

Bill accompanying the petition of Clarence W. Rowley for legislation to regulate the use of telephones and to prohibit the unreasonable discontinuance of telephone service. Mercantile Affairs. January 26.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Ten.

AN ACT

To regulate the Use of Telephones and to prevent the Discontinuance of Telephone Service.

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

1 Any telephone subscriber using a telephone under con-
2 tract with a telephone company doing business in this
3 commonwealth, who has paid such company for the use of
4 a telephone for six months or more, shall have the right to
5 use such telephone for the purpose of receiving incoming
6 calls, but not of sending outgoing calls, for six months
7 thereafter, notwithstanding the non-payment of charges;
8 and no telephone shall be disconnected or telephone ser-
9 vice refused as to incoming calls for non-payment of
10 charges in any case where the subscriber has paid for such
11 telephone service for the six months next preceding, until
12 after the expiration of six months from the time such
13 charges became due and payable.

