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House of Representatives, December 23, 1998

**An Act to Require That Stores Close for a Half Day on Memorial Day
and Veterans' Day.**

Received by the Clerk of the House on December 21, 1998. Referred to the Committee on Business and Economic Development pursuant to Joint Rule 308.2 and ordered printed pursuant to Joint Rule 401.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative GAGNE of Buckfield.
Cosponsored by Representatives: DUNLAP of Old Town, HEIDRICH of Oxford, JACOBS of Turner, TRIPP of Topsham.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine as follows:**

4 **Sec. 1. 17 MRSA §3204-A is enacted to read:**

6 **§3204-A. Business on holidays**

8 Notwithstanding section 3204, a person, firm or corporation
10 may not on Memorial Day, the last Monday in May, but if the
12 Federal Government designates May 30th as the date for observance
of Memorial Day, the 30th of May and Veterans' Day except between
the hours of noon and 5:00 p.m. keep open a place of business to
the public, except for works of necessity, emergency or charity.

14 **SUMMARY**

16 This bill prohibits stores from opening before noon on
18 Memorial Day and Veterans' Day.