Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #5/88
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 3:30 P.M., TUESDAY, JUNE 21, 1988

PRESENT:

The Honourable Hugh Edighoffer, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Sean Conway
The Honourable Joan Smith
The Honourable Richard Patten
Ms Barbara Sullivan, M.P.P.
Mr Dave Cooke, M.P.P.
Mr Ernie Eves, Q.C., M.P.P.

Secretariat:

Mr William Ponick, Controller, Secretary
Ms Barbara Dittmer, Recording Secretary, Administrative Coordinator

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Mr Claude DesRosiers, Clerk of the House
Mr Brian Land, Executive Director, Legislative Library
Ms Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources
Mr Larry Waters, Director of Finance
Mr Harold Brown, Special Assistant to the Speaker

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: **Approval of Minutes of Meeting #4/88:**

Concerning the second paragraph in Item 1, Ms Sullivan commented that she would have preferred more clarification, such as a list of items, etc. re the Estimates, as she did not feel this explanation fully conveyed her request at the last meeting. Mr. Conway agreed with her.

Mr. DesRosiers responded that the Management Advisory Committee would provide a list of outstanding items to Board Members.

Relating to Item 5, Mr Cooke wanted it reported that his objection was to the $16,000 - not that he was opposed to the Motion.

It was subsequently moved by Mr Cooke, seconded by Ms Sullivan, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #4/88 be approved.

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ITEM 2: Security Systems Report

Moved by Mr Conway, seconded by Mr Cooke, and agreed, to set aside this Security System Report, and have the Management Advisory Committee prepare a Status Report on existing security and future requirements, and submit it to the Board for discussion at a later date.

ITEM 3: **Relocation and Other Assistance Expenses: Clerk of the Assembly**

Moved by Ms Smith, seconded by Mr Cooke, and agreed, that $50,000 be allowed for the Clerk as a further housing allowance under the Enhanced Relocation Plan, and that the total amount of assistance be subject to an agreement of Mr DesRosiers to reimburse a proportional amount should he resign or be dismissed within the next three (3) years.

ITEM 4: **Request for Special Constituency Budget Assistance Mr Allan Furlong, M.P.P.**

Moved by Mr Conway, seconded by Ms Sullivan, and agreed, to pay the member his leasehold expenses in the amount of $8,900, and allocate the said sum against the remaining term of the lease within the Constituency Office Accommodation Allowance.

ITEM 5: **Actuarial Report on Former Members' Retirement Allowances**

Moved by Mr Cooke, seconded by Mr Eves, and agreed, that a 4% increase be granted to former Members and their dependents receiving an allowance under L.A.R.A.

In addition, the following recommendations were made:

a) Consider adding this Item to the Estimates;

b) Distribute a print-out of all L.A.R.A. recipients at the next Board meeting;

c) As a result of an inquiry about former Members' Retirement Allowances, and that the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act was to be considered; any information relative to this matter will be provided at the next Board meeting.

ITEM 6: **Members' Northern Travel**

Moved by Mr Cooke, seconded by Mr Eves, and agreed, to approve the following recommendations in principle:

1. That the B.O.I.E. request that the Legislative Assembly Act Section 66(5) be amended to include the constituencies of Algoma, Algoma-Manitoulin and Nickel Belt; and

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2. That in the interim, the Board authorize the Director of Finance to reimburse:

   a) The Member for Algoma for regularly scheduled commercial air travel between Sault Ste. Marie, Wawa and Hornpayne, and accommodation as required.

   b) The member for Algoma-Manitoulin for reasonable and necessary non-ground transportation between his home and the area of Killarney.

   c) The Member for Nickel Belt for regularly scheduled commercial air travel between Sudbury and Chapleau and accommodations in Chapleau.

The Clerk undertook to discuss this with the Management Advisory Committee and prepare a review of proposed amendments to the Legislative Assembly Act for presentation to the Board in the fall of 1988.

ITEM 7: Consolidated Payment of Ministers' and Parliamentary Assistants' Salaries

Moved by Ms Sullivan, seconded by Mr Eves, and agreed, to implement consolidated payment of Ministers' and Parliamentary Assistants' Salaries.

ITEM 8: Accommodation Expenses for Members Travelling Outside Their Ridings

The Board was favourably disposed to considering the request for reimbursement of accommodation expenses, in principle, subject to staff recommendations pertaining to cost, number of trips and other relevant details.

ITEM 9: Proposed Legislative Assembly Organization Chart

The Clerk advised he wished to have input from the newly hired Director of Assembly Services, and would then report back to the Board.

At the conclusion of the Meeting, B.O.I.E. Members discussed this matter in camera.

ITEM 10: Budget Proposal – French Language Services NDP, PC and Liberal Caucuses

Moved by Ms Sullivan, seconded by Mr Cooke, and agreed, that $150,000 be made available to each Caucus to initiate French Language Services, with further monies to be made available after a sub-committee comprised of Ms Sullivan, Messrs Eves and Cooke, meet with Linda Phillips of French Language Services, to determine how best to allocate funds, using a consistent approach in all three (3) Caucuses, and report back to the Board at the July 25th Meeting.

A recommendation was also made to revise the funding formula for Caucus Support Services to include French Language Services as an element of this formula.

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ITEM 11: Sick Leave Vacation Replacement Allowance

After discussion, it was agreed that the Management Advisory Committee would look at this problem, and prepare a Report to be presented to the Board at a future date.

ITEM 12: 1988-89 Estimates Planning Process

This Item was deferred to the next meeting.

ITEM 13: Standing Committee on Administration of Justice
1988 - 1989 Budget

Moved by Mr Conway, seconded by Mr Eves, and agreed, that the 1988-89 Budget for the Standing Committee on Administration of Justice, be approved in the amount of $197,236.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

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

Hugh Edighoffer
Speaker

DATE OF FUTURE MEETINGS

Monday, July 25, 1988 - 1:00 p.m.
Speaker's Boardroom - Room 180

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