

state Commerce Act, which empowers the ICC to approve cessation of service on branch lines upon carrier petitions.

169. *Alessi v. Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.*, 451 U.S. 504 (1981).

A New Jersey workmen's compensation provision denying employers the right to reduce retiree's pension benefits by the amount of a compensation award under the act is preempted by federal pension regulation law.

170. *Maryland v. Louisiana*, 451 U.S. 725 (1981).

Louisiana's "first-use tax" statute which, because of exceptions and credits, imposes a tax only on natural gas moving out-of-state, impermissibly discriminates against interstate commerce, and another provision that required pipeline companies to allocate cost of the tax to the ultimate consumer is preempted by federal law.

171. *McCarty v. McCarty*, 453 U.S. 210 (1981).

California community property statute, to the extent it treated retired pay of Army officers as property divisible between spouses on divorce, is preempted by federal law.

Justices concurring: Blackmun, White, Marshall, Powell, Stevens, Burger, C.J.
Justices dissenting: Rehnquist, Brennan, Stewart

172. *Agsalud v. Standard Oil Co.*, 454 U.S. 801 (1981).

A court of appeals decision holding preempted by federal pension law Hawaii law requiring employers to provide their employees with a comprehensive prepaid health care plan is summarily affirmed.

173. *Blum v. Bacon*, 457 U.S. 132 (1982).

A provision of New York's emergency assistance program precluding assistance to persons receiving AFDC to replace a lost or stolen AFDC grant is contrary to valid federal regulations proscribing inequitable treatment under the emergency assistance program.

174. *Fidelity Fed. Savings & Loan Ass'n v. de la Cuesta*, 458 U.S. 141 (1982).

California's prohibition on unreasonable restraints on alienation, construed to prohibit "due-on-sale" clauses in mortgage contracts, is preempted by Federal Home Loan Bank Board regulations permitting federal savings and loan associations to include such clauses in their contracts.

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