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STATE OF MAINE
SENATE
FIRST SPECIAL SESSION
107TH LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT " B " to S.P. 663, L.D. 2087, Bill,
"AN ACT to Establish the Dates of Legislative Sessions and to
Clarify Laws Relating to Expenses of Legislators."

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

'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, as last amended by PL 1975, c. 51,
is further amended to read:

§2. Salary, expenses and travel of Members of the 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
\$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 after the first Tuesday of January, 1977
and thereafter, shall receive ~~\$5,000~~ \$4,000 in the first year and
~~\$1,000~~ \$2,000 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 assignment
He is entitled to mileage on the first day of the session, and such
amounts of his salary and expenses at such times as the Legislature

may determine during the session, and the balance at the end thereof. The first regular session of the Legislature shall adjourn not later than the last Friday of May, and the 2nd regular session of the Legislature shall adjourn not later than the first Friday in April, provided that adjournment may be at a later date if 2/3 of each House of the Legislature shall vote in favor of a joint order which declares that an emergency exists and which approves adjournment not later than some subsequent specified date.

Each Member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall receive a meal and housing allowance in the amount of ~~\$25~~ \$30 for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislature and for each day he occupies overnight accommodations away from home immediately preceding attendance at daily sessions of the Legislature. In lieu of the meal and housing allowance, each Member shall be entitled to a daily meal allowance in the amount of ~~\$12~~ \$15 and actual daily mileage allowances in an amount up to but not exceeding ~~\$13~~ \$15 per day. Each Member shall also receive an annual allowance for constituent services in the amount of \$200.

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 first and 2nd regular session sessions 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.

No additional expenses shall be paid to Legislators from the Legislative Account unless authorized by the President of the Senate or Speaker of the House of Representatives during any regular session.

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.

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 \$2,000~~ for such attendance and of \$1,500 for the first regular session and \$500 for the 2nd regular session; an additional compensation of \$25 for each day's attendance during the 2nd regular session and when an extra session is called; travel at each legislative session for 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 ~~30 days~~¹ 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.

The President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the floor leaders and their assistants and members

of a committee, with the approval of the President of the Senate or the Speaker of the House as to members of a committee, may also meet on the days when the Legislature is not in daily session at any convenient location within the State and shall be reimbursed for their actual expenses, with the exception of mileage which shall be paid at the same rate received by state employees.

Sec. 2. Appropriation. There is deducted from appropriations General Fund to the of the Legislative Account the sum of (\$97,930) to carry out the purposes of this Act. The breakdown shall be as follows:

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Personal Services	(\$197,930)
All Other	\$100,000'

Statement of Fact

The purposes of this amendment are to:

1. Set limits on the length of the first and 2nd regular sessions of the Legislature;
2. Change the timing of payment of compensation for the regular session of the Legislature;
3. Increase the meal and housing allowance for Legislators during the general sessions;
4. Change the timing of compensation paid to Indian tribal representatives;
5. Change the appropriation from the L.D. to reflect

changes by this amendment.

Reported by the Minority of the Committee on State Government.
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