

SENATE No. 20

To accompany the petition of P. Eugene Casey for legislation to make the Sunday laws, so called, applicable to November eleventh or the day following when November eleventh occurs on Sunday. Legal Affairs.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Thirty-Seven.

An Act relative to the Observance of Armistice Day.

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 seven of chapter
2 four of the General Laws, as most recently
3 amended by chapter one hundred and eighty of
4 the acts of nineteen hundred and thirty-six, is
5 hereby further amended by striking out, in the
6 tenth to twelfth lines, inclusive, the words "be-
7 tween the hours of seven o'clock ante meridian
8 and one o'clock post meridian, or during the
9 same hours on" and inserting in place thereof
10 the following:— or to, — so as to read as fol-
11 lows:— Eighteenth, "Legal holiday" shall in-
12 clude January first, February twenty-second,
13 April nineteenth, May thirtieth, July fourth,
14 the first Monday of September, October twelfth,
15 November eleventh, Thanksgiving day and

16 Christmas day, or the day following when any
17 of the five days first mentioned, October twelfth,
18 November eleventh, or Christmas day occurs on
19 Sunday; and the public offices shall be closed
20 on all of said days; and all laws, statutes, orders,
21 decrees, rules and regulations regulating the ob-
22 servance of the Lord's day shall be applicable
23 to November eleventh or to the day following
24 when November eleventh occurs on Sunday;
25 and all laws, statutes, orders, decrees, rules and
26 regulations regulating the keeping open of retail
27 stores on the Lord's day shall be applicable to
28 the keeping open of retail stores on October
29 twelfth between the hours of seven o'clock ante
30 meridian and one o'clock post meridian, or dur-
31 ing the same hours on the day following when
32 October twelfth occurs on Sunday. "Legal holi-
33 day" shall also include, with respect to Suffolk
34 county only, June seventeenth, or the day fol-
35 lowing when June seventeenth occurs on Sunday,
36 and the public offices in said county shall be
37 closed on said day.