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***Testimony of Rep. Jan Dodge in support of
LD 328, An Act Requiring the State to Pay a Retired State Employee's or Retired
Teacher's Premium for Medicare Part B under Medicare Advantage
Before the Joint Standing Committee on Labor***

Good morning, Senator Tipping, Representative Roeder and esteemed colleagues of the Labor Committee. My name is Jan Dodge, and I represent House District 39, which includes Belfast, Northport and Belmont.

I am before you again to champion the cause of honoring commitments for retirees. I have pledged to continue sharing the plight of retired teachers and state workers who receive modest pensions from which increasing health care premiums are deducted.

Public sector workers – teachers and state employees – were made many promises throughout their years of service, yet as they approach retirement and begin to dot their “I’s” and cross their “T’s,” they find those promises will not be honored when you get right down to the “nitty-gritty!” This bill is an example of the hope we can correct those sorts of decisions and actions. These cause much angst about one’s ability to fiscally survive in retirement.

I urge you to vote Ought to Pass on LD 328, please.

Thank you!