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2. Chairperson: The President is the Chairperson for the Council and does not receive compensation or benefits for this role.

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- "12. (1) The members of the Council, other than the President, shall serve without remuneration, but each such member is entitled to be paid reasonable travelling and other expenses incurred by him while absent from his ordinary place of residence in the course of his duties under this Act.
- (2) Notwithstanding subsection (1), a member of the Council other than the President may, for any period during which he performs with the approval of the Council any duties on behalf of the Council in addition to his ordinary duties as a member thereof, be paid such remuneration therefor as may be authorized by the Council. R.S., c. N-14, s. 12; 1976-77, c. 24, s. 58."

The current rate of remuneration under this clause is \$200 per day.

President: Order in Council appointee in a salary range equivalent to DM-1, effective July 1, 1982—\$75,360 to \$88,610.

Vice-Presidents: Salary range July 1, 1982—\$58,724 to \$74,200.

[English]

Mr. Evans: Mr. Speaker, I ask that the remaining questiuons be allowed to stand.

Mr. Speaker: The questions enumerated by the Hon. Parliamentary Secretary have been answered. Shall the remaining questions be allowed to stand?

Some Hon. Members: Agreed.

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GOVERNMENT ORDERS

[English]

THE BUDGET

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE MINISTER OF FINANCE

The House resumed consideration of the motion of Mr. Lalonde that this House approves in general the budgetary policy of the Government.

Mr. George Baker (Gander-Twillingate): Mr. Speaker, before being interrupted at one o'clock, I was outlining the basic economic situation in Newfoundland. I was referring to the way the Newfoundland Government was not attending to the affairs of state in that province.

As I was saying, it gave people a dream—in this case an offshore hope—and it let the people wither in despair on shore. There was no long-term planning, no long-term employment measures and no immediate solutions.

What great mind ever thought of the principle that one can always and forever export raw material? What great Rhodes Scholar decided that processor licenses can be granted to every Tom, Dick and Harry, so long as it is some corporate conglomerate, so that he can continue to export fish in a raw state to a foreign country so that our people can buy it back later as a finished product? What an economy we have in that province! What foresight! What economic genius! The great crisis, in the fishing industry—and this House should realize it—was really limited in Canada to fish plants that concentrated mainly on frozen cod blocks to be exported to the United States, giving employment to thousands of people there.

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I suppose it takes some thinking, some planning, some philosophy, some feeling for people to do something about it. I would venture to say that there is not another provincial