



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #8/76 OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN ROOM 185, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING AT 9.00 A.M.
ON THURSDAY, APRIL 22, 1976

PRESENT:

Members of the Board

Hon. R. Rowe, Speaker, Chairman
Hon. R. Welch, Q.C.
Hon. J. Auld
Hon. J. Snow
Mr. D. Morrow, MPP
Mr. I. Deans, 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, Recording Secretary
Mrs. E. Stephenson

Legislative Assembly Staff

Mr. W. Wilson, Personnel Officer
Mr. J. Miggiani, Finance Officer
Mr. E. Parker, Legislative Accountant

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

Item 1 Approval of the Minutes of Meeting #7/76:

Moved by Mr. Auld and seconded by Mr. Breithaupt that the Minutes of Meeting #7/76 be approved as circulated.

Business Arising from Minutes of Meeting #7/76:

Item 7 - Printing Facilities - Moved by Mr. Auld and seconded by Mr. Deans that purchase of a folding machine as requested by the NDP Caucus and a folding and inserting machine as requested by the Liberal Caucus, be approved.

Item 2 Government Caucus Research Allowance:

Deferred until the next meeting.

Item 3 Members' Secretaries' Salaries:

Agreed that Members' secretaries' salaries should be adjusted by 8.9% effective January 1, 1976 on an interim basis with a review, if necessary, to be made when the final award to the Civil Service Bargaining Unit is made.

Item 4 Members' Accommodation Expenses - Northern & Large Ridings:

Agreed that the Legislative Assembly Act be amended to allow overnight accommodation to be included in the \$2,500. special allowance for northern Members (Section 65, Subsection 5 of the Legislative Assembly Act), retroactive to January 1, 1976. Mr. Fleming to discuss the wording of this amendment with the Provincial Auditor.

Item 5 Amendments to the Legislative Assembly Act:

The amendment to Section 65, Subsection 6 of the Legislative Assembly Act, as drafted (TAB C), approved at Meeting #3/75 on April 14, 1975, was confirmed.

Item 6 Members' Stationery & Office Supplies Entitlement - Queen's Park and Constituency Offices:

Agreed that the proposed standard as set out in TAB E be approved.

Agreed that the Administrative Staff be authorized to issue 1,000 Province of Ontario lapel pins to each Member per year.

Agreed that Members' Office Furniture & Equipment list should remain unchanged at present.

Decision deferred as to whether Members should be provided with portable tape recorders or mini calculators.

Item 7 Members' Insurance & Retirement Allowances:

Members heard a presentation from Miss Elizabeth Aboud, the Chief of Benefits Policy Branch of the Civil Service Commission, and her staff, who gave each member of the Board a copy of material they had prepared regarding Group Insurance Plans and Members' Pension Plans.

Members' Pension Plan:

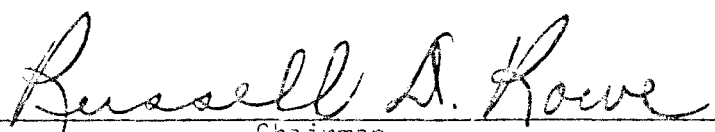
The matter of introducing a cost-of-living escalation clause into the Members' Pension Plan was discussed. This would require an increase of 1% in the premium to be paid by Members.

Insurance Plans:

The question of making insurance benefits available to Members, similar to those extended to Management classes in the Civil Service, was also discussed.

Agreed that the Caucus Representatives on the Board will refer this information to their respective Caucuses for decision and report back to the Board.

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April 26, 1976


Chairman