

HOUSE No. 173

Bill accompanying detailed report of the transactions of the State Board of Agriculture, with recommendations and suggestions in the interest of agriculture (House, No. 164). Agriculture. January 8.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventeen.

AN ACT

To establish Arbor and Bird 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 SECTION 1. Section sixteen of chapter fifty-three o
2 the Revised Laws is hereby amended by striking out
3 said section and inserting in place thereof the following:—
4 *Section 16.* The governor shall issue a proclamation
5 setting apart the last Saturday in April as Arbor and Bird
6 Day, and shall recommend that it be observed by the
7 public generally in the planting of trees, shrubs and vines,
8 particularly those attractive to birds; in the promoting
9 of forest grounds, places and ways; and in such other
10 efforts and undertakings as shall be in harmony with the
11 general character of such day, and shall further recom-
12 mend that the Friday last preceding be observed in
13 the rural and suburban schools of the commonwealth by
14 exercises appropriate to said Arbor and Bird Day.

1 SECTION 2. The state board of agriculture shall pub-
2 lish annually a leaflet relative to trees and birds. Said
3 leaflet shall be subject to the approval of the commissioner
4 of education, and shall be distributed by said board to
5 the superintendents and teachers of the rural and sub-
6 urban public schools of the commonwealth prior to said
7 Arbor and Bird Day as provided for by section one.

1 SECTION 3. For the purpose of carrying out the pro-
2 visions of this act there shall be appropriated annually
3 from the treasury of the commonwealth a sum not
4 exceeding dollars.

1 SECTION 4. This act shall take effect upon its passage.

