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By Mr. Newth of Swampscott, petition of Thomas M. Newth for legislation relative to the abatement of income taxes. Taxation.

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## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

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In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifty-Four.

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AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE ABATEMENT OF INCOME TAXES.

*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 43 of chapter 62 of the General Laws, as  
2 amended, is hereby further amended by striking out,  
3 in line 15, as appearing in section 2 of chapter 135 of  
4 the acts of 1937, the words "October first" and in-  
5 serting in place thereof the words:— the date on  
6 which returns shall be filed in accordance with section  
7 twenty-four of this chapter.

The first part of the book is devoted to a general history of the United States from its discovery by Columbus in 1492 to the present time. It covers the early years of settlement, the struggle for independence, and the growth of the nation.

CHAPTER I. THE DISCOVERY OF AMERICA

The discovery of America by Christopher Columbus in 1492 is one of the most important events in the history of the world. It opened up a new world of opportunity and led to the development of a new civilization.

CHAPTER II. THE EARLY YEARS OF SETTLEMENT

The early years of settlement in America were marked by hardship and struggle. The first settlers, who came from Europe, found a land that was almost entirely uninhabited.

CHAPTER III. THE STRUGGLE FOR INDEPENDENCE

The struggle for independence was a long and bitter one. The colonists fought against the British for many years, and finally won their freedom in 1776.

CHAPTER IV. THE GROWTH OF THE NATION

The growth of the nation has been a steady process. From a small group of colonies, it has become a great and powerful country.

CHAPTER V. THE PRESENT

The present is a time of great progress and achievement. The United States has become a world leader in many fields.