Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #1/87
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 3:30 P.M., MONDAY, JANUARY 19, 1987

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. Robert J. Fleming, Director of Administration, Secretary
Mr. Patrick Fafard, Assistant Secretary
Ms. Sandra Bowen, Administrative Co-ordinator

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Mr. Claude DesRosiers, Clerk of the House
Mr. R. Brian Land, Executive Director, Legislative Library
Mr. J. Thomas Mitchinson, Director of Information Services
Ms. Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Larry E. Waters, Director of Finance

Mr. Harold Brown, Special Assistant, Speaker's Office
Ms. Molly Pellecchia, Assistant Director, Supply and Services
Ms. Cynthia Shanahan, Senior Purchasing Officer, Supply and Services
Ms. Jan Robinson, Assistant Director, Accounting Operations

Guests:

Deputy Commissioner J. Wm. Lidstone, Investigations, Ontario Provincial Police
Special Constable Tom Bradbury, Ontario Provincial Police
Mr. Thomas Stelling, Sergeant-at-Arms
Mr. Clare Bumstead, Purchasing Officer, Supply and Services
Mrs. Eleanor Meslin, Executive Director, Ombudsman's Office
Mr. Allan Mills, Controller, Office of the Ombudsman
Ms. Susan Callum, Office Administrator, Liberal Members Services Office
Ms. Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration, Progressive Conservative Services Bureau
Ms. Marcia Boyd, Office Manager, N.D.P. Caucus

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DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #13/86

Moved by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #13/86 be approved.

ITEM 2: Security System: Vendor Selection

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Ms. Smith, and agreed, that the Speaker convene a meeting of the Security System Working Group and the security subcommittee of the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly to review the Working Group's recommendations.

The Board further agreed that in view of the February 19, 1987 expiry date for the prices quoted by the suppliers, the meeting take place in time to allow a review of the proposal at the Board meeting scheduled for February 16, 1987.

ITEM 3: Change in Members' Party Affiliation: Funding Implications

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Ms. Smith, and agreed, that when a Member leaves a Caucus and changes party affiliation:

(a) that Members' staff be given 8 weeks notice with pay (or until the employee finds alternate employment, whichever is shorter).

(b) that in the event of extenuating circumstances an appeal can be made to the Board of Internal Economy which will consider each case individually.

The Board further agreed that the cost of the termination pay provided for in (a) is an employee benefit paid by the Legislative Assembly and not drawn from the Members' Global Staff Allowance.

Moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sorbara, and agreed, that pursuant to clause (b) of the previous motion and the request submitted by Mr. McClellan to the Speaker on December 18, 1986, that the Board allocate on a one-time only basis additional funds to cover the salary of one Legislative Assistant in the New Democratic Party Caucus (at an annual rate of $28,026) for the life of the current Parliament or an 8 month period or until the Legislative Assistant in question can be covered by the normal caucus appropriation by filling the first vacancy in the Caucus, whichever comes first.

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The Board further agreed that in light of the uniqueness of the situation caused by the decision of two Members of the New Democratic Party to cross the floor that this decision should not be seen as a precedent.

The Board further agreed to review this matter in 8 months time.

Mr. Riddell opposed the motion.

ITEM 4: Relocation of the Clerk of the Assembly: <u>Accommodation and Travel Expenses</u>

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that notwithstanding the decisions of the Board at Meeting #8/86 relating to the relocation of the Clerk of the Assembly:

(1) The Clerk be authorized round-trip economy air flights to Ottawa each week on the understanding that his family be relocated to Toronto by April 15, 1987.

(2) A furnished one-bedroom apartment be provided for the Clerk in Toronto up to April 15, 1987.

ITEM 5: <u>Chairman's List</u>

(a) Order-in-Council: <u>Office of the Ombudsman</u>

Moved by Ms. Smith, seconded by Mr. Sorbara, and agreed, that the revised schedule of employees of the Office of the Ombudsman be approved.

(b) Transfer of Funds Between Votes: Members' Support Services to <u>Members' Indemnities</u>

Moved by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that pursuant to Section 88 of the <u>Legislative Assembly Act</u>, that up to $270,000 be transferred from the Members' Support Services, Vote 3501-5, to Members' Indemnities, Vote 3501-4.

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MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

The next meetings of the Board of Internal Economy will be held on Monday, February 9th and 16th 1987, at 3:30 p.m., in the Speaker's Boardroom, Room 180, Legislative Building.

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Hugh Edighoffer
Speaker