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NINETY-SEVENTH LEGISLATURE

Legislative Document

No. 1406

H. P. 1171 House of Representatives, March 31, 1955.
Received by unanimous consent. Referred to Committee on Retirements and Pensions. Sent up for concurrence and ordered printed.

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk.

Presented by Mr. Fuller of South Portland.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED FIFTY-FIVE

RESOLVE, in Favor of Helen M. Madsen of Portland.

Helen M. Madsen, compensation increased; appropriation. Resolved: That the sum of \$246 be paid to Helen M. Madsen, of Portland, as additional compensation for the period from November 30, 1953 to June 30, 1955 and that her weekly Workman's Compensation be set at \$27 in accordance with the liberalization of the Workman's Compensation Act by Chapter 357 of the Public Laws of 1953, which became effective on November 30, 1953; and be it further

Resolved: That there be, and hereby is, appropriated from the general fund of the state the sum of \$402 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1956 and the sum of \$156 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1957 to carry out the purposes of this resolve, said sums to be added to and expended under Appropriation No. 4874 by the Department of Education.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

Miss Madsen fell on November 30, 1950, while working as the State Director of School Lunch Programs and received a head injury which eventually resulted in blindness in both eyes, causing her to be totally incapacitated for work since May 11, 1954. She is now receiving Workman's Compensation at the rate of \$24 per week, which was the maximum allowed under the law at the time a determination was made on her case. Her maximum under the liberalized law would be \$27 per week, but legislative action is required to make her eligible to the increase and to authorize payment for the time between the effective date of the new law and June 30, 1955.