

HOUSE No. 1793

By Mr. Ansel of Boston, petition of the Mass. State Labor Council, AFL:CIO, and Julius Ansel for legislation to provide that wages and contributions of workmen, servants or clerks shall be preferred claims in certain proceedings in courts of insolvency. The Judiciary.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Sixty-Two.

AN ACT TO PROTECT WAGES AND CONTRIBUTIONS.

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 118 of chapter 216 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the third and fourth paragraphs of
3 said section and substituting therefor the following new para-
4 graphs: —

5 *Third.* Wages due to workmen, servants or clerks for labor
6 performed within one year last preceding the first publication of
7 the notice, or for labor for the recovery of payments for which
8 an action commenced within one year after the performance
9 thereof is pending, or has terminated within one year from said
10 first publication. Wages shall include but not be limited to wage
11 earnings, union dues checked off, vacation and holiday payments,
12 severance pay, and payments due to health and welfare plans
13 and pension plans for the employees.

14 *Fourth.* Debts due to the United States, and debts due to and
15 taxes assessed by the commonwealth, or a county, city or town
16 therein.

