



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #3/87
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 1:00 P.M., MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1987

PRESENT:

The Honourable Hugh Edighoffer, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Jack Riddell
The Honourable Gregory S. Sorbara
Mrs. 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. 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
Mrs. Mary Dickerson, Deputy Executive Director and Head,
Information and Reference Services, Legislative Library
Ms. Molly Pellecchia, Assistant Director, Supply and Services
Ms. Jan Robinson, Assistant Director, Accounting Operations
Ms. Beryl Venter, Assistant Director, Financial Planning and
Control

Absent:

The Honourable James Bradley

Guests:

Office of the Provincial Auditor:

Mr. D.F. Archer, Provincial Auditor
Mr. Jim F. Otterman, Assistant Provincial Auditor
Mr. John A. Cruise, Director, Personnel and Administration

Office of the Ombudsman:

Dr. Daniel G. Hill, Ombudsman
Mrs. Eleanor Meslin, Executive Director
Mr. Allan Mills, Controller
Mr. Harvey Savage, Director, Regional Services

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Office of the Chief Election Officer:

Mr. Warren R. Bailie, Chief Election Officer
Mr. Jim Whelan, Administrative Assistant
Mrs. G. Peng Tam, Financial Officer

Mr. Donald S. Knight, M.P.P., Chairman, Select Committee on the Environment
Mr. Robert V. Callahan, M.P.P., Chairman, Select Committee on Health
Mr. Ed Philip, M.P.P., Standing Committee on the Ombudsman
Mr. Milt Harmelink, Director, Broadcasting and Cable Branch, Ministry of Transportation and Communications
Mr. Allan Bonner, Manager, Ontario Policy Relations, TVOntario
Ms. Catherine Allman, Manager, Telecommunications Relations, TVOntario
Ms. Tannis Manikel, Committee Clerk
Mrs. Deborah Deller, Committee Clerk
Mr. Todd Decker, Committee Clerk
Ms. Susan Callum, Office Administrator, Liberal Members Services Office
Ms. Marcia Boyd, Office Manager, N.D.P. Caucus
Ms. Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration, Progressive Conservative Services Bureau

DECISIONS OF THE BOARDITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #2/87:

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Riddell, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #2/87 be approved.

ITEM 2: 1987-88 Estimates Review:
Office of the Assembly (Continued)Members' Indemnities:

Moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Riddell, and approved, that the 1987-88 Budget for Members' Indemnities be approved in the amount of \$9,384,534.

Members' Support Services:

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Budget for Members' Support services be approved in the amount of \$14,752,365.

Constituency Offices:

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and agreed, that the amount allocated to each Member for Advertising, Travel and Miscellaneous Office Expenses be increased to \$4,400 per Member increasing the total Budget of the Constituency Office Program by an additional \$24,400.

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Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Eves, that the Board approve the rental of computer equipment for the Constituency Offices on a 12 month rental-only basis, and that the Office of the Assembly provide a list of acceptable computer systems for rental under this program.

The motion was defeated.

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. Riddell, and agreed, that the Budget for the Constituency Office program be approved, as amended, in the amount of \$3,265,400.

Caucus Support Services:

Moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the Budget for Caucus Support Services be approved in the amount of \$6,913,900.

The Board requested that a study be conducted to evaluate printshop equipment requests from the three party Caucuses to be presented to the Board for consideration at the next meeting.

Administration:

Moved by Mr. Riddell, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the Budget for the Administration program be approved in the amount of \$3,460,750.

Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act Account (L.A.R.A.):

Moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Budget for the Legislative Assembly Retirement Allowances Act Account (L.A.R.A.) be approved in the amount of \$1,410,200.

ITEM 3: 1987-88 Estimates Review:
Office of the Provincial Auditor

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Estimates for the Office of the Provincial Auditor be approved in the amount of \$6,608,300.

ITEM 4: 1987-88 Estimates Review:
Office of the Ombudsman

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Estimates for the Office of the Ombudsman be approved in the amount of \$6,546,700.

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ITEM 5: 1987-88 Estimates Review:
Office of the Chief Election Officer

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Sorbara, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Estimates for the Office of the Chief Election Officer be approved in the amount of \$551,600.

ITEM 6: Security System:
Vendor Selection

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and agreed, that the Legislative Assembly contract with Electronic Surveillance Corporation for the supply of a Computerized Security System at a cost of \$361,747 for equipment and approximately \$300,000 for system installation.

ITEM 7: Television Service in Northern Ontario:

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed,:

1. that the Board commit to provide funding of up to a maximum of \$4.114 to the Government program of Television Extension in Northern Ontario (TEN0), subject to the conditions outlined in recommendations 2 through 8 listed below;
2. that the maximum contribution of the Board shall not exceed \$4.114 million over a period of 3 fiscal years;
3. that the Board's contribution in any fiscal year shall not exceed 39% of the total costs incurred for the implementation of the TEN0 program in that fiscal year;
4. that not later than December 31 in each year until completion of the TEN0 program, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications be required to submit an annual estimate of costs to be incurred for the implementation of the TEN0 program in the upcoming fiscal year, and the Board include 39% of this figure in the Estimates for the Office of the Assembly for the upcoming fiscal year. The report provided by the Ministry shall include a statement as to the number of sites expected to be installed in the upcoming fiscal year;

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5. that the Assembly's portion of the expenses incurred by the Ministry of Transportation and Communications for the TENO program be cost-recovered from the Office of the Assembly by the Ministry on a periodic basis, following procedures jointly agreed upon by the Finance Directors of each organization;
6. that not later than December 31 in each year until completion of the TENO project, the Ministry of Transportation and Communications be required to submit a report to the Board outlining work completed on the project during the current fiscal year;
7. that the Director of Information Services for the Office of the Assembly be responsible for liaison with the Ministry of Transportation and Communications on implementation of the TENO program, and that the Ministry appoint a person to act in a corresponding capacity;
8. that the Ministry of Transportation and Communications agree to provide the Director of Finance for the Office of the Assembly with the right of access to and inspection of all books of account and records of the Ministry which relate to the moneys received from the Office of the Assembly and expended under the TENO program;

OTHER BUSINESS:

- a) Select Committee on Economic Affairs
1986-87 Supplementary Budget:

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Sorbara, and agreed, that the 1986-87 Supplementary Budget for the Select Committee on Economic Affairs be approved in the amount of \$14,488.45.

- b) Select Committee on the Environment
1986-87 and 1987-88 Budget Review:

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the 1986-87 Budget of the Select Committee on the Environment be approved in the amount of \$51,833.

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Budget of the Select Committee on the Environment be approved in the amount of \$10,191.

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c) Standing Committee on Administration of Justice 1986-87 and 1987-88 Budget Review:

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Riddell, and agreed, that the 1986-87 Budget for the Standing Committee on Administration of Justice be approved in the amount of \$16,160.

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Riddell, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Budget for the Standing Committee on Administration of Justice be approved in the amount of \$10,772.

d) Select Committee on Retail Store Hours 1987-88 Budget Review:

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Budget for the Select Committee on Retail Store Hours be approved in the amount of \$129,112.

Mr. Sorbara opposed the motion.

e) Select Committee on Health 1987-88 Budget Review:

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Riddell, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Budget for the Select Committee on Health be approved in the amount of \$86,770.

f) Standing Committee on General Government 1986-87 and 1987-88 Budget Review:

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1986-87 Budget for the Standing Committee on General Government be approved in the amount of \$8,290.

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Budget for the Standing Committee on General Government be approved in the amount of \$46,330.

g) Standing Committee on the Ombudsman 1987-88 Budget Review:

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and agreed, that the Standing Committee on the Ombudsman be authorized to retain counsel at a rate of \$135/hr. to a maximum of \$27,000.

Mr. Eves and Mr. McClellan opposed the motion.

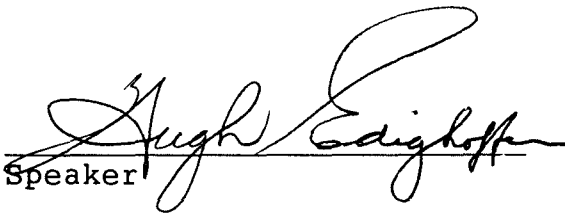
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Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Budget of the Standing Committee on the Ombudsman be approved, as amended, in the amount of \$37,689.

Mr. Eves and Mr. McClellan opposed the motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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


Speaker

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