Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #3/90
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 6:20 P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 23, 1990

Present:

The Honourable Hugh Edighoffer, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Chris Ward
The Honourable Gerry Phillips
Mr. Dave 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
Mr. R. Brian Land, Executive Director, Legislative Library
Ms Barbara Speakman, Executive Director, Assembly Services
Ms Gayle Laws, Administrative Assistant to the Speaker

Guests:

Ms Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Ajit Deshmukh, Director of Finance
Mr. Terry Mitchell, Assistant Director, Finance Planning and Analysis
Ms Carolyn Shippel, Special Assistant to the Government House Leader
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration, PC Service Bureau
Mr. Richard McLellan, Office Administrator, NDP Caucus
Ms Ehrma Ribble, Office Administrator, Liberal Members Service Bureau

Mr. Ed Philip, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Ms Tannis Manikel, Clerk of the Committee
Mr. Bruce Calvin, Consultant
Mr. Eric Steeves, Ministry of Government Services
Mr. Andrew Eyres, Manager, Accommodation and Building Services
Mr. John Hogbin, Manager of Products, Design and Construction Services

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: <u>Approval of Minutes of Meeting #2/90</u>

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Ms Roberts, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #2/90 be approved.

ITEM 2: <u>Standing Committee on Public Accounts 1989-90 Budget</u>

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Ward, and agreed, that approval be given for the chair and one staff to attend the Symposium on Legislative Auditing being held in Ottawa in May 1990, exclusive of per diems.

Moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the 1990-91 Budget for the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved in the amount of $178,952.40, excluding per diems when the House is in session, subject to scheduling by the House Leaders and Whips.

ITEM 3: <u>Mail Study</u>

This Item was tabled for discussion and the Board agreed that Ms Speakman and Mr. Calvin will meet with the Caucus Representatives collectively to discuss the matter further, and bring a Report back to the Board.

ITEM 4: <u>Out-Counselling for MPP's</u>

Proposals from three firms specializing in job placement/retirement counselling were presented to the Board.

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Ms Roberts, and agreed, that out-counselling services be provided for members, to a maximum amount of $7,000, within 12 months of the Member's retirement, defeat, or resignation, upon submission of invoices.

It was further agreed that Staff would bring back a policy statement to the Board, specifically defining the service.

ITEM 5: <u>Asbestos</u>

The Board received a status report from Mr. Hogbin and Mr. Eyres regarding asbestos removal from the First Floor, Fourth Floor and Basement in the North Wing.

Staff were instructed to meet with the Progressive Conservative Caucus to discuss the question of asbestos removal and bring back a plan to the Board for the First Floor.

ITEM 6: 1990-91 Estimates

Office of the Assembly

Members' Office Support Services (Vote 0201-10)

Moved by Mr. Cooke, and seconded by Mr. Eves, that the salary portion of the Members' Staff Salary Budget be adjusted by a 4% COLA plus a 2% catch-up allowance and that the current sick and vacation allowance of 5% be increased to 7%.

The motion was defeated.

Moved by Mr. Ward, seconded by Ms Roberts, and carried, that the 1990-91 Budget for Members' Office Support Services, in the amount of $28,423,600 be approved as presented.

ITEM 7: Parking Review - Disabled Persons

Staff were asked to prepare a Report, indicating various alternatives regarding parking for the disabled.

ITEM 8: OTHER BUSINESS

Pension Income Tax Changes

An information report was distributed to the Members.

The next meeting of the Board will be In Camera and is scheduled for **Monday, May 7, 1990 at 6:00 p.m.**, in Room 180, the Speaker's Boardroom.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

Hugh Edighoffer

Speaker

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