



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #1/85
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN ROOM 263, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 4:30 P.M., MONDAY, JUNE 10, 1985

PRESENT:

The Honourable Hugh Edighoffer, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable James K. Gordon
The Honourable Robert C. Mitchell
The Honourable Sam L. Cureatz
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
Ms. Sandra Bowen, Administrative Co-ordinator

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Mr. Roderick Lewis, Q.C., Clerk of the House
Mr. J.M. Miggiani, Finance Officer
Ms. Ellen Schoenberger, Personnel Officer

Guests:

Mr. D.F. Archer, Provincial Auditor
Mr. Jim Otterman, Assistant Provincial Auditor,
Mr. John Cruise, Director, Personnel and Administration, Office of
the Provincial Auditor
Mr. Allan Mills, Controller, Office of the Ombudsman
Mr. James Goodwin, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Chief
Election Officer
Mrs. Peng Tam, Financial Officer, Office of the Chief
Election Officer
Mr. Gordon Aiken, Chairman, Commission on Election Contributions
and Expenses
Mr. Donald Joynt, Executive Director, Commission on Election
Contributions and Expenses
Mr. Robert Dobson, Registrar, Commission on Election Contributions
and Expenses
Mr. Alan Stewart, Secretary, Electoral Boundaries Commission
Mr. Brian Land, Director, Legislative Library
Mr. Peter Brannan, Editor of Debates, Hansard Reporting Services
Mr. Alex McFedries, Assistant Clerk, Office of the Clerk
Mr. Douglas Arnott, Clerk, Select Committee on the Ombudsman
Ms. Jan Robinson, Assistant to the Finance Officer

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DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #16/84

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the minutes of Meeting #16/84 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: 1985-86 Estimates Review:
Office of the Provincial Auditor

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and agreed, that the 1985-86 Estimates of the Office of the Provincial Auditor be approved in the amount of \$4,877,100.

ITEM 3: 1985-86 Estimates Review:
Office of the Ombudsman

Moved by Mr. Cureatz, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the 1985-86 Estimates of the Office of the Ombudsman be approved in the amount of \$6,052,000.

ITEM 4: 1985-86 Estimates Review:
Office of the Chief Election Officer

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cureatz, and agreed, that the 1985-86 Estimates of the Office of the Chief Election Officer be approved in the amount of \$487,000.

ITEM 5: 1985-86 Estimates Review:
Office of the Assembly

Office of the Speaker

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and agreed, that \$23,650 be added to the Interparliamentary Relations sub-activity of the 1985-86 budget of the Office of the Speaker to cover possible activities of the A.I.P.L.F. (International Association of French-speaking Parliamentarians).

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Cureatz, and agreed, that the 1985-86 budget of the Office of the Speaker be approved, as amended, in the amount of \$495,100.

Office of the Clerk

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and agreed, that the 1985-86 budget for the Office of the Clerk be approved in the amount of \$990,000, including \$3,000 for the establishment of a programme of interparliamentary attachments.

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Hansard Reporting Services

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and agreed, that the 1985-86 budget for Hansard Reporting Services be approved in the amount of \$2,513,700.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and agreed, that the Board recommend that the Ministry of Government Services implement increases in the Sessional Subscription rates sufficient to recover all postage costs, effective the beginning of the 1st session of the 33rd Parliament.

Sessional Requirements

Moved by Mr. Gordon, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that \$590,800 be added to the budget for the Members' Office Automation/Networking System, subject to direction by the Board.

Consideration of the Final Report of the Legislative Information Review Committee was deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and agreed, that \$60,553 be added to the budget to cover the costs of a 6-month extension of the Legislative Information Systems Pilot Project.

Moved by Mr. Nixon, seconded by Mr. Gordon, and agreed, that the 1985-86 budget for the Ontario Legislature Internship Programme be approved in the amount of \$126,880.

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that Members who retire, resign or are defeated in a general election be permitted to claim expenses necessary to transport their personal effects from Toronto to their permanent residences, upon submission of receipts. This decision is made retroactive to include Members leaving office at the time of the May 2, 1985 election.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed that all Members be entitled to 100 Ontario Trillium Pins per year, the costs to be absorbed by the Office of the Assembly. Staff were instructed to distribute all pins directly to Members rather than the caucus administrative offices.

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and agreed, that the 1984-85 Supplementary Budget for the Standing Committee on Members' Services be approved in the amount of \$648.

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Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Cureatz, and agreed, that the 1985-86 budget for Sessional Requirements be approved, as amended, in the amount of \$4,443,400.

Members' Indemnities

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the 1985-86 budget for Members' Indemnities be approved in the amount of \$8,247,600.

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Martel, and agreed, that the new kilometric rate for automobile travel for Members under s.66(1) of the Legislative Assembly Act, be 27¢ for Northern Members and 26¢ for Southern Members, effective May 2, 1985.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the Toronto Accommodation Allowance provided to Private Members under s.66(7) of the Legislative Assembly Act be increased from \$9,371 to \$9,745, effective April 1, 1985. The allowance for Cabinet Ministers and Opposition Leaders is thereby automatically increased to \$10,745 per year.

Members' Support Services

Deferred to next meeting.

Caucus Support Services

Deferred to next meeting.

Administration

Deferred to next meeting.

Constituency Offices

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Johnson, and agreed, that the Total Services, Postage, and Stationery allowances be combined into one global allowance, effective April 1, 1985. The constituency staff allowance is to remain separate and non-transferrable.

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the global allowance be increased from \$11,760, to \$12,230, effective April 1, 1985.

Commission on Election Contributions and Expenses

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Mitchell, and agreed, that the 1985-86 budget for the Commission on Election Contributions and Expenses be approved in the amount of \$3,496,600.

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Legislative Library

Moved by Mr. Martel, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the 1985-86 budget for the Legislative Library be approved in the amount of \$3,530,100.

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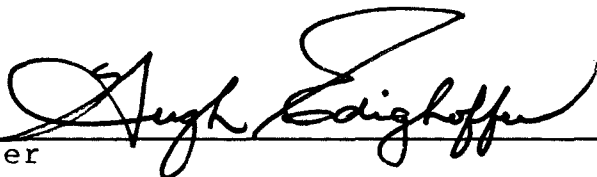
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Ontario Electoral Boundaries Commission

Moved by Mr. Mitchell, seconded by Mr. Nixon, and agreed, that the 1985-86 budget for the Ontario Electoral Boundaries Commission be approved in the amount of \$60,000.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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


Speaker

11/6/85