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STATE OF MAINE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 98th LEGISLATURE

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" to H. P. 223, L. D. 318, Bill, "An Act

Relating to Costs of Witness and Attorney Fees Under

Workmen's Compensation Act."

Amend said Bill by striking out all of the last underlined paragraph and inserting in place thereof the following underlined paragraph:

'In case any person in interest shall file in the office of the Commission a petition for award of compensation as aforesaid, the Commissioner conducting any hearing under this chapter, may, in his discretion, allow against the employer and to the employee, or persons in interest to the employee, in whose favor an award of compensation is entered, reasonable costs of witness fees and a reasonable attorney fee, when in the judgment of the Commissioner the services of an attorney, medical and other witness or witnesses, were necessary for the proper presentation of the case on behalf of the employee, or persons in interest to the employee, as the case may be; such allowance or allowances against the employer and to the employee, or persons in interest to the employee, shall be in addition to the award for compensation and in an amount or amounts approved by the Commissioner and payable as the Commissioner may direct.

Reported by a Minority of the Committee on Labor.

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