

HOUSE No. 889

By Mr. Creed of Boston, petition of M. A. O'Brien, Jr., for legislation to increase the pay of witnesses summoned before the various courts. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Nine.

An Act increasing the Pay of Witnesses summoned before the Various Courts.

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 1. Section twenty-nine of the General
2 Laws, chapter two hundred and sixty-two, is hereby
3 amended to read as follows:—*Section 1.* The
4 fees for attending as a witness before the depart-
5 ment of industrial accidents, the board of concilia-
6 tion and arbitration, for a civil case in the supreme
7 judicial court, superior court, land court, probate
8 court, or court of insolvency, or to persons, except
9 the debtor, who are examined under section eighty-
10 two of chapter two hundred and sixteen, unless
11 fraudulent conduct is charged and proven against
12 them, shall be three dollars per day; for attend-
13 ing before any of said courts in a criminal case,
14 before county commissioners, or before the gen-
15 eral court, two dollars and fifty cents per day; for
16 attending before a trial justice, district court,
17 referee, arbitrator or on any other occasion for

18 which no express provision was made, one dollar a
19 day; and in all cases twelve cents a mile for travel
20 out and home; provided, that if the witness has
21 usual place of business in the city or town where the
22 court trial or hearing is held, travel shall be
23 reckoned out and to such place of business and not
24 out and home. Each witness shall certify in
25 writing the amount of his travel and attendance.

1 SECTION 2. All acts in conflict with this one are
2 hereby repealed.

