

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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ONE HUNDRED AND SECOND LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 389

S. P. 148

In Senate, January 21, 1965

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

EDWIN H. PERT, Secretary

Presented by Senator Hilton of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SIXTY-FIVE

**RESOLVE, to Reimburse Raymond A. Cote of Augusta for Expenses not
Compensated by Department of Economic Development.**

Raymond A. Cote; reimbursement. Resolved: That there be appropriated from the Unappropriated Surplus of the General Fund the sum of \$21,654 to be paid to Raymond A. Cote of Augusta, as a full and final settlement of his claim against the State for expenses and damages, not compensated by the Department of Economic Development, incurred while defending his position of innocence in a charge of dismissal brought against him. The expenses incurred include legal fees, secretarial fees, traveling expenses and research.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Raymond A. Cote was for many years a permanent employee of the State of Maine and was on September 6, 1963 an industrial representative in the industrial division of the Department of Economic Development. On September 6, 1963 a temporary director of said industrial division, gave Mr. Cote a notice of dismissal. The notice was signed by the temporary commissioner and read as follows:

“On August 22, 1963, you made a false activity report covering your activities on Wednesday, August 14 and Thursday, August 15, 1963.”

Mr. Cote denies that he made such a false statement.

Within 30 days of his dismissal he filed his notice of appeal with the defendant, the Personnel Board.

A hearing on plaintiff's appeal was held before the Personnel Board and by decision said Personnel Board confirmed the dismissal of Mr. Cote.

Said decision is unlawful for the reason said board refused permission to counsel for Mr. Cote in his cross examination of the 2 temporary officials of the Department of Economic Development.

Mr. Cote then had to seek justice through the courts of the State of Maine.

Mr. Cote is asking for \$21,654 as a claim for expenses to compensate him for this injustice.