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**IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.**

JUNE 18, 1870.

Read twice and referred to the Committee on the District of Columbia.

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**AN ACT**

Making the first day of January, the twenty-fifth day of December, the fourth day of July, and Thanksgiving day, holidays, within the District of Columbia.

1        *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2        *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*  
3        That the following days to wit: The first day of January,  
4        commonly called New Year's Day, the fourth day of July,  
5        the twenty-fifth day of December, commonly called Christ-  
6        mas Day, and any day appointed or recommended by the  
7        President of the United States as a day of public fast or  
8        thanksgiving shall be holidays within the District of Colum-  
9        bia, and shall for all purposes of presenting for payment or  
10       acceptance for the maturity and protest, and giving notice of  
11       the dishonor of bills of exchange, bank checks, and promisory  
12       notes or other negotiable or commercial paper, be treated and  
13       considered as is the first day of the week, commonly called  
14       Sunday, and all notes, drafts, checks, or other commercial or