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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

Presented by Mr. Dennett of Kittery.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-NINE

MEMORIAL

To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the United States
of America in Congress Assembled

JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORIALIZING CONGRESS TO EQUALIZE
WAGE RATES BETWEEN BOSTON AND KITTERY-PORTSMOUTH
NAVAL SHIPYARDS

We, your Memorialists, the Senate and House of Representatives of Maine
in the Ninety-ninth Legislative Session assembled, most respectfully present
and petition your Honorable Body as follows :

Whereas, unrelenting foreign conflict and unrest have created conditions of
grave national emergency which threaten the existence of the United States
and its people; and

Whereas, it is necessary in order to provide for the safety of the United
States and the welfare and security of its people that full and complete naval
preparedness be vigilantly maintained; and

Whereas, such preparedness comprehends the existence of a shipyard poten-
tial sufficient to provide the necessary naval might to defend and safeguard our
institutions, our people and our property from attack by sea; and

Whereas, the retention of qualified personnel in naval shipyards of the United
States is of utmost importance in upholding the integrity of the Navy in the
fulfillment of its mission; and

Whereas, there is pending before the Congress legislation to eliminate existing inequities in pay between employees of the Boston and Kittery-Portsmouth Naval Shipyards by equalizing wage rates between these yards; and

Whereas, this pay differential which constitutes an arbitrary and unjust discrimination in favor of the employees of the Boston Naval Shipyard for the same work performed is a continuing source of resentment to employees of the Kittery-Portsmouth Naval Shipyard; and

Whereas, legislation is vitally necessary to eliminate such unjustified preferences in pay to the end that the effectiveness of the Kittery-Portsmouth Naval facility will be perpetuated; now therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That we, the Memorialist, recommend to the Congress of the United States that legislation which would equalize wage rates between the Boston and Kittery-Portsmouth Naval Shipyards be adopted at the earliest possible time; and be it further

RESOLVED: That a copy of this Memorial, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress, the membership of said Senate and House of Representatives from this State and to the presiding officers of each of the Legislatures in the New England States.