Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #4/80
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN ROOM 263, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 10:00 A.M., ON MONDAY, MAY 5, 1980

PRESENT:

Members:

The Honourable John E. Stokes, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Bud Gregory
The Honourable Alan W. Pope
Mr. John M. Johnson, M.P.P.
Mr. Robert Nixon, M.P.P.
Mr. Elie Martel, M.P.P.

Secretariat:

Mr. Robert J. Fleming, Director of Administration, Secretary
Mrs. Frances L. Edge, Recording Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Mr. Roderick Lewis, Q.C., Clerk of the House
Mr. William S. Wilson, Personnel Officer
Mr. R.B. Land, Director of the Legislative Library
Mr. Joe Geoghegan, Budget and Accounts Officer
Mr. J. Thomas Mitchinson, Executive Assistant to Director of Administration

Guests:

Mr. Donald MacDonald, M.P.P., Chairman, Select Committee on Ontario Hydro Affairs
Mr. Ed Philip, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on Administration of Justice
Mr. T. Patrick Reid, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Mr. John Williams, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on Regulations & Other Statutory Instruments
Mr. Michael Breaugh, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Procedural Affairs Committee

Absent:

The Honourable Thomas L. Wells

## DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting #3/80

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #3/80 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2 1979/80 Financial Status
Select Committee on Company Law

This matter was resolved prior to coming before the Board.

1980/81 Budget Review:

ITEM 3 Select Committee on Ontario Hydro Affairs

After considerable discussion, the Board asked Mr. Fleming to request the Chairman of the Committee to consider further that section of the proposed budget dealing with legal, consulting and witness fees and to come before the Board with an alternate budget.

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that the Board at the next Meeting consider in full the question of how best to provide legal and consulting services to Committees bearing in mind the need for both service and economy.

ITEM 4 Standing Committee on Administration of Justice

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the 1980/81 Budget of the Standing Committee on Administration of Justice be approved in the amount of $93,100.00.

ITEM 5 Standing Committee on Public Accounts

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that the 1980/81 Budget of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved in the amount of $27,843.60.

ITEM 6 Standing Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that the original Budget of $37,681.00 be amended to read $27,258.30 and be approved and that the number of people to attend a conference in Canberra, Australia be reduced to one with the Committee deciding who will attend.

ITEM 10 Standing Procedural Affairs Committee

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Johnson, that the 1980/81 Budget of the Standing Procedural Affairs Committee in the amount of $43,769.00 be reduced accordingly to reflect the decision of the Board that only three Committee Members visit Westminster.

Note: Mr. Martel opposed the motion.

ITEM 7 Consideration of the Report on Constituency Offices prepared by the Standing Members' Services Committee

The Board considered the Report and made the following decisions:

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that the Constituency Office Accommodation Allowance be increased to $7,000.

Moved by Mr. Pope, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that the Members' Constituency Staff Allowance be increased to $17,854, this being the equivalent to the top of the proposed 1980/81 salary range for Members' Queen's Park Secretary/Assistant's; and on the understanding that the salaries of constituency office staff retained by a Member on a full-time basis should be equivalent to and up to the maximum accorded to Members' secretary/assistant's, where in the opinion of the Member, the duties are similar.

Agreed that the postage allowance be increased to $400.

Agreed that with the exception of the Constituency Office Staff Allowance, the allocations of money available under the Constituency Office Acommodation Allowance, including the stationary and postage allowance be used interchangeably should expenditures at the end of a Fiscal Year exceed the upper limit in any given allocation.

Agreed, in principle, that Members' Constituency Offices and/or constituency answering services be included in the Access Project listings of the Ontario Government as they are phased in for all telephone directories in the province; the cost of this section of the program to be assumed by the Office of the Assembly, and that staff undertake discussion with the Information Access Division, Ministry of Culture and Recreation, to clarify proposed technical procedures and report back to the Board.

Agreed to defer consideration of the final three (3) recommendations contained in the Report of the Members' Services Committee.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, May 12, 1980, in the afternoon, immediately after Routine Proceedings in the Legislature, in Room 263, Legislative Building.

John E Stokes

Speaker

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