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S. P. 286

In Senate, February 18, 1953.

Referred to Committee on Appropriations and Financial Affairs. Sent down for concurrence and ordered printed.

CHESTER T. WINSLOW, Secretary.

Presented by Senator Haskell of Penobscot.

STATE OF MAINE

IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINETEEN HUNDRED
FIFTY-THREE

RESOLVE, Providing for a Deficiency Appropriation for Hospital Aid.

Emergency preamble. Whereas, the funds appropriated for hospital aid for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953 were \$200,000 less than the funds provided for the prior fiscal year ending June 30, 1953; and

Whereas, reasonably adequate provisions for payments to the hospitals for service to patients qualified under the hospital aid laws are essential for the continued operation of Maine hospitals; and

Whereas, in the judgment of the legislature these facts create an emergency within the meaning of the constitution of Maine and require the following legislation as immediately necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety; now, therefore, be it

Hospital aid; appropriation for. Resolved: That the sum of \$200,000 be, and hereby is, appropriated to the department of health and welfare from the unappropriated surplus of the general fund for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1953, for additional aid to public and private hospitals. This supplemental appropriation shall be paid as though it had been available during the entire fiscal year ending June 30, 1953.

Emergency clause. In view of the emergency cited in the preamble, this resolve shall take effect when approved.

STATEMENT OF FACTS

The general fund appropriation measures passed by the 95th legislature provided as follows for hospital aid:

Year	Amount
1951-52	\$1,000,000
1952-53	800,000

The smaller appropriation for the current year reflected the lower general fund income estimates incident to the property tax repeal and did not indicate lower hospital costs or fewer hospital days.

The result of the \$200,000 reduction, 1952-53 over 1951-52 has been as follows:

Quarter	Amount paid per hospital day under the \$1,000,000 Appropriation of '51-'52	Amount available per hospital day under the \$800,000 Appropriation of '52-'53	Decrease
September	\$8.28	\$6.64	\$1.64
December	7.81	6.03	1.78
March	7.74	5.79 (est.)	1.95
June	7.72	5.77 (est.)	1.95

An appropriation of \$200,000 to bring the 1952-53 allocation back to the 1951-52 level would produce per diem payments, as follows:

Period, by quarters	\$800,000 Base	\$1,000,000 Base	Increase
September 1952	\$6.64	\$8.23	\$1.59
December 1952	6.02	7.47	1.45
March 1953 (estimated)	5.94	7.39	1.45
June 1953 (estimated)	5.94	7.39	1.45