



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #6/81  
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY  
HELD IN ROOM 263, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING  
AT 3:00 P. M., ON MONDAY, MAY 11, 1981

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PRESENT:

Members:

The Honourable John M. Turner, Speaker, Chairman  
The Honourable Thomas L. Wells  
The Honourable Bud Gregory  
The Honourable R. Bruce McCaffrey  
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  
Ms. Ellen Schoenberger, Personnel Officer  
Mr. J. A. Geoghegan, Budget and Accounts Officer  
Mr. J. T. Mitchinson, Executive Assistant to Director of Administration  
Miss Jan Robinson, Internal Auditor

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1      Approval of Minutes of Meeting #5/81

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Gregory,  
and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #5/81  
be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2      Review of Caucus Funding:  
              (a) Unconditional Allowance  
              (b) Office allowance for the Leaders of  
                    the Opposition and NDP  
              (c) Research Allowance

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Nixon,  
and agreed, that this Item be deferred to  
next meeting.

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ITEM 3     Other Business:

(A) Political activity in the event of an election by employees paid out of Legislative Assembly Funds

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. McCaffrey, that Ms. Jacquie Chic be reimbursed for her salary for the period March 5 to March 19, 1981.

Supporting the Motion:     Mr. Martel

Opposing the Motion:     Mr. Wells  
                                 Mr. Gregory  
                                 Mr. Johnson

The Speaker supported the Motion and the Motion was carried.

N.B: The Speaker noted that whereas guidelines approved by the Board of Internal Economy require that constituency staff paid out of public funds take leave of absence without pay should they wish to play an active role in an election on behalf of the Member/employer, these guidelines, however, as presently constituted do not preclude a Member's constituency staff person from being a candidate in a provincial election while receiving full pay.

The Speaker reminded the Board that in connection with the situation of Ms. Chic, the Provincial Auditor had advised the Director of Administration that "all persons paid from the public purse should be treated on the same basis." Mr. Fleming had, therefore, acted in a proper manner in issuing instructions that Ms. Chic be removed from the payroll for the period March 5 - 19.

The Speaker said that whereas he could appreciate the position taken by Mr. Fleming, he felt he had no alternative other than to support the Motion as the action of Ms. Chic did not contravene the actual wording of Section 7, Part 4, 1. (C), of Volume 1 of the Manual of Administration.

The Board agreed that a Motion should be drawn up for consideration at the next meeting adopting the opinion of the Provincial Auditor and subjecting all categories of employees associated with the three party caucuses and with Members to the same political activity regulations and restrictions as those applicable to employees of the Office of the Assembly as contained in the Manual of Administration.

(B) Supplementary Health and Hospital Insurance

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Wells, and agreed, that the Board, effective August 1, 1980, approve that retired Members, providing they have attained the age of 50 and are in receipt of a retirement allowance under L.A.R.A., be, in addition to OHIP, entitled to Supplementary Health and Hospital Insurance coverage at no cost to them.

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ITEM 3     Other Business:     (continued)

(C) Effect of the Provincial Election on  
Members' Air Travel Allowance

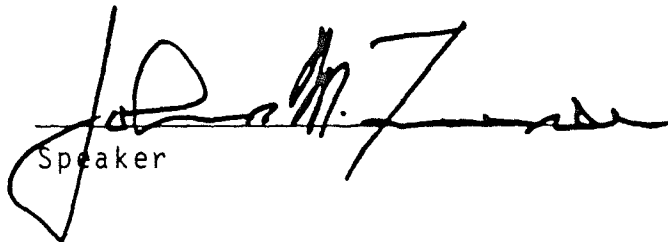
Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Johnson,  
and agreed, that any Members who returned to  
their ridings after the election was called,  
and were required to pay for air travel out  
of personal funds, be reimbursed by the  
Legislative Assembly.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

The next meeting of the Board will be on Monday,  
May 25, 1981 at 4:00 p.m.

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Speaker