

HOUSE No. 1346

Bill accompanying the petition of B. B. Alling for legislation to prohibit the use of sectarian and religious titles and names on school buildings. Education. January 18.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Twelve.

AN ACT

To prohibit the Use of Sectarian and Religious Titles and Names on Schoolhouses.

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 nineteen of chapter forty-two of the Revised
2 Laws is hereby amended by adding at the end thereof
3 the words:— No name which includes any sectarian or
4 religious title shall be given to any public schoolhouse
5 or to any building used for a public school, nor shall any
6 such name be inscribed or displayed or maintained upon
7 any such schoolhouse or building, — so that said section
8 nineteen shall read as follows:— *Section 19.* A portion
9 of the Bible shall be read daily in the public schools
10 without written note or oral comment; but a pupil
11 whose parent or guardian informs the teacher in writing

12 that he has conscientious scruples against it, shall not be
13 required to read from any particular version or to take any
14 personal part in the reading. The school committee shall
15 not purchase or use school books in the public schools
16 calculated to favor the tenets of any particular religious
17 sect. No name which includes any sectarian or religious
18 title shall be given to any public schoolhouse, or to
19 any building used for a public school, nor shall any such
20 name be inscribed or displayed or maintained upon any
21 such schoolhouse or building.
