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Private Teachers' Welfare Trust Bill passed

Jatiya Sangsad unani- mously passed a bill to estab- lish a welfare trust for the benefit of the private teachers either in retirement or in service by extending financial help to them in every possible way, reports BSS.

The legislation called the Establishment of Private Tea- chers and Employees Welfare Trust Bill, 1990 provided for the benefit to private teachers of high school, college and madrasa teachers and emplo- yees.

The aims of the bill are to extend benefit to retired tea- chers, to the disabled teachers and to the families of the those falling victim of accidents and to those who suffered from prolonged illness.

The 13-member board of trustees will be headed by the Education Secretary with head- quarters in Dhaka. The fund of the trust, among others, will constitute the teachers and

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employees contributions deter- mined by the welfare trust.

Prime Minister Kazi Zafar Ahmed and mover of the Bill Education Minister Sheikh Shahidul Islam spoke on the occasion saying that their aspi- rations were going to be fulfil- led and teachers would be gra- dually placed in the 'highest esteem.'

Earlier six members of the opposition Shajahan Siraj and Abdul Matin Mia, Nooruddin, S M Nuruzzaman, Mukhtar Ahmed and Ataur Rahman participated in the debate. They congratulated the Education Minister for bringing the legis- lation.