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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 525, L.D. 707, Bill, "AN ACT
Relating to Employment of Women."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of section 4 and inserting
in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 4. R. S., T. 26, §§ 731 and 733-738, repealed. Sections
731 and 733 to 738 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended,
are repealed.'

Further amend said Bill by adding after section 4 a new section
5 to read as follows:

'Sec. 5. R. S., T. 26, § 732, repealed and replaced. Section 732
of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes, as amended by section 13 of
chapter 620 of the public laws of 1971, is repealed and the following
enacted in place thereof:

§ 732. —six and one-half hours continuous maximum

No person shall be employed or permitted to work for more than
6 1/2 hours at any one time in any workshop, factory, manufacturing,
mechanical or mercantile establishment, nursing home, beauty parlor,
hotel, commercial place of amusement, restaurant, retail establishment
where frozen dairy products are manufactured on the premises, dairy,
bakery, laundry, including automatic laundry, dry cleaning establishment,
telegraph office, any telephone exchange which has more than 750 stations,
or any one or more express or transportation companies in the State in
which 3 or more persons are employed, without a consecutive 30-minute
rest period, but this shall not apply to any telephone exchange where

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the operator during the night is not required to operate the switchboard continuously but is able to sleep the major part of the night. The commissioner may permit a shorter time to be fixed for rest periods in any manufacturing establishment, if it is proved to his satisfaction that it is necessary by reason of the continuous nature of the processes or of special circumstances affecting such manufacturing establishment and that such shorter time rests will not be injurious to the health of the persons affected thereby. The permit shall be in writing and copies shall be posted in a conspicuous place in every room in which persons affected thereby are employed.

Any person who violates this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$25 nor more than \$50 for the first offense; for the 2nd offense by a fine of not less than \$50 nor more than \$200; for a 3rd offense and every subsequent offense by a fine of not less than \$250 nor more than \$500.'

Further amend said Bill by inserting before section 5 a new section 6 to read as follows:

'Sec. 6. R. S., T. 26, § 735, amended. Section 735 of Title 26 of the Revised Statutes is amended to read as follows:

§ 735. Seats for employees

The proprietor, manager or person having charge of any mercantile establishment, store, shop, hotel, restaurant or other place where ~~women-or-girls~~ persons are employed as clerks or help therein in this State shall provide chairs, stools or other contrivances for the comfortable use of such ~~female~~ employees for the preservation of their health and for rest when not actively employed in the discharge of their respective duties. Whoever violates any of the provisions of

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this section shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$10 nor more than \$100.'

Further amend said Bill by renumbering section 5 to be section 7.

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to extend the privileges to men.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on Labor.

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