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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONOURABLE JAKE EPP

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CCSD Meeting of February 11, 1987

The next meeting of CCSD will be held on February 11, 1987 at 3:15 p.m. The meeting will be very well attended by CCSD Ministers and, in addition, a number of other Ministers have been invited for some of the items on the agenda.

There are seven substantive items on the agenda. It is expected that the bulk of the meeting will be devoted to discussion of item number 2, Amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act, and item number 4, Health Initiatives Related to Tobacco.

Five of the items on the agenda involve funding from the policy reserve. We have provided speaking points which you may want to use under the General Discussion item to discuss alternatives for dealing with these items.

Management of the Meeting

Item 1 General Discussion

Under Tab 1 you will find speaking notes which:

- remind Ministers of the special dinner meeting on February 16 on unemployment insurance reform and encourage them to attend; and
- indicate the status of the reserve and discuss how to approach proposals on the agenda which require funding.

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Item 2 Amendments to the Canadian Human Rights Act

This proposal has many elements to it, including sexual orientation as a ground for discrimination and the composition of Human Rights Tribunal Panels. Both of these proposals could be contentious given recent publicity about the appointment of members to the Human Rights Tribunal and the position that we understand Mr. Beatty wishes to take towards homosexuals in the Armed Forces. Mr. Beatty has been invited to CCSD for this item but he is currently scheduled to appear before a Standing Committee on Human Rights at the same time as our meeting. (We understand that his appearance before this committee will be discussed under General Discussion during Tuesday's P&P meeting.) It will be difficult for CCSD to reach a decision on this issue without Mr. Beatty's participation.

Mr. Hnatyshyn's Memorandum is lengthy and complex. We are working with his officials to develop a chart which Mr. Hnatyshyn will use to present this item to CCSD on Wednesday. We will have a copy of this chart to give to you during our briefing for CCSD on Tuesday morning.

Included under Tab 2 is a briefing note and talking points to introduce this item.

Item 3 Grant to the Governor General's Study Conference 1987

Mr. Crombie is seeking immediate funding from the policy reserve for a grant of \$500,000 to the Governor General's Study Conference. As the briefing note indicates, he is bringing this item forward on the basis that this is an overall government priority and therefore not to be "charged to his account" when he comes back to the committee with his own priority initiatives. This item can probably be approved with little discussion.

Included under Tab 3 is a briefing note.

Item 4 Health Initiatives Related to Tobacco

We have made arrangements with Mr. Hnatyshyn's office to have him chair the discussion of your proposal.

Items 5-6 Native Communications and Renewal of the Aboriginal Women's Program

Mr. Crombie is seeking approval to extend these programs and provide incremental funding of \$1M for each of them. The briefing note recommends that if the proposals are approved, Mr. Crombie should be asked to fund them from his A-base.

Included under Tabs 5 and 6 are the relevant briefing notes.

Item 7 Indian Act Amendments on Taxation

As a follow-up to a statement in the Budget, Mr. McKnight is proposing amendments to the Indian Act dealing with taxation and the establishment of an advisory board. We do not know if Mr. Hnatyshyn and Senator Murray are in agreement with this proposal. This should be clarified before beginning the committee's discussion of this item since it might be advisable to stand the item if they do not agree to the proposal.

Included under Tab 7 is a briefing note.

Item 8 Litigation Funding

Mr. McKnight is seeking additional funding for three test cases under the Test Case Funding Program already approved by Cabinet. The costs of the court cases were seriously underestimated in the original memorandum establishing the program. Finance officials have indicated that the proposal cannot be funded from the Reserve for Statutory Overruns. Mr. McKnight last month reallocated \$300,000 from his A-base to fund litigation of one of these cases. You may want to determine if he cannot find additional funds in his A-base to fund his current proposal.

Included under Tab 8 is a briefing note.

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