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By Mr. McKenzie, (by request) a petition of Paul C. Nordberg for legislation relative to the salaries and remuneration of members of the General Court. Public Service.

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**The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

In the Year One Thousand Nine Hundred and Seventy.

AN ACT RELATIVE TO THE SALARIES AND REMUNERATION OF MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL COURT.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1 The salary and expenses of the members of the General  
2 Court shall be determined as follows:

3 1. A base salary of \$17,500 per member per year shall be  
4 established effective January 1, 1970.

5 2. As of January 1, of each subsequent year the salaries  
6 of the members of the General Court shall be adjusted as fol-  
7 lows:

8 a. The ratio between the consumer price index most re-  
9 cently available from the federal government and the consum-  
10 er price index as of January 1, 1970 shall be determined.

11 b. The figure obtained above shall be multiplied by the base  
12 salary each individual member is entitled to, in order to de-  
13 termine the member's salary for the current year.

14 3. All members shall be entitled to a salary as determined  
15 above excepting the following:

16 a. Double salary—1. Speaker of the House 2. President of the  
17 Senate.

18 b. 150% of basic salary—majority and minority leaders in  
19 each house, chairmen of the Ways and Means Committees in  
20 each house.

21 4. Expenses for members shall be determined by multiply-  
22 ing the factor obtained in "2a" above by the expense allow-  
23 ances which were in effect during the 1969 session of the leg-  
24 islature.

25 5. Members who are elected for unfilled portions of terms  
 26 shall receive salary pro-rated on length of service during the  
 27 current year.

28 6. In the event that the Consumer Price index is discon-  
 29 tinued or radically altered the Supreme Judicial Court shall  
 30 determine a new index figure to be used as a basis for annual  
 31 adjustments to the salaries of members of the General Court.