

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 25, 1974.

The committee on Commerce and Labor, to whom were referred the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 87) of John W. Olver, Alan D. Sisitsky and James G. Collins for legislation relative to an increase in minimum wage standards in certain occupations; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 980) of the Mass. State Labor Council, Charles J. Buffone and Royal L. Bolling, Sr., relative to the minimum wage of employees receiving gratuities; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1748) of Carlton M. Viveiros and John A. Brennan, Jr., for legislation to raise the minimum fair wage rate to two dollars and twenty-five cents per hour; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 1901) of the Mass. State Labor Council and Michael F. Flaherty for legislation to protect certain employees under the wage and hour law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2333) of Thomas G. Simons for an amendment to the law relative to the payment of overtime wages in private industry; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 2533) of the Mass. State Labor Council, Albert L. Nash, C. Vincent Shea, Andrew Collaro, Charles F. Engdahl and John Rucho relative to the limits of dependency benefits under the unemployment compensation law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 3874) of Richard F. Finnigan relative to increasing the minimum fair wage rates; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4233) of William J. Spence and Daniel Joseph Day relative to increasing the minimum fair wage rates; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 4428) of Merle E. Varney for legislation to regulate overtime wages paid to automobile mechanics, report recommending that the accompanying bill (House, No. 5530) ought to pass.

For the committee,

RICHARD F. FINNIGAN.

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy-Four.

AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM WAGE.

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

1 Section 1 of chapter 151 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the second sentence, as most recently
3 amended by section 1 of chapter 752 of the acts of 1972, and
4 inserting in place thereof the following sentence:

5 A wage of less than two dollars per hour in any occupation, as
6 defined in this chapter, shall be conclusively presumed to be
7 oppressive and unreasonable, wherever the term "minimum
8 wage" is used in this chapter, unless the commission has
9 expressly approved or shall expressly approve the establishment
10 and payment of a lesser wage under the provisions of sections
11 seven, eight, and nine.