



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #6/87
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 3:30 P.M., MONDAY, MAY 4, 1987

PRESENT:

The Honourable Hugh Edighoffer, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable James Bradley
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. 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 Jan Robinson, Assistant Director, Accounting Operations
Ms Beryl Venter, Assistant Director, Financial Planning and Control

Guests:

Ms Patricia Sorbara, Office of the Premier
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

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DECISIONS OF THE BOARDITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #5/87:

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #5/87 be approved.

ITEM 2: Services to Members:
Report of the Standing Committee
on the Legislative Assembly

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Eves, that in view of the fact that changes to the Legislative Assembly Act are required, that Recommendations 1, 2 and 3 of the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly Report on Members' Services be referred to the House Leaders for consideration.

Motion defeated.

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. Riddell, and agreed, that the Speaker as Chairman of the Board of Internal Economy respond to the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly and outline the Board's action on Recommendation #4 of the Committee's Report and reiterate the point raised in the Speaker's letter of February 24, 1987 to the Committee, that Recommendations #1, 2 and 3 should be dealt with by Report to the House.

Mr. Eves and Mr. McClellan opposed the motion.

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the Board direct staff to look into the feasibility of implementing Recommendation #4 of the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly Report on Members' Services. The review is to include a survey of Members to see how many would wish to have the Office of the Assembly directly pay charges for furniture rental.

Mr. Riddell and Mrs. Smith opposed the motion.

ITEM 3: Funding for Whips' Assistants

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Sorbara, and agreed, that Board Members take the figures presented to the Board regarding possible salary levels back to their Chief Party Whips to ascertain which level of assistant they require and bring the results back to the next Board meeting for further discussion.

Mr. Riddell opposed the motion.

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ITEM 4: Transfer of Caucus and Members' Staff to Ministries: Benefits

The Board requested that staff draft a request to Management Board of Cabinet regarding the transfer of Caucus and Members' Staff to Ministries for consideration by the Board at the next meeting.

ITEM 5: 1987 Salary Review

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the Office of the Assembly, Office of the Ombudsman, Office of the Provincial Auditor and the Ontario Election Office be authorized to implement the 1987 economic adjustments for employees as they are approved for comparable classifications in the Ontario Public Service.

Agreed that the Director of Human Resources be authorized to implement the adjustments for Caucus and Members' support staff including the Leaders' drivers and the Executive Assistants to the House Leaders. This staff group receives the same percentage increase as the Management Compensation Plan group in the Ontario Public Service.

ITEM 6: Ontario Legislature Internship Programme: Committee of '94 Intern

Moved by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Riddell, and agreed, that an additional position be added to the Ontario Legislature Internship Program (OLIP) for a one-year trial basis. The position will be designated as the "Committee of '94" intern and would be exempt from the regular academic requirements of the Internship Programme but would be required to meet all other existing requirements including the capacity to serve Members of the Legislature in a non-partisan role.

Agreed, that an additional \$16,000 plus relocation costs for the additional intern be added to the budget of OLIP for 1987-88 to fund the Committee of '94 intern position.

OTHER BUSINESS:

Political Activity by Staff of Members and Caucus

The Board agreed that Messrs. Riddell, Eves and McClellan should report back to the Board on the alternatives regarding political activity by staff of Members and Caucus.

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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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