



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #4/83  
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY  
HELD IN ROOM 263, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING  
AT 3:30 P.M., MONDAY, MAY 2, 1983

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PRESENT:

Members:

The Honourable John M. Turner, Speaker, Chairman  
The Honourable Thomas L. Wells  
The Honourable Bud Gregory  
The Honourable Robert Eaton  
Mr. Jack Johnson, M.P.P.  
Mr. Elie Martel, M.P.P.  
Mr. Robert Nixon, M.P.P.

Secretariat:

Mr. Robert J. Fleming, Director of Administration, Secretary  
Mr. J.T. Mitchinson, Assistant Secretary  
Mrs. Frances L. Edge, Recording Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Mr. Roderick Lewis, Q.C., Clerk of the House  
Ms. Ellen Schoenberger, Personnel Officer  
Ms. Jan Robinson, Assistant to the Finance Officer

Guests:

Mr. Alan Robinson, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on  
Members' Services  
Mr. Howard Tate, Vice-President, Johnson & Higgins Willis  
Faber Ltd.  
Mr. Paul Gladly, Manager, Telecommunications Services Branch,  
Ministry of Government Services  
Mr. Brian Hamilton, Director, Government Members' Service Bureau  
Ms. Marcia Boyd, Office Manager, N.D.P. Caucus

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #3/83

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Nixon,  
and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #3/83  
be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: Report of Johnson & Higgins Willis Faber Ltd.  
on Review of Existing Pensions being paid to  
Retired MPPs

Moved by Mr. Wells, seconded by Mr. Martel,  
and agreed, that an 8% increase be granted  
to former Members and their dependents re-  
ceiving an allowance under L.A.R.A., and those  
former Members eligible for an allowance but  
who have elected to defer commencement of their  
allowance. This increase to take effect  
January 1, 1983.

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ITEM 3: Report from Standing Committee on Members' Services: Telephone Services

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that touch-tone telephone sets be installed in the offices of all Members and their personal staff.

ITEM 4: Members' Toronto Accommodation Allowance

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the Toronto Accommodation Allowance provided to Private Members under Section 66(7) of The Legislative Assembly Act be increased from \$8,500 to \$9,500 per year, effective April 1, 1983. The allowance for Cabinet Ministers and Opposition Leaders is thereby automatically increased to \$10,500 per year.

ITEM 5: 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 Section 66(1) of The Legislative Assembly Act be 25¢ for Northern Members and 24¢ for Southern Members, effective April 1, 1983.

ITEM 6: 1983-84 Estimates Review: Office of the Assembly

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the following amounts be approved for the 1983-84 Estimates of the Office of the Assembly:

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| \$2,136,900 | - | Members' Support Services |
| \$3,725,300 | - | Caucus Support Services   |
| \$4,648,600 | - | Constituency Offices      |

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that the constituency office accommodation allowance be increased by \$1,000 to \$10,000, effective April 1, 1983.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that no increase take place in the stationery and postage allowance.

Moved by Mr. Gregory, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that, notwithstanding the regulation that constituency office leases be restricted to a maximum period of one year duration, the Honourable Claude Bennett be permitted to enter into a three year leasing agreement for his constituency office, subject to the negotiation of a three-month cancellation clause in the lease in the event of the death, resignation or defeat of Mr. Bennett prior to the expiration of the three-year term.

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ITEM 7: 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 1982-83 fiscal year.

ITEM 8: Office Automation Study for  
Members' Offices

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that the Board approve in principle that a program be initiated to develop a Members' Correspondence and Communications System and that for this purpose a Sub Committee of the Board be formed consisting of the Speaker, Chief Government Whip and the House Leaders of the Opposition and Third Party. It was further agreed that a Working Group be formed consisting of the Director of Administration, his Executive Assistant, a Systems Consultant and the Administrative Managers of the three Party Caucuses to represent the Sub Committee and that a budget of \$30,000 be approved to cover the costs of a one-year test program.

Other Business:

(a) Request from Bob McKessock, M.P.P.  
re: Toronto Accommodation Allowance

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Gregory, and agreed, that Mr. Bob McKessock, M.P.P. be permitted to claim the amount of \$136.50 which represents the costs of an additional hotel room for December 20 and 21 of 1982.

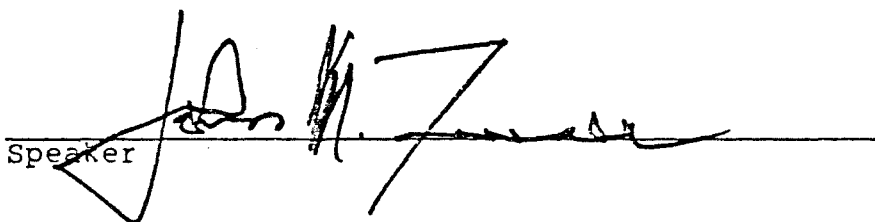
(b) Request from Remo Mancini, M.P.P.  
re: Air Travel Allowance

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that Members living in communities adjacent to U.S. cities served by direct airline to and from Toronto may commence or terminate flights in the U.S. city, providing the cost does not exceed the equivalent fare between the Member's home community and Toronto. This policy applies only to the Member's 52-round trip entitlement provided under Section 66(2) of The Legislative Assembly Act and does not extend to the travel allowance provided under Section 66(6) of the Act.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board at this time, Mr. Gregory moved adjournment. The next meeting of the Board will be held on Monday, May 9, 1983, at 3:30 p.m., in Room 263 of the Legislative Building.

  
Speaker

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