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**The Maine Unemployment Compensation  
Commission**

Gentlemen:

I have your request for an opinion as to whether, in view of the recent death of the Chairman of the Maine Unemployment Compensation Commission, the two surviving members of the Commission constitute such a commission that it has full power to administer the provisions of the Maine Unemployment Compensation law.

It is my opinion that the two surviving Commissioners do, under the provisions of Section 18 (c) of the Act, possess the right to exercise all the powers of the Commission except that no appeal hearings under Section 19 (a) can be held until an impartial member of the Board is appointed. However, as a matter of fact, there are no appeals pending before the Board and the Governor has made it clear ~~that~~ that it is his desire to appoint an impartial member for the Board at the earliest possible moment.

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copy letter sent*

Very truly yours,

Frank A. Farrington  
Deputy Attorney General

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