

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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HOUSE

NO. 483

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*House of Representatives, March 12, 1913.*

*Reported by Mr. Gordon from Committee on Claims, and  
ordered printed under joint rules.*

*W. R. ROIX, Clerk.*

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STATE OF MAINE

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RESOLVE in favor of Law Reporting Company.

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*Resolved,* That there be and hereby is appropriated the  
2 sum of one thousand eight hundred (\$1800) dollars to be  
3 paid the Law Reporting Company of New York City for  
4 materials furnished the State Librarian at his request. The  
5 same if accepted to be payment in full of all claims of said  
6 Law Reporting Company of New York City against the  
7 State of Maine.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS.

The Law Reporting Company of New York is engaged as a part of its business in sending prompt reports as to all legislative matters with copies of same when desired. Its uniform price for such copies is twenty-five cents per one hundred words, this including all charges for research, making copies, etc. This price had at different times been communicated to the State Library of Maine through its circulars, but not after Mr. Prince became librarian.

On February 14, 1911, the Law Reporting Company received the following letter from State Librarian Prince:

Law Reporting Co.,  
67 Wall St.,  
New York, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

Will you kindly send this office printed copies of all bills relating to Public Utilities which have been introduced in the state legislatures now in session?

If you could furnish us with this material at once we should appreciate it very much indeed as we have some one waiting for the information.

Yours very truly,

To this the company replied as follows:

H. C. Prince,  
State Librarian,  
Augusta, Maine.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of February 14, we are sending you tonight as many of the Public Service Commission bills as we have been able to get out today. Will forward you the others as fast as we are able to check up the lists and get them ready day by day.

Respectfully yours,

In pursuance of this correspondence the company sent daily instalments of the bills as introduced into the various state legislatures, and the same were received by the State Librarian until April 6, 1911, when the following letter was sent them:

Law Reporting Co.,  
82 Beaver St.,  
New York City.

Gentlemen :

As our legislature has just adjourned it will not be necessary for you to forward any more copies of bills. I wish to thank you for your attention to our request in regard to bills on public utilities.

Very truly yours,

The company furnished in all 14,432 folios of 100 words at twenty-five cents each, coming to \$3608, and later presented its bill.

This was not paid, and the appropriation available therefor has now lapsed, so that the legislature is now asked to pay this bill.