

HOUSE No. 1558

By Mr. Wall of Lawrence, petition of William X. Wall that the laws regulating the observance of the Lord's Day be made applicable to May thirtieth. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT MAKING ALL LAWS REGULATING THE OBSERVANCE OF THE LORD'S DAY APPLICABLE TO MAY THIRTIETH.

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

1 Clause Eighteenth of section 7 of chapter 4 of the
2 General Laws, as amended, is hereby further amended
3 by striking out the first sentence and inserting in place
4 thereof the following sentence: — "Legal holiday" shall
5 include January first, February twenty-second, April
6 nineteenth, May thirtieth, July fourth, the first Monday
7 of September, October twelfth, November eleventh,
8 Thanksgiving day and Christmas day, or the day follow-
9 ing when any of the five days first mentioned, October
10 twelfth, November eleventh, or Christmas day occurs
11 on Sunday; and the public offices shall be closed on all
12 of said days; and all laws, statutes, orders, decrees,
13 rules and regulations regulating the observance of the
14 Lord's day shall be applicable to May thirtieth all day
15 and to November eleventh between the hours of seven
16 o'clock ante meridian and one o'clock post meridian,
17 or during the same hours on the day following when
18 November eleventh occurs on Sunday and except that
19 on November eleventh, or on the day following when
20 November eleventh occurs on Sunday, hunting during
21 said hours, if otherwise lawful, shall not be prohibited,

22 and all laws, statutes, orders, decrees, rules and regu-
 23 lations regulating the keeping open of retail stores on
 24 the Lord's day shall be applicable to the keeping open
 25 of retail stores on October twelfth between the hours
 26 of seven o'clock ante meridian and one o'clock post
 27 meridian, or during the same hours on the day following
 28 when October twelfth occurs on Sunday.