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H^{ER} MAJESTY, by and with the advice and consent of the Legislative Assembly of Alberta, enacts as follows:

1. The Legislative Assembly Act is hereby amended.

2. Section 51 is struck out and the following section substituted:

51. (1) There shall be paid to each member of the Legislative Assembly:

- (a) for the period commencing April 1, 1975 and ending March 31, 1976,
 - (i) an indemnity allowance at the rate of \$9900, and
 - (ii) an expense allowance at the rate of \$4950;
- (b) for the period commencing April 1, 1976 and ending March 31, 1977,
 - (i) an indemnity allowance at the rate of \$10,790, and
 - (ii) an expense allowance at the rate of \$5395;
- (c) for the period commencing April 1, 1977 and ending March 31, 1978,
 - (i) an indemnity allowance at the rate of \$11,653, and
 - (ii) an expense allowance at the rate of \$5826;
- (d) on and after April 1, 1978,
 - (i) an indemnity allowance at the rate of \$12,469 a year, and
 - (ii) an expense allowance at the rate of \$6234 a year.

(2) The expense allowances referred to in subsection (1) are provided to each member of the Legislative Assembly to pay for the expenses of that member incident to the discharge of his duties as a member.

Explanatory Notes

1. This Bill will amend chapter 204 of the Revised Statutes of Alberta 1970.

2. The increases in indemnity and expense allowances represent increases of 10%, 9%, 8% and 7% respectively in each of the years specified. Section 51 presenty reads:

51. There shall be paid to each member of the Legislative Assembly
(a) an indemnity allowance at the rate of \$9,000 a year, and
(b) an expense allowance at the rate of \$4,500 a year for expenses incident to the discharge of his duties as a member.

- 3. Section 51.1 is amended
 - (a) by striking out subsection (1) and substituting the following:

51.1 (1) There shall be paid to the members of the Legislative Assembly holding the offices of Speaker and Deputy Speaker

- (a) for the period commencing April 1, 1975 and ending March 31, 1976, salaries at the following rates:
 - (i) \$8800, in the case of the Speaker, and
 - (ii) \$5500, in the case of the Deputy Speaker;
- (b) for the period commencing April 1, 1976 and ending March 31, 1977, salaries at the following rates:
 - (i) \$9592, in the case of the Speaker, and
 - (ii) \$5995, in the case of the Deputy Speaker;
- (c) for the period commencing April 1, 1977 and ending March 31, 1978, salaries at the following rates:
 - (i) \$10,360, in the case of the Speaker, and
 - (ii) \$6475, in the case of the Deputy Speaker;
- (d) on and after April 1, 1978, salaries at the following rates:
 - (i) \$11,085 a year, in the case of the Speaker, and
 - (ii) \$6928 a year, in the case of the Deputy Speaker.
- (b) by striking out subsection (2) and substituting the following:

(2) There shall be paid to the member of the Legislative Assembly who is the Leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition

- (a) for the period commencing April 1, 1975 and ending March 31, 1976, a salary at the rate of \$24,200;
- (b) for the period commencing April 1, 1976 and ending March 31, 1977, a salary at the rate of \$26,378;
- (c) for the period commencing April 1, 1977 and ending March 31, 1978, a salary at the rate of \$28,488;
- (d) on and after April 1, 1978, a salary at the rate of \$30,483 a year.

3. Salaries to the Speaker, Deputy Speaker and Leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition are increased 10%, 9%, 8% and 7% respectively during the periods specified. Section 51.1, subsections (1) and (2) presently read:

51.1 (1) There shall be paid to the member of the Legislative Assembly holding the office of Speaker a salary at the rate of \$8,000 per annum and to the member of the Legislative Assembly holding the office of Deputy Speaker a salary at the rate of \$5,000 a year.

(2) There shall be paid to the member of the Legislative Assembly who is the leader of Her Majesty's loyal opposition a salary at the rate of \$22,000 a year.

4. Section 55 is struck out and the following section substituted:

55. There shall be paid to the members of the Executive Council

- (a) for the period commencing April 1, 1975 and ending March 31, 1976, salaries at the following rates:
 - (i) \$29,700, in the case of the President of the Executive Council,
 - (ii) \$24,200, in the case of a Minister with portfolio, and
 - (iii) \$17,600, in the case of a Minister without portfolio;
- (b) for the period commencing April 1, 1976 and ending March 31, 1977, salaries at the following rates:
 - (i) \$32,373, in the case of the President of the Executive Council,
 - (ii) \$26,378, in the case of a Minister with portfolio, and
 - (iii) \$19,184, in the case of a Minister without portfolio;
- (c) for the period commencing April 1, 1977 and ending March 31, 1978, salaries at the following rates:
 - (i) \$34,962, in the case of the President of the Executive Council,
 - (ii) \$28,489, in the case of a Minister with portfolio, and
 - (iii) \$20,719, in the case of a Minister without portfolio;
- (d) on and after April 1, 1978, salaries at the following rates:
 - (i) \$37,410 a year, in the case of the President of the Executive Council,
 - (ii) \$30,483 a year, in the case of a Minister with portfolio, and
 - (iii) \$22,169 a year, in the case of a Minister without portfolio,

and reasonable allowances for travelling and living expenses incurred in the performance of their duties as members of the Executive Council at such rates as may be prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

5. Section 56, subsection (1) is amended by striking out the figure "\$30" and substituting the figure "\$40".

4. The increase in salaries for the President of Executive Council and for Ministers reflect an increase of 10%, 9%, 8% and 7% respectively. Section 55 presently reads:

 ${\bf 55.}$ There shall be paid to the members of the Executive Council salaries at the following rates, namely,

(a) \$27,000 a year, in the case of the President of the Executive Council,

(b) \$22,000 a year, in the case of a Minister with portfolio, and

(c) \$16,000 a year, in the case of a Minister without portfolio,

and reasonable allowances for travelling and living expenses incurred in the per-formance of their duties as members of the Executive Council at such rates as may be prescribed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

^{5.} Section 56, subsection (1) presently reads:

^{56.} (1) Where it is necessary for a member of the Legislative Assembly to live in a temporary residence in Edmonton for the purpose of attending a session of the Assembly, the member may claim and be paid, in respect of each day during the session that he is necessarily absent from his ordinary place of residence, re-imbursement for actual expenses incurred by him for accommodation and meals and for actual sundry living expenses but subject to a maximum amount of \$30 for each day.

6. Section 59 is amended

- (a) as to subsection (1), clause (a) by striking out the figure "\$40" and substituting the figure "\$50",
- (b) as to subsection (1), clause (c) by striking out the figure "16" and substituting the figure "17.5",
- (c) as to subsection (1.1), clause (c) by striking out the figure "16" and substituting the figure "17.5".

7. This Act comes into force on the day upon which it is assented to.

6. Section 59, subsection (1), clauses (a) and (c) and subsection (1.1), clause (c) read:

59. (1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, where a member of the Legis-lative Assembly serves, during intervals between sessions or while the Assembly is adjourned for more than five days, on a committee appointed by resolution of the Assembly, the member shall be paid in respect of such service, (a) an allowance of \$40 a day for each day upon which he

(i) attends a meeting of the committee, or

- (ii) is otherwise engaged in the work or business of the committee,
- (c) reasonable disbursements for travel other than by private automobile, or an allowance of 16 cents per mile for every mile travelled by private auto-mobile.

(1.1) Notwithstanding anything in this Act, where a member of the Legislative Assembly serves, during intervals between sessions or while the Assembly is ad-journed for more than five days, on a committee appointed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council, the Lieutenant Governor in Council may order that the mem-ber be paid in respect of such service any or all of the following:

(c) reasonable disbursements for travel other than by private automobile, or an allowance not exceeding 16 cents per mile for every mile travelled by private automobile.