



Legislative Assembly
MINUTES OF MEETING #2/82
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN ROOM 263, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 3:30 P.M., ON MONDAY, MARCH 29, 1982

PRESENT:

Members:

The Honourable John M. Turner, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Thomas L. Wells
The Honourable Bud Gregory
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

Absent:

The Honourable R. Bruce McCaffrey

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1 - Approval of Minutes of Meeting #1/82

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Nixon,
and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #1/82
be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2 - 1982-83 Estimates Review:
Office of the Assembly

Moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Gregory,
and agreed, that the Board approve the
following items in the Estimates of the
Office of the Assembly:

\$1,876,800 - Members' Support Services
\$3,124,200 - Caucus Support Services
\$4,065,400 - Constituency Office Program
\$2,163,300 - Legislative Library
\$ 396,100 - Contributions to the Legislative
Assembly Retirement Allowances
Account

ITEM 3 - Proposed Amendments to The Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act:

The Board Members were asked to discuss this Item with their caucuses and report back to the Board.

ITEM 4 - 1982-83 Cost-of-Living Review for Employees of the Office of the Assembly

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that the Office of the Assembly adopt the 1982-83 salary schedules in force for the Ontario Civil Service, effective April 1, 1982, with the proviso that all classifications in the Office of the Assembly receive at least as large a percentage increase as the corresponding classifications in the Ontario Civil Service.

ITEM 5 - Authority to Transfer Funds Within the Office of the Assembly Vote

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that the Board authorize the Finance Officer, under the provisions of Section 88 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 completion of accounting procedures for the 1981-82 fiscal year.

ITEM 6 - Members' Toronto Accommodation Allowance

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that the Toronto Accommodation Allowance provided to Private Members under Section 66(7) of The Legislative Assembly Act be increased from \$7,500 to \$8,500 per year, effective April 1, 1982. The allowance for Cabinet Ministers and Opposition Leaders is thereby automatically increased to \$9,500 per year.

ITEM 7 - Kilometric Allowance for Members

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the new kilometric rate for automobile travel for Members under s66(1) of The Legislative Assembly Act be 23¢ per km for Northern Members and 22¢ per km for Southern Members, effective April 1, 1982.

ITEM 8 - Proposed Revision to Members' Travel Allowances

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the Board recommend to Cabinet that Section 66(6) of The Legislative Assembly Act be amended to increase the number of round trips available for travel by Members within Ontario from six to twelve per year, effective April 1, 1982.

ITEM 9 - Members Allowances: Workmen's Compensation Board Medical Reports

Mr. Gregory agreed to take this matter up with the Honourable Larry Grossman, Minister of Health and the Cabinet and report back to the Board.

ITEM 10 - Constituency Offices:
Political Activity Restrictions

No action was taken by the Board.

ITEM 11 - Members' Long Distance Telephone Charges

Mr. Speaker was instructed by the Board to write to all Members expressing the Board's concern with the cost of out-of-country long-distance telephone calls and reminding Members to restrict their calls to business purposes.

Other Business:

- (a) The Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Account: Unfunded liability for fiscal 1981-82

Moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed that, in accordance with the decision taken by the Board at Meeting #12/81, the Board recommend to the Treasurer that the Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Account be funded in the amount of \$1,028,550 in order that the Account be in a fully-funded position as of March 31, 1982.

- (b) Constituency Office Program: Request from The Honourable Lorne C. Henderson

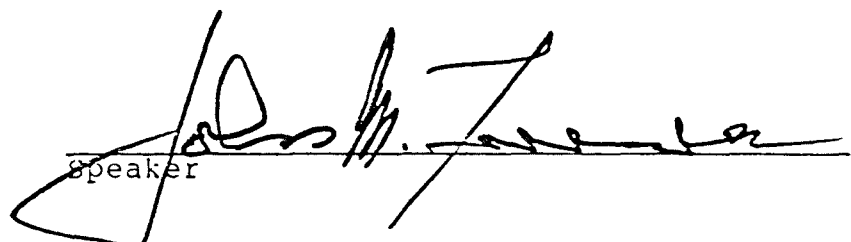
The Board agreed to uphold the existing policy relating to the constituency office depreciation allowance, with the understanding that the allowance is available only until such time as 100% of the capital cost of furniture or equipment eligible for the allowance has been depreciated.

Staff were asked to prepare a report for the Board outlining the reasons behind the existing policy on constituency office furniture and equipment.

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, April 19, 1982 at 3:30 p.m. in Room 263.


Speaker

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