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The Standing Committee on Finance met on January 17, 1979, to consider the proposed Main Estimates for the 1979/80 Fiscal year.

The meeting was attended by the following Members:

A.W. Lafferty (Chairman)
P. Fraser
W. Lyall
L. Pudluk
J. Steen
D.M. Stewart

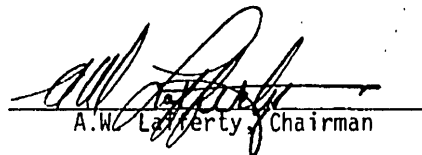
The meeting was also attended by the Deputy Commissioner and other senior officials.

Mr. Speaker, this Assembly is being presented with an Austerity Budget and I think that in reviewing the estimates, Members will realize that the time had come where we have no option but to realistically accept the fact that we would have to cut our coat according to the cloth.

We did not go through the estimates item by item because it was clear to us that more fat had been trimmed from this budget than from any other budget reviewed by the Finance Committee during my term as Member and Chairman. The fact that we have a no-growth budget in the face of increased demands for services and greater responsibility for more people, speaks loudly for itself.

We are encouraged by the positive steps being taken by the Administration to hold the line on expenses.

This budget is being submitted to the House, Mr. Speaker, for what I know will be a very thorough review.


A.W. Lafferty, Chairman