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The Honorable John L. Martin
Speaker, House of Representatives
State House
Augusta, Maine

Dear Mr. Martin:

This is a reply to the request for advice as to the amount of salary that should be paid to Representative Pearson who filled the vacancy in the Legislature caused by the death of Representative Binette. Up to the time of his death, Representative Binette had been paid \$2100 of the statutory salary of \$3,750, leaving a balance of \$1650. 3 M.R.S.A. § 2. Specifically, the question is whether Representative Pearson should receive the balance of the statutory salary or whether Representative Pearson should only receive an amount of \$150 for each week of the regular session. Representative Pearson should receive the sum of \$1650.

The Legislature has established a salary for each member of the House of Representatives as \$3750. in the first year and \$1000 in the second year of the biennium. 3 M.R.S.A. § 2.

Representative Pearson has been elected for the balance of the term and is entitled to be paid the balance of the salary.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "John W. Benoit Jr." The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the typed name.

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