

HOUSE No. 1046.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, March 20, 1905.

The committee on Labor, to whom was referred the petition (with accompanying bill, House, No. 701) of Peter Murray and others for legislation to provide that the month of December shall not be included in the law prohibiting the employment of children and women in mercantile establishments more than fifty-eight hours in a week, report the accompanying bill.

For the committee,

A. FREDERICK PUTNAM.

Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Five.

AN ACT

Relative to the Employment of Women in Mercantile Establishments.

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 1. The first sentence of section
2 twenty-three of chapter one hundred and six of
3 the Revised Laws, as amended by chapter three
4 hundred and ninety-seven of the acts of the year
5 nineteen hundred and four, is hereby amended by
6 adding at the end thereof the words:—*but*
7 *during the ten days between the fifteenth day of*
8 *December and the twenty-fourth day of December,*
9 *inclusive, this provision shall not apply to women*
10 *above the age of eighteen who are employed in*
11 *laboring in a mercantile establishment,— so as to*
12 read as follows:—

13 Section 23. No child under eighteen years of
14 age and no woman shall be employed in laboring
15 in a mercantile establishment more than fifty-eight

16 hours in a week; *but during the ten days between*
17 *the fifteenth day of December and the twenty-*
18 *fourth day of December, inclusive, this provision*
19 *shall not apply to women above the age of eighteen*
20 *who are employed in laboring in a mercantile*
21 *establishment.*

1 SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon its
2 passage.

