APPENDIX

(See p. 8227)

Le Président The Speaker

Chambre des communes House of Commons Canada

> OTTAWA March 4, 1981

The Hon. Stanley Knowles, M.P. Room 632, Centre Block House of Commons
Dear Colleague:

I refer to the Motion which you introduced in the House of Commons on December 19, 1980, to the effect that employees who worked extended hours during the December 18-19 sitting be paid extra compensation.

I am pleased to inform you that the process of confirming the names of the employees concerned and arriving at an equitable compensation formula, has now been concluded. Accordingly, some 192 employees will be receiving extra compensation later this month, based on the following formula:

up to 5 hours overtime \$25. (36 employees) 5 to 9 hours overtime \$50. (63 employees) 9 to 12 hours overtime \$75. (21 employees) over 12 hours overtime \$100. (72 employees)

Accompanying the cheques to employees will be a letter from me extending the thanks of the House to them.

You should note that the regular House of Commons provisions for overtime pay applied automatically to these employees, with the exception of Table Officers, *Hansard* Reporters and Pages. The latter two categories benefit from time off during prolonged inter-sessional periods. Thus, extra compensation as a result of the motion introduced on December 19th last will be paid 95 employees, over and above the overtime pay they have already received in accordance with the prevailing overtime regulations. Ninety-three of the remaining 97 employees will continue to benefit from time off during prolonged inter-sessional periods.

The preceding information is offered in order that you may appreciate that provisions already exist to compensate House of Commons employees when they are called upon to work extended hours.

I trust the foregoing will prove useful to you in the event a similar occasion to that of December 18-19 presents itself in the future. Thank you for your continued interest in the well-being of House employees.

Yours sincerely,

Jeanne Sauvé