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STATE OF MAINE
NINETY-SIXTH LEGISLATURE
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On motion by MR. HASKELL of Penobscot,
ORDERED, the House concurring that
WHEREAS, the general fund appropriation measure has been enacted by
both branches and signed by the Governor; and
WHEREAS, the appropriations related to all Departments have been
fixed by that act; and
WHEREAS, it is the intent of the legislature that such
appropriations should continue to express legislative
intent with respect to these departments; and
WHEREAS, the Personnel Board has indicated that certain adjustments
in the minimum and maximum rates of some classes is now
desirable in order that the State's wage plan be preserved
on essentially the same sound and equitable basis as when
originally adopted on March 5, 1951:

The legislature does recognize that wage and salary levels
for some classes, particularly in the nursing service of
institutions, may require special consideration over and
above the one range wage measure provided for all
classified employees.

In view of these conditions the legislature does approve
the general proposition that if possible within the
appropriations to the affected departments, the wage
schedules of these classes of employees may receive special
consideration, but the costs incident to such
liberalizations shall [sic] be limited to the economics that
may be effected by the several departments involved.

With reference to nursing service employees this order
recognized the general right of the governor and council
with respect to both the contingent account and the
institutional emergency funds, and in no way seeks to
restrict the general authority given to the governor and
council in appropriations from either of these funds for
the problem presented by the nursing service wage scale
levels. (S.P. 610)

Which was read and passed.

[Note: This text appears in the Journal of the Senate, pp. 985-986,
but reference is omitted from the Legislative Record for that day.
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