



Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #7/87
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY
HELD IN SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 3:30 P.M., MONDAY, JUNE 8, 1987

PRESENT:

The Honourable Hugh Edighoffer, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable James Bradley
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
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

Absent:

The Honourable Jack Riddell

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:

Mr. Michael J. Breaugh, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee
on the Legislative Assembly
Mr. Richard F. Johnston, M.P.P., Chairman, Standing Committee
on Social Development
Mr. Terrance P. O'Connor, M.P.P., Chairman, Select Committee
on Retail Store Hours
Mr. Smirle Forsyth, Committee Clerk
Mr. Franco Carrozza, Committee Clerk
Ms. Lynn Mellor, Committee Clerk
Ms Susan Callum, Office Administrator,
Liberal Members Services Office
Ms Marcia Boyd, Office Manager, N.D.P. Caucus
Ms Bev DesLauriers, Acting Director of Administration,
Progressive Conservative Services Bureau

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DECISIONS OF THE BOARDITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #6/87:

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Sorbara, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #6/87 be approved.

ITEM 2: Standing Committee on the Ombudsman:
1987-88 Supplementary Budget Review

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Supplementary Budget for the Standing Committee on the Ombudsman be approved in the amount of \$52,564. The Clerk of the House was requested to review all committee advertising expenses prior to the expenditure of funds until such time as the Board completes a policy review of committee advertising.

ITEM 3: Standing Committee on Resources
Development: 1987-1988 Budget Review

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Budget for the Standing Committee on Resources Development be approved in the amount of \$164,412. The Clerk of the House was requested to review all committee advertising expenses prior to the expenditure of funds until such time as the Board completes a policy review of committee advertising.

ITEM 4: Standing Committee on the Legislative
Assembly:
1987-88 Supplementary Budget Review

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Supplementary Budget for the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly be approved in the amount of \$192,525. The Clerk of the House was requested to review all committee advertising expenses prior to the expenditure of funds until such time as the Board completes a policy review of committee advertising.

ITEM 5: Standing Committee on Social Development:
1987-88 Budget Review

Moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Budget for the Standing Committee on Social Development be approved in the amount of \$153,440. The Clerk of the House was requested to review all committee advertising expenses prior to the expenditure of funds until such time as the Board completes a policy review of committee advertising.

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ITEM 6: Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs: 1987-88 Budget Review

Moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Budget Review for the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs be approved in the amount of \$148,804.50. The Clerk of the House was requested to review all committee advertising expenses prior to the expenditure of funds until such time as the Board completes a policy review of committee advertising.

ITEM 7: Standing Committee on General Government: 1987-88 Supplementary Budget Review

Moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Bradley, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Supplementary Budget for the Standing Committee on General Government be approved in the amount of \$22,845. The Clerk of the House was requested to review all committee advertising expenses prior to the expenditure of funds until such time as the Board completes a policy review of committee advertising.

ITEM 8: Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills: 1987-88 Budget Review

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Budget for the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills be approved in the amount of \$28,550. The Clerk of the House was requested to review all committee advertising expenses prior to the expenditure of funds until such time as the Board completes a policy review of committee advertising.

ITEM 9: Standing Committee on Public Accounts: 1987-88 Budget Review

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Budget for the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved in the amount of \$91,972. The Clerk of the House was requested to review all committee advertising expenses prior to the expenditure of funds until such time as the Board completes a policy review of committee advertising.

ITEM 10: Standing Committee on Government Agencies: 1987-88 Budget Review

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Budget for the Standing Committee on Government Agencies be approved in the amount of \$52,338. The Clerk of the House was requested to review all committee advertising expenses prior to the expenditure of funds until such time as the Board completes a policy review of committee advertising.

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ITEM 11: Standing Committee on Administration of Justice:
1987-88 Supplementary Budget Review

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and agreed, that the 1987-88 Supplementary Budget for the Standing Committee on Administration of Justice be approved, as amended, in the amount of \$150,104 to reflect a reduction of \$33,500 for travel accommodation and transportation costs. The Clerk of the House was requested to review all committee advertising expenses prior to the expenditure of funds until such time as the Board completes a policy review of committee advertising.

ITEM 12: 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 \$16,724. The Clerk of the House was requested to review all committee advertising expenses prior to the expenditure of funds until such time as the Board completes a policy review of committee advertising.

ITEM 13: Transfer of Caucus and Members' Staff to Ministries: Benefits

Moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. McClellan, and agreed, that this Item be tabled for discussion by the Board at the next meeting.

ITEM 14: Funding for Whips' Assistants:

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mrs. Smith, and agreed, that this Item be tabled for discussion by the Board at the next meeting.

ITEM 15: Political Activity by Staff of Members and Caucus:

This Item was set aside for further review by the Board at the next meeting.

ITEM 16: Relocation and Other Assistance Expenses:
Clerk of the Assembly

Moved by Mr. Sorbara, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that this Item be set aside for discussion at the next meeting, and the Speaker was asked to seek advice from the Chairman of Management Board of Cabinet as to alternative ways of meeting the commitment made by the Board at Meeting #8/86.

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ITEM 17: Members' Special Accommodation Expenses:

Moved by Mr. McClellan, seconded by Mr. Sorbara, and agreed, that reimbursement to Members be authorized under Section 66(6) of the Legislative Assembly Act for the reasonable accommodation costs incurred while on business as a Member within his/her riding. These reimbursements are to be limited to special circumstances where the Member certifies that it was impractical or unsafe to return to his/her residence, and the total of such expenses for the year does not exceed \$2,730.

ITEM 18: Services to Members:
Toronto Accommodation Allowance

Moved by Mrs. Smith, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that staff of the Finance Branch and the Clerk's Office set up a monthly accounting process and conduct training sessions for Members' staff to assist Members in processing accommodation expenses.

OTHER BUSINESS:

a) Request for Equipment:
National Assembly of Nicaragua

This Item was tabled for discussion at the next meeting of the Board. Staff were asked to investigate and report on the ramifications of the letter from Mr. Richard Johnston, MPP.

b) Request for Grants for English Courses: National Assembly of Nicaragua

This Item was tabled for discussion at the next meeting of the Board. Mrs. Smith agreed to investigate the contents of the proposal and report to the Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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


Speaker

10/6/87