

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-FIFTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 119

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*In Senate, Feb. 20, 1911.*

*Laid on table on motion of Mr. Staples of Knox for printing with Amendments A, B and C.*

*W. C. HANSON, Secretary.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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*In House of Representatives, February 9, 1911.*

*Ordered*, the Senate concurring, that the joint special committee appointed to investigate and report upon the financial condition of the state under the order which passed the House January 27th, be authorized and directed to investigate and report as to whether any dishonest practices or violations of law have existed in any department of the state which may be the subject of its investigation under said order previously passed; and, to facilitate its investigation, said committee is authorized to employ such expert assistance as it may deem necessary.

AMENDMENT "A" TO ORDER INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVE PETERS OF ELLSWORTH ON FEBRUARY 10, 1911.

Amend said order by inserting after "January 27" the 2 words 'after having completed the work which it has already 3 undertaken and reported thereon,' and inserting after the 4 word "state" and before the word "which" the words 'or 5 state institution' and inserting after the word "assistance" 6 and before the word "as" the words 'including legal coun- 7 sel,' and adding to said order the words 'And for that pur- 8 pose may, if necessary sit during vacation and make a report 9 of its findings to the governor and council, which report 10 shall be made public.' So that said order shall read as 11 follows:

*Ordered*, the Senate concurring, that the joint special com- 13 mittee appointed to investigate and report upon the finan- 14 cial condition of the state under the order which passed the 15 House January 27, after having completed the work which 16 it has already undertaken and reported thereon, be author- 17 ized and directed to investigate and report as to whether 18 any dishonest practices or violations of law have existed in 19 any department of the state or state institution which may 20 be the subject of its investigation under said order previ- 21 ously passed and to facilitate its investigation said com- 22 mittee is authorized to employ such expert assistance in- 23 cluding legal counsel as it may deem necessary. And for 24 that purpose may, if necessary, sit during vacation and make

25 a report of its findings to the governor and council, which  
26 report shall be made public.

## AMENDMENT "B."

Amend Amendment "A" by adding after the word "there-  
2 on" the following words: 'if it finds any indications of dis-  
3 honest practices or of violations of law, or if in the opinion  
4 of the committee a further investigation is necessary or  
5 expedient, having so reported to the legislature it shall,' so  
6 that said order as amended shall read as follows:

*Ordered*, the Senate concurring, that the joint special com-  
8 mittee appointed to investigate and report upon the financial  
9 condition of the state under the order which passed the  
10 House January 27, after having completed the work which  
11 it has already undertaken and reported thereon, if it finds  
12 any indications of dishonest practices or of violations of  
13 law, or if in the opinion of the committee a further investi-  
14 gation is necessary or expedient, having so reported to the  
15 legislature, it shall be authorized and directed to investigate  
16 and report as to whether any dishonest practices or viola-  
17 tions of law have existed in any department of the state or  
18 state institution which may be the subject of its investiga-  
19 tion under said order previously passed and to facilitate its  
20 investigation said committee is authorized to employ such  
21 expert assistance including legal counsel as it may deem  
22 necessary. And for that purpose may, if necessary, sit dur-

23. ing vacation and make a report of its findings to the gov-  
24. ernor and council, which report shall be made public. And  
25. said committee shall have power to summon witnesses, ad-  
26. minister oaths and punish for contempt.'

HOUSE AMENDMENT "C" TO ORDER CONCERNING  
JOINT SPECIAL INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

After the word "law" and before the word "or" insert the  
2 words 'inefficiency or incompetence,' and after the word  
3 "law" and before the word "have" insert the words 'ineffi-  
4 ciency, incompetence or lack of proper business methods.'