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Legislative Document

No. 806

S. P. 283

In Senate, February 13, 1947.

Referred to Committee on Judiciary. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Clough of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FORTY-SEVEN

**RESOLVE, in Favor of a Special Recess Committee to Study the Creation
of Domestic and Family Courts and Report to the Legislature.**

Committee to study creation of domestic and family courts. Resolved: That a special legislative recess committee be appointed to study the present court methods of dealing with divorce and judicial separation as well as with all matters pertaining to children, such as adoptions, guardianships, juvenile delinquencies and the like, and to consider and investigate the necessity, possibility and desirability of creating a new court to be known as a Domestic or Family Court with jurisdiction over all matters pertaining to the protection and welfare of families and children. The committee shall, at the next regular session, make a written report, and shall include such recommendations for legislation as the committee may adopt, with a draft of such legislation. The committee shall consist of 7 members to be made up as follows: 1 member from the senate, appointed by its president; 1 member from the house of representatives, appointed by its speaker; 1 member from the supreme judicial court, and 1 member from the superior court, both to be appointed by the chief justice; 1 member from the county probate judges to be appointed by the president of their association; 1 member from the municipal court judges to be appointed by the president of their association; and a representative of the department of health and welfare to be appointed by the commissioner thereof; and be it further

Organization meeting. Resolved: That said committee shall on invitation of the governor meet as soon as practical after appointment, for the purpose of organization, including the election of a chairman and secretary; and be it further

Appropriation. Resolved: That the sum of \$3,000 from the general fund of the state be made available for the study to defray necessary traveling and other expenses incurred in the study of and preparation for such legislation; and be it further

Compensation. Resolved: That all members of the above mentioned committee, not employees of the state, shall be entitled to \$5 per day and actual expenses for their services.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

In proposing this measure, the Governor's Committee for the Study of Juvenile Delinquency felt that it was only reasonable to compensate persons asked to give their time and attention to the study of a matter of such great importance, by granting them a small compensation and reimbursement for actual expenses; therefore, \$3,000 is requested for this purpose.