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By Mr. O'Neill of Cambridge, petition of Thomas P. O'Neill, Jr., for legislation to prohibit the sale of certain merchandise by gas and electric companies. Power and Light.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Forty-One.

### AN ACT PROHIBITING THE SALE OF CERTAIN MERCHANDISE BY GAS AND ELECTRIC COMPANIES.

*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 one hundred and sixty-four of the General  
2 Laws is hereby amended by inserting after section  
3 twenty-three, as appearing in the Tercentenary  
4 Edition, the following new section:—

5 *Section 23A.* No gas or electric company doing  
6 business in this commonwealth shall engage, directly  
7 or indirectly, in the sale of merchandise, equipment,  
8 utensils or chattels of any description, other than  
9 equipment necessary to maintain continuity or service  
10 in the supplying of gas or electricity to its customers.

11 Any violation of this section shall be punished by a fine  
12 of not less than one hundred nor more than one thou-  
13 sand dollars; and any officer, director, manager,  
14 agent or employee of any such gas or electric company  
15 who is responsible for the violation shall be punished  
16 as hereinbefore provided.

