

\$25,000 per annum; and to increase the salary paid to each Minister of State being a member of the Queen's Privy Council for Canada who presides over a Ministry of State from \$15,000 to \$25,000 per annum.⁸

However, in the fall of 1976 the Government began to obtain recommendations which did not state what appropriation(s) was (were) recommended. Since then, recommendations have been in the following standard form:

His/Her Excellency the Governor General recommends to the House of Commons the appropriation of public revenue under the circumstances, in the manner and for the purposes set out in a measure entitled ...

Neither a specific purpose, nor a specific amount, nor a formula for calculating such an amount is stated in the recommendation.

The Recent Use of Royal Recommendations

Three bills introduced in the 33rd Parliament (1984-88) illustrate the desirability of a form of royal recommendation which specifies the recommended appropriation.

Bill C-103, *An Act to establish the Atlantic Canada Opportunities Agency and Enterprise Cape Breton Corporation*, was introduced in the House of Commons with a royal recommendation. While certain clauses of this bill referred to salaries and other expenditures, no clause which appropriated money was identified. It appeared that the Government intended to ask Parliament to appropriate all the money required for salaries and other costs in the annual requests for supply. When the Senate divided the bill into two parts, the House of Commons refused to concur. The House contended in effect that Bill C-103 was an appropriation bill -- a bill granting aids and supplies -- which under its Standing Order 80(1) could not be amended by the Senate.

A royal recommendation was attached to Bill C-147, *An Act to establish the International Centre for Human Rights and Democratic Development*. This bill appropriated specific amounts from the Consolidated Revenue Fund over several years. This bill was amended by the Senate, although not in the clauses that appropriated money. The House accepted the Senate amendments.