
By Mr. Bolling, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 28) of Royal L. Bolling, Sr., of the Massachusetts Federation of Teachers, AFT, AFL-CIO, by John Coleman Walsh, for legislation to define the responsibilities of the Labor Relations Commission in work stoppages. Commerce and Labor.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-five.

**AN ACT DEFINING THE RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE LABOR
RELATIONS COMMISSION IN WORK STOPPAGES.**

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 150E of Section 9A is amended by deleting
2 paragraph (b) and substituting a new paragraph (b) as
3 follows:

4 (b) Whenever a strike occurs or is about to occur, the
5 employer shall petition the Commission to make an investiga-
6 tion to determine whether any provision of Section (a) has
7 been or is about to be violated. If the Commission so deter-
8 mines, it shall instruct the employer to institute appropriate
9 proceedings in the Superior Court in the County wherein such
10 violation has occurred or is about to occur. Furthermore, the
11 Court may in its discretion appoint a master to meet with the
12 parties and to recommend possible solutions for the resolution
13 of the controversy.

14 Further the Commission shall conduct an expedited hear-
15 ing and subpoena witnesses to investigate the causes of the
16 alleged violation of Section (a). If the Commission finds that
17 the violation has been caused by an unfair labor practice of
18 the employer —

19 The Commission shall so certify to the Court and the
20 employees shall be absolved of any civil fines or penalties
21 levied by the Court. In addition the Commission may order
22 round-the-clock bargaining and penalize by a fine of not more
23 than five hundred dollars those parties who refuse to obey the
24 order of the Commission.

