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# ACTS AND RESOLVES

AS PASSED BY THE

## Ninety-ninth Legislature

OF THE

# STATE OF MAINE

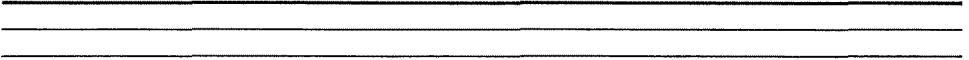
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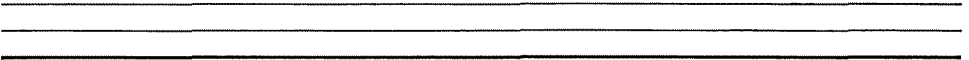
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1959



MEMORIALS

JOINT RESOLUTION



STATE OF MAINE

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

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**MEMORIAL**

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

**JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORALIZING CONGRESS TO EQUALIZE  
RETIREMENT BENEFITS FOR RETIRED MEMBERS OF THE  
ARMED FORCES WHO RETIRED PRIOR TO JUNE 1, 1958**

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**, there is now pending before the Congress of the United States legis-  
lation concerning the improvement of benefits for retired members of the United  
States armed forces who retired prior to June 1, 1958; and

**Whereas**, there appears to be no basis for the gross discrimination against  
retired personnel who retired before June 1, 1958, as they are, by reason of past  
meritorious services, equally entitled to the increased benefits granted personnel  
who retire, or have retired, after such date; and

**Whereas**, this false distinction violates the basic precepts of fair play and the  
circumstances of retirement should not penalize these honorable members of  
our society, who must meet the present ever-increasing cost of living the same  
as personnel that retired after June 1, 1958; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, That we, the Memorialists, recommend to the Congress of the United  
States that legislation be enacted that will increase the retirement benefits of  
the retired personnel who retired prior to June 1, 1958, so that they will be  
treated equally with personnel who retire, or have retired, after such date; 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 President  
and Vice President of the United States, to the Speaker of the House of Repre-  
sentatives, and to each Senator and Representative from Maine in the Congress  
of the United States.

IN SENATE CHAMBER

Read and Adopted

April 7, 1959

Sent down for concurrence

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Read and Adopted

April 8, 1959

In Concurrence

HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

## STATE OF MAINE

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IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD ONE THOUSAND NINE HUNDRED  
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## MEMORIAL

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

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JOINT RESOLUTION MEMORALIZING CONGRESS TO PROVIDE  
ADEQUATE SAFEGUARDS IN TARIFF AND FOREIGN  
TRADE POLICY LEGISLATION

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

Whereas, the steadily increasing importation from foreign countries into the United States of numerous products that unfairly compete with a substantial part of the products of Maine's industrial economy constitutes a constant threat to the State's economic stability; and

Whereas, the manufacturing and processing industries such as textiles, hardwood plywood, clothespins and fisheries pay wages at the American standard to our residents and support the State and Federal Governments by payment of taxes; and

Whereas, the cost of production in low-wage, highly industrialized foreign countries is far below the cost of production in the State of Maine and it is impossible for our industries to compete with the low priced imports; and

Whereas, some industries of Maine are being forced to close or reduce work forces, man work-hours and prices, resulting in financial losses to the companies, reduction in take-home pay to workers and unemployment; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved:** That we, the Memorialists, recommend to the Congress of the United States to provide in the Trade Agreements legislation now before it adequate safeguards to remedy injury to domestic industry through import quotas and an effective legal control; and be it further

**Resolved:** That copies of this resolution, duly authenticated by the Secretary of State, be immediately transmitted by the Secretary of State to the Senate and House of Representatives in Congress, to the President of the United States, the Vice President of the United States, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Labor, the Chairman of the United States Tariff Commission, the President of the Senate, the Speaker of the House of Representatives, the Chairman of the House

Ways and Means Committee, the Chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and each Senator and Representative from Maine in the Congress of the United States.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

IN SENATE CHAMBER

Read and Adopted

In Concurrence

May 8, 1958

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HARVEY R. PEASE, Clerk

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JOINT RESOLUTION

**Whereas**, the State and the Cities and Towns thereof have embarked upon an intensive program of industrial, recreational and agricultural development, and

**Whereas**, a favorable "business climate" is acknowledged to be a major factor in the advancement of such a development program, and

**Whereas**, the success of such a program means more jobs, more payrolls, new sources of revenues and greater prosperity for all our people, and

**Whereas**, the creation and continuance of a favorable "business climate" can only be attained by strict adherence to a set of well defined principles and conditions, and

**Whereas**, these principles and conditions are generally recognized and defined as follows:

1. An atmosphere in which the triumvirate of government, management and labor live cooperatively and harmoniously in full recognition of their interdependence and mutual interests;
2. A friendly and understanding attitude on the part of government at all levels and a willingness on the part of government, within its proper sphere of activity, to do all within its power to keep Maine industry and commerce in a competitive position;
3. An attitude on the part of our people which clearly indicates to industry (both existing and potential) that they are sincerely wanted;
4. Careful and prudent planning activities with an eye to present needs and future efficient growth of the state;

5. Vigorous community attitudes which reflect concern for continuing and expanding payroll revenues by making more attractive the ease and cost of doing business in this state ;

6. Sound, stable and adequate financial institutions and established machinery for capital generation ;

7. An informed, intelligent and productive labor force dedicated to pride in product, and which endorses the profit motive as the source of job security and benefits for all ; now, therefore, be it

**Resolved**, that the Senate and House of Representatives, of the 99th Maine Legislature shall examine all proposed legislation in terms of its effect upon the "favorable business climate" of the state and shall determine whether such legislation may have any deterrent effect upon the business climate of the state, as outlined and be it further

**Resolved**, that copies of this Resolution be transmitted by the Secretary of the Senate to the Governor and the heads of all departments of the state government with the request that they examine their own discretionary acts in terms of the effect upon the "favorable business climate" of Maine.

Representative Smith of Exeter.

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