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ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 301

S. P. 124 In Senate, January 23, 1973 Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARRY N. STARBRANCH, Secretary Presented by Senator Tanous of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY-THREE

AN ACT Relating to Certain Overtime Exemptions Under Minimum Wage Law.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

R. S., T. 26, § 664, amended. The last sentence of the first paragraph of section 664 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 41 of chapter 590 of the public laws of 1969, is amended to read as follows:

The overtime provision of this section shall not apply to seamen, the canning, processing, preserving, freezing, drying, marketing, storing, packing for shipment or distribution of herring as sardines, of perishable foods, of agricultural produce, and meat and fish products, nor to the canning of perishable goods nor to hotels, motels, restaurants and other eating establishments.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Removal of the overtime exemption for hotels, motels and restaurants would result in the shortening of hours of work and opening of jobs to more workers, which is the purpose of premium pay for overtime. Further, it would eliminate the unfair advantage which these industries have over stores, recreational businesses and others who are required to pay overtime after 40 hours.