthony M. Scibelli for adoption of resolutions by the General Court memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation to provide that claims for wages earned for vacation shall be preferred claims in the Federal Bankruptcy Act. Constitutional Law.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

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RESOLUTIONS MEMORIALIZING THE CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES TO ENACT LEGISLATION TO PROVIDE IN THE FEDERAL BANKRUPTCY ACT THAT CLAIMS FOR WAGES EARNED FOR VACATION SHALL BE A PREFERRED CLAIM.

*Whereas*, The federal bankruptcy act does not provide for the payment as a preferred claim wages earned for vacation; and

*Whereas*, Employees have worked for long periods in anticipation of a vacation with pay either under custom or by an agreement with the employer; and

*Whereas*, By the intervention of bankruptcy by the employer the employee must file as a general creditor to recover wages for vacation earned at the time of the bankruptcy; and

*Whereas*, It is most unfair and unjust that there exists any distinction in the bankruptcy act in connection with a claim for wages however earned; now therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the general court of Massachusetts hereby urges the Congress of the United States to pass legislation amending the bankruptcy act providing that wages earned by any employee for vacation, whether by custom or under an agreement with an employer, shall be considered a preferred claim; and be it further

*Resolved*, That copies of these resolutions be sent forthwith by the secretary of the commonwealth to the President of the United States, the presiding officer of each branch of Congress and to the members thereof from this commonwealth.

