



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #2/76 OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN R.163, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, AT 2.30 PM ON TUESDAY, JANUARY 13, 1976

PRESENT: Members of the Board

Hon. R. Rowe, Speaker, Chairman
Hon. J. Auld
Hon. J. Snow
Mr. I. Deans, MPP
Mr. J. Breithaupt, MPP

Secretary of the Board

Mr. R. Fleming, Director of Administration
Mrs. E. Stortont, Recording Secretary
Mrs. E. Stephenson

Legislative Assembly Staff

Mr. R. Lewis, Q.C., Clerk of the House
Mr. J. Holtby, First Clerk Assistant
Mr. J. Miggiani, Finance Officer
Mr. E. Parker, Legislative Accountant

ABSENT: Hon. R. Welch Mr. D. Morrow

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

Item 1 Approval of the Minutes of Meeting #1/76:

Moved by Mr. Deans, seconded by Mr. Auld that the Minutes of Meeting #1/76 be approved as circulated.

Item 2 Constituency Offices:

The Second Draft of Ontario Regulations re Constituency Offices was approved, effective February 1, 1976, amended as follows:

- a) Under "Office Accommodation, Item 6" an amount of \$3,600. to be inserted.
- b) Under "Staff, Item 2" an amount of \$9,000. to be inserted.
- c) Note c) under "Office Accommodation" was changed to read:

'Alternatively, furniture and/or equipment already owned by a Member may be used and may be depreciated at the rate of 20% per annum of the depreciated value of such furniture or equipment'.

d) A Note to be added to the effect that the amounts under "Office Accommodation Item 6" and "Staff Item 2" are not transferable.

It was agreed that the Ministry of Government Services and/or the Legislative Assembly Office should try to accommodate Members who wish to purchase a used typewriter by allowing each Member to purchase one typewriter from assets disposal at the trade-in value.

It was also agreed that all costs relating to Constituency Offices be recorded under a separate Item in the Estimates and that a statement listing individual Member's expenses in connection with Constituency Offices be tabled in the Legislature separately from the regular annual statement on Members' expenses.

Item 3 Special Allowance - Northern Members:

It was agreed in principle that the definition of Air Travel Allowance be broadened to include accommodation and private aircraft rental. Mr. Fleming to discuss this with the Provincial Auditor.

Item 4 Mileage Allowance:

It was agreed to leave the mileage allowance unchanged for the time being.

Item 5 Legislative Library

It was agreed that the Speaker and the Office of the Assembly would assume responsibility for the Legislative Library from April 1, 1976 and that this recommendation be forwarded to the Chairman of the Management Board of Cabinet.

Item 6 Legislative Interns Program

It was agreed that the sum of \$33,000. be paid now to the Canadian Political Science Association for the Program of Parliamentary Internships in the Legislature of Ontario for the period from January 1, 1976 to March 31, 1976.

It was agreed that a sum of \$50,000. for the period April 1, 1976 to March 31, 1977 be placed in the 1976-1977 Estimates to be paid to the Canadian Political Science Association in quarterly instalments in advance.

If the Canadian Political Science Association demonstrates the capacity to raise private funds to continue the Program, a sum of \$50,000. for the period April 1, 1977 to March 31, 1978, will be placed in the 1977-1978 Estimates, to be confirmed at that time.

The Canadian Political Science Association will be expected to provide a statement of financial expenditures for the Office of the Assembly.

NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, January 21, 1976, at 2.00 pm in Committee Room 1, Legislative Building.

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January 15, 1976

Russell D. Rowe
Chairman