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NEW DRAFT

EIGHTY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

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H. P. 1652 House of Representatives, March 18, 1929.

Reported by Mr. Bailey from Committee on Pensions and
laid on table to be printed under joint rules.

CLYDE R. CHAPMAN, Clerk.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE
HUNDRED AND TWENTY-NINE

RESOLVE, to Provide for a State Pension for Mary W.
Chamberlain' of Portland.

Resolved: That a pension of twenty dollars per month be,
2 and hereby is, granted to Mary W. Chamberlain, of Port-
3 land, to be paid quarterly from the fund for pensions for
4 soldiers and sailors and their dependents. Said pension
5 shall begin July first, nineteen hundred and twenty-nine,
6 and continue until otherwise provided by the legislature.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Mary W. Chamberlain is blind and is ninety-three years of age, having been born May 11, 1835. Her great great grandfather, Harry Chamberlain, was in the Colonial forces, which fought in King Phillip's War; her great grandfather, Captain Joshua Merrill, was in Washington's army; two of her uncles fought in the War of 1812; and her two brothers served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Her father died when she was seven years old, being the oldest of five children, and she worked to aid her mother and the younger children as soon as she was able to do anything. She supported and cared for her mother until her mother's death at the age of seventy. She receives a pension of \$180.00 per year on account of blindness, and friends contribute \$15.00 per month. To be maintained in comfort during the few remaining years of her life further funds are necessary.