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Teleconference

9 a.m. Friday, May 21, 1999

Present: Members of the Board of Internal Economy

Hon. Glenn Hagel, Chair
 Mr. Ben Heppner
 Mr. Myron Kowalsky
 Hon. Eldon Lautermilch
 Mr. Harvey McLane
 Mr. Grant Whitmore

Staff to the Board

Marilyn Borowski, Director, Financial Services
 Garnet Holtzmann, Legislative Counsel and Law Clerk
 Gwenn Ronyk, Clerk
 Margaret Kleisinger, Secretary

AGENDA Moved by Ms. Crofford, seconded by Mr. Heppner, that the proposed agenda be adopted. Agreed.

MINUTES The Chair informed the Members that the minutes of Meeting #1/99 would be approved at the next meeting of the Board.

ITEM 1 Decision Item: Appointment of Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner

Moved by Mr. Whitmore, seconded by Mr. McLane:

The Board of Internal Economy, pursuant to *The Members' Conflict of Interest Act*:

(a) hereby appoints Derril McLeod, Q.C. Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner;

(b) fixes:

(i) the amount of \$1,822.00 to be paid to Derril McLeod, Q.C. on a one-time basis in respect of his appointment as Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner; and

(ii) salary for the services of Derril McLeod, Q.C. as Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner and allowances for travelling and other expenses, of Derril McLeod, Q.C., as so acting, as provided by Directive #20 – Conflict of Interest Commissioner's Salary and Expense Allowance.

A debate arising and the question being put, it was agreed to.

Minute #1489

The Board adjourned at 9:11 a.m. to the call of the Chair.

Hon. Glenn Hagel
 Chair

Margaret Kleisinger
 Secretary

The Chair: — I'll call the meeting to order and ask that, as this is a teleconference meeting, that before anyone makes a comment for the purposes of *Hansard* if you would give your name before you comment. And we have . . . I propose to you just a single agenda item which is the appointment of the Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner. And in the context of the agenda, I would recommend as well that the minutes of the meeting #1 of 1999 be approved at the next regular meeting of the Board when we're together and can see them physically.

So I recommend to you a single agenda item: that being the appointment of Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner and it would be in order to have someone to move a motion to approve the agenda.

Hon. Ms. Crofford: — I'll do that.

The Chair: — Okay thanks Joanne. Is there a seconder?

Mr. Heppner: — Seconded.

The Chair: — Thanks Ben. Discussion? Those in favour?

A Member: — Agreed.

The Chair: — Opposed? And that's carried. Then we have before us this single agenda item. I'll give you the backgrounder on it. The House as you know adjourned on May 6 and on May 8 the term of the Conflict of Interest Commissioner expired and therefore the House is not in a position to deal with the appointment of Conflict of Interest Commissioner which puts us in a position where we currently then technically have not had a Conflict of Interest Commissioner although in fact he has been meeting with members during this period of time.

And according to section 20 of The Members' Conflict of Interest Act it is the authority of the Board of Internal Economy to appoint an acting commissioner. And it is my recommendation to you then that Mr. McLeod be reappointed on an acting basis until such time as a new appointment can be made. So this would be seen as an interim decision without implications further than that. And my recommendation is that we also then approve compensation in lieu of salary for the period of May 9 to May 20 because technically there is not authority to make payment unless it is approved by the Board to do it in that way.

So that's the backgrounder and I do have a formal motion to recommend to you. But perhaps before I recommend the specific motion to achieve what I've just said if there's any comment or questions anybody would like to ask.

Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: — Just with respect to the salary, that would be the same as what he was receiving before his term expired?

Ms. Ronyk: — Yes it is. And I have confirmed that with Mr. McLeod as well that he is expecting it to be the same.

Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: — Fine.

Mr. Heppner: — I met with him this morning and thanked him for the fact that he was doing this gratis.

Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: — Well Ben, maybe we can pay him anyway, eh?

Mr. Heppner: — Okay, okay.

The Chair: — Ben, did he have any response when you thanked him for doing it gratis?

Mr. Heppner: — Just a very dry chuckle.

The Chair: — All right, is there any further question or comment?

If not, then let me recommend the wording of the motion to achieve this. And I recommend to you the following motion:

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(i) the amount of \$1,822 to be paid to Derril McLeod, Q.C. on a one-time basis in respect of his appointment as Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner; and

(ii) salary for the services of Derril McLeod, Q.C. as Acting Conflict of Interest Commissioner and allowances for travelling and other expenses of Derril McLeod, Q.C., as so acting, as provided by directive #20 — Conflict of Interest Commissioner's salary and expense allowance.

And that's the motion that I recommend to you. Does somebody wish to move that?

Mr. Whitmore: — I so move.

The Chair: — Whitmore. Is there a seconder?

Mr. McLane: — Harvey McLane.

The Chair: — McLane. Is there discussion on that motion? If not then those in favour?

A Member: — Agreed.

The Chair: — And opposed? And that is carried. I think it's carried unanimously. Is there any abstentions? Carried unanimously then.

And just before we go I will just advise you . . . you may have some interest related to where we're at on the advertising for the Law Clerk position. The ads are now prepared and will be running in the *StarPhoenix* and *The Leader-Post* next weekend, Saturday, May 29 and the following Saturday, June 5. And they'll run in *The Globe and Mail* and also in the *National Post*

on May 31, June 2 and June 4. And the ads will also be forwarded to the parliamentary counsel offices in other Canadian jurisdictions so that other people who have been acting in similar capacities will be aware that there's an opening in Saskatchewan.

The closing date for the competition is Friday, June 18 and we're still on a line that we expect that an appointment should be made by September or October, following the process approved by the Board at the last meeting. So that's an update on the status of the Legislative Law Clerk.

Is there anything else for the good of the operation of the Board that anybody wants to raise before we adjourn?

Mr. McLane: — It'd be good if Mr. Lautermilch could inform us of what time on Tuesday we'll know the big word.

Mr. Whitmore: — Harvey, be patient, be patient.

Hon. Ms. Crofford: — Always good to have your homework done.

Hon. Mr. Lautermilch: — Harvey in response to your comments, I'm prepared any time between today and next June.

Mr. McLane: — As am I, Eldon.

The Chair: — And of course the Speaker has no opinion on this.

Mr. Heppner: — But none of us are planning to sleep in Tuesday.

The Chair: — I think the *Hansard* record will show that at the end of the meeting some hon. members started talking all over the place.

Well folks, thanks very much for your co-operation here and we can proceed then with the interim Conflict of Interest Commissioner.

And I wish you all well in your ventures in the future, whatever they may be. Meeting stands adjourned. Thank you.

The Board adjourned at 9:11 a.m.