



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #8/81 OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN ROOM 263, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING AT 4:00 P. M., ON MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1981

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
Mr. J. M. Miggiani, Finance Officer
Ms. Ellen Schoenberger, Personnel Officer
Mr. J. T. Mitchinson, Executive Assistant to Director of Administration

Guests:

Mr. Ernie Eves, M.P.P., Chairman
 Standing Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments
Mr. Andy Brant, M.P.P., Vice-Chairman
 Standing Committee on General Government
Mr. Richard Treleaven, M.P.P., Chairman
 Standing Committee on Administration of Justice
Mr. Brian Hamilton, Director
 Government Members' Service Bureau

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1 Approval of Minutes of Meeting #7/81

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Gregory,
and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #7/81
be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2 1981-82 Budget Review: Standing Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory Instruments

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and
agreed, that the 1981-82 Budget of the Standing
Committee on Regulations and Other Statutory
Instruments be approved in the amount of \$32,395.

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ITEM 3 Political Activity in the event of an
Election by Employees paid out of
Legislative Assembly Funds

1. Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that if a person drawing a salary from the Constituency Staff Allowance is nominated as a candidate in a provincial election, he or she is required to take a leave-of-absence without pay from the day of the nomination until election day.

Mr. Nixon and Mr. Martel opposed the motion.

2. Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the following political activity regulations apply to the following categories of employees:

- (a) Secretary/Assistants to MPPs;
- (b) regular contract employees of the three party caucuses;
- (c) Executive Assistants to the House Leaders of the Opposition Parties;
- (d) Constituency office staff employed by MPPs.

(1) Except during a period of leave-of-absence without pay, an employee shall not, during regular working hours:

- i. engage in any activity in the capacity of a candidate in a provincial or federal election;

Note: Constituency office staff are also subject to the regulation outlined in 1., above.

- ii. solicit funds for a provincial or federal political party candidate;
- iii. canvass on behalf of, or otherwise actively work in support of a provincial or federal political party or candidate;
- iv. speak on a public platform on any matter that forms part of the platform of a provincial or federal political party.

It was further agreed that if an employee wishes to participate in any activity outlined above, during working hours, he or she must take a leave-of-absence without pay. It being understood that if an employee is in a position which requires taking a leave-of-absence without pay, he or she is obliged to notify the Finance Officer in the Administration Office of the Assembly at the earliest possible date.

If an employee who has not been required to take a leave-of-absence without pay is a successful candidate in a provincial or federal election, he or she must immediately advise the Administration Office and go on leave without pay. Any long term arrangement relating to the employment status of such an employee is the responsibility of the employee and his or her employer.

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ITEM 3 Political Activity in the event of an
Election by Employees paid out of
Legislative Assembly Funds - continued

(2) Any employee may:

- i. be a candidate for election to any elective municipal office, including a member or trustee of an elementary or secondary school board or a trustee of an improvement district;
 - ii. serve in such office; or
 - iii. actively work in support of a candidate for such office
- if the candidacy, service or activity does not interfere with his or her employment duties and responsibilities.

3. Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the regulation pertaining to Constituency Office Staff during a provincial election campaign period, as outlined in Section 7, Part 4, 1(C) of Volume 1 of the Manual of Administration (page 7-4-1) be deleted.

ITEM 4 Members' Travel Allowance

1. Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that the Board recommend that Sections 65(2)(3) of The Legislative Assembly Act be amended to extend the Members' Travel Allowance to include a Member's spouse and the following family members:

- parents
- children
- siblings
- grandparents
- grandchildren
- mother, father, son, daughter, brother, sister-in-law
- ward
- guardian.

2. Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Wells, and agreed, that the term "spouse" as contained in Sections 65(2)(3) of The Legislative Assembly Act be defined as follows:

either of a man and woman who,

- i. are married to each other;
- ii. are married to each other by a marriage that is voidable and has not been voided by a judgement of nullity;
- iii. have gone through a form of marriage with each other, in good faith, that is void and are cohabiting or have cohabited within the preceding year; or
- iv. are not married to each other but who have cohabited
 - 1. continuously for a period of not less than five years, or
 - 2. in a relationship of some permanence where there is a child born of whom they are the natural parents

and have so cohabited within the preceding year.

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ITEM 4 Members' Travel Allowance - continued

3. Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the Board recommend that Sections 65(2)(3) of The Legislative Assembly Act be amended to increase the number of trips available to a Member's spouse (or other family member) from four to six per year.

ITEM 5 Other Business:

(a) Tabling of requested information:
"Position of Secretary/Assistants
Within Salary Range"

Report received by Board.

(b) Policy re:
Members' Toronto Accommodation Allowance

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the matter be deferred to the next meeting of the Board. The Board members agreed to take up the matter with their caucuses before the next meeting.

(c) Grant to Centre for Legislative Exchange

Moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that a grant in the amount of \$20,000 be made to the Centre for Legislative Exchange.

(d) Progressive Conservative Caucus Staff
Complement

Moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the staff complement for the Government Caucus be increased by 18, thereby making a total of 73 for the Government Caucus, 59 for the Liberal Caucus, and 50 for the NDP Caucus.

(e) Mileage Allowance for Members

This matter to be placed on agenda for next Board meeting.

(f) Meal Allowance for Employees of the
Office of the Assembly

This matter to be placed on agenda for next Board meeting.

(g) Authority to Transfer Funds within
the Office of the Assembly Vote

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Martel,

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ITEM 5 Other Business - continued

(g) Authority to Transfer Funds within
 the Office of the Assembly Vote - continued

and agreed, that the Board authorize the Finance Officer under the provisions of Section 85 of The Legislative Assembly Act to transfer monies from one item of the Estimates of the Office of the Assembly to another item within the same vote in order to facilitate the accounting procedures to complete the 1980-81 fiscal year.

ITEM 6 1981-82 Budget Review:
 Standing Committee on General Government

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the 1981-82 Budget of the Standing Committee on General Government be approved in the amount of \$5,000.

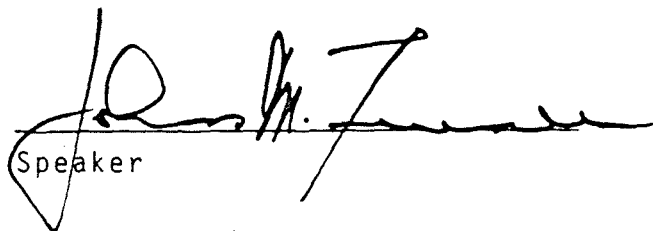
ITEM 7 1981-82 Budget Review:
 Standing Committee on Administration of Justice

Moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the 1981-82 Budget of the Standing Committee on Administration of Justice be approved in the amount of \$28,200.

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. McCaffrey, and agreed, the meeting then adjourned.

10/6/81


Speaker