



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #2/77 OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY

PART 1: HELD IN ROOM 263, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 1, 1977, AT 3.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Members

Hon. R. Rowe, Speaker, Chairman
Hon. R. Welch, Q.C.
Hon. J. Auld
Hon. L. Henderson
Mr. L. Maeck, MPP
Mr. I. Deans, MPP
Mr. J. Breithaupt, MPP

Guests

Mr. J. Stokes, MPP, Deputy Speaker

Office of the Ombudsman

Mr. A. Maloney, Q.C., Ombudsman
Mr. A. Mills, Director of Administration
Mr. J. Page, Director, Queen's Park Office

Secretariat of the Board

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

Legislative Assembly Staff

Mr. R. Lewis, Q.C., Clerk of the House
Mr. J. Miggiani, Finance Officer
Mr. W. Wilson, Personnel Officer

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

Item 1 Approval of the Minutes of Meeting #1/77:

Moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Deans and agreed that the Minutes of Meeting #1/77 be approved as circulated.

Item 6 Guidelines for Select Committee Chairmen on Administrative & Financial Procedures:

Moved by Mr. Breithaupt, seconded by Mr. Deans and agreed that the Select Committee Guidelines (TAB C) be circulated to the Select Committee Chairmen for their comments. These comments to be brought back to a future meeting for review by the Board.

Item 7 Members' Secretaries & Caucus Staff - Eligible Complement for Insurance & Pension Benefits:

Moved by Mr. Breithaupt, seconded by Mr. Deans and agreed that the requested increase in complement of Caucus staff eligible to receive Insurance and Pension Benefits be approved, making a new total of 159, covering all Caucuses.

Item 8 Approval of Special Accommodation Expenses - Riding:

Moved by Mr. Breithaupt, seconded by Mr. Henderson and agreed that approval be given for the reimbursement to Mr. B. Wildman, MPP Algoma, and Mr. F. Laughren, MPP Nickel Belt, of \$14.10 and \$30.16, respectively, in connection with special accommodation expenses in their Ridings.

Item 9 Other Business:

No new items.

ADJOURNMENT: Moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Auld and agreed that the meeting continue on Thursday, March 3, 1977 at 1.30 p.m. as Part II.

PART II: HELD IN ROOM 263, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING ON
THURSDAY, MARCH 3, 1977, AT 1.30 P.M.

PRESENT: Members Guest

Hon. R. Rowe, Speaker, Chairman	Mr. J. Stokes, MPP, Deputy Speaker
Hon. L. Henderson	
Mr. L. Maeck, MPP	
Mr. I. Deans, MPP	
Mr. J. Breithaupt, MPP	

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

ABSENT: Hon. J. Auld
 Hon. R. Welch, Q.C.

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

Item 3 Review of Present Levels For:

(a) Members' Support Services:

Moved by Mr. Deans, seconded by Mr. Breithaupt and agreed that the staff, together with one person from each Caucus, review the skills which are currently required for the position of secretary/assistant to a Member and report back to the Board within a month as to whether the present position level - mid-Secretary 5 - should be replaced by a higher level.

(b) Caucus Support Services:

(i) Moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Breithaupt and agreed that the Unconditional Allowance and the Research Allowance be increased by \$500. each and that the allotment for the personal staff of the Opposition Leaders reflect this increase.

Item 3(b) (Continued):

- (ii) Moved by Mr. Maeck, seconded by Mr. Henderson and agreed that an amount of \$6,000. be allotted to each Opposition Caucus in a House Leader's Account for travel, accommodation and services.

Item 4 Review of the 1977-78 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly:

- (a) Moved by Mr. Deans, seconded by Mr. Breithaupt and agreed that the Select Committee Budgets be approved, subject to the appropriate adjustments to be made by the Finance Officer in view of the late submission by the Select Committee on Company Law.
- (b) Moved by Mr. Maeck, seconded by Mr. Henderson and agreed that approval be given to introduce funds to cover the 27th pay period in the coming fiscal year.
- (c) Agreed that the \$50,000. allocated for the Canadian Political Science Association be held by the Finance Officer as the Legislative Interns Program Contingency Fund pending a full report on their efforts to raise funds privately.
- (d) Moved by Mr. Maeck, seconded by Mr. Deans and agreed that the allowance for staff salaries in Constituency Offices be increased to allow for a maximum level of \$9,720. and the accommodation allowance be increased to \$4,500. per year, effective April 1, 1977.
- (e) Moved by Mr. Breithaupt, seconded by Mr. Maeck and agreed that the Members' Accommodation Allowance (Toronto) be increased from \$3,900. to \$4,200., effective April 1, 1977.
- (f) Moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Deans and agreed that, subject to amendments carried at Meeting #2/77, the 1977-78 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly be approved as presented.
- (g) Moved by Mr. Breithaupt, seconded by Mr. Maeck and agreed that the Finance Officer may transfer funds from one Item to another at the end of the fiscal year if required, according to the provisions of Section 85 of the Legislative Assembly Act.

Item 5 Constituency Office Secretaries' Salaries:

See 1977-78 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly, Item 4.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Moved by Mr. Deans, seconded by Mr. Breithaupt and agreed that the meeting adjourn until 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 8, 1977 when the 1977-78 Estimates of the Office of the Ombudsman will be considered as Part III of Meeting #2/77.

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PART III: HELD IN ROOM 363, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING, ON
TUESDAY, MARCH 8, 1977, AT 2.00 P.M.

PRESENT:

Members

Hon. R. Rowe, Speaker, Chairman
Hon. R. Welch, Q.C.
Hon. L. Henderson
Mr. I. Deans, MPP
Mr. L. Maeck, MPP
Mr. J. Breithaupt, MPP

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Mr. W. Wilson, Personnel Officer

ABSENT:

Hon. J. Auld

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

Item 2 Review of the 1977-78 Estimates of the Office of the Ombudsman:

Moved by Mr. Henderson, seconded by Mr. Deans and agreed that an amount of \$3,560,000. be included for the Office of the Ombudsman in the 1977-78 Estimates of the Government of Ontario subject to the following provisions:

(a) Salaries:

That the proposed salaries for employees of the Office of the Ombudsman be equated with those of the Ontario Civil Service and the Office of the Assembly.

(b) Anti-Inflation Board:

That the Ombudsman make the necessary submissions to the Anti-Inflation Board.

(c) Administrative Procedures:

That with respect to the five areas referred to on Page 2 of a letter dated February 25, 1977, addressed to the Ombudsman by the Chairman of Hickling-Johnston Ltd., and tabled by Mr. Maloney at #2/77:

First - Salary Administration

See Item 2(a) above.

Second - Adoption of a Set of Administrative Standards

The Manual of Administration of the Government of Ontario shall apply.

Third - Efficiency of Processing Complaints

Fourth - Establishment of Priorities in Complaint Treatment

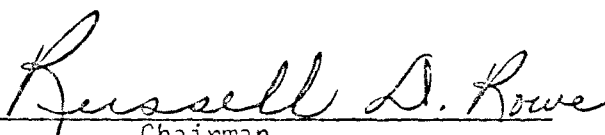
Fifth - Establishment of Reporting Relationships & Delegation of Responsibilities

That these latter three areas be referred to the Select Committee on the Ombudsman for review.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

Moved by Mr. Deans, seconded by Mr. Breithaupt and agreed that the meeting adjourn.

March 9, 1977
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Chairman