



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #3/82
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN ROOM 263, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 3:30 P.M., ON MONDAY, APRIL 19, 1982

PRESENT:

Members:

The Honourable John M. Turner, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Thomas L. Wells
The Honourable Bud Gregory
The Honourable Robert G. Eaton
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:

The Honourable Douglas Wiseman, Minister of Government Services
Mr. Alan Gordon, Deputy Minister of Government Services
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

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: - Approval of Minutes of Meeting #2/82

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Johnson,
and agreed, that the Minutes for Meeting #2/82
be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: - Parking Outside the Legislative Building

The Honourable Douglas Wiseman, Minister of
Government Services and Mr. Alan Gordon, Deputy
Minister were asked to prepare a proposal out-
lining alternative solutions to the problem of
parking in front of the Legislative Building,
for presentation to the Board at a future
meeting.

ITEM 3: - 1982-83 Budget Review:
Legislative Library

This Item was deferred to a future meeting of the Board. Mr. Brian Land, Director of the Legislative Library, Research and Information Services and his staff were asked to re-examine the budget proposal with a view to a possible phased implementation of the proposed staff increase.

Moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the staff complement for the Legislative Library be increased by two, to cover positions which were converted from unclassified to classified staff.

ITEM 4: - Proposed Amendments to The Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act

This Item was deferred to a future meeting of the Board.

ITEM 5: - The International Association of French-Speaking Parliamentarians:
Request from Yuri Shymko, M.P.P.

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that Mr. Shymko not be reimbursed for air travel expenses incurred by his wife in attending the XII General Assembly of the AIPLF in Dakar, Senegal.

ITEM 6: - Constituency Office Program:

(a) Staff Report re Office Furniture and Equipment

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the Board maintain the existing policy with respect to the acquisition of constituency office furniture and equipment.

(b) Request from James A. Renwick, M.P.P.

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Eaton, and agreed, that Members be permitted to charge the fees of persons providing translation services against the constituency office staff allowance.

ITEM 7: - Committee Guidelines:
Extended Hospital Coverage while on Travel Status

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that when a Committee is travelling outside Canada, the Clerk of the Committee be instructed to make the necessary arrangements to purchase private travel insurance (e.g. Blue Cross Travel Insurance) on behalf of members of the Committee. Members are to be personally responsible for paying the costs of this insurance.

Other Business:

- (a) Constituency Office Lease:
Mr. Michael Spensieri, M.P.P.

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Eaton, and agreed that, notwithstanding the regulation that constituency office leases be restricted to a maximum period of one year duration, Mr. Michael Spensieri, M.P.P. be permitted to enter into a three year leasing agreement for his constituency office, subject to the following conditions:

1. A three month cancellation clause is contained in the lease.
2. Mr. Spensieri will assume personal responsibility for any unexpired portion of the lease if he ceases to be a Member of The Legislative Assembly prior to the expiration of the three year term.

- (b) Request from Patrick Reid, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on Public Accounts:

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that Mr. Reid be informed that per diems paid to Committee members and Chairmen under S67 of The Legislative Assembly Act are not available for days spent in preparation for committee meetings, preparing reports or attending conferences or outside meetings as a representative of the Committee.

- (c) Liberal Caucus Staff Complement:

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the staff complement for the Liberal Caucus be increased from 25 to 27.

- (d) The Globe and Mail: Proposal re payment for office and parking space

The Honourable Douglas Wiseman, Minister of Government Services, and Mr. Alan Gordon, Deputy Minister, were asked to consider the proposal and report their views to the Board.

Staff were instructed to advise the Executive of the Press Gallery of the contents of the proposal and to ask the President to attend a future meeting of the Board to discuss the proposal and present the views of the Gallery.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Gregory moved that the meeting be adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, April 26, 1982, at 3:30 p.m., in Room 263 of the Legislative Building.

Speaker