RESOLUTION NO. 41

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION FOR PARTIAL LOSS OF HEARING

Whereas: Industrial noise has pollution level proportions second only to air pollution, and

Whereas: It is a well recognized and established medical fact that noise intensity above certain decibels not only causes stress, tension, mental and physical fatigue etc., as well as hearing impairment and loss of function of the auditory sensory organs, and

Whereas: The members of Boston Newspaper Printing Pressmen's Union No. 3 are required to work in pressrooms where noise levels above accepted decibel standards at times may well in fact exist; and

Whereas: These conditions exist to such a degree that ear protectors have recently been recommended to be worn, and

Whereas: This Resolve is in accordance with the Report of the National Commission on State Workmen's Compensation Laws of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 and the Supplement studies thereof of said Commission, as set forth in Volumes I, II and III outlined in Compendium on Workmen's Compensation Law contained in the Commission's final report transmitted to the President and to Congress July 31, 1972;

Therefore, Be It Resolved: That Section 36(D) of Workmen's Compensation Law of the State of Massachusetts be amended to include coverage for partial loss of hearing, as is provided for under the Compensation Law of New York State.

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