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Referred to the Committee on Legal Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Boucher of Androscoggin.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

AN ACT Establishing Columbus Day as a Legal Holiday.

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 41, § 154, amended. The first sentence of section 154 of chapter 41 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 32 of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended to read as follows :

'The following days shall be observed as school holidays, namely: Patriot's Day, April 19th; Memorial Day, May 30th; Independence Day, July 4th; Labor Day, first Monday in September; **Columbus Day, October 12th**; Veterans Day, November 11th; Christmas Day, December 25th; Thanksgiving and Arbor Day, as appointed by the Governor and Council; ~~provided, however, that~~. Arbor Day shall not be recognized as a school holiday unless observed by teacher and pupils for the purpose for which it is designated by the Governor and Council; ~~and provided further, that~~. Lincoln Day shall be observed by devoting some part of the day to the study of the life and character of Abraham Lincoln.'

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 59, § 155, amended. Section 155 of chapter 59 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 35 of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended to read as follows :

'**Sec. 155. Bank holidays.** Any day of public thanksgiving, appointed by the Governor and Council or by the President of the United States, the first day of January, the 22nd day of February, the 19th day of April, the 30th day of May, the 4th day of July, the first Monday of September, **Columbus Day, October 12th**, Veterans Day, November 11th, and the 25th day of December

are declared to be bank holidays. If a bank holiday falls on Sunday, the following Monday shall be deemed a bank holiday for the purposes of this chapter.'

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 107, § 55, amended. The first sentence of section 55 of chapter 107 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 44 of chapter 405 of the public laws of 1955, is further amended to read as follows:

'No court shall be held on Sunday or any day designated for the annual Thanksgiving; or for the choice of presidential electors; New Year's Day, January 1st; Washington's Birthday, February 22nd; the 19th day of April; the 30th day of May; the 4th of July; the first Monday of September; the day of the state-wide primary election; the day of the state election; the day of any special state-wide election; **Columbus Day, October 12th**; Veterans Day, November 11th; or on Christmas Day; and when the time fixed for a term of court falls on any of said days, it shall stand adjourned until the next day, which shall be deemed the first day of the term for all purposes.'