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H. P. 1328

House of Representatives, February 12, 1935.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary, sent up for concurrence and 500 copies ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Lebel of Brunswick.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
THIRTY-FIVE

**RESOLVE, Creating a Commission on Interstate Compacts Affecting
Labor and Industry.**

Whereas, the industrial depression has brought about an acute competitive situation in the manufacturing states of the union whereby the wages and employment conditions are subject to grave impairment; and

Whereas, the present laws of Maine enacted for the purpose of bettering conditions of employment are inadequate and jeopardized by this competitive situation; and

Whereas, it is in the interest of labor that uniform standards should be adopted in conformity with the more enlightened statutes of other states; and

Whereas, the Constitution of the United States in Article I, Section 10, permits of securing such uniform standards by interstate compacts entered into by the several states with the consent of Congress; now, therefore, be it

Resolved: That there hereby is established a non-salaried body to be known as "The Interstate Compact Commission" affecting labor and industry, consisting of: 1 state senator, 2 state representatives, a representative of organized labor and an industrialist, to be appointed by the governor. The commissioner of labor shall be a member of the commission,

ex officio. The term of office of the commission shall be the same as that of the state legislators.

The commission is hereby authorized on the part of the state of Maine to meet with like commissions appointed with like authority on the part of the states of New York, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Vermont, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Pennsylvania, New Jersey, or any of them, or any other state wishing to join, for the purpose of negotiating or agreeing upon a joint report. Said report shall recommend to the legislature of the participating states a policy to be pursued by the states with reference to the establishment of uniform minimum wages, hours of labor, conditions and standards of employment and other allied matters by the enactment of such legislation by such states as will constitute an Interstate Compact. The commission shall report its findings and recommendations to the governor for transmission to the legislature not later than the second week of every regular session or at such other times as the legislature may from time to time determine. The appointed members of the commission shall be paid their necessary expenses, including mileage and time actually spent in the performance of their duties out of the appropriation hereunder provided for. They shall select one of their number as chairman and may employ a secretary and such other assistants as in their judgment may be necessary.

The commissioner of labor shall forthwith communicate the text of this resolve to the like official of each of the states mentioned herein with the respectful request that such states at their discretion establish commissions with like powers to deal with the commission herein provided for.

For the purpose of this resolve, the sum of \$1,000 is hereby appropriated out of the general funds of the state for the current biennium.