Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #6/80
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN ROOM 263, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 3:15 P. M., ON MONDAY, MAY 26, 1980

PRESENT:

Members:

The Honourable John E. Stokes, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Bud Gregory
The Honourable Alan W. Pope
Mr. Jack 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
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
Mr. J. Thomas Mitchinson, Executive Assistant to Director of Administration

Guests:

Mr. Alf Docherty, Information Access Project, Ministry of Culture and Recreation
Mr. John Williams, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments
Mr. William Hodgson, M.P.P., Vice Chairman, Standing Committee on General Government
Mr. J. R. Breithaupt, Q.C., M.P.P., Chairman, Select Committee on Company Law
Mr. Donald C. MacDonald, M.P.P., Chairman, Select Committee on Ontario Hydro Affairs
Mrs. Margaret Campbell, Q.C., M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on Members' Services
Mr. Murray Gaunt, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on Social Development

ABSENT:

The Honourable Thomas L. Wells

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting #5/80

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #5/80 be approved as circulated.

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ITEM 2 **Telephone Access to Members' Constituency Offices**

Recommendation 1: Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that the Board approve in principle the concept of extending toll-free service from all areas within the constituency to a Member's constituency office or in the absence of a constituency office to the Member's Queen's Park Office.

Mr. Martel opposed the motion.

Amendment: Moved by Mr. Pope, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that implementation of the toll-free service be commenced only after approval by the Board following a review of Mr. Docherty's findings on costs of the program.

Mr. Martel opposed the motion.

All other recommendations set out under this Item were deferred pending additional study of Mr. Docherty's report.

ITEM 3 **1980 Salary Review: Members' Secretary/Assistants**

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Pope, and agreed, that the Board grant an 8.36% salary increase effective April 1, 1980, to Members' Secretary/Assistants and that the new range be:

$13,156 - 13,945 - 14,781 - 15,741 - 16,765 - 17,854.

Mr. Martel opposed the motion.

ITEM 4 **Report by Mr. W. S. Wilson, Personnel Officer, on the Status of Secretary/Assistants**

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that the Board adopt the following recommendations made by Mr. Wilson and that Mr. Wilson be requested to carry them out:

1. That Secretary/Assistants continue to enjoy the full range of benefits as at present;
2. That a policy be agreed whereby when a Member dies, resigns, retires, or is defeated, the Secretary/Assistant be permitted sixty (60) calendar days to obtain reappointment or employment. Funding to be provided by the Office of the Assembly.
3. Application be made to the Civil Service Commission to permit Secretary/Assistants to apply for "restricted" competitions.

ITEM 5 **Request by the NDP Caucus to Increase Staff Complement**

After discussion it was agreed that there was no need to increase staff complement.

ITEM 6 **Review of Staffing Procedures of Committees of the Legislature**

Discussion deferred.

ITEM 7 1980/81 Budget Review:
Standing Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments

Moved by Mr. Pope, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the Board confirm the Minute recorded at Meeting #4/80 under Item 6 thereof:

"Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that the original Budget of $37,681 be amended to read $27,258.30 and be approved that the number of people to attend a conference in Canberra, Australia, be reduced to one with the Committee deciding who will attend."

Mr. Martel opposed the motion.

ITEM 8 1980/81 Budget Review:
Standing Committee on General Government

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Pope, and agreed, that the 1980/81 Budget of the Standing Committee on General Government be approved in the amount of $3,325.

ITEM 9 1980/81 Budget Review:
Select Committee on Company Law

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that the 1980/81 Budget of the Select Committee on Company Law be approved in the amount of $320,000.

The Board requested the Speaker to send a letter to all Committee Chairmen reminding them of a ruling made by the Board at Meeting #8/78 that proposals for Committee travel must be approved by the Board during the review of Committee Budgets.

ITEM 10 1980/81 Budget Review:
Select Committee on Ontario Hydro Affairs

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the 1980/81 Budget of the Select Committee on Ontario Hydro Affairs be approved in the amount of $437,072.

The Committee Chairman was requested to reattend on the Board if the Committee decides to travel out of the Province.

ITEM 11 Other Business:

There were no matters for discussion under this item.

ITEM 12 1980/81 Budget Review:
Standing Committee on Members' Services

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that the 1980/81 Budget of the Standing Committee on Members' Services be approved in the amount of $5,592.

ITEM 13 1980/81 Budget Review:
Standing Committee on Social Development

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the 1980/81 Budget of the Standing Committee on Social Development be approved in the amount of $31,975.

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. Martel, and agreed, the meeting then adjourned.

John E Stokes

Speaker

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