

HOUSE No. 1354

By Mr. Patrone of Boston, petition of G. F. Daniels and Charles L. Patrone for legislation to permit the return of empty containers of perishable farm products on the Lord's Day. Mercantile Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE RETURN OF EMPTY CONTAINERS OF PERISHABLE FARM PRODUCTS.

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 6 of chapter 136 of the General Laws is hereby
2 amended by striking out the fourth paragraph, as most recently
3 amended by chapter 504 of the acts of 1951, and inserting in
4 place thereof the following paragraph:—

5 Nor shall it prohibit the preparation, printing and publication
6 of newspapers, or the sale and delivery thereof; the wholesale
7 or retail sale and delivery of milk, or the transportation thereof,
8 or the delivery of frozen desserts or ice cream mix, or both, or the
9 retail sale of ice or of fuel; the transportation of general com-
10 modities by motor truck or trailers, then engaged in interstate
11 commerce before eight o'clock in the forenoon and after eight
12 o'clock in the evening, or in the event of an emergency between
13 the aforesaid hours; the transportation of livestock, farm com-
14 modities and farm equipment for participation in fairs, exhibi-
15 tions and sporting events and veterinary purposes; the handling,
16 transportation and delivery of fish and perishable foodstuffs at
17 wholesale, and the sale and return of empty containers; the
18 sale at wholesale of dressed poultry, and the transportation of
19 such poultry so sold, on the Lord's day next preceding Thanks-
20 giving day, and on the Lord's day next preceding Christmas day,
21 except when Christmas day occurs on Saturday, the Lord's day

22 or Monday; the making of butter and cheese; the keeping open
23 of public bathhouses, the making or selling by bakers or their
24 employees, before ten o'clock in the forenoon and between the
25 hours of four o'clock and half past six o'clock in the afternoon,
26 of bread or other food usually dealt in by them; whenever Rosh
27 Hashonah or the Day of Atonement begins on the Lord's day
28 the retail sale and delivery of fish, fruit and vegetables before
29 twelve o'clock noon of that day; the selling or delivering of
30 kosher meat by any person who, according to his religious belief,
31 observes Saturday as the Lord's day by closing his place of
32 business during the day until six o'clock in the afternoon, or the
33 keeping open of his shop on the Lord's day for the sale of kosher
34 meat between the hours of six o'clock and ten o'clock in the
35 forenoon.