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House of Representatives, January 18, 1961

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

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Carter of Etna.

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STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
SIXTY-ONE

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**RESOLVE, in Favor of Merle S. Goodwin, of Brewer.**

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**Retirement benefit provided for Merle S. Goodwin. Resolved:** That Merle S. Goodwin, of Brewer, be given eligibility for a retirement benefit under the Revised Statutes, chapter 63-A, effective as of January 1, 1961.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Mr. Goodwin had some 24 years of creditable service as a teacher in the public schools of Maine, but due to a disability situation was forced to separate from teaching service in 1954.

Just before separating from service at that time he applied for disability retirement benefits, but since the examinations conducted by the medical board of the system did not at that time indicate to them that he was eligible for such a benefit, his application was denied.

Since that time his disability is alleged to have been steadily increasing, to the point where he is now practically unable to perform any type of gainful employment.

He would not normally be eligible for any retirement benefit until he attained age 60 which would occur in July of 1967.

Mr. Goodwin is obviously in need of income and this resolve is presented to enable him to receive whatever retirement benefit he might be entitled to a few years in advance of his attained age 60.