

HOUSE No. 2367

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 25, 1914.

The committee on Bills in the Third Reading, to whom was referred the Bill relative to the wages of mechanics employed in the construction of public works (House, No. 2334), report recommending that the same be amended by the substitution of the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

T. E. P. WILSON.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen.

AN ACT

Relative to the Wages of Mechanics employed in the Construction of Public Works.

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 twenty-one of chapter five hundred and four-
2 teen of the acts of the year nineteen hundred and nine
3 is hereby amended by inserting after the word "effect",
4 in the eighth line, the following:—The wages for a
5 day's work paid to mechanics employed in such construc-
6 tion of public works shall be not less than the customary
7 and prevailing rate of wages for a day's work in the same
8 trade and occupation in the locality, city or town where
9 such public works are constructed. — so as to read as
10 follows:— *Section 21.* In the employment of mechanics
11 and laborers in the construction of public works by the
12 commonwealth, or by a county, city or town or by per-
13 sons contracting therewith, preference shall be given to
14 citizens of the commonwealth, and, if they cannot be
15 obtained in sufficient numbers, then to citizens of the
16 United States; and every contract for such works shall
17 contain a provision to this effect. The wages for a day's

18 work paid to mechanics employed in such construction
19 of public works shall be not less than the customary and
20 prevailing rate of wages for a day's work in the same
21 trade or occupation in the locality, city or town where
22 such public works are constructed. Any contractor who
23 knowingly and wilfully violates the provisions of this
24 section shall be punished by a fine of not more than one
25 hundred dollars for each offence.

