

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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(New Draft of S.P. 889, L.D. 2238)
(New Title)
SECOND REGULAR SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND TWELFTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document No. 2376

S.P. 949 In Senate, April 11, 1986

Reported by Senator Stover of Sagadahoc from the Committee on Legal Affairs and printed under Joint Rule 2. Original bill sponsored by Senator Bustin of Kennebec. Cosponsored by Representative Hickey of Augusta, Representative Paradis of Augusta and Representative Sproul of Augusta.

JOY J. O'BRIEN, Secretary of the Senate

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD
NINETEEN HUNDRED AND EIGHTY-SIX

Resolve, to Compensate John P. Taylor of Augusta as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sharon Taylor, also of Augusta.

John P. Taylor as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sharon Taylor; compensated by the State of Maine. Resolved: The Governor of the State of Maine is authorized and directed, upon receipt of necessary releases: (1) To pay \$25,000, from funds currently appropriated to the Risk Management Division of the Department of Finance and Administration, to John P. Taylor of Augusta as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sharon Taylor, as compensation for the death of Sharon Taylor; and (2) To allocate an additional \$50,000 from the same funds to purchase an annuity for the benefit of John P. Taylor as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sharon Taylor, as further compensation for the death of Sharon Taylor. This annuity must pay, over a term of years, an addi-

1 tional sum of \$175,000 to John P. Taylor as Personal
2 Representative of the Estate of Sharon Taylor or his
3 assignee. Total compensation authorized by this re-
4 solve is \$200,000, which is in full satisfaction of
5 any and all claims by the Estate of Sharon Taylor
6 against the State and its employees for the death of
7 Sharon Taylor.

8 STATEMENT OF FACT

9 Sharon Taylor was found dead on March 24, 1985,
10 at the Pine Tree State Arboretum. Paul Addington, a
11 resident at the Augusta Mental Health Institute, Au-
12 gusta, Maine, at that time, was subsequently convict-
13 ed of Sharon Taylor's murder. John P. Taylor as Per-
14 sonal Representative of the Estate of Sharon Taylor
15 alleges that the State's negligence with respect to
16 Paul Addington was the proximate cause of Sharon
17 Taylor's death.

18 John P. Taylor as Personal Representative of the
19 Estate of Sharon Taylor is barred by law from bring-
20 ing any action against the State of Maine and its em-
21 ployees for the wrongful death of Sharon Taylor. Be-
22 cause of the unique circumstances of this case and
23 because Paul Addington was a resident of the Augusta
24 Mental Health Institute at the time of Sharon
25 Taylor's murder, the Legislature feels that the State
26 of Maine has a moral obligation to compensate John P.
27 Taylor as Personal Representative of the Estate of
28 Sharon Taylor directly for the death of Sharon Tay-
29 lor. Accordingly, this resolve authorizes and di-
30 rects, upon receipt of necessary releases, the Gover-
31 nor to use existing appropriations to structure a
32 compensation plan which will pay to John P. Taylor,
33 as Personal Representative of the Estate of Sharon
34 Taylor, a total of \$200,000 tax free over a period of
35 several years. The payment authorized by this re-
36 solve is in full satisfaction of any and all claims
37 which the estate of Sharon Taylor may have against
38 the State and its employees for the death of Sharon
39 Taylor.