Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #9/85
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 3:45 P.M., MONDAY, DECEMBER 9, 1985

PRESENT:

The Honourable Hugh Edighoffer, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Robert Nixon
The Honourable Elinor Caplan
The Honourable Jack Riddell
Ms. Joan Smith, M.P.P.
Mr. Ross McClellan, M.P.P.
Mr. Ernie Eves, Q.C., M.P.P.

Secretariat:

Mr. Robert J. Fleming, Director of Administration, Secretary
Mr. Michael Wiebe, 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. L.E. Waters, Director of Finance
Ms. Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Tom Mitchinson, Director of Information Services

Guests:

Mr. Mike Breaugh, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on Procedural Affairs
Mr. John Lane, M.P.P., Vice-Chairman, Standing Committee on Members' Services
Mr. Maurice Bossy, M.P.P., Standing Committee on Procedural Affairs
Mr. Dick Treleaven, M.P.P., Standing Committee on Procedural Affairs
Mr. Jack Johnson, M.P.P., Standing Committee on Members' Services
Mr. Bob Mackenzie, M.P.P., Standing Committee on Members' Services
Mr. Jean Poirier, M.P.P., Standing Committee on Members' Services
Mr. Alan Bonner, T.V. Ontario
Mr. Bruce Reid, T.V. Ontario
Ms. Sandra Birkenmayer, T.V. Ontario
Mr. Mike Applin, Currie, Coopers & Lybrand
Mr. Ray Foley, Senior Policy Advisor to the Minister of Government Services
Mr. Smirle Forsyth, Committee Clerk
Mrs. Debbie Deller, Committee Clerk
Ms. Lynn Mellor, Committee Clerk
Ms. Jan Robinson, Assistant Finance Director
Ms. Molly Pellecchia, Materials Manager

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DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #8/85

Moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #8/85 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: Report from the Standing Committee on Members' Services

Newsletters:

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that effective April 1, 1986, the number of newsletters allowed to Members be increased from two to three per fiscal year.

Members' Indemnities and Allowances:

Moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Ms. Caplan, and agreed, that the recommendations made by the Standing Committee on Members' Services be tabled with the Board until April 1, 1986.

Members' Benefits:

Moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Riddell, and agreed, that the recommendations made by the Committee regarding Members' retirement allowances be accepted and that the Government be asked to amend the Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act accordingly.

Moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the recommendations made by the Committee regarding severance pay be accepted and that the Government be asked to amend the Legislative Assembly Act accordingly.

ITEM 3: Legislative Dining Room: Future Use of Members' Lounge

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the matter be referred to the Standing Committee on Members' Services.

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ITEM 4: Electronic Hansard: Distribution Proposal

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Ms. Smith, and agreed, that:

(1) The primary distribution method be a satellite to cable service, and that TV Ontario be authorized to file the necessary application with the CRTC for a broadcast licence on behalf of the Legislative Assembly.

(2) Low-power rebroadcast transmitters be provided for small northern communities that have no cable.

(3) Ontario broadcasters be encouraged to access parts of the service off satellite for inclusion in their news and public affairs programs.

(4) A tape storage and distribution system be provided for use by the widest possible number of Ontarians.

(5) All cable companies in Ontario be given a capital subsidy of up to 100% to assist in purchasing necessary satellite receiving equipment in order to provide the service.

(6) A full-time satellite channel be leased by TV Ontario to ensure maximum flexibility in the provision of this service.

ITEM 5: Electronic Hansard: Proposal for Members' Desk Speakers

Deferred to next meeting of the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Standing Committee on Social Development Supplementary Estimates, 1985-86

Moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the Supplementary Estimates of the Standing Committee on Social Development be approved in the amount of $15,000.

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OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED):

Annual Economic Increment:
<u>Opposition Leaders' Drivers</u>

Moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the economic increment of 4% be granted to the two Opposition Leaders' drivers, effective April 1, 1985, and that the drivers be placed into the category of staff for whom these annual increments are approved.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

Hugh Edighoffer
Speaker

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