Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #9/89
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 2:30 P.M., MONDAY, AUGUST 21, 1989

Present:

The Honourable Hugh Edighoffer, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Gerry Phillips
The Honourable Chris Ward
Mr. David Cooke, MPP
Mr. Ernie Eves, MPP
Ms Marietta Roberts, MPP

Absent:

The Honourable Richard Patten

Secretariat:

Mr. William Ponick, Controller, Secretary
Ms Barbara Bishop, Executive Assistant, Assistant Secretary and Recording Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Mr. Claude L. DesRosiers, Clerk of the House
Ms Barbara Speakman, Executive Director, Assembly Services
Mr. Ajit Deshmukh, Director of Finance
Ms Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources
Ms Mary Dickerson, Deputy Executive Director and Head, Information and Reference Services
Ms Gayle Laws, Administrative Assistant to the Speaker

Guests:

Mr. David Paterson, Special Assistant - Legislative to the Government House Leader
Ms Marcia Boyd, Office Manager, NDP Caucus
Ms Ehrma Ribble, Office Administrator, Liberal Members Service Bureau
Mr. Al McLean, MPP, Chair, Standing Committee on Government Agencies
Mr. Harold Brown, Committee Clerk, Standing Committee on Government Agencies

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: **Approval of Minutes of Meeting #8/89**

Moved by Ms Roberts, seconded by Mr. Phillips, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #8/89 be approved.

ITEM 2: **Standing Committee on Government Agencies 1989-90 Supplementary Budget**

Moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the 1989-90 Supplementary Budget for the Standing Committee on Government Agencies be approved in the amount of $46,902.

ITEM 3: **Request for Additional Constituency Office Funding - Alvin Curling, MPP**

Moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Eves, and carried, that Mr. Curling's request for additional funding in the amount of $4,800 be denied. (Mr. Cooke was opposed.) It was agreed that staff undertake a Constituency Office Study.

ITEM 4: **Mileage Compensation Rates**

Moved by Ms Roberts, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that mileage compensation rates be adjusted to reimburse Assembly employees at the same rates as government staff, effective June 1, 1989. A review of Members' mileage compensation rates was deferred to a future meeting.

ITEM 5: **Constituency Office Program - Car Phones**

Moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Ms Roberts, and agreed, that this Item be deferred until the Constituency Office Study (as discussed in Item 3) is completed.

ITEM 6: **Select Committee on Energy 1989-90 Budget**

Moved by Mr. Phillips, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the 1989-90 Budget for the Select Committee on Energy be approved in the amount of $56,554.

ITEM 7: **Press Gallery - Fax Machine**

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Ms Roberts, and agreed, that a fax machine be purchased and placed in the Press Gallery Lounge on the understanding that the transmittal fees incurred by the fax machine be charged to the Press Gallery.

ITEM 8: **Committee for Soviet Jewry**

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Phillips, and agreed, that a decision on this Item be deferred and that a representative of the Ontario Legislature Committee on Soviet Jewry be invited to appear before the Board.

ITEM 9: **Constituency Office Access Survey**

Moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that further follow-up be made by staff to those Constituency Offices that did not respond to the survey.

ITEM 10: **1989 COLA Increase for Members' and Caucus Support Staff**

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Ward, and agreed, that the 1989 COLA increase of 6% for Members' and Caucus Support Staff be approved as presented.

ITEM 11: **Constituency Offices of a Retiring/Resigning Member - Question of Staffing**

This Item was tabled for discussion and deferred until staff prepare and present a report.

ITEM 12: **Parking Policy**

Moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Phillips, and agreed, that the parking policy be approved as presented with the Caucus allocation remaining the same. It was further agreed that this policy be used by each Caucus.

ITEM 13: **Laundry and Dry Cleaning Services**

Moved by Ms Roberts, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that Option #2 be approved as presented.

ITEM 14: **Legislative Assembly Act Amendments**

The Board members will meet, in camera, at a later date, to discuss this Item.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

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

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Monday October 16, 1989.

Hugh Edighoffer
Speaker

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