



Legislative Assembly
MINUTES OF MEETING #5/86
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 3:45 P.M., MONDAY, June 16, 1986
AND
AT 3:45 P.M., TUESDAY, JUNE 17, 1986

PRESENT:

The Honourable Hugh Edighoffer, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Jack Riddell
The Honourable Gregory S. Sorbara
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. W. Michael Wiebe, Assistant Secretary
Mrs. Frances L. Edge, Recording Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Mr. Roderick Lewis, Q.C., Clerk of the House
Mr. J. Thomas Mitchinson, Director of Information Services
Mr. Larry E. Waters, Director of Finance

Absent:

The Honourable Elinor Caplan
Ms. Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources Branch
Ms. Sandra Bowen, Administrative Co-ordinator

Guests:

Mr. Robert V. Callahan, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on
Regulations and Private Bills
Mr. Douglas J. Wiseman, M.P.P., Member of the Standing Committee on
Regulations and Private Bills
Mr. Brian Charlton, M.P.P., Member of the Standing Committee on
Regulations and Private Bills
Mr. Raymond L. Haggerty, M.P.P., Member of the Standing Committee on
Regulations and Private Bills
Mr. Michael J. Breaugh, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on
the Legislative Assembly
Mr. Floyd Laughren, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on
Resources Development
Mr. David R. Cooke, M.P.P., Chairman, Select Committee on
Economic Affairs
Mr. D.F. Archer, Provincial Auditor
Mr. Jim Otterman, Assistant Provincial Auditor
Ms. Cynthia Smith, Chief, Legislative Research Service of the
Legislative Library
Mrs. Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration, Progressive
Conservative Service Bureau
Ms. Marcia Boyd, Office Manager, N.D.P. Caucus
Mrs. Debbie Deller, Committee Clerk
Mr. Smirle Forsyth, Committee Clerk
Mr. Todd Decker, Committee Clerk
Mr. Doug Arnott, Committee Clerk
Ms. Jan Robinson, Assistant Director, Accounting Operations
Ms. Beryl Venter, Assistant Director, Financial Planning
Ms. Molly Pellecchia, Assistant Director, Supply and Services

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DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #4/86

Moved by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #4/86 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills: 1986-87 Budget Review

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed,, that the 1986-87 Budget for the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills be approved in the amount of \$21,950.

ITEM 3: Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly: 1986-87 Budget Review

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Riddell, and agreed, that the 1986-87 Budget for the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$207,108.

ITEM 4: Standing Committee on Resources Development: 1986-87 Budget Review

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the 1986-87 Budget for the Standing Committee on Resources Development be approved in the amount of \$168,057.

ITEM 5: Select Committee on Economic Affairs: 1986-87 Budget Review

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Riddell, and agreed, that the 1986-87 Budget for the Select Committee on Economic Affairs be approved in the amount of \$67,238.

ITEM 6: Office of the Provincial Auditor: New Office Space

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the Board approve the plans of the Office of the Provincial Auditor to enter into a 10-year lease for new office space; that the Board further approve the engaging of the services of a commercial interior design consultant to determine, control, and advise in all aspects of design specifications; and that the Office of the Provincial Auditor report back to the Board in September, 1986, with supplementary estimates for this project.

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ITEM 7: Members' Toronto Accommodation Allowance

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the Board approve a global, annual amount of \$10,800 for the Toronto Accommodation Allowance.

Ms. Smith opposed the motion.

ITEM 8: Committee Allowances:a) Per Diems

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. Riddell, and agreed, that the Board recommend to the Government that amendments be made to Section 67(2) of the Legislative Assembly Act which would provide that the specific per diem expense allowance of \$65 for Committee Members and \$76 for Committee Chairmen not be payable when the Legislative Assembly is sitting.

b) Meal and Gratuity Allowance

Deferred to next meeting.

c) Toronto Accommodation Allowance
Charged to Committee Budgets

Moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Riddell, and agreed, that effective July 1, 1986, Members entitled to and drawing from, a Toronto Accommodation Allowance not be permitted to apportion any part of their Toronto Accommodation expenses against their Committee Budget when attending Committee Meetings in Toronto.

ITEM 9: Constituency Office Guidelines

Moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the Members' Constituency Office Guidelines be approved as submitted, subject to the following amendments:

(1) Accommodation Budget for Constituency
Office Rent, Utility Expenses and
Janitorial Services

Agreed, that a Member may locate a constituency office in a building owned or operated by the Province of Ontario, only with the approval of the Board of Internal Economy.

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Constituency Office Guidelines (Continued)(2) Postage

Agreed, that staff of the Office of the Assembly prepare a report on the charging of courier service costs between a Member's Queen's Park Office and Constituency Office, and that such report be presented to the Board at a future meeting.

(3) Travel Expenses for Constituency Office Staff

Agreed, that this title be changed to read: "Travel Expenses for Members' Support Staff."

(4) Liability and Contents Insurance

Agreed, that the Board be presented with a report from the Ministry of Government Services on proposals for insurance coverage of constituency offices.

ITEM 10: Constituency Office Over-Expenditures: 1985-86 Fiscal Year

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Ms. Smith, and agreed, that the Office of the Assembly absorb the over-expenditures of 32 Members in the amount of \$36,296.75.

Mr. Sorbara and Mr. McClellan declared a conflict of interest and abstained from voting on this item.

Constituency Office Over-Expenditure: Mr. Odoardo Di Santo, 1984-85 Fiscal Year

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Ms. Smith, and agreed, that the Office of the Assembly absorb the over-expenditure of Mr. Odoardo Di Santo for the 1984-85 fiscal year, in the amount of \$281.66.

OTHER BUSINESS:(a) Legislative Dining Room and Cafeteria

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the Report from the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly regarding the Legislative Dining Room and Cafeteria be approved as presented; and that a further report be prepared by staff in consultation with the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly on alternative locations for the Members' Lounge.

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OTHER BUSINESS (CONTINUED):

(b) Office Accommodation Expenses:
Riding of Scarborough-Ellesmere

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the Office of the Assembly support the funding of Mr. Warner's constituency office up to \$14,635, on the understanding that Mr. Warner will constrain \$2,000 from the balance of his office budget, such amount to be applied toward the funding of accommodation expense.

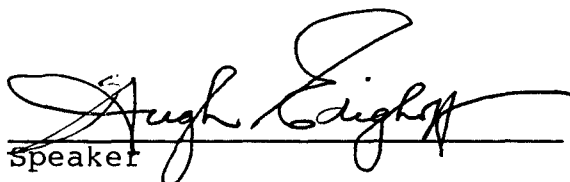
The motion was defeated.

Agreed, that staff of the Office of the Assembly prepare a report for presentation to the Board on the availability of alternate rental space in Scarborough-Ellesmere apart from the prerequisites previously followed.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

The next meeting of the Board of Internal Economy will be held in the Speaker's Boardroom, in Room 180 of the Legislative Building, on Monday, July 7, 1986 at 3:45 p.m.


Speaker