

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

HOUSE.

No. 1

STATE OF MAINE.

*To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives in
Legislature assembled:*

Your special committee which was appointed by the last legislature under the following order:

“The Senate concurring, that a special joint committee of three on the part of the House, with such as the Senate may join, be appointed to inquire into the question of free transportation of State officials by the railroads, and the best method of regulating the same. This committee shall serve without pay, and report to the next legislature. This report shall be filed with the clerk of the house not later than December first, 1906.

“Came from the House, read and passed, and the committee on the part of that branch appointed as follows:

Messrs. Milliken of Island Falls,
Kimball of Rockland,
Hastings of Bethel.

“The order was read and passed in concurrence, and the committee joined by the appointment of:

Messrs. Heselton of Kennebec,
Sturgis of Cumberland,
On the part of the Senate,”

have attended to the duty assigned them and beg to submit the following report:

A preliminary meeting of this committee was held at the Hallowell House on Wednesday evening, October 31, 1906. At that meeting it was voted that a public hearing should be given at the State House, Thursday, November 15, 1906, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon and notice of that meeting was ordered published in the following papers:

Portland Argus, Portland Express, Lewiston Journal, Kennebec Journal, Waterville Sentinel, Bangor News, Bangor Commercial, and further the secretary of the committee sent a special printed slip to an executive official of each steam and street railway and steamboat line doing business in this State, every newspaper published in the State and the chairman of the State committee of each political party appearing on the official ballot at the last election.

In accordance with that notice the committee met in the State treasurer's office, in the State House at Augusta, Me., at the time appointed, and an opportunity was given to any party who desired to state his views on the subject matter on the legislative order.

The only persons who were present and spoke upon the subject were Hon. L. T. Carleton and Hon. E. E. Ring, whose remarks we append to this report.

After the public hearing extended consideration was given the subject in executive session and an adjournment for final consideration made to November 30th.

The individual members of your committee have made personal inquiries and feel authorized in saying that there is a larger public interest in this question than the attendance at this meeting would indicate.

From their inquiries it was apparent to the members of the committee that there is an overwhelming feeling in this State in favor of abolition of free transportation not only for State officials but also for county and municipal officers, by any common carrier whether steamboat or railway company. This committee was, however, limited by the legislative order to inquiry into the best method of regulating free transportation for State officials by the railroads and for this reason it has not included county and municipal officers or steamboat transportation in

the accompanying bill, which it recommends, and submits as a part of this report.

Dated at Augusta, Me., November 30, 1906.

GEO. W. HESELTON,
H. HERBERT STURGIS,
C. E. MILLIKEN,
S. T. KIMBALL,
H. H. HASTINGS.

SEVENTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

STATE OF MAINE.

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND SEVEN.

Bill "AN ACT to prohibit the issuance and acceptance of free
'transportation by State officials over steam and other rail-
ways."

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in
Legislature assembled, as follows:*

Section 1. No person holding any State office shall request,
2 for himself or another, accept or use any free transportation
3 upon a steam or other railway, or any ticket or mileage which
4 entitles him to transportation upon such railway, for which
5 he has paid a less price than is demanded of the public gen-
6 erally; and no officer, agent or employe of such railway
7 corporation, shall issue, deliver or offer to any person herein-
8 before mentioned, or to or for any other person, at the
9 request, solicitation or procurement of any State officer, free
10 transportation or any ticket or mileage which entitles him to
11 transportation at a less rate of fare than is demanded of the
12 public generally.

Sect. 2. This statute shall not apply to an officer, agent or
2 employe of a steam or other railway corporation doing
3 business within this State, but such officer, agent or person,
4 if holding or receiving free or reduced rate transportation,
5 shall not receive from the State any mileage or pay for per-
6 sonal transportation as such State official over the steam or
7 other railway from which he has free or reduced rate trans-
8 portation; and it shall be the duty of all railway corpora-
9 tions, within five days of issuance, to file with the secretary
10 of State the name of every State official to whom free or
11 reduced rate transportation is issued by said corporation, the
12 kind of transportation, the time for which it is good and the
13 reason for so doing.

It shall be the duty of the secretary of State to keep in a
15 suitable book a record of all such free, or reduced rate trans-
16 portation, so issued to any State official, which record shall
17 be open at any time during office hours for public examina-
18 tion.

Sect. 3. Any person convicted of a violation of any of the
2 provisions of this act shall be punished by a fine not less than
3 \$100 nor more than \$500.

Sect. 4. This act shall take effect 30 days after it is approved.



STATE OF MAINE.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
Augusta, January 3, 1907.

Tabled pending reference to a committee by Mr. MILLIKEN of Island Falls and with accompanying bill ordered printed.

E. M. THOMPSON, *Clerk.*