Date introduced: 1 May 1986
House: House of Representatives
Presented by: Hon. John Brown, M.P., Minister for Sport, Recreation and Tourism

DIGEST OF BILL

Purpose

To appropriate $21.334 million from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for expenditure by the Parliamentary Departments during the 1986-87 financial year.

Background

As a result of the report of the Senate Select Committee on Parliament's Appropriations and Staffing, tabled on 18 August 1981, the appropriations for Parliamentary Departments, for both capital and recurrent expenditure, are made by a separate Bill.

The Supply Bill (No. 1) 1986-87 together with the Supply Bill (No. 2) 1986-87 and the Supply (Parliamentary Departments) Bill 1986-87 provide interim appropriations for the period 1 July 1986 to 30 November 1986. It is expected that, by 30 November 1986, the Appropriation Bills, which are introduced on Budget night in August, would have been enacted. The amounts appropriated by the Supply Bills are later included in the Appropriation Bills for the financial year to which the expenditures relate.

Outline

The Bill seeks $21.334 million for expenditure by the Parliamentary Departments. This represents an increase of approximately 9.2 per cent over the amount for the 1985-86 Supply period.
The Schedule to the Bill outlines the appropriation sought, and the allocation between recurrent and capital expenditure, by the Parliamentary Departments.

Main Provisions

The Minister for Finance will be able to issue $21.334 million from the Consolidated Revenue Fund for the purposes detailed in the Bill's Schedule for the 1986-87 financial year (clause 3).

Clause 4 will allow additional appropriations in respect of increases in salaries. The Minister for Finance may, at any time before 1 December 1986 issue money from Consolidated Revenue necessary to meet increases in salaries and wages arising from any law, award, order or determination, which becomes payable after 1 May 1986. The amounts are to be determined by the President of the Senate and Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Clause 5 will allow advances to be made to the President and Speaker for expenditure on the House of Representatives and the Senate in excess of specific appropriation. For the remaining Parliamentary Departments, such expenditure may be charged to the Joint Advance to the President and the Speaker.

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