



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #7/76 OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN ROOM 185, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING AT 9.00 A.M.
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 1, 1976

PRESENT:

Members of the Board

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

Guest

Mr. J. Stokes, MPP, Deputy Speaker

Secretariat of the Board

Mr. R. Fleming, Director of Administration
Mrs. E. Storton,
Mrs. E. Stephenson

Legislative Assembly Staff

Mr. W. S. Wilson, Personnel Officer
Mr. J. M. Miggiani, Finance Officer

ABSENT:

Hon. R. Welch, Q.C.

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

Item 1 Approval of the Minutes of Meeting #6/76:

Moved by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Auld that the Minutes of Meeting #6/76 be approved as circulated.

Item 2 Short Term Sickness Plan - Employees of the Office of the Assembly:

Moved by Mr. Breithaupt, seconded by Mr. Auld and agreed that, commencing January 1, 1976, all employees of the Office of the Assembly be covered by an Integrated Sickness and Disability Plan equivalent to the provisions of the Plan presently extended to management classes in the Civil Service.

Item 3 Vacation Entitlements - Employees of the Office of the Assembly:

Moved by Mr. Snow, seconded by Mr. Breithaupt and agreed that the same credits and the advanced entitlement be adopted for employees of the Assembly in accordance with Section 87, sub-section 1 of the Legislative Assembly Act as for members of the Ontario Public Service.

Item 4 Legal Status - Employees of the Office of the Assembly:

After discussion it was decided to refer back to the Caucuses the alternative solutions proposed on Page 2 of Tab B with the recommendation that #1 be given consideration.

Item 5 Constituency Offices:

It was agreed that the memorandum dated April 1, 1976 (Tab D) be sent to all Members of the Legislature by the Speaker with the word "partisan" being added to the phrase "Members' political activities" in the second paragraph and substituted for "political" in two later instances in the draft memorandum.

Item 6 Government Caucus Research Funds:

It was agreed that this item would be discussed at a future meeting.

Item 7 Other Business:

Printing Facilities:

The Administrative staff of the Office of the Assembly were instructed to produce a study with regard to amalgamating Caucus Print Shops into a common print shop and that in the meantime the Caucuses be asked to co-operate with regard to the use of folding and stuffing machines, etc.

Pensions:

Moved by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Breithaupt and agreed that representatives from the Benefits Branch of the Civil Service Commission be invited to speak to the Board at the next meeting.

Constituency Office Supplies and Stationery:

Moved by Mr. Auld, seconded by Mr. Breithaupt and agreed that an amount of \$37,500. be divided between 125 Members providing a limit of \$300. per Member. Mr. Miggiani to make a submission to the Board as to a reasonable standard for letterheads, envelopes, business cards, etc.

Provision for Northern Members to charge for overnight accommodation:

The Administrative staff were asked to prepare a memorandum listing Northern and other large Ridings whose Members might qualify to receive a special accommodation allowance.

Other Business (Continued):Amendment To The Legislative Assembly Act:.

Mr. Fleming was asked to bring forward draft legislation prepared by Legislative Counsel amending Section 65, sub-section (6).

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April 7, 1976

Russell D. Rowe