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STATE OF MAINE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
106TH LEGISLATURE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 1928, L. D. 2463, Bill, "AN ACT Relating to Salary, Expenses and Travel of Members of Legislature."

Amend said Bill by striking out everything after the enacting clause and inserting in place thereof the following:

'Sec. 1. R. S., T. 3, §2, amended. Section 2 of Title 3 of the Revised Statutes, as amended, is further amended to read as follows:

§ 2. Salary, expenses and travel of Members of Legislature and Representatives of Indian tribes

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, beginning with the first Wednesday of January, 1975, shall receive ~~\$2,500~~ \$3,750 in the first year and \$1,000 in the 2nd year of each biennium. Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives, beginning with the first Wednesday of January, 1977 and thereafter, shall receive \$5,000 in the first year and \$1,000 in the 2nd year of each biennium, and shall be paid for travel at each legislative session once each week at the same rate per mile to and from his place of abode as state employees receive, the mileage to be determined by the most reasonable direct route, except that Legislators may be reimbursed for tolls paid for travel on the Maine Turnpike provided they have a receipt for payment of the tolls, such tolls to be reimbursed where Legislators use the Maine Turnpike in traveling to and from sessions of the Legislature or in performance of duly authorized committee assignments. He is entitled to mileage on the first day of the session, and such amounts of his salary and at such times as the Legislature may determine during the session, and the balance at the end thereof.

(Filing No. H-756)

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive an a meal and housing allowance ~~for meals~~ in the amount of \$8 \$25 for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislature. ~~Each member occupying~~ and for each day he occupies

overnight accommodations away from home immediately preceding ~~or immediately following~~ attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature ~~shall be reimbursed, under procedures governing state employees, for~~ ^{at} housing expenses not to exceed \$10 per night. ~~Housing shall be computed as follows:--Daily rate shall not exceed \$10 per night; weekly and monthly rate shall be computed by dividing the number of allowable nights into weekly or monthly rate, not to exceed \$10 per night.~~ In lieu of the reimbursement ~~for actual meal and housing expenses allowance,~~ each member shall be entitled to a daily meal allowance in the amount of \$12 and actual daily mileage allowances in an amount up to but not exceeding \$10 \$13 per day. Each member shall also receive an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of \$200.

~~The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives shall each receive \$5,700 for each regular session of the Legislature, with the same mileage as other members.~~ The President of the Senate and the Speaker of the House of Representatives shall receive an additional 50% above regular compensation, the majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive an additional 25% above regular compensation and the assistant majority and minority leaders of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive an additional 12 1/2% above regular compensation. Any member acting as President pro tempore of the Senate, or Speaker pro tempore of the House, shall receive \$2 a day extra therefor.

In addition to the salary paid for the regular session of the Legislature, when an extra session is called, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives shall each be paid \$25 for every day's attendance, and mileage as aforesaid.

The President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives at such extra session shall receive, in addition, \$5 for every day's attendance.

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The member of the Penobscot Indian Tribe and the member of the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe elected to represent his tribe at the biennial assembly of the Legislature shall receive a compensation of ~~\$1,500~~ \$2,000 for such attendance and travel at each legislative session for ~~20~~ 30 trips to and from his place of abode at the same rate as state employees receive, and allowance for meals and housing expenses as any other member of the Senate and House of Representatives for ~~20~~ 30 days' attendance at each legislative session. The President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House shall, at all times, whether the Legislature be in session or not, have the authority to approve accounts and vouchers for payment.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is appropriated from the General Fund to the Legislative Account the sum of \$400,976 to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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Legislative Expense

Personal Services	\$235,376
All Other	<u>165,600</u>
	\$400,976'

Statement of Fact

~~amendment~~ amendment partially

This ~~amendment~~ amendment would/implement the recommendation of the Legislative Compensation Commission by raising biennial salaries of legislators to \$6,000 establishing a uniform \$25 daily expense allowance and a \$200 annual constituent service allowance and providing salary increments for legislative leadership. The salary raises would be implemented over a period of 2 legislative sessions.

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Committee Amendment "A" on H.P. 1928, LD 2463

Reported by the Majority of the Committee on
Appropriations and Financial Affairs.

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the Clerk of the House.

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