

[Similar Matter Filed During Past Session —
See Senate No. 1788 of 1983]

SENATE No. 1872

By Mr. Bolling, a petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1872) of Royal L. Bolling, Sr., and Council 93, AFSCME, AFL-CIO, by Joseph M. Bonavita, executive director, for legislation to authorize expenditures for salaries, pensions and public assistance in the absence of a general appropriation bill. Ways and Means (Senate).

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Eighty-four.

AN ACT AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURES FOR SALARIES, PENSIONS AND PUBLIC ASSISTANCE IN THE ABSENCE OF A GENERAL APPROPRIATION BILL.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

- 1 Chapter 29 of the General Laws is hereby amended by in-
- 2 serting after section 26 thereof the following new section: —
- 3 *Section 26C.* Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 26
- 4 or 27, state officers and agencies may, in the absence of a
- 5 general appropriation bill, incur liabilities and make payments
- 6 for necessary expenditures, within the meaning of section 3
- 7 article 63 of the amendments to the Constitution. These ex-
- 8 penditures shall be limited to payments for salaries, pensions,
- 9 and payments to individuals eligible under any program of
- 10 public assistance or veterans' assistance, and further limited
- 11 to amounts authorized by the Governor, but not including ob-
- 12 jects of expenditure not in the previous years' appropriation.
- 13 The authority granted under this section shall cease when
- 14 the general appropriation bill has the force of law conformable
- 15 with the Constitution. All actions taken under this section
- 16 shall be applied against the general appropriation bill for the
- 17 fiscal year to which said actions apply.

CONFIDENTIAL - SECURITY INFORMATION
EXEMPT FROM GDS

The Administration of the Department

In the case of the Department of the Interior

and the Department of the Army

and the Department of the Navy

and the Department of the Air Force

and the Department of the Coast Guard

and the Department of the Public Health

and the Department of the Education

and the Department of the Justice