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March 1, 1944

The Attorney General of Hawaii
Honolulu, Hawaii.

Dear Sir:-

I have your communication of December 27th. As far as I have ascertained, the Legislature of Maine has never made, or attempted to make, any appropriations for additional compensation for any United States Senator or Congressman, nor for the purpose of paying for the employment of clerks in assistance, nor for the purchase of equipment, traveling expenses, or any other expense in connection with their duties.

I see nothing in the expressed wording of either the Federal Constitution or the Constitution of the State of Maine to prevent that from being done; but it might be adjudged by the courts as contrary to public policy, inasmuch as members of the Congress, although elected by the States, become after election the representatives of all the people of all the States.

Very truly yours,

Frank I. Cowan
Attorney General

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