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In Senate, February 11, 1953

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary, sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

Presented by Senator Chase of Cumberland

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

**AN ACT Amending the Law Creating the Legislative Research
Committee.**

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

Sec. 1. R. S., c. 9, § 25, sub-§ V, amended. Subsection V of section 25 of chapter 9 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section 1 of chapter 392 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

‘V. The committee shall meet as often as may be necessary to perform its duties and, in any event, shall meet at least once in each quarter. Six members shall constitute a quorum and a majority thereof shall have authority to act in any manner falling within the jurisdiction of the committee. **The committee may hold either public or private hearings at its discretion and may hold executive sessions, excluding all except members of the committee. At any public hearing, witnesses who testify, whether summoned or not, shall be subject to cross-examination at the will of any interested party or his attorney. In such public hearings hearsay evidence, whether in the form of testimony or any other form, shall be prohibited and the attorney general or any attorney in his department designated by him, shall be present at all public hearings of the committee and shall rule on the admissibility of any evidence questioned as hearsay;’**

Sec. 2. R. S., c. 9, § 25, sub-§ XII, amended. Subsection XII of section 25 of chapter 9 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section I of chapter 392 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'XII. The committee shall keep ~~complete~~ minutes of **matters considered and votes taken** at its meetings and shall make ~~periodic~~ reports to ~~all members of the legislature and keep said members fully informed of on~~ all matters which ~~may~~ come before the committee, the actions taken thereon, and the progress made in relation thereto. ~~Any member of the legislature shall have the right to attend any of the sessions of the committee, and may present his views on any subject which the committee may at any time be considering;~~

Sec. 3. R. S., c. 9, § 25, sub-§ XIII, repealed and replaced. Subsection XIII of section 25 of chapter 9 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section I of chapter 392 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby repealed and the following enacted in place thereof:

'XIII. Reports of the committee may be made from time to time to members of the legislature and to members of the incoming legislature and to the public; and a final report shall be made to the legislature not later than during the 1st week of each regular session.'

Sec. 4. R. S., c. 9, § 25, sub-§ XIV, amended. Subsection XIV of section 25 of chapter 9 of the revised statutes, as repealed and replaced by section I of chapter 392 of the public laws of 1947, is hereby amended to read as follows:

'XIV. The members of the committee shall be compensated for the time spent in attendance at meetings of the committee ~~and of its duly constituted sub-committees, and when engaged in performance of duties under the instructions of the committee and authorization by its chairman at the rate of \$10 per day and actual expenses incurred while attending said meetings.~~ **Provided; provided,** however, that no compensation shall be paid hereunder for attendance at any meeting of the committee held while the legislature is in session.'