

# HOUSE . . . . No. 255

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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

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

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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: —  
6 Eighteenth, "Legal holiday" shall include January  
7 first, February twenty-second, March seventeenth, April  
8 nineteenth, May thirtieth, July fourth, the first Monday  
9 of September, October twelfth, November eleventh,  
10 Thanksgiving day and Christmas day, or the day fol-  
11 lowing when any of the six days first mentioned, October  
12 twelfth, November eleventh, or Christmas day occurs  
13 on Sunday; and the public offices shall be closed on  
14 all of said days; and all laws, statutes, orders, decrees,  
15 rules and regulations regulating the observance of the  
16 Lord's day shall be applicable to May thirtieth and  
17 November eleventh between the hours of seven o'clock  
18 antemeridian and one o'clock postmeridian, or during  
19 the same hours on the day following when May thirtieth  
20 or November eleventh occurs on Sunday, except that  
21 on May thirtieth, or on the day following when May

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