

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - THIRD LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 71

S. P. 171

In Senate, Feb. 11, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Claims and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Smith of Somerset.

STATE OF MAINE

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

RESOLVE, in Favor of Arthur L. Thayer, of Bangor, for
Use of His Private Car While Chairman of the Maine
Industrial Accident Commission.

Resolved: That there be paid to Arthur L. Thayer, of
2 Bangor, Maine, former chairman of the Maine Industrial
3 Accident Commission, the sum of three hundred seventy
4 and 76/100 dollars to reimburse him for the use of his
5 private car in work connected with the Industrial Accident
6 Commission during the months of April, May and June
7 of the year nineteen hundred and twenty-four.

BRIEF STATEMENT

In April, May and June, 1924, I used my own automobile to carry the members of the Industrial Accident Commission about the state for the purpose of holding the hearings required by the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act. As the trips were made an itemized statement was furnished bi-monthly to the State Auditor as required by law. The statements included all expenses of travel incident to the work of the commission including hotel bills, meals, telephone charges and railroad or auto hire.

From April 17, 1924 to June 18, 1924, both dates inclusive, the transportation of the entire commission was provided by me by the use of my own automobile. A charge of ten cents per mile was made by me for the use of the automobile, which charge the State Auditor did not then allow. The items for the use of the automobile presented in regular form but not allowed are as follows:

Apr. 22—Use of auto—Bangor to Ellsworth	28 Mi.	\$2.80
Apr. 23—Use of auto—Ellsworth to Sullivan, Columbia Falls, Lubec to Calais	168 "	16.80
Apr. 24—Team hire to haul car out of mud at Ellsworth		5.00
Apr. 24—Use of auto—Calais to Milltown and return to August	240 "	24.00
Apr. 30—Use of auto—Augusta to Bangor	81 "	8.10
May 1—Use of auto—Bangor to Old Town and return	31 "	3.10
May 1—Use of auto—Bangor to Dexter and Dover	57 "	5.70
May 2—Use of auto—Dover to Guilford and return to Augusta	97 "	9.70
May 6—Use of auto—Augusta to Brunswick, Bath and Rockland	94 "	9.40
May 7—Use of auto—Rockland, Belfast, Bangor, Brewer and Augusta	146 "	14.60
May 9—Use of auto—Augusta to Waterville, Skowhegan, Madison and return	98 "	9.80
May 13—Use of auto—Augusta to Lewiston, Brunswick and Portland	88 "	8.80
May 14—Use of auto—Portland to West-		

brook, Standish, Steep Falls and return	56	"	5.60
May 15—Use of auto—Portland to Biddeford, Kennebunk, Portland and Augusta	172	"	17.20
May 20—Use of auto—Augusta to Farmington, Wilton, Rumford, Bethel, So. Paris, Wayne and Augusta	176	"	17.60
May 21—Use of auto—Augusta to Gardiner, So. Gardiner, Bowdoinham and return	60	"	6.00
May 22—Use of auto—Augusta to Jackman	129	"	12.90
May 23—Use of auto—Jackman to August	129	"	12.90
June 2—Use of auto—Augusta to Bangor	78	"	7.80
June 3—Use of auto—Bangor to Millinocket, Houlton and Presque Isle	234	"	23.40
June 4—Use of auto—Presque Isle to Ashland and return to Van Buren	81	"	8.10
June 6—Use of auto—Van Buren to Houlton	84	"	8.40
June 6—Use of auto—Houlton to Bancroft, Lincoln and Augusta	215	"	21.50
June 9—Use of auto—Gardiner and return	18	"	1.80
June 10—Use of auto—Augusta to Lewiston, Bath and Portland	90	"	9.00
June 11—Use of auto—Portland to Biddeford and return	39	"	3.90
June 12—Use of auto—Westbrook and return to Augusta	78	"	7.80
June 17—Use of auto—Bangor to Dexter, Dover-Foxcroft, Monson, Shirley and Bangor	174	"	17.40
June 18—Use of auto—Bangor to Belfast, Rockland, Thomaston and Augusta	151	"	15.10
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Interest from June 30th, 1924 to June 30th, 1927, after which this amount will be paid if the resolve passes—three years at 6 per cent			56.56
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Total asked for by the resolve			\$370.76

On all of the above scheduled trips there were present at least three members of the Industrial Accident Commission, usually four and often five. Besides the members of the commission we often took with us members or officials of other departments making no charge to either the members thus carried or to the department which was represented by them.

By the use of the machine a direct saving of several hundred dollars was effected. In addition to the direct financial saving by the use of the machine the members of the Commission could cover a much larger area in a given time and thereby perform the work required much more efficiently and with much greater satisfaction to all concerned.

This resolve is a repetition in part of a similar one which passed both branches of the legislature at the last session and which was presented to the Governor in common with several others in the now famous "blanket resolve" which the Governor has recently returned to this legislature with his veto attached. Since 1925 I have received the amount asked for for the use of the machine during the months of July to December, inclusive, for 1924, leaving only the months of April to June inclusive for which I still ask pay.

On June 30th, 1924, there lapsed into the State contingent fund from the unexpended appropriation of the Industrial Accident Commission nearly \$1000.00. The saving of this sum was due in a large part to the use of the machine in travel by the Commission.