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Office of the Attorney General

State of South Carolina

December 5, 1974

*1 Honorable Sylvia W. Orange
Clerk of the House of Representatives
The State House
Columbia, South Carolina

Dear Mrs. Orange:

You have inquired as to whether Members of the General Assembly, should they be convened in extra session prior to the convening of the regular session in January 1975, be paid at the rate of \$4,000.00 or at the rate of \$7,000.00.

It is my opinion that compensation payable to Members of the General Assembly in such circumstances should be based upon the appropriation provided in the 1973-74 General Appropriations Act, which is the amount of \$4,000.00. That is the amount fixed as compensation for Members of the General Assembly which convened in its annual session in January 1974. That General Assembly (the 100th) provided in the Appropriations Act for the year 1974-75 compensation for Members of the General Assembly in the amount of \$7,000.00.

By the provisions of Article 3, Section 19, of the Constitution of South Carolina, the compensation fixed for Members of the 100th General Assembly must remain in effect until the convening of the 101st General Assembly in January 1975. See Article 3, Section 9, of the Constitution of this State.

I advise therefore that the \$7,000.00 compensation as provided in the Appropriations Act for the year 1974-75 does not take effect until the convening of the 101st General Assembly in January 1975.

Very truly yours,

Daniel R. McLeod
Attorney General

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