

HOUSE No. 3583

By Mr. Wojtkowski of Pittsfield, petition of Thomas C. Wojtkowski and Andrea F. Nuciforo that provision be made for the celebration of Patriot's Day, so called, on the third Monday in April. Constitutional Law.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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

AN ACT PROVIDING THAT PATRIOTS DAY, SO CALLED, SHALL BE CELEBRATED ON THE THIRD MONDAY IN APRIL.

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. Clause Eighteenth of section 7 of chapter 4 of
2 the General Laws, as most recently amended by section 1 of
3 chapter 616 of the acts of 1962, is hereby further amended by
4 striking out the first sentence and inserting in place thereof
5 the following sentence:—"Legal holiday" shall include
6 January first, February twenty-second, the third Monday in
7 April to be known as Patriots day, May thirtieth, July
8 fourth, October twelfth, November eleventh and Christmas
9 day or the day following when said days occur on Sunday and
10 the first Monday in September and Thanksgiving day.

1 SECTION 2. Section 12J of chapter 6 of the General Laws,
2 inserted by chapter 22 of the acts of 1938, is hereby amended
3 by striking out, in line 3, the words "April nineteenth" and
4 inserting in place thereof the words:—the third Monday in
5 April.

By Mr. Tappan, in reply to a question asked by Mr. Tappan, he said that he had no objection to Mr. Tappan's proposition that he should be called on the floor Monday in April, 2, 1851, if he could.

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As the question of the constitutionality of Sunday laws has been brought before the House, it is proper to state that the following are the grounds on which it is contended that such laws are unconstitutional.

It is contended by the friends and friends of the Government that the General Court assembled, and by the authority of the State, are not authorized to pass such laws.

1. Section 1 of the Constitution of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as now amended, is unconstitutional in so far as it authorizes the State to pass laws which are not in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution. The following are the grounds on which it is contended that such laws are unconstitutional:—

1. That the Constitution of the State does not authorize the State to pass laws which are not in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution.
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2. Section 2 of the Constitution of section 7 of chapter 4 of the General Laws, as now amended, is unconstitutional in so far as it authorizes the State to pass laws which are not in accordance with the spirit of the Constitution. The following are the grounds on which it is contended that such laws are unconstitutional:—

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