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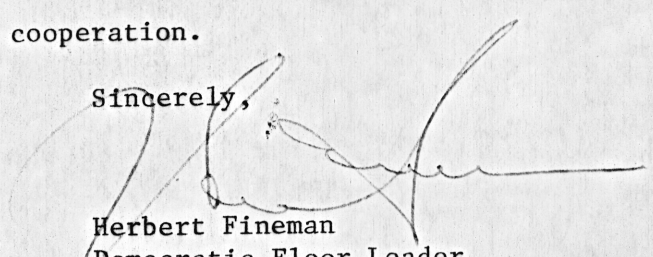
Honorable Patrick A. Gleason
House of Representatives
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gleason:

This is to inform you that Ms. Ronnie Goldsmith has been detached from her duties with the Democratic Caucus in order that she may work with the members of the Select Committee on State Contract Practices. I respectfully request that she be given all the rights and privileges of a staff member of the Committee.

Thanking you in advance for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Herbert Fineman
Democratic Floor Leader

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cc: All Committee Members

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August 5, 1974

Honorable Patrick Gleason
House of Representatives
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Gleason:

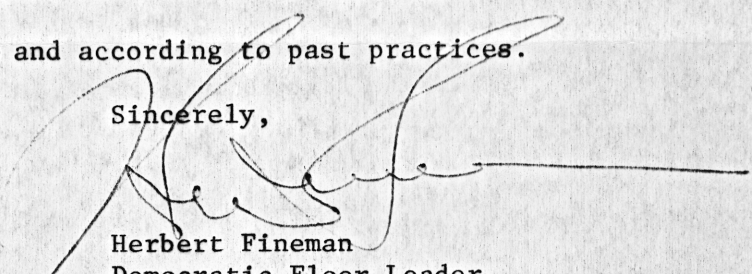
This is to notify you officially that Kenneth D. Ludwig and Russell A. Davis, Esq., have been detached from other duties with the Democratic Caucus to serve with the special investigating committee established under House Resolution 98, which you chair.

I have instructed them that they are to be present at all meetings at which Majority Staff is present. In addition, they should be informed in advance so that they may be present at all times when witnesses are questioned by the Majority Staff. They are to be given the same rights and privileges as the Majority Staff, including that of cross examination, when that is permitted by the Majority Staff.

They should receive copies of and access to all materials collected and received by Majority Staff and should be entitled to submit exhibits and other materials for the record or the use of the committee.

All of the above is customary and according to past practices.

Sincerely,



Herbert Fineman
Democratic Floor Leader

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cc: Committee Members



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA

HARRISBURG

May 29, 1974

Honorable Harry Comer
Honorable Harry Englehart
Honorable James Manderino ✓
House of Representatives
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

House Rule 51 is being amended by the Republicans next week to allow the Chairman of any committee as authorized by the rules of procedure adopted by that committee to issue subpoenas.

This is a sharp change in operating procedure and is designed to allow Pat Gleason to run wild with his special committee on which the three of you are members.

I am, therefore, asking that you three zero in on this proposal to take the Republicans head on next week in fighting it. We ought to bring all the facts out into the open concerning the high handed manner in which Gleason has run that committee, including his attempts at character assassination of certain witnesses and his failure to allow Secretary Hilton to respond.

I would like to meet with the three of you on Monday of next week at 11:00 A.M. in my office to review the above.

Sincerely,

Herbert Fineman
Democratic Floor Leader

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April 3, 1974

Honorable Robert Butera
Majority Leader
House of Representatives
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

Dear Bob:

During the current session of the Legislature, approximately 16 resolutions have been adopted by the House creating either select committees or designating certain standing committees to conduct investigations or studies on a variety of matters.

You have repeatedly voiced concern, and properly so, for the prudent spending of Commonwealth funds at all levels and have been in the forefront of efforts to make certain that the House gained access to all budgetary information, analyses, supporting documents and other materials of the executive branch of government concerning the expenditure of Commonwealth funds.

I am equally concerned about the spending of Commonwealth monies; my concern, however, is not just with the executive branch of government, but is equally applicable to the expenditure of monies by the House in connection with the aforementioned 16 investigating committees. Many of us share the view that before any further expenses are incurred and paid from current appropriations with respect to such activities, and certainly before any further expenses are incurred to be paid from the 1974-75 fiscal appropriations, we should be given a detailed accounting of actual expenses incurred and paid with respect to all investigations or studies commenced in the year 1973 and continuing to the present date.

What we are seeking is akin to what you are looking for in your House Bill 1922. I am, therefore, requesting that you promptly furnish me with the following detailed information:

April 3, 1974

A. Select Committees

1. Personnel

(a) A complete list of the names and addresses of all personnel who were specially hired by the select committees to render services in connection with investigations or studies pursuant to resolutions adopted by the House of Representatives. Such information should also include:

1. The purpose for which such person was hired and his or her position, or title if any.
2. The salary at which, or other basis upon which, such person was entitled to be paid.
3. The total compensation or other amount paid to date, and the total amount contemplated to be paid to each person before his or her services are terminated.
4. The date when such person commenced services, and whether such person has been continuously performing the same since the date of appointment.
5. The appropriation account from which such person was paid. For example, incidental expenses, majority committee account, legislative management committee, etc.
6. The name, position, and compensation of each permanent statutory (Act 417) employee borrowed by the select committee to assist the committee in its investigation or studies.
7. The name of each special contract consultant, such as lawyers, investigators, or other personnel; dates of award and termination of such contracts, total man-days of effort provided by each contractee; purposes for which each consultant was hired; total contract amount paid to date to each contractee and the total contract amount contemplated to be paid to each consultant before termination of his or her services.
8. Copies of all special service contracts executed with consultants, lawyers, investigators, or other personnel.

April 3, 1974

2. Non-Personnel Expenses of Select Committee

(a) The travel, mileage and all other expenses incurred by or allotted to members of the House in connection with their select committee activities which were reimbursed to them from a House appropriation account (other than their own \$5,000 accountable expense account).

(b) The dollar amounts incurred for equipment, supplies, postage, stenographic and transcription services, witness fees (if any), and all other expenses involving select committee activities which were or will be paid out of any House appropriation account.

B. Standing Committees Conducting Investigations or Studies Pursuant to Resolutions

1. Personnel

(a) The same personnel information requested in sub-paragraphs (a) 1 through (a) 8 of A 1 above relating to Select Committee personnel, as applicable.

2. Non-Personnel Expenses

(a) The same information requested in sub-paragraphs (a) and (b) of A 2 above.

As the Democratic Floor Leader, and on behalf of the Democratic members of the House, I respectfully request your cooperation in furnishing me with a full and detailed accounting as promptly as possible. We seek to ascertain what portion of our appropriations have been spent in the two fiscal years to date on these matters and what is contemplated to be spent, not only for the balance of this fiscal year, but also for the coming fiscal period.

Trusting you will favor me with a prompt response, I remain

Cordially,



Herbert Fineman
Democratic Floor Leader

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cc: Democratic Policy Committee