

HOUSE No. 42

By Mr. Gallagher of Boston, petition of Owen Gallagher that contracts for public work shall contain the stipulation that laborers, workmen and mechanics be employed not more than six hours a day. Public Service.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

An Act to provide that Contracts for Public Work contain Stipulation as to Six Hour Day.

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 thirty-four of chapter one hundred and
2 forty-nine of the General Laws, as most recently
3 amended by chapter two hundred and thirty-eight of
4 the acts of nineteen hundred and twenty-four, is
5 hereby further amended by inserting after the word
6 "than" in the tenth line the word: — six, — and by
7 inserting after the word "than" in the tenth line the
8 word: — thirty-six, — and by inserting after the word
9 "than" in the thirteenth line the word: — six, — and
10 by inserting after the word "than" in the nineteenth
11 line the word: — six, — so that said section shall read
12 as follows: — *Section 34.* Every contract, except for
13 the purchase of material or supplies, involving the
14 employment of laborers, workmen or mechanics, to

15 which the commonwealth or any county or any town,
16 subject to section thirty, is a party, shall contain a
17 stipulation that no laborer, workman or mechanic
18 working within the commonwealth in the employ of
19 the contractor, sub-contractor or other person doing
20 or contracting to do the whole or a part of the work
21 contemplated by the contract, shall be required or
22 permitted to work more than six hours in any one day
23 or more than thirty-six hours in any one week, except
24 in cases of extraordinary emergency, or in case any
25 town subject to section thirty-one is a party to such a
26 contract, more than six hours in any one day except as
27 aforesaid; provided, that in contracts entered into by
28 the department of public works for the construction or
29 reconstruction of highways there may be inserted in
30 said stipulation a provision that said department, or
31 any contractor or sub-contractor for said department,
32 may employ laborers, workmen, and mechanics for
33 more than six hours in any one day in such construction
34 or reconstruction when, in the opinion of the commis-
35 sioner of labor and industries, public necessity so
36 requires. Every such contract not containing the
37 aforesaid stipulation shall be null and void.