

By Mr. Bliss of North Attleborough, petition of Donald T. Bliss for legislation to increase the travel allowance and expenses of the members of the General Court. Public Service.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

### AN ACT INCREASING THE TRAVEL ALLOWANCE AND EXPENSES OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COURT.

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

1 Chapter 3 of the General Laws, as most recently amended by  
2 chapter 506 of the acts of 1963, is hereby further amended by  
3 striking out section 9B and inserting in place the following:—

4 *Section 9B.* Each member of the general court shall receive  
5 twelve hundred dollars annually for expenses, to be paid as  
6 follows: Each member shall be entitled to receive one hundred  
7 fifty dollars on the first day of each session and on the first  
8 day of each month thereafter until said sum of twelve hundred  
9 dollars shall have been paid; and on the last day of the session  
10 there shall be paid to each member of the general court the  
11 balance, if any, of said sum of twelve hundred dollars.

12 Each member of the general court who lives less than forty  
13 miles from the state house shall receive ten cents for every mile  
14 traveling distance as established by the mileage schedules  
15 adopted by the house and senate, respectively, in eighteen hun-  
16 dred and ninety-two, with additions thereto which have been  
17 authorized from time to time, from his place of abode to the  
18 state house and return therefrom for each day of attendance  
19 upon the general court, but for no more than four days in each  
20 week; and for four days attendance in each week no member  
21 shall receive less than fourteen dollars. Each member of the  
22 general court who lives forty miles or more from the state house  
23 shall receive the aforementioned allowance or, at his election,  
24 an allowance of ten cents per mile for not more than one round

25 trip a week and in addition an allowance for lodgings and  
26 meals of not more than twenty dollars a day for not more  
27 than four days each week. Payments under this paragraph  
28 shall be paid by the state treasurer only upon a voucher in  
29 which a member certifies that he traveled daily as above spec-  
30 ified, or traveled and incurred expenses for lodging and meals  
31 as above specified and shall be payable on or after the last day  
32 of each legislative week.

33 The above allowances for travel, lodging and meals shall  
34 not be due or payable to any member after thirty days subse-  
35 quent to prorogation of the legislative session to which said  
36 allowances apply.