

MAINE STATE LEGISLATURE

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FIRST SPECIAL SESSION

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTH LEGISLATURE

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No. 2328

H. P. 1837

House of Representatives, January 9, 1974

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

E. LOUISE LINCOLN, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Mills of Eastport.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
SEVENTY-FOUR

RESOLVE, Providing Retirement Benefits for Seraphine Stevens of Pleasant Point.

Seraphine Stevens; retirement benefits. Resolved: That Seraphine Stevens of Pleasant Point Reservation be made eligible for retirement benefits from the Maine State Retirement System as if she had become a member of the system at the commencement of her employment by the Pleasant Point Reservation schools in 1934; and be it further

Resolved: That the State appropriate whatever funds are necessary to be paid to the Maine State Retirement System in order to enable Seraphine Stevens to receive retirement benefits as if she had become a member of the system in 1934; and be it further

Resolved: That for purposes of determining the contributions Seraphine Stevens would have made into the Maine State Retirement System had she been a member from 1934 to 1953, Seraphine Stevens' salary shall be considered to have been \$20 per week from 1934 to 1953.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Seraphine Stevens of the Pleasant Point Passamaquoddy Reservation has been employed as a cook at the Pleasant Point Reservation schools since the fall of 1934, a period of approximately 39 years and was not eligible to become a member of the Maine State Retirement System until 1966, when the

Indian schools were placed under the jurisdiction of the Department of Education. The records of Seraphine Stevens' employment by the Pleasant Point Reservation schools prior to 1954 cannot be located in the files of the Department of Health and Welfare. Seraphine Stevens is now 65 years old and is not presently eligible for retirement benefits from the Maine State Retirement System. In light of her 39 years of service at the Pleasant Point Reservation schools, she should be entitled to full retirement benefits commensurate with her many years of employment.