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Wakefield,

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Dear Sir,

*Parliamentary Expenses for Elected Members*

*I hope you will forgive the liberty I have taken in writing to you but my friends and I, all retired, do not feel we have an outlet in which we can express our views on the above.*

*Historical Parliamentary Sittings were Monday to Friday with evening sessions and some all night sittings. This may have given some justification for the present rules.*

*In the early years of this Government attendances changed, allegedly due to the influx of more lady Members. From Press information, sittings start Monday pm, with two evening sittings per week and some members returning to their constituencies on Wednesday pm and others departing on Thursday pm. Therefore some change is justified.*

*This could follow normal Civil Service rules for overnight subsistence payments on production of hotel bills.*

*Instead of M.P.s voting on this, it should be a "condition of service" for the next parliament. If they were unhappy with this, they could decline to stand. (I cannot foresee many in this category.)*

*With this proposed shorter time away from their family it would also obviate the need for travel allowance for spouse and family to visit London 30 times per annum. It may also encourage parliament to have a shorter recess.*

*Yours faithfully*

*H. Carter*

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