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STATE OF MAINE  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
108TH LEGISLATURE  
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H.P. 1996, L.D. 2077, Bill,  
"AN ACT to Revise the Method of Computing Legislators'  
Expenses."

Amend the Bill by striking out all of the title and  
inserting in its place the following: 'AN ACT to Increase  
Legislative Expense Allowances.'

Further amend the Bill by striking out everything after the  
enacting clause and before the Statement of Fact and inserting in  
its place the following:

'Sec. 1. 3 MRSA §2, 3rd ¶, as repealed and replaced by  
PL 1975, c. 750, §1, is amended to read:

Each member of the Senate and House of Representatives shall  
receive a meal and housing allowance in the amount of ~~¢25~~ \$35  
for each day in attendance at sessions of the Legislature and for  
each day he occupies overnight accommodations away from home  
either immediately preceding or immediately following 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~~ \$17 and actual daily mileage  
allowances in an amount up to but not exceeding ~~¢13~~ \$18 per day.  
Each member shall also receive an annual allowance for constituent  
services in the amount of \$200.

Sec. 2. 3 MRSA §2, 5th ¶, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c.750, §1, is amended to read:

In addition to the salary paid for the first and 2nd regular sessions of the Legislature, when a special session is called, the members of the Senate and House of Representatives shall each be paid ~~§25~~ §35 for every day's attendance, expenses and mileage as aforesaid.

Sec. 3. 3 MRSA §2, 7th ¶, 1st sentence, as repealed and replaced by PL 1975, c. 750, §1, is amended to read:

The member of the Penobscot Indian Tribe and the member of the Passamaquoddy Indian Tribe elected to represent his tribe at the Legislature shall receive a compensation of ~~§25~~ §35 for each day's attendance during the first and 2nd regular sessions and allowance for meals, housing and travel expenses as any other member of the Senate and House of Representatives for attendance at each legislative session.

Sec. 4. 3 MRSA §2, as last amended by PL 1977, c.564, §2, is further amended by adding at the end a new paragraph to read:

Upon filing receipt for payment attached to the proper voucher, any member of the Senate or House of Representatives shall be allowed air fare for any regular scheduled airline flight in lieu of round-trip travel reimbursement, provided that the ground mileage by the most direct route is in excess of 200 miles one way from his residence to Augusta.

Sec. 5. Appropriation. The following funds shall be appropriated from the General Fund to carry out the purposes of this Act:

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All Other	\$200,000'

Statement of Fact

The purpose of this amendment is to increase legislative expense allowances to more adequately meet actual costs involved, and to provide for air fare in lieu of round-trip travel reimbursement when over 200 miles distance.

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

Reproduced and distributed under the direction of the Clerk of the House.  
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