



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #10/76 OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN ROOM 185, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING AT 9.00 A.M.
ON THURSDAY, MAY 27, 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

Secretariat of the Board

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

Legislative Assembly Staff

Mr. R. Lewis, Q.C., Clerk of the House
Mr. W. Wilson, Personnel Officer
Mr. K. Leonard, Budget Officer

ABSENT:

Hon. R. Welch, Q.C.

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

Item 1 Approval of the Minutes of Meeting #9/76:

Moved by Mr. Breithaupt, seconded by Mr. Morrow, that the Minutes of Meeting #9/76 be approved as circulated.

Item 2 Government Caucus Research Allowance:

Deferred until the next meeting.

Item 3 Members' Insurance Plans:

Moved by Mr. Snow, seconded by Mr. Deans, and agreed that the benefits package which is available to employees of the Office of the Assembly be made available to the Members of the Assembly.

Item 4 Constituency Offices - Questions:

Deferred until the next meeting.

Item 5 Fringe Benefits - Staff:

Deferred until the next meeting.

Item 6 Members' Accommodation Allowance:

Moved by Mr. Deans, seconded by Mr. Morrow that Section 65(5) of the Legislative Assembly Act be further amended by adding "and the Board may approve the accounts for accommodation of certain other Members due to special circumstances".

Moved by Mr. Breithaupt, seconded by Mr. Snow that the Members' Accommodation Allowance increase to \$3,900. per Member per year be retroactive to April 1, 1976

Item 7 Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act, 1973:(a) Funding Procedures:

Moved by Mr. Morrow, seconded by Mr. Breithaupt that a journal entry received from The Employee Benefits Branch, Ministry of Government Services, on behalf of the Ministry of Treasury, Economics and Intergovernmental Affairs, be accepted, covering the following items:

- i. \$35,900. to cover equal contributions made by Ministers representing the employer's share of L.A.R.A.A.
- ii. \$78,300. equivalent amount of supplementary benefits paid to Members of the Legislative Assembly during the fiscal year ending March 31, 1976.
- iii. \$7,700,000., the actuarial deficiency at March 31, 1974 (L.A.R.A.A.).

(b) Members' Pension:

The question as to whether an eight per cent cost-of-living increase should be provided to former Members of the Legislative Assembly on pension was discussed. It was decided to defer this matter until later.

Other Business Raised at the Meeting:

- Workmen's Compensation Board - Agreed that the Office of the Assembly should pay the Workmen's Compensation Board administration cost in connection with a claim by the Constituency Secretary of Mr. Bob MacKenzie.
- House Leaders' Assistants - Agreed that the 8.9% interim increase that was granted to employees of the Office of the Assembly be extended to the Assistants of the House Leaders of the Official Opposition Party and the Liberal Party, retroactive to April 1, 1976.
- Partisan Use of Constituency Offices - The Speaker asked that this matter be discussed and cited several instances which had been brought to his attention where there may have been a violation of the Constituency Office Guidelines.

The Board took this matter under advisement.