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By Mr. O'Sullivan of Boston, petition of Daniel M. O'Sullivan for legislation to make March seventeenth a legal holiday. Constitutional Law.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Five.

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT MARCH SEVENTEENTH SHALL BE  
A LEGAL HOLIDAY.

*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 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as amended,  
2 is hereby further amended by striking out clause Eight-  
3 eenth, as most recently amended by chapter 241 of the  
4 acts of 1948, and inserting in place thereof the follow-  
5 ing: — Eighteenth, "Legal holiday" shall include Jan-  
6 uary first, February twenty-second, March seventeenth,  
7 April nineteenth, May thirtieth, July fourth, the first  
8 Monday of September, October twelfth, November  
9 eleventh, Thanksgiving day and Christmas day, or the  
10 day following when any of the six days first mentioned,  
11 October twelfth, November eleventh, or Christmas day  
12 occurs on Sunday; and the public offices shall be closed  
13 on all of said days; and all laws, statutes, orders de-  
14 crees, rules and regulations regulating the observance  
15 of the Lord's day shall be applicable to May thirtieth  
16 and November eleventh between the hours of seven  
17 o'clock antemeridian and one o'clock postmeridian, or  
18 during the same hours on the day following when May  
19 thirtieth or November eleventh occurs on Sunday, ex-  
20 cept that on May thirtieth, or on the day following  
21 when May thirtieth occurs on Sunday, florist shops may

22 be kept open all of said day, and except that on Novem-  
23 ber eleventh, or on the day following when November  
24 eleventh occurs on Sunday, hunting during said hours,  
25 if otherwise lawful, shall not be prohibited; and all  
26 laws, statutes, orders, decrees, rules and regulations reg-  
27 ulating the keeping open of retail stores on the Lord's  
28 day shall be applicable to the keeping open of retail  
29 stores on October twelfth between the hours of seven  
30 o'clock antemeridian and one o'clock postmeridian, or  
31 during the same hours on the day following when Oc-  
32 tober twelfth occurs on Sunday, "Legal holiday" shall  
33 also include, with respect to Suffolk county only, June  
34 seventeenth, or the day following when June seven-  
35 teenth occurs on Sunday, and the public offices of the  
36 cities of Boston, Chelsea and Revere, the town of Win-  
37 throp and the county of Suffolk shall be closed on said  
38 June seventeenth or the day following when June seven-  
39 teenth occurs on Sunday.