

HOUSE No. 1449.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, April 3, 1908.

The joint committee on the Judiciary and the committee on Labor, sitting jointly, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 1020) of the Massachusetts State Branch of the American Federation of Labor for legislation to provide for public hearings to employees of public service corporations under certain conditions, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

SAMUEL ROSS.

Messrs. JENNEY, SPALDING and POTTER, of the Senate, and Mr. BISHOP of Newton, of the House, of the joint committee on the Judiciary, dissent.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eight.

AN ACT

To provide for Public Hearings upon Certain Matters relating to Public Service Corporations and their Employees.

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

1 Upon petition in writing by a public service cor-
2 poration, or by twenty or more of its employees, a
3 public hearing upon any question, grievance or
4 complaint arising from the hours, wages or con-
5 ditions of employment of such employees shall be
6 given by the state commission or board having
7 supervision over such public service corporation.
8 At such hearing all parties interested may be rep-
9 resented by counsel, and such commission or board
10 shall have authority to render such decision, do
11 such acts, or make such recommendations as they
12 may deem proper.