

# MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTY-NINTH LEGISLATURE

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SENATE

NO. 228

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In Senate, March 17, 1919.

Reported by Mr. Deering from Committee on Judiciary and laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

P. F. CRANE, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Thombs of Penobscot.

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STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND  
NINE HUNDRED AND NINETEEN

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RESOLVE, in Favor of Edward R. Parent, in Payment of Witness Fees, Counsel Fees and Disbursements Made by Him in the Contested Senatorial Election Case from Androscoggin County.

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Resolved: That the sum of five hundred and fifty-two  
2 dollars and forty-four cents is hereby appropriated, and  
3 that the state treasurer be and is hereby authorized and  
4 directed to pay said sum of five hundred and fifty-two  
5 dollars and forty-four cents to Edward R. Parent for wit-  
6 ness fees, counsel fees and disbursements incurred by him  
7 in contesting his seat as senator from Androscoggin coun-  
8 ty in the contested election case from said county.



## STATEMENT OF FACTS

In re, contested senatorial election case of Edward R. Parent from Androscoggin county and resolve for payment of his expenses and disbursements.

By the returns from the cities and towns of Androscoggin county, Edward R. Parent of Lewiston was elected to a seat in the Senate of the 79th Legislature and received a certificate of election from the governor and council. His opponent at the election gave notice of a contest, denying the accuracy of the returns from all the towns and precincts in the cities with the exception of three, and also alleging fraud in the conduct of the election. Much preliminary work was done by the contesting parties and their counsel in the endeavor to agree upon the correct tabulation of the vote in the various towns and also to eliminate the necessity of calling many witnesses as to the alleged fraud. The result of this preliminary **work largely reduced** otherwise necessary expenses for witnesses and shortened the time necessary for hearing. The actual hearing occupied a time equivalent to three working days. Counsel for Edward R. Parent were Harry Manser and George S. McCarty, and in addition to the work outlined above much time was spent by them in the preparation of the case, examination of law, interviewing witnesses and preparing brief. The contesting party, Henry L. Irish, summoned the election officers and others who had any knowledge of the facts so that the contestee, Edward R. Parent, was required to summon but three witnesses. Their fees amounted to \$25.80 and the other disbursements for railroad fares, meals and hotel bills made a total of \$52.44. If \$500.00 is allowed for counsel fees, it will of course give each attorney \$250.00.