Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #5/78
THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN ROOM 263, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 6:00 P. M., ON MONDAY, MARCH 13, 1978

PRESENT:

Members:

The Honourable John E. Stokes, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Douglas Wiseman
Mr. Bud Gregory, M.P.P.
Mr. Robert Nixon, M.P.P.
Mr. Elie Martel, M.P.P.

Secretariat of the Board:

Mr. R. J. Fleming, Director of Administration, Secretary
Mrs. Frances L. Edge, Recording Secretary
Mrs. Yvonne J. Chortyk, Administrative Coordinator

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Mr. Roderick Lewis, Q.C., Clerk of the House
Mr. J. M. Miggiani, Finance Officer
Mr. William S. Wilson, Personnel Officer

ABSENT:

The Honourable Robert Welch, Q.C.
The Honourable James A. C. Auld

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

Item 1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting #4/78

Moved by Mr. Wiseman, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed that the Minutes of Meeting #4/78 be approved as circulated, subject to the two following amendements:

(1) That page 2, second paragraph be changed to read, "Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed that the unconditional allowance given to the Leaders of the Opposition Party and Third Party be increased from 30% to 40%;" and

(2) That also on page 2, following the third paragraph there be inserted, "Mr. Martel opposed the differential in newly established Research Allowances."

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Item 2 Review of 1978-79 Estimates of the Assembly

No further discussion required. Review concluded at Meeting #4/78.

Item 3 Toronto Accommodation Allowance

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed that the Toronto Accommodation Allowance be increased from $4,200 to $5,000, effective April 1, 1978. (Mr. Gregory supported an earlier motion by Mr. Wiseman that the new rate should be $4,700 but opposed this amendment).

Item 4 Policy Regarding Members' Mailing Services

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed that the Board in keeping with its ruling at Meeting #8/76 reaffirm that Members may not print or mail at the expense of the Legislative Assembly such items as greeting and congratulatory cards or paper scrolls, flags, etc., and that the cost of such items and mailing be borne by the Caucuses out of Caucus Support Funds, if they so desire.

Item 5 Select Committee Financial and Administrative Controls

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed that the proposed guidelines covering meal expenditures and hotel accommodation be sent to the Chairmen of Select Committees, the Members Services Committee and the Panel of Chairmen with the request that they review the recommendations and report their views to the Board by April 15, 1978.

Item 6 Amendments to The Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act

The amendments to The Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act as submitted by Legislative Counsel were agreed to by the Board.

Item 7 Other Business

(a) Toronto Accommodation Allowance

Moved by Mr. Nixon and seconded by Mr. Martel that the Toronto Accommodation Allowance be applied to rental accommodation only.

Mr. Wiseman and Mr. Gregory opposed the motion and in order to break a tie the Speaker voted in favour of the motion.

(b) Appointment of a Director of the Library, Research and Information Services

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed that the Selection Committee be authorized to attempt to enlist the services

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of the successful candidate as set out in a letter from the Committee to the Speaker dated March 10, 1978 and that failing his availability the Selection Committee is further authorized to approach the next final candidate.

(c) Space Re-allocation: Legislative Building

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed that the Honourable Lorne Henderson, Minister of Government Services be invited to attend the next meeting of the Board of Internal Economy to discuss questions concerning the re-allocation of space in the Legislative Building.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board and on motion duly made by Mr. Gregory, and seconded by Mr. Wiseman, the meeting then adjourned with the agreement that the next meeting of the Board would take place on Monday, April 3, 1978.

John E. Stokes

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