



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #7/79
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN ROOM 263, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 5:00 P.M., ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 1979

PRESENT:

Members:

The Honourable John E. Stokes, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Thomas L. Wells
The Honourable George R. McCague
The Honourable Bud Gregory
Mr. John M. Johnson, M.P.P.
Mr. Elie Martel, M.P.P.

Secretariat:

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. Peter Brannan, Chief of Hansard
Mr. J. M. Miggiani, Finance Officer
Mr. William S. Wilson, Personnel Officer

Guests:

Mr. Ross Hall, M.P.P., representing Mr. Robert Nixon, M.P.P.
The Honourable Alan W. Pope, Minister Without Portfolio
Mr. Alan Gordon, Associate Secretary of Cabinet
Mr. Alfred Docherty, Consultant, Bell Telephone Company
Mr. Ed Philip, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Administration
of Justice Committee
Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Q.C., M.P.P., Chairman, Standing
Members' Services Committee

ABSENT:

Mr. Robert Nixon, M.P.P.

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting #6/79

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Martel,
and agreed that the Minutes of Meeting #6/79
be approved as circulated.

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ITEM 2 Public Access to Government:
A Presentation by Mr. Alan Gordon,
Associate Secretary of Cabinet

Mr. Alan Gordon, Associate Secretary of the Cabinet, and Mr. Alfred Docherty, Consultant with the Bell Telephone Company, made a presentation to the Board regarding public access to Government including proposals to improve Constituency telephone services for Members.

The Board asked Mr. Fleming to contact the Members' Services Committee asking that the Committee invite Mr. Gordon to make a similar presentation to that Committee, and requesting that the Committee obtain the views of individual Members and the Caucuses respecting proposals to improve telephone access arrangements, and make recommendations to the Board.

ITEM 3 Committee Budgets:

(a) Review of the 1979/80 Budget of
the Standing Resources Development
Committee

Deferred.

(b) Request for additional funding of
the Standing Administration of
Justice Committee

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the Board grant additional funding to the Standing Administration of Justice Committee in the amount of \$2,660.00.

ITEM 4 Mr. Speaker's Annual Report to the
Board of Internal Economy for 1978-79
as required under the Provisions of
Section 75.(5), of The Legislative
Assembly Act, respecting receipts and
disbursements from the Legislative
Assembly Fund

Report tabled as presented.

ITEM 5 Other Business:

(a) Proposal for the Administrative
Reorganization of Hansard

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. McCague, and agreed, that the Board approve in principle the proposal for the administrative reorganization of Hansard.

Additionally:

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Wells, and agreed, that the Hansard Interjection Track be removed immediately and that Hansard use only the track of speakers recognized by Mr. Speaker.

Mr. Elie Martel opposed the motion.

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ITEM 5 Other Business: (Hansard continued)

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. McCague, and agreed, that the Hansard Shorthand Reporters be restored to the Chamber immediately and that Mr. Brannan be authorized to experiment with an alternative form of coverage through the use of a Stenomask Reporter.

Mr. Elie Martel opposed the motion.

(b) Letter from Mr. Elie Martel, M.P.P., regarding use of Constituency Office funding

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that the Board refer the question of Constituency Office Funding to the Members' Services Committee asking them to do an in-depth study of present Constituency Office arrangements for the purpose of forwarding comments and recommendations for consideration by the Board.

(c) Messenger Service for the Caucuses

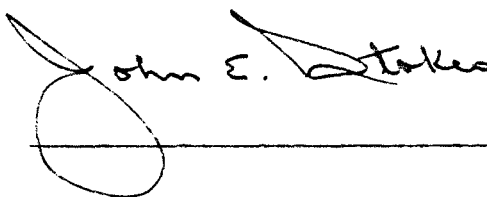
Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that based on the presentation made to the Board by the Chairman of the Members' Services Committee, Mr. Fleming be requested to arrange with the Ministry of Government Services for the Sessional Messengers now serving the Opposition Caucuses to be provided on a full-time basis.

(d) Increase in Liberal Caucus Complement

Mr. Hall, on behalf of Mr. Nixon, asked that the Board approve an increase in the Liberal Caucus full-time staff complement by two. The matter was deferred pending a review at the next meeting of the original minutes of the Board dealing with the establishment of a complement for the Caucuses for the purpose of the provision of benefits.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time and on motion duly made by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, the meeting then adjourned.



John E. Stakes

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