



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #3/84
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN ROOM 263, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 3:30 P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 16, 1984

PRESENT:

The Honourable John M. Turner, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Thomas L. Wells
The Honourable Robert 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
Mr. J.T. Mitchinson, Assistant 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
Mrs. Karin Scotland, Assistant to the Personnel Officer

Guest:

Mr. Steven Otto, Executive Co-Ordinator, Ontario Bicentennial

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #2/84

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Eaton, and agreed, that the minutes of Meeting #2/84 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: Report from Standing Committee on Members' Services: Re Constituency Staff Benefit Package

This Item was deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

ITEM 3: Proposed Bicentennial Information Centre Program

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the Board approve funding for staff salary and benefits costs of the Queen's Park Bandstand Project. These funds to be transferred from the Queen's Park Guard Program previously approved by the Board.

ITEM 4: Members' Toronto Accommodation Allowance

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the Toronto Accommodation Allowance provided to Private Members under Section 66(7) of The Legislative Assembly Act be increased by 5% from \$8,925 to \$9,371 per year, effective April 1, 1984. The allowance for eligible Cabinet Ministers and Opposition Leaders is thereby automatically increased to \$10,371 per year.

ITEM 5: 1984-85 Constituency Office Allowances:

- a. Office accommodation and related expenses
- b. Supplies and stationery and postage Allowances

Moved by Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the allowance for constituency office accommodation and related expenses be increased from \$10,000 to \$10,500 per year, and the combined allowances for supplies, stationery and postage be increased from \$1,200 to \$1,260 per year, effective April 1, 1984. This represents a 5% increase in each category.

ITEM 6: Members' Services During Election Campaign Period

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Dean, and agreed, that the Manual of Administration for the Legislative Assembly be amended to reflect the following policy changes relating to services provided to Members at their Queen's Park offices between the date a writ for a general election is issued and polling day:

- a. No constituency mailings (ie. householders) are to be mailed after a writ has been issued. The Office of the Assembly will absorb the production costs of material being typeset or printed at the time a writ is issued, but constituency mailing material in production may not be mailed.
- b. Members may make reasonable use of regular office mailing privileges, long distance telephone calls, collect calls and translation services for individual constituent concerns that arise during the election campaign period. Members may continue to use their Bell Telephone credit card for constituent business during this period.

- c. Members are permitted one one-way trip by air, train, bus or automobile from Queen's Park to their constituency after an election writ has been issued. Associated expenses are to be charged to the Member's travel allowance under section 66 of The Legislative Assembly Act.
- d. Members attending a Committee meeting on a day when an election writ is issued are permitted one one-way trip by air, train, bus or automobile from the location of the meeting to their constituency. Associated expenses are to be charged to the appropriate Committee budget.

ITEM 7: Northern Members' Travel Allowance:

It was agreed that the policy established at Meeting #12/83 be continued.

ITEM 8: Discipline Procedures:
Office of the Assembly Employees

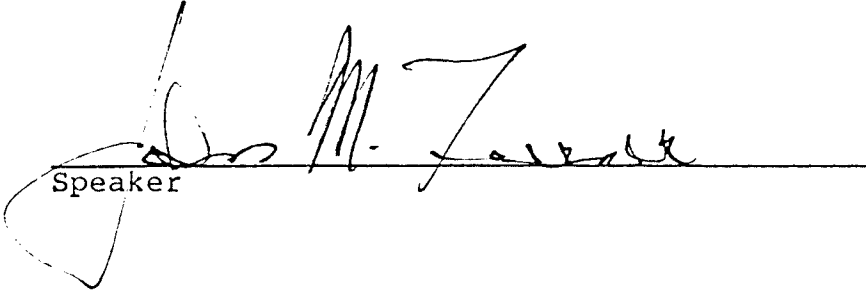
Moved by Mr. Eaton, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed that, pursuant to section 91e(6) of The Legislative Assembly Act, the remuneration paid to the chairman of a hearing board and the member of a hearing board appointed by the employee shall be fixed at the same rate as is payable from time to time to an acting chairman and a member of the Public Service Grievance Board.

ITEM 9: Proposed Symposium on the
Ontario Legislature

This Item was deferred to a future meeting of the Board

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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


Speaker