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House of Representatives, February 27, 1997

Resolve, to Include Retired Employees in Lump-sum Salary Payments.

(EMERGENCY)

Reference to the Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs suggested and ordered printed.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joseph W. Mayo".

JOSEPH W. MAYO, Clerk

Presented by Representative FULLER of Manchester.
Cosponsored by Senator: TREAT of Kennebec.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, Acts and resolves of the Legislature do not become effective until 90 days after adjournment unless enacted as emergencies; and

Whereas, legislative employees have not had a cost-of-living increase for several years; and

Whereas, during that time period, they have been subject to delayed paydays, delayed merit increases, shut-down days and 39-hour workweeks; and

Whereas, many legislative employees who were working during some or all of this period of lessened compensation have retired; and

Whereas, it would appear only fair that they share in any initiative to compensate employees for this lessened compensation; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the Legislature, these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the Constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Sec. 1. Lump-sum payment due. Resolved: That a retired employee of the Maine State Legislature who was employed for more than one year during the period from the last cost-of-living increase given to state employees until December 31, 1996 must be paid any lump-sum payment payable to those currently employed that is designed as compensation for the loss of the cost-of-living increase.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve takes effect when approved.

SUMMARY

This resolve requires that retired legislative employees who served during the recent period when there were no cost-of-living increases must receive any lump-sum payment due active employees as compensation for the lack of a cost-of-living increase.