

# HOUSE . . . . . No. 1032.

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Bill accompanying the petition of William N. Osgood for legislation to limit and define the powers of courts of equity relative to trade disputes between employers and employees and to regulate proceedings upon contempt therein. Joint Judiciary. January 24.

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## Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seven.

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### AN ACT

Relative to Certain Personal Rights of Citizens.

*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. It shall be lawful in this Commonwealth  
2 for citizens to assemble in places not forbidden by the  
3 law or municipal ordinances, for the peaceable discussion  
4 of grievances which they may have against other citi-  
5 zens; peaceably to persuade and attempt to persuade  
6 other citizens to do any lawful act; peaceably in lawful  
7 places and at lawful times to apprise others of any dis-  
8 pute or difference which has arisen between them and  
9 others concerning the price of their services, or com-  
10 modities, and while seeking to accomplish said results to  
11 do any and all acts which are not directly connected

12 with a breach of the peace, and which are neither crimi-  
13 nal nor actionable at law, or which do not directly  
14 cause irreparable injury to the property or persons of  
15 others.

1 SECTION 2. Any act which it is lawful for an indi-  
2 vidual citizen to do acting alone in seeking to secure a  
3 fair and reasonable compensation for personal services  
4 shall not be unlawful if done by two or more individuals  
5 acting together for said purpose: *provided*, that the pro-  
6 visions of this act shall not be construed to apply to the  
7 acts of two or more individuals or corporations in respect  
8 to regulating the price of commodities; or to regulating  
9 the rates of transportation within this Commonwealth of  
10 commodities or persons by common carriers; or the rates  
11 of transmission of intelligence, heat, light and power, as  
12 distinguished from personal services.

1 SECTION 3. This act shall take effect upon its passage.