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2 Representative Gamache of Swanton moves that the House propose to the
3 Senate that the bill be amended by striking out all after the enacting clause and
4 inserting in lieu thereof the following:

5 Sec. 1. LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS

6 The General Assembly of the State of Vermont finds:

7 (1) Indigenous Peoples' Day was originally proposed in 1977 by a
8 delegation of Native Nations to the International Conference on Discrimination
9 Against Indigenous Populations in the Americas.

10 (2) The General Assembly recognizes and values the historic, cultural,
11 and contemporary significance of the indigenous peoples of the lands that later
12 became known as the Americas, which includes Vermont.

13 (3) Vermont was founded and built upon lands whose original
14 inhabitants were the Abenaki people and honors them and their ancestors.

15 (4) The establishment of this holiday will aid in the cultural
16 development of Vermont's recognized tribes, while enabling all indigenous
17 peoples in Vermont and elsewhere to move forward and formulate positive
18 outcomes, from the history of colonization.

19 (5) An Indigenous Peoples' Day would provide a special opportunity for
20 elementary and secondary school students to focus on the history of the
21 Abenaki people in Vermont and to engage in frank discussions about the

1 interactions of early European explorers and settlers in North America,
2 including Christopher Columbus, with the indigenous population.

3 Sec. 2. 1 V.S.A. § 371 is amended to read:

4 § 371. LEGAL HOLIDAYS

5 (a) The following shall be legal holidays:

6 (1) New Year's Day, January 1;

7 (2) Martin Luther King, Jr.'s Birthday, the third Monday in January;

8 (3) Indigenous Peoples' Day, the first Monday in February;

9 ~~(3)~~(4) Presidents' Day, the third Monday in February;

10 ~~(4)~~(5) Town Meeting Day, the first Tuesday in March;

11 ~~(5)~~(6) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;

12 ~~(6)~~(7) Independence Day, July 4;

13 ~~(7)~~(8) Bennington Battle Day, August 16;

14 ~~(8)~~(9) Labor Day, the first Monday in September;

15 ~~(9)~~(10) Columbus Day, the second Monday in October;

16 ~~(10)~~(11) Veterans' Day, November 11;

17 ~~(11)~~(12) Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November;

18 ~~(12)~~(13) Christmas Day, December 25.

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1 Sec. 3. 8 V.S.A. § 11201 is amended to read:

2 § 11201. BUSINESS DAYS

3 (a) For purposes of this title, unless otherwise provided under other state or
4 federal law applicable to a Vermont or state financial institution which that is a
5 depository institution, a business day is a calendar day other than the
6 following:

7 (1) Saturday and Sunday;

8 ~~January 1, New Year's Day;~~

9 ~~The 3rd Monday in January, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day;~~

10 ~~February 12, Lincoln's birthday;~~

11 ~~The 3rd Monday in February, President's Day;~~

12 ~~The first Tuesday in March, Town Meeting Day;~~

13 ~~The last Monday in May, Memorial Day, but if the United States~~
14 ~~government designates May 30 as the date of observance of Memorial Day,~~
15 ~~then May 30;~~

16 ~~July 4, Independence Day;~~

17 ~~August 16, Bennington Battle Day;~~

18 ~~The first Monday in September, Labor Day;~~

19 ~~The 2nd the second Monday in October, Columbus Day~~

20 ~~November 11, Veterans' Day;~~

21 ~~The 4th Thursday in November, Thanksgiving Day; and~~

- 1 ~~December 25, Christmas Day.~~
- 2 (2) New Year’s Day, January 1;
- 3 (3) Martin Luther King, Jr.’s Birthday, the third Monday in January;
- 4 (4) President’s Day, the third Monday in February;
- 5 (5) Town Meeting Day, the first Tuesday in March;
- 6 (6) Memorial Day, the last Monday in May;
- 7 (7) Independence Day, July 4;
- 8 (8) Bennington Battle Day, August 16;
- 9 (9) Labor Day, the first Monday in September;
- 10 (10) Columbus Day, the second Monday in October;
- 11 (11) Veterans’ Day, November 11;
- 12 (12) Thanksgiving Day, the fourth Thursday in November;
- 13 (13) Christmas Day, December 25.