Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #1/91
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, JANUARY 29, 1991

Present:

The Honourable David Warner, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Shelley Martel
Rev.Dennis Drainville, MPP
The Honourable Shirley Coppen
Mr. Murray Elston, MPP
Mr. Ernie Eves, MPP

Absent:

The Honourable Gilles Pouliot

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. Brian Land, Executive Director, Legislative Library
Ms Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources
Mr. Ajit Deshmukh, Director of Finance

Guests:

Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration, PC Service Bureau
Mr. Peter Curtis, Manager of Administration, Liberal Caucus Service Bureau
Ms Sherrill Game, Administrator, NDP Caucus
Mr. Garth Dee, Special Assistant to the Government House Leader
Ms Marcia McVea, Executive Assistant to Gary Malkowski, MPP

Mr. Bob Huget, MPP, Chair, Standing Committee on Resources Development
Mr. Harold Brown, Clerk of the Committee

Mr. Mark Morrow, MPP, Chair, Standing Committee on the Ombudsman
Mr. Franco Carozza, Clerk of the Committee

Mr. Jim Wiseman, MPP, Chair, Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs
Mr. Todd Decker, Committee Clerk, Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs and also Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills
Mr. Kimble Sutherland, MPP, Chair, Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills

Ms Lisa Freedman, Clerk, Standing Committee on Administration of Justice

Ms Dianne Poole, MPP, Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Ms Tannis Manikel, Committee Clerk, Standing Committee on Public Accounts and also Select Committee on Ontario in Confederation
Mr. Tony Silipo, MPP, Chair, Select Committee on Ontario in Confederation

Mr. Joseph Cordiano, MPP, Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on Social Development
Ms Lynn Mellor, Clerk of the Committee

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #7/90

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. Elston, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #7/90 be approved as presented.

ITEM 2: Proposal for Reform of the Committee Budget Process

This item was tabled for discussion and the Board agreed that the matter would be discussed further among the three party caucuses and presented at a future meeting.

Staff were also asked to arrange to have a representative from Ottawa come before the Board to speak about how the Committee budget process works federally.

ITEM 3: Standing Committee Budgets

a) **Regulations and Private Bills**

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Ms Coppen, and agreed, that the 1990-91 Budget for the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills be approved in the amount of **$8,250** as presented.

b) **Social Development**

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1990-91 Budget for the Standing Committee on Social Development be approved, as amended, in an amount not to exceed **$42,000.**

c) **Resources Development**

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. Elston, and agreed, that the 1990-91 Budget for the Standing Committee on Resources Development be approved in the amount of **$42,732** as presented.

d) **Ombudsman**

Moved by Mr. Elston that the 1990-91 Budget for the Standing Committee on the Ombudsman be approved in the amount of $0. The motion was defeated.

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the 1990-91 Budget for the Standing Committee on the Ombudsman be approved, as amended, in an amount not to exceed **$11,000.**

e) **Public Accounts**

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that the 1990-91 Budget for the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be approved, as amended, in an amount not to exceed **$31,000.**

It was further moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the Committee's request to attend a Conference of Australasian Public Accounts Committees to be held in Darwin, Australia from May 23 to May 27, 1991, be deferred until the Committee brings forward a formal budget request to the Board at a future meeting.

f) **Finance and Economic Affairs**

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that the 1990-91 Budget for the Standing Committee on Finance and Economic Affairs be approved in the amount of **$83,312** as presented.

At 4:00 p.m. the Board adjourned for a 10 minute break and reconvened at 4:10 p.m.

g) **Administration of Justice**

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that the 1990-91 Budget for the Standing Committee on the Administration of Justice be approved as amended, in an amount not to exceed **$120,000**.

h) **Select Committee on Ontario in Confederation**

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that the 1991 Budget for the Select Committee on Ontario in Confederation be approved with an amendment to include a contingency fund of $182,001 resulting in a new amount of **$2,000,000**.

ITEM 4: Gary Malkowski, MPP

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the Board approve the two job descriptions for the lead sign language interpreter and the sign language interpreter.

As approval was given to hire six sign language interpreters, one of whom would be the lead interpreter, the total salary cost per annum would amount to an amended amount of $359,940 plus benefits in an amended amount of $55,791, resulting in an amended total of $415,800 (rounded off).

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the Board approve that sign language interpreters may be part of the benefits and pension plan available to all other employees.

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Mr. Elston, and agreed, that the six sign language interpreters be designated employees of the Legislative Assembly and that the letter of offer from Human Resources will stipulate that, upon Mr. Malkowski's resignation or defeat, their employment with the Legislative Assembly would end.

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the Legislative Assembly would, on behalf of Ms Marie Taccogna, an American citizen, approach Canada Employment with proof of an offer of employment, job description, salary and justification to hire a non-Canadian and non-landed immigrant because of an acute shortage of superior sign language interpreters in Canada.

Mr. Eves was opposed.

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the Board approve payment to a maximum of 80% of relocation expenses for Ms Taccogna, in accordance with normal Assembly policy, temporary accommodation up to two months, to a maximum of $300 per week, and travel expenses, subject to review upon request.

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the Board approve the 5-week contract for Mr. David Still to assist Mr. Malkowski during his travel with the Select Committee on Ontario in Confederation. It was agreed that all of Mr. Still's fees, transportation from Vancouver (return flight) and approximately one week's accommodation in Toronto (to a maximum of $300) would be borne by the Select Committee on Ontario in Confederation.

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the Board approve a maximum expenditure of $10,000 for continent-wide advertising for sign language interpreters, with the stipulation that preference would be given to Canadian residents of equal skill.

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Ms. Martel, and agreed, that the request to hire a clerk-typist be denied.

OTHER BUSINESS

Christine Hart

Moved by Ms Martel, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that Ms Christine Hart's request to be reimbursed for courses in both Jonquiere and the Harvard Law School, from the $7,000 out-counselling allotment, be denied.

Mr. Elston opposed the motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

The balance of items of the Agenda being deferred to a future meeting, Rev. Drainville moved that the Meeting be adjourned.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on **Tuesday, February 26, 1991, at 2:00 p.m.** in Room 180, the Speaker's Boardroom, of the Legislative Building.

David Warner

Speaker

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