



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #7/86
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 2:00 P.M., THURSDAY, JULY 17, 1986

PRESENT:

The Honourable Hugh Edighoffer, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable James Bradley
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. W. 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. J. Thomas Mitchinson, Director of Information Services
Ms. Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Larry E. Waters, Director of Finance

Absent:

Mr. Robert J. Fleming, Director of Administration, Secretary

Guests:

Mr. David Cooke, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on
Finance and Economic Affairs
Mr. Andrew Brandt, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on
Administration of Justice
Mr. Jean Poirier, M.P.P., Vice-Chairman, Select Committee
on Health
Mr. Robert Runciman, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee on
Public Accounts
Dr. David McNaughton, Assistant Deputy Minister, Ministry of
Government Services
Ms. Patricia Sorbara, Office of the Premier
Mr. R. Brian Land, Executive Director, Legislative Library,
Research and Information Services
Mr. Bob Richardson, Special Assistant (Legislation) to the Minister
of Colleges and Universities
Ms. Lynn Mellor, Committee Clerk
Mrs. Deborah Deller, Committee Clerk
Mr. Douglas Arnott, Committee Clerk
Ms. Susan Callum, Office Administrator, Liberal Members
Service Bureau
Mrs. Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration, Progressive
Conservative Service Bureau
Ms. Marcia Boyd, Office Manager, N.D.P. Caucus
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 #6/86

Moved by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #6/86 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: Caucus Support Services: Additional Computer Equipment Request for the Progressive Conservative Caucus

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the Board approve the request of the Progressive Conservative Caucus to purchase additional office automation equipment up to a maximum of \$246,473 (plus provincial sales tax).

Also, that costs for installation, and furniture for the equipment, be approved to a maximum of \$37,000.

ITEM 3: Information Systems Working Group: Future Legislative Data Service Requirements for Members and Caucuses

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the Consultative Committee be authorized to commission a study into the short-term and long-term implementation of a system of office automation in the Legislative Assembly, subject to the following conditions:

- (1) the areas of study shall include Members' Queen's Park offices, Members' constituency offices, Caucus offices and the Information Systems Office of the Office of the Assembly;
- (2) the general consultant shall operate within the terms of reference developed by the Information Systems Working Group and approved by the Consultative Committee;
- (3) the framework developed by the general consultant for implementation of a system in the Legislative Assembly shall not proceed prior to an interim report being completed by the caucus consultants;
- (4) the fees for the study up to and including the completion of the interim report of the general consultant shall not exceed \$50,000;

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Computer Equipment Request for the
Progressive Conservative Caucus
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- (5) the second phase of the study, involving implementation of data services for the three caucuses will require an additional approximately \$50,000 for the general consultant, and \$35,000 for each of three individual consultants, however no expenditure over and above the \$50,000 referred to under (4) above shall be committed in advance of the Board's approval subsequent to receipt of the general consultant's interim report on or before September 30, 1986.

Mr. Sorbara opposed the motion.

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that one additional complement position be approved for the Information Systems Office of the Office of the Assembly with a classification of ASY15 (also known as Systems Officer II) at a salary range of \$29,841 - \$35,085).

ITEM 4: Electronic Hansard:
Provision of TV Monitors

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

- (1) That each Private Member's office in the Legislative Building and Whitney Block and all locations identified in the September 2, 1985 Report of the Procedural Affairs committee be provided with one (1) colour television set;
- (2) That the Ministry of Government Services be authorized to proceed with the extension of the internal closed-circuit television system to Ministers' and Parliamentary Assistants' offices throughout the Queen's Park complex and at remote Ministry locations;
- (3) That any caucus office or office within a department of the Office of the Assembly wishing to purchase a television set be required to absorb such costs from within their respective budgets;
- (4) That basic furniture be provided for the installation of the monitors.

Mr. Sorbara opposed the motion.

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Electronic Hansard:
Provision of TV Monitors (continued)

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

- (1) That all Members' offices in the Legislative Building and Whitney Block be provided with Rogers cable television basic converter service;
- (2) That any caucus office or office within a department of the Office of the Assembly requesting Rogers cable television service be required to absorb all installation and monthly operating costs from within their respective budgets.

ITEM 5: Permanent Part-time Employees:
a) Caucuses
b) Members' Support Staff

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Ms. Smith, and agreed, that, effective September 1, 1986, the appropriate pension and health benefits be extended to those employees designated by Members as "regular part-time" in the Members' Support Staff group, and those designated as "regular part-time" in Caucus Support Staff groups.

ITEM 6: Constituency and Caucus Staff:
Hiring Guidelines

Deferred to next meeting.

ITEM 7: French Language Services:
a) Procurement of Translation Services for Members and Committees
b) Interim Report on French Language Services in the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

Deferred to next meeting.

ITEM 8: Committee Allowances:
Meal and Gratuity Allowances

Deferred to next meeting.

ITEM 9: Caucus Print Shop Facilities

Deferred to next meeting.

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ITEM 10: Standing Committee on Government Agencies:
1986-87 Supplementary Budget Review

The budget was withdrawn by the Committee.

ITEM 11: Standing Committee on Administration of
Justice:
1986-87 Supplementary Budget Review

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the 1986-87 Supplementary Budget for the Standing Committee on the Administration of Justice be approved in the amount of \$50,935.

ITEM 12: Standing Committee on Finance and
Economic Affairs:
1986-87 Supplementary Budget Review

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Ms. Smith, and agreed, that the 1986-87 Supplementary Budget for the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs be approved, as amended, in the amount of \$33,455. The Committee was given the option of returning to the Board with a supplementary budget for consulting services, if required.

ITEM 13: Select Committee on Health:
1986-87 Budget Review

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1986-87 Budget for the Select Committee on Health be approved, as amended, in the amount of \$50,038. The Committee was given the option of returning to the Board with a supplementary budget for consulting services, if required.

ITEM 14: Standing Committee on Public Accounts:
Counsel Fees

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Ms. Smith, and agreed, that notwithstanding the guidelines governing fees payable to counsel retained by committees, the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be authorized to retain legal counsel at the rate of up to \$150 per hour during consideration of the alleged conflict of interest concerning Elinor Caplan, M.P.P.

Mr. McClellan opposed the motion.

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ITEM 15: Simultaneous Interpretation:
 Timetable for Introduction

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the Ministry of Government Services, in conjunction with the Electronic Hansard project team, proceed with the installation of a provisional simultaneous interpretation facility in the Legislative Chamber and Amethyst Committee Room in time for the resumption of the session on October 14, 1986, at an additional cost of approximately \$95,000 over and above funds previously approved by the Board for the permanent installation of these facilities.

Mr. Riddell and Mr. Bradley opposed the motion.

OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Proposed Travel by Party Whips
 and House Leaders

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. Bradley, and agreed, that the Board approve up to \$10,860 for the Party Whips and House Leaders to travel to London, England from September 27 to October 6, 1986 for the purpose of investigating procedural reforms.

b) Canadian Sergeants-at-Arms:
 Annual Meeting, 1987

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. Sorbara, and agreed, that the Sergeant-at-Arms be authorized to host the 1987 Annual Meeting of Canadian Sergeants-at-Arms, and that an amount of \$15,000 be approved by the Board for costs associated with the meeting.

c) Office of the Clerk: Recruitment
 Particulars for the position of Clerk of
 the Legislative Assembly of Ontario

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Ms. Smith, and agreed, that the following policy be established for the recruitment of a new Clerk of the Legislative Assembly:

- (1) the salary level be set within the range of an Assistant Deputy Minister;

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the Legislative Assembly of Ontario
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- (2) the appointment be reviewable
after a five-year period.

It was further agreed that the Board
recommend to the Government that Section
74 of the Legislative Assembly Act be
amended to reflect these policies.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

21/7/86


Speaker