



**House of Assembly
Newfoundland and Labrador**

**Minutes of the House of Assembly
Management Commission**

Date: May 5, 2008

Location: House of Assembly Chamber

Time: 9:00 a.m. – 9:40 a.m.

Members Present:

Hon. Roger Fitzgerald, Speaker

Mr. William MacKenzie, Clerk of the House of Assembly

Hon. Tom Rideout, Government House Leader

Mr. Kelvin Parsons, Opposition House Leader

Ms. Beth Marshall, MHA (PC) Topsail

Ms. Yvonne Jones, MHA (L) Cartwright - L'Anse Au Clair

Ms. Lorraine Michael, MHA (NDP) Signal Hill - Quidi Vidi

Other:

Ms. Marie Keefe, Policy & Communications Officer

Regrets :

Hon. Trevor Taylor, MHA (PC) The Straits - White Bay North

Mr. Tom Osborne, Deputy Speaker

CM 2008 - 047

The Commission approved the draft amendment to the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* as follows:

Section 18 of the Act is amended by adding immediately after subsection (5) the following:

“(5.1) Notwithstanding subsection (5), where the number of members sitting in the House of Assembly in opposition to the government is insufficient to allow the appointment of 3 of those members to the Public Accounts Committee and still comply with that

subsection, a member of the commission may serve concurrently as a member of the commission and of the Public Accounts Committee of the House of Assembly.”

The Government House Leader is to inform the Lieutenant Governor in Council of the Commission’s wish to have a Bill introduced during the current Session to give effect to the proposed amendment.

CM 2008 - 048

The Commission approved the proposed draft amendment to the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* as follows:

Section 12 of the *House of Assembly Accountability, Integrity and Administration Act* is amended by adding immediately after subsection (4) the following:

- (5) Where a member who holds a position referred to in paragraph (1)(a)(b) or (c) is, due to illness, absent and unable to carry out the duties of his or her position for a period of more than 10 consecutive sitting days of the House of Assembly,
- (a) a member referred to in paragraph (1)(b) or (c) who carries out the duties of a member referred to in paragraph (1)(a) or (b); and
 - (b) another member appointed to carry out the duties of a member referred to in paragraph (1)(c),

is, after the expiration of those 10 days, and until the return to duties of the absent member or the appointment of a new member to the absent member’s position, entitled to a salary referred to in subsection (1) for the position that he or she replaces without affecting the salary of the absent member.

It was also directed that the amendment to section 12 be retroactive to March 10, 2008.

The Government House Leader is to inform the Lieutenant Governor in Council of the Commission’s wish to have a Bill introduced during the current Session to give effect to the proposed amendment.

Adjournment: 9:40 a.m.
Hon. Roger Fitzgerald, MHA
Speaker and Chair

Wm. MacKenzie
Clerk and Secretary to the Commission