To accompany the petition of P. Eugene Casey for the establish-
ment of the daily hours of labor under the forty-eight hour week for
certain employees of the Commonwealth. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act establishing the Daily Hours of Labor under
the Forty-eight Hour Week for Certain Employees
of the Commonwealth.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Repre-
sentatives in General Court assembled, and by the
authority of the same, as follows:

1 Section thirty-nine of chapter one hundred and
2 forty-nine of the General Laws, as amended by
3 section one of chapter four hundred and forty-
4 four of the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-
5 five, is hereby further amended by inserting after
6 the word "week" in the sixth line the following:
7 —, and shall be so arranged by the superintend-
8 ent, or other officer in charge, that the daily hours
9 of labor shall be performed within twelve con-
10 secutive hours, — so as to read as follows: —
11 Section 39. The hours of labor of laborers, work-
12 men and mechanics, of ward attendants, ward
13 nurses, industrial and occupational therapists
and watchmen, and of employees in the kitchen, dining-room and domestic services, in state institutions, and of officers and instructors of state penal institutions, shall not exceed forty-eight in each week, and shall be so arranged by the superintendent, or other officer in charge, that the daily hours of labor shall be performed within twelve consecutive hours. Any person whose hours of labor are regulated by this section and whose presence is required at any such institution seven days a week shall be given at least four days off in each month, without loss of pay, in addition to the regular annual vacation. The words "hours of labor" as used in this section shall not be deemed to include any period of time during which a person is in his living quarters wherever located although his presence there is required for the purpose of exercising a measure of supervision over patients or inmates through availability for duty during such time. This section shall not prevent the superintendent, warden, or executive officer from requiring the services of any person in any emergency where the health or safety of patients or inmates would otherwise be endangered, or in any extraordinary emergency, or in apprehending an escaped inmate, nor shall it apply to the hours of labor of any person whose position entitled him to family maintenance as a part of his compensation.