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House of Representatives, April 25, 1951.

Reported by Mr. McGlauffin from Committee on Judiciary and printed under Joint Rules No. 10.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Dennison of East Machias.

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**STATE OF MAINE**

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**IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED  
FIFTY-ONE**

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**RESOLVE, in Favor of Carrie M. Longfellow, of Machias.**

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**Carrie M. Longfellow; refund. Resolved:** That Carrie M. Longfellow, of Machias be paid the sum of \$1,185.17 which represents the amount contributed by her to the teachers' saving fund during the school years 1931 through 1945; said sum to be paid from the funds of the Maine state retirement system.

## STATEMENT OF FACTS

Miss Carrie M. Longfellow retired under the provisions of the Maine State Retirement Law on March 14, 1949 on account of disability at a monthly retirement benefit of \$56.86.

On August 6, 1949 an amendment to the retirement law became effective which provided for a refund to those teachers formerly eligible to the old so-called non-contributory teachers' retirement plan but who had voluntarily joined the Maine teachers' retirement association, such contributions as they may have made to the said Maine teachers' retirement association up to July 1, 1945.

Miss Longfellow first began to teach in 1918; hence was one of the teachers who was in the old non-contributory group, but she did elect to become a contributing member of M. T. R. A. in September of 1931.

Due to the fact, however, that Miss Longfellow actually retired prior to the date on which this new amendment of the law became operative, the Board of Trustees of the retirement system could find no authority under the law to refund to her the contributions involved.