Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #9/88
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 3:30 P.M., TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22, 1988

PRESENT:

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

Secretariat:

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

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Mr. Claude DesRosiers, Clerk of the House
Mr. R. Brian Land, Executive Director, Legislative Library
Ms Barbara Speakman, Executive Director, Assembly Services
Mr. Harold Brown, Special Assistant to the Speaker

Guests:

Ms Susan Hanna, Executive Assistant to the Government House Leader
Ms Marcia Boyd, Office Manager, NDP Caucus
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director Administration, PC Services Bureau
Ms Ehrma Ribble, Office Administrator, Liberal Caucus Service Bureau
Mr. Ed Philip, M.P.P., Chairman of Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Mr. Doug Arnott, Clerk of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Mr. Warren R. Bailie, Chief Election Officer
Ms Lorie Wells, Chief Election Clerk and Information Officer
Ms Alison Carpenter, Operations Purchasing Officer

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: **Approval of the Minutes of Meeting #8/88**

Moved by Mr. Conway, seconded by Ms Sullivan, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #8/88 be approved.

ITEM 2: **Standing Committee on Public Accounts**
1988-89 Supplementary Budget

Moved by Mr. Conway, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the Chairman of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and one staff person attend the planning meeting of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees (CCPAC) Sub-committee and the Annual Conference of the Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation (CCAF) in Montreal, to be held consecutively from November 25th through November 29th and that appropriate funding be approved.

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ITEM 3: **Relocation of Chief Election Officer**

Mr. Bailie, the Chief Election Officer, presented alternatives available for the relocation of the Office of the Chief Election Officer from the downtown Toronto core to the surrounding area, with North Toronto a priority based on several considerations. The possibility of moving the entire operation to a smaller locale in Ontario vs the suburban area of Metro Toronto was discussed while focussing on specific requirements such as warehouse space, training facilities, and the accessibility of the Chief Election Officer to Members. Mr. Patten will prepare a business case for moving the Office of the Chief Election Officer to either (a) the arc surrounding Toronto, bounded by Oshawa on the East and Burlington to the West, and (b) a smaller locality such as Belleville or Cornwall, and will present these to the Board at the December meeting.

ITEM 4: **Public Use of Legislative Building Grounds**
Draft #2 Policy Proposal - Barbara Speakman

Moved by Mr. Patten, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the Policy Proposal for Public Use of Legislative Building and Grounds be approved with the following amendments:

a) 3(g) - add the phrase "without express permission" to the end of the sentence, and

b) Appendix A - Item (d) - Change from "one week" to "48 hours".

ITEM 5: **Cleary Advertisement - Use of Constituency Offices for Fund Raising**

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. Patten, and agreed, that the Board accept Mr. Cleary's apology.

ITEM 6: **Content of Members' Newsletter - Endorsement of Political Candidates**

After examining those Members' Newsletters that had been questioned, the Board agreed that the Speaker would send a letter to all Members, reinforcing the policy contained in the Members' Guide.

Moved by Ms Sullivan, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the last paragraph under section **(d) Mailings** in the Members' Guide be changed to read: "Members may not print or mail at the expense of the Office of the Assembly any material of a partisan, political nature."

ITEM 7: **Committee Clerks - Increase in Complement**

Mr. DesRosiers presented his proposal to the Board requesting additional committee staff, explaining the necessity for the increase. Two schedules, dealing with hours (spent and anticipated) and salaries were distributed. The Board agreed to defer any decision on the Clerk's request until the next meeting in December.

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FOR DISCUSSION

a) **Toronto Accommodation – Rent Increases**

The subject of rent increases exceeding the limit allowed to Members was discussed, specifically the case of Mr. Breaugh's notice of a 20% increase. Assembly staff were asked to advise the Board at the December meeting how increases to accommodation allowances have been handled in the past, and when such increases were last approved.

b) **Members' Business Travel**

The Board agreed that accommodation should be paid for business travel and addressed the issues of establishing a time limit, number of trips, cost maximum, etc. as a means of controlling costs. The Management Advisory Committee will prepare formulas on the above, as well as a proposal for cost recovery of meal expenses and will submit same at the December Board meeting.

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 NEXT MEETING

Monday, December 12, 1988 – 3:30 p.m.
Speaker's Boardroom

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