The Committee on the Judiciary, to whom was referred the Bill to give the defendant the closing argument in criminal prosecutions, report that the same ought not to pass.

For the Committee,

A. E. SCOTT.
Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

In the Year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-five.

AN ACT

To give the Defendant the Closing Argument in all Criminal Prosecutions.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

1 In all criminal prosecutions before any court of this Commonwealth the defendant shall have the right to make the closing argument.