

1 in the Constitution has led to a variety of practices to
2 compensate office holders in means other than by salary.
3 Consequently, we have today in the General Assembly
4 the practice of paying per diem living expenses, which
5 amount to \$25.00 a day or \$1,750 a year. If you add this
6 \$1,750 a year, which I believe is adopted by rule of the
7 House and Senate, to the dollar figure contained in the
8 Constitution as classified salary, you will see that the
9 actual compensation to the members of the General Assembly
10 is not the \$2,400 listed explicitly in the Constitution,
11 but ~~\$4,100.~~ ^{\$4,150.}

12 It was the feeling of the Committee on the
13 Legislative Branch that the salaries should be realistic
14 ones, and should not allow for the providing of the daily
15 expense figure, and consequently we have specifically
16 prohibited the payment ^{of} in the daily expenses during the
17 regular session of the General Assembly.

18 We have recommended that the salary of the
19 members of the General Assembly be set at \$8,000 per year.
20 This figure is not contained in the Constitution. The
21 Committee has voted to provide that the \$8,000