

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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EIGHTY - THIRD LEGISLATURE

Senate Document

No. 75

S. P. 177

In Senate, Feb. 11, 1927.

Referred to Committee on Public Utilities, Judiciary, Interior Waters and 500 copies ordered printed. Sent down for concurrence.

ROYDEN V. BROWN, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Oakes of Cumberland.

STATE OF MAINE

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

AN ACT to Create a Commission to Negotiate a Treaty Regarding Water Power and Electricity in New England.

Be it enacted by the People of the State of Maine, as follows:

The Governor and Council shall appoint three commissioners who shall represent the State of Maine upon a joint commission composed of commissioners representing the states of Maine and New Hampshire and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to be constituted by the legislatures thereof, upon which joint commission similar commissioners of the states of Vermont, Rhode Island and Connecticut shall also be invited to be members and act, for the purpose of negotiating and entering into a compact, agreement or

10 treaty between said states and said commonwealth, with
11 the consent of Congress, to cover comprehensively all mat-
12 ters relating to the conservation, use and development of
13 the water power resources of said states and said common-
14 wealth and the making, generating, selling, transmitting,
15 distributing and supplying of hydro-electricity and electricity
16 otherwise developed. *Provided, however,* that any compact,
17 agreement or treaty so entered into on behalf of said states
18 and said commonwealth shall not be binding or obligatory
19 upon any of said states or said commonwealth or the citizens
20 thereof, unless and until the same shall have been ratified
21 and approved by the legislatures of said states and by the
22 Congress of the United States.

Such commission shall report the terms of such compact,
2 agreement or treaty as made and agreed upon to the legis-
3 latures and shall recommend such legislation, both state and
4 federal, as may be necessary to render such compact, agree-
5 ment or treaty effective.

Such commissioners shall select one of their number to be
2 chairman of the commission, and may employ a secretary
3 and such engineering, legal and other professional assistance
4 and such stenographic and clerical help as they may require,
5 to enable them effectively to prosecute and advance the
6 negotiations herein provided for.

Such commissioners shall be paid the necessary expenses
2 incurred in the performance of their duties, but shall serve
3 without compensation.

The sum of ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), or so much
2 thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the
3 expense of the commission, to be paid by the State Treas-
4 urer monthly on vouchers approved by the Governor and
5 Council.

Neither the creation of such commission nor any act there-
2 of shall affect the existing law or policy of the state regard-
3 ing water power or electricity until the ratification of their
4 proceedings as hereinbefore provided for.