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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE ON AGING, RETIREMENT & VETERANS

BILL SUMMARY



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JOINT STANDING COMMITTEE BILL SUMMARIES JUNE 1987

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Final action for each bill is listed to the right of the title. If final House action and Senate action differ, both are listed.

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Key to Committee Reports and Floor Action:

OTP Ought to Pass
OTP-ND Ought to Pass in New Draft
OTP-ND-NT Ought to Pass in New Draft, New Title
OTP-A Ought to Pass as Amended
ONTP Ought Not to Pass
LVWD Leave to Withdraw
INDEF PP Indefinitely Postponed

Sponsor: MCSWEENEY, Racine Committee Report: LVWD

<u>SUMMARY:</u> The bill would have required the director of the Veterans Services to publish and distribute annually a directory of Maine veterans.

LD AN ACT TO ALLOW THE TRANSFER OF UP TO 2 YEARS LVWD

1101 OF CREDIT TO THE STATE TEACHERS RETIREMENT

SYSTEM FOR TEACHING SERVICES PERFORMED ABROAD

Sponsor: THERIAULT, Martin H, McHenry, Paradis J, Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill would have allowed teachers who taught in public schools in Canada to purchase up to two years of service credit toward Maine State Retirement. The teacher purchasing the credit would have paid the actuarial equivalent of the increase in benefits and there would have been no increased cost to the system.

LD RESOLVE, TO PROVIDE A RETIREMENT BENEFIT TO THE LVWD 1128 BENEFICIARY OF HARRIET V. P. KAPLAN

Sponsor: MANNING, Brannigan, Committee Report: LVWD

SUMMARY: The bill was a private and special bill requesting that the surviving spouse of a teacher who died one month and 28 days short of age 60 be able to receive a survivors benefit as if the deceased teacher had reached age 60 and been entitled to a retirement benefit. The survivor's benefit under the retirement option would have been \$591.88 per month as compared to the flat survivor's benefit of \$150 per month. The special exemption would have been contrary to the "special legislation" clause of the Maine Constitution which prohibits special grants to individual citizens.