

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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S. P. 166

In Senate, February 5, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Claims. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Jamieson of Aroostook.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-THREE

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**RESOLVE, in Favor of Edward Alvin Hodsdon, of Presque Isle.**

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**Edward Alvin Hodsdon; compensated. Resolved:** That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the general fund of the state the sum of \$30,000 to be paid to Edward Alvin Hodsdon, of Presque Isle, as a full and final settlement for his claim against the state for personal damage to him by virtue of being committed to the state prison for 5½ years for a crime he did not commit.

**STATEMENT OF FACTS**

Edward Alvin Hodsdon was tried in superior court in Aroostook county and convicted of the crime of felonious assault with attempt to rape on November 19, 1946. He was sentenced to the state prison at Thomaston for a term of 15 years. He was committed to the prison on the 16th day of December, 1946, where he was confined until August, 1952, when he was pardoned by the governor and council.

On July 2, 1952, Edward Kennison of Limestone confessed to the commission of the crime for which Mr. Hodsdon was then serving. On the basis of this confession Mr. Hodsdon was released. At the November term of the superior court, 1952, Edward Kennison pleaded guilty to the same

crime for which Mr. Hodsdon had been punished, and was sentenced to 10 years in Thomaston where he is now a prisoner.

Mr. Hodsdon's conviction by a superior court jury was due to a mistaken identity on the part of the complaining witness.