

Mr. Hays of Boston presented a petition of Martin Hays for legislation to regulate payments by the Commonwealth in cases of deaths of members of the General Court. Ways and Means (Joint). April 17.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty-Eight.

An Act relative to Payments by the Commonwealth in Case of the Death of a Member 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 three of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by inserting after section eleven the follow-
3 ing new section: —

4 *Section 11A.* If a member of the general court dies
5 during a session thereof there shall be paid out of the
6 treasury of the commonwealth to his widow or next
7 of kin an amount equal to the balance of the salary
8 to which he would have been entitled had he lived
9 and served until the end of such session and, if such
10 death occurs in the first session of the term for which
11 he is elected, no additional amount shall be paid by
12 the commonwealth based upon the second session
13 thereof. If a member dies after the prorogation of
14 the general court in the first year of his term and be-
15 fore its convening for the second year of his term no
16 payment shall be made by the commonwealth on
17 account of his death.

