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PAYROLL AUTHORIZATION FORM(Please Use Typewriter
or Ballpoint Pen)**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
Washington, D.C. 20515(Any erasures, corrections, or changes
on this form must be initialed by the
authorizing official.)**To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:**

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	1/1/79
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
579-46-4548	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment
Employing Office or Committee/Subcommittee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment
Assassinations	<input type="checkbox"/> Title Change
	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Leave without pay (Beginning with effective date above and ending close of business _____) Specify Date _____

(If type of action is an Appointment, Salary Adjustment, or Title Change, complete appropriate information below.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary*
	\$24,900.00

* If employee is a civil service annuitant (includes U.S. House of Representatives), the gross annual salary shown should include the annuity received by the employee plus the salary received from the employing office.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

- ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
- ☒ Special (Investigative staff of Standing Committee) or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 956 of 95th Congress.
- ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date January 2, 19 79

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

LOUIS STOKES

(If appropriate, signature of Subcommittee Chairman or Ranking Minority Member)

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

CHAIRMAN

(Type or print name and title of above official)

(Title - If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED: _____

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code _____

ID _____

Benefits _____

Monthly Annuity \$ _____ .00 as of _____

Payroll _____

(Revised: August 1, 1977)

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I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	December 1, 1978
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
579-46-4548	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment
Employing Office or Committee/Subcommittee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment
Assassinations	<input type="checkbox"/> Title Change
	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)
	<input type="checkbox"/> Leave without pay (Beginning with effective date above and ending close of business _____) Specify Date

(If type of action is an Appointment, Salary Adjustment, or Title Change, complete appropriate information below.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary*
	\$33,100.00

* If employee is a civil service annuitant (includes U.S. House of Representatives), the gross annual salary shown should include the annuity received by the employee plus the salary received from the employing office.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

- ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
- ☒ Special (Investigative staff of Standing Committee) or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 956 of 95th Congress.
- ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date December 11, 19 78

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

LOUIS STOKES

(If appropriate, signature of Subcommittee Chairman or Ranking Minority Member)

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman

(Type or print name and title of above official)

(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED: _____

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:	ID _____
Office Code _____	Benefits _____
Monthly Annuity \$ _____ .00 as of _____	Payroll _____

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U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
Washington, D.C. 20515

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authorizing official.)

To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	December 1, 1977
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
579-45-4548	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment <input type="checkbox"/> Title Change <input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date) <input type="checkbox"/> Leave without pay (Beginning with effective date above and ending close of business _____) <div style="text-align: right;">Specify Date</div>
Employing Office or Committee/Subcommittee	
Assassinations	

(If type of action is an Appointment, Salary Adjustment, or Title Change, complete appropriate information below.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary*
Chief Clerk	\$23,600

* If employee is a civil service annuitant (includes U.S. House of Representatives), the gross annual salary shown should include the annuity received by the employee plus the salary received from the employing office.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

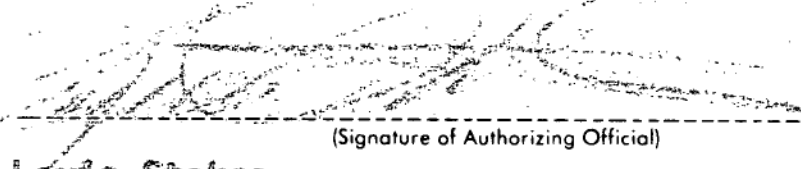
- ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
- ☒ Special (Investigative staff of Standing Committee) or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
- ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date December 1, 1977


 (Signature of Authorizing Official)
 Louis Stokes
 (Type or print name of Authorizing Official)
 Chairman
 (Title - If Member, District and State)
 (If appropriate, signature of Subcommittee Chairman or Ranking Minority Member)

 (Type or print name and title of above official)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED: _____
Chairman, Committee on House Administration

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authorizing official.)**To the Clerk of the House of Representatives:**

I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	October 1, 1977
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
579-46-4548	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment
Employing Office or Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment
Assassinations	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
Chief Clerk	\$22,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

- ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
- ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
- ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date October 14, 1977 ~~1978~~

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman

(Title—If Member, District and State)

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All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED: _____

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code _____

Monthly Annuity \$ _____ .00

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MEMORANDUM

TO: Thomas Howarth

FROM: G. Robert Blakey, Chief Counsel and Director

RE: Elizabeth Berning

RB
10-14-77

This is to advise that effective October 1, 1977,
Elizabeth Berning will become Chief Clerk at an annual salary
of \$22,000.

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or Ballpoint Pen)**U.S. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES**
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I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	8/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
579-46-4548	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment
Employing Office or Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment
Assassinations	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
Secretary	\$21,500

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

- ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
- ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
- ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date August 2, 19 77

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

LOUIS STOKES

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

CHAIRMAN

(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED: _____

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

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I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	5/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
579-46-4548	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment
Employing Office or Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment
Assassinations	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	\$16,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

- ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
- ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
- ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date May 10, 19 77

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman

(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED: _____

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

Office of Finance use only:

Office Code _____

Monthly Annuity \$ _____ .00

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Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	4/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
579 46 4548	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment
Employing Office or Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment
Assassinations	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	\$33,600

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

- ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
- ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 465 of 95th Congress.
- ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date April 29, 19 77

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Louis Stokes

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman

(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED: _____

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Monthly Annuity \$ _____ .00

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I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	2-1-77
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
579-46-4548	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment
Employing Office or Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment
Select Committee on Assassinations	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	\$10,000.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

- ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
- ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 11 of 95 Congress.
- ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date 2-28-77

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(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Henry B. Gonzalez

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman

(Title—If Member, District and State)

All appointments and salary adjustments for employees under the House Classification Act and for Committee employees, except those of the Committee on Appropriations, the Committee on the Budget, and the Joint Committees, must be approved by the Committee on House Administration.

APPROVED: _____

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

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I hereby authorize the following payroll action:

Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	1/3/77
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
579-86-4848	<input type="checkbox"/> Appointment
Employing Office or Committee	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment
Select Committee on Assassinations	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
	\$10,300.

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

- ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
- ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 11 of 95th Congress.
- ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

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Date _____, 19 77

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Henry B. Gonzalez

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Chairman

(Title—If Member, District and State)

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APPROVED: _____

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

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Monthly Annuity \$ _____ .00

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

Please consider this verification that
Elizabeth L. Berning began employment, permanent
full-time status, with the House of Representatives
Select Committee on Assassinations January 1, 1977.

151 Rebecca W. Martin
Rebecca Wheeler Martin
Chief Clerk

January 31, 1977

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Employee Name (First-Middle-Last)	Effective Date
Elizabeth L. Berning	1/1/77
Employee Social Security Number	Type of Action
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appointment
Employing Office or Committee	<input type="checkbox"/> Salary Adjustment
Select Committee on Assassinations	<input type="checkbox"/> Termination (At close of business on effective date)

(If type of action is an Appointment or Salary Adjustment, complete the following information.)

Position Title	Gross Annual Salary
Secretary	\$16,000

(If Committee Employee, complete appropriate item below.)

- ☐ Standing Committee: Staff—☐ Clerical or ☐ Professional.
- ☒ Special or Select Committee: Authority—H. Res. 1540 of 94th Congress.
- ☐ Joint Committee.

(If Employee of an Officer of the House, complete item below.)

Position Number _____ If applicable, Level _____ Step _____

I certify that this authorization is not in violation of 5 U.S.C. 3110(b), prohibiting the employment of relatives.

Date December 30, 1976

(Signature of Authorizing Official)

Thomas N. Downing, Chairman

(Type or print name of Authorizing Official)

Select Committee on Assassinations

(Title—If Member, District and State)

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APPROVED: _____

Chairman, Committee on House Administration

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Monthly Annuity \$ _____ .00

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M E M O R A N D U M

TO: All Staff Employees
FROM: Budget Officer
DATE: January 3, 1977
RE: Payroll Certification

Starting with the January, 1977 payroll, the certification to the House Finance Office requires, among other things, the relationship, if any, of each staff employee to any current Member of Congress (those taking office January 3, 1977).

The following are the relationships to be included in the certification:

father
mother
son
daughter
brother
sister
uncle
aunt
first cousin

nephew
niece
husband
wife
father-in-law
mother-in-law
son-in-law
daughter-in-law

brother-in-law
sister-in-law
stepfather
stepmother
stepbrother
stepsister
half-brother
half-sister

All staff employees are requested to complete this form and return it to the Budget officer.

Approved
Richard A. Sprague

I am not related ✓

I am related by the following relationship _____

Elizabeth Berning
Signature of Employee

1-10-77
Date