



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #1/82
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN ROOM 263, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 10:00 A.M., ON MONDAY, MARCH 8, 1982

PRESENT:

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

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 the Director
of Administration

Guests:

Mr. Richard Treleaven, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on
Administration of Justice
Mr. T. Patrick Reid, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on
Public Accounts
Mr. D.F. Archer, Provincial Auditor
Mr. J.F. Otterman, Assistant Provincial Auditor
Mr. J.K. Gillis, Administrative Officer
Mr. A.A. Wishart, Q.C., Chairman, Commission on Election
Contributions and Expenses
Mr. D.A. Joynt, Executive Director, Commission on Election
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Mr. R.B. Dobson, Registrar, Commission on Election
Contributions and Expenses
Mr. Warren Bailie, Assistant Chief Election Officer
Mr. R.B. Land, Director, Legislative Library, Research
and Information Services
Dr. L. Grayson, Chief, Legislative Research Service,
Legislative Library
Mrs. M. Dickerson, Head, Information and Reference Services,
Legislative Library
Mr. Peter Brannan, Editor of Debates, Hansard Reporting Services
Mr. C. Perry, Manager, Food and Beverage Services

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DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #13/81

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #13/81 be approved as circulated, subject to the deletion of the second paragraph of Item 5(a).

ITEM 2: Budget Review:
1981-82 Supplementary Budget for
Standing Committee on General Government

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Wells, and agreed, that the 1981-82 Supplementary Budget of the Standing Committee on General Government be approved in the amount of \$51,188.

ITEM 3: Budget Review:
1981-82 Supplementary Budget for
Standing Committee on Administration of
Justice

Moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the 1981-82 Supplementary Budget of the Standing Committee on Administration of Justice be approved in the amount of \$34,500.

The staff was requested to prepare a report for presentation to the the Board outlining possible improvements to provisions of The Legislative Assembly Act relating to emergency funding procedures.

ITEM 4: 1982-83 Estimates Review:
Office of the Provincial Auditor

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that the 1982-83 Estimates of the Office of the Provincial Auditor be approved in the amount of \$3,866,000.

ITEM 5: 1982-83 Estimates Review:
Office of the Assembly

The Board approved the following amounts:

\$ 336,700 - Office of the Speaker
\$ 802,700 - Office of the Clerk
\$ 340,000 - Office of the Chief Election
Officer (fully recoverable
under terms of The Election
Act).
\$2,355,600 - Hansard
\$2,094,900 - Sessional Requirements

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the Board approve an increase in the grant to the Legislative Internship Programme from \$97,800 to \$106,500.

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The staff was requested to provide the Board with a report previously prepared by the Ministry of Government Services outlining suggested improvements to the former Members' Lounge on the basement floor of the North Wing.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that each Member be entitled to 100 Ontario Flag Pins and 10 Lapel Pins (Ontario Crest) per year, the costs to be absorbed by the Office of the Assembly. The pins will be delivered to each Member this year. In subsequent years the pins will be provided at the request of the individual Member. If a Member does not use his or her full entitlement in a given year, this shortfall may not be used to increase the entitlement in a subsequent year.

Mr. Fleming was instructed to write to the Centre for Legislative Exchange advising them that the Board declined to take action on their request, as outlined in their letter to Mr. Speaker dated February 10, 1982.

\$8,048,900 - Members' Indemnities

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that the Board recommend to Cabinet that the figure of \$800 contained in section s66(6)(b) of The Legislative Assembly Act be removed, and that, effective January 1, 1982 and until such time as an amendment to the Act is made, expenditures in excess of \$800 made by a Member in utilizing his or her yearly 6 round trip entitlement under s66(6) may be charged to the unconditional allowance of the caucus to which the Member belongs.

defer - Members' Support Services

defer - Caucus Support Services

\$1,754,800 - Administration

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that the Board invite the Honourable Douglas Wiseman, Minister of Government Services, and Mr. Alan Gordon,

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Deputy Minister, to attend a meeting of the Board to discuss the question of parking in front of the Legislative Building.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that the Board accept the recommendation of the Members' Services Committee and allow Members entertaining guests in the Members' Dining Room to pay their bills by personal cheque, subject to the condition that the amount of the cheque must not exceed the amount of the bill. This privilege is to take effect April 1, 1982. No post-dated cheques will be accepted.

defer - Constituency Office Program

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that Alan Robinson, M.P.P. be permitted to enter into a three year lease for his constituency office, subject to his ability to negotiate a 90-day termination clause within the lease which would apply if Mr. Robinson was to cease being a Member of the Legislative Assembly.

\$ 672,100 - Commission on Election Contributions and Expenses

defer - Legislative Library

ITEM 6: Proposed Amendments to The Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act

Deferred to future meeting of the Board.

ITEM 7: Establishment of Salary: Provincial Auditor

Moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the salary of Mr. D.F. Archer, Provincial Auditor, be set at \$65,600, effective January 1, 1982.

ITEM 8: Other Business:

(a) Request re Dr. Stuart Smith

The Board took note of Mr. Speaker's decision to treat the period served by Dr. Smith during fiscal 1981-82 as a fiscal year for the purposes of pension calculation under The Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act.

(b) Legislative Loudspeakers

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Martel, that loudspeakers be installed in each Members office in the Legislative Building.

Motion was defeated.

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(c) Request from George W. Taylor, M.P.P.

Moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that Mr. Taylor's request not be approved.

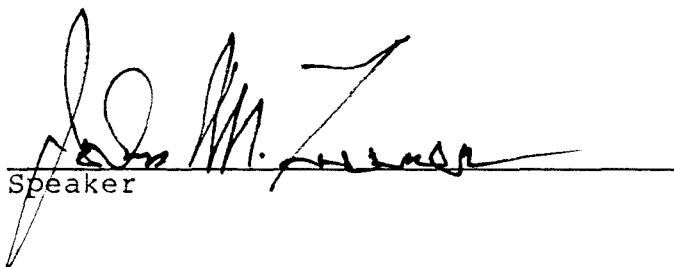
(d) Job Vacancy: Manager, Parliamentary and Public Relations Office

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that Ms. Ellen Schoenberger, Personnel Officer, be directed to conduct an open competition to fill the position of Manager, Parliamentary and Public Relations Office and that the Board would interview the top four candidates for the position.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time the meeting was adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board will be Monday, March 29, 1982 at 3:30 p.m., in Room 263.


Speaker

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