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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON
AGING, RETIREMENT & VETERANS
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968 AN ACT TO EQUALIZE HEALTH INSURANCE BENEFITS FOR RETIRED STATE EMPLOYEES Bustin (OTP-AM) Indefinitely postponed

SUMMARY: Would have required the State to pay 50% of the health insurance for dependents of retired state employees and would have required the State to pay the Medicare, Part B premium for retired state employees eligible for Medicare.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENT "A" (S-41): Eliminated the requirement that the State pay 50% of health insurance premiums for dependents.

996 AN ACT TO CLARIFY THE DEFINITION OF CHILD OR CHILDREN AND TO DELETE RESTRICTIONS ON DEATH BENEFITS TO SPOUSES IN THE RETIREMENT SYSTEM STATUTES Mayo (OTP) ENACT. PL 146

SUMMARY: Consolidates language defining "child" in the definition section; changes that definition to recognize that handicapped people may be self-supporting and deletes the restriction on paying benefits to a surviving spouse who becomes the dependent of another.

1331 AN ACT TO ASSURE PUBLIC AWARENESS OF NUCLEAR CIVIL PROTECTION PLANS FOR MAINE Andrews (Maj OTP-ND) LD 1677 (Min ONTP)

SUMMARY: Would have established a citizens' commission to review nuclear civil protection planning in the State. Public hearings to inform and receive information from the public would be required. A report would be submitted to the Governor and the Legislature.

1423 AN ACT TO PROVIDE A VETERAN'S BONUS TO VIET NAM VETERANS Lehoux (LV/WD)

SUMMARY: Would have provided a bonus of \$45 for each month of service in Southeast Asia up to \$1080.

1447 AN ACT TO GIVE THE MAINE ASSOCIATION OF RETIREES PROPER REPRESENTATION ON THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE MAINE STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM Teague ND ID629 Died between houses

SUMMARY: Would have removed language identifying the MSEA as an organization which could elect a member to the Board of Trustees; clarified that the member elected by the other trustees had to be a retired state employee or PLD employee and added the MSEA and Maine Association of Retirees as organizations which could submit a list of nominees for one position.

SENATE AMENDMENT "A" (S-61): Would have removed specific mention of the MSEA and the Maine Association of Retirees as organizations which could nominate a trustee.