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Legislative Document

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H. P. 618

House of Representatives, February 24, 1959

Referred to the Committee on Labor. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Cahill of Moscow.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

RESOLVE, Creating a Committee to Study Problem of Imported Labor.

Committee to study problem of imported labor; created. Resolved: That a Committee on Imported Labor be appointed to make a full and complete study and investigation of the present policy and practices with respect to permitting bonded laborers from Canada to enter and work in this State, the number of such bonded laborers currently present in the State, the extent, if any, to which the presence of such bonded laborers in the State affects the opportunities for employment and wage rates of Maine citizens engaged in the performance of services which are the same or similar to those performed by such bonded laborers, and abuses, if any, connected with the use and employment of such imported Canadian bonded workmen; and be it further

Resolved: That the Governor, with the advice and consent of the Council, shall appoint a committee of 7 members, consisting of one each from the House of Representatives, the Senate, and 5 representative citizens, and shall designate the chairman; and be it further

Resolved: That the committee shall meet at the place designated by and at the call of the chairman, not less than once each month, for the purposes of this resolve. The members shall be paid necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties; and be it further

Resolved: That a report, or reports, of the study be prepared, including the recommendations made and the reasons therefor, and that said report or reports be delivered to the Legislative Research Committee which shall distribute the same to the members of the 100th Legislature; and be it further

Resolved: That there be, and is, appropriated from the General Fund the sum of \$5,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 1961 to the said committee, to be expended in carrying out the purposes of this resolve and in the payment of necessary office work and material and the necessary expenses of the committee.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

This resolve is presented for the purpose of providing evaluation of the problems of imported labor in this State as it affects the employment of Maine citizens and to determine from information developed during the inquiry, the course of future legislative consideration.