Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #2/91 OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING AT 2:00 P.M., TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 1991

Present:

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

Secretariat:

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

Legislative Assembly Staff:

Ms Barbara Speakman, Executive Director, Assembly Services
Ms Mary Dickerson, Deputy Executive Director and Head, 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. Jim Henderson, MPP

Mr. Noel Duignan, MPP, Chair, Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly
Mr. Doug Arnott, Committee Clerk, Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly and Standing Committee on Government Agencies
Mr. Al McLean, MPP, Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on Government Agencies

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #1/91

Moved by Rev Drainville, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #1/91 be approved with an amendment indicating Mr. Eves' opposition to the decision contained in paragraph 2 and to the motions contained in paragraphs 4 and 6 of Item 4.

ITEM 2: Liberal Caucus Bureau - Capital Budget Request

Mr. Elston moved that the Liberal Caucus Service Bureau's request for $679,000 for capital projects for 1990-91 be approved. The motion failed for lack of a seconder.

ITEM 3: <u>Grounds Policy</u>

This item was tabled for discussion and deferred for further Caucus study.

ITEM 4: <u>Authority to Transfer Funds</u>

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Rev Drainville, and agreed, that the Board authorize the Finance Director, under the provisions of Section 88 of the <u>Legislative Assembly Act</u> to transfer monies from one item of the Estimates of the Office of the Assembly to another item, within the same vote, in order to facilitate the payment of accounts for the 1990-91 fiscal year, with the provision that itemized accounts of transfers within votes will be provided to the Board, along with attachments of significant invoices.

ITEM 5: <u>MPPs Visiting Cuba - Jim Henderson, MPP</u>

Moved by Mr. Elston to approve Mr. Henderson's request that the Board consider contributing to the cost of Members visiting Cuba. The motion failed due to lack of a seconder.

The Board agreed that the Speaker would write to Mr. Henderson, advising him to take his proposal to the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly for revision, refining the request to state the objectives and nature of the visit to Cuba. The revised proposal will then be brought back to the Board.

ITEM 6: <u>Pay Equity - Food Services</u>

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the Board accept the Pay Equity Plan for Food Services Staff as posted.

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that an alternative classification plan for the Food Services Staff be developed.

ITEM 7: <u>Use of Union/Non-Union Contractors in Assembly</u>

This item was tabled for discussion and deferred. Pertinent information about the process will be distributed to all Caucuses.

ITEM 8: <u>LARAA - Tax Act Changes</u>

This item was tabled for discussion. The Board was apprised of deadlines imposed by the new Revenue Canada Pension legislation. A decision was postponed pending further discussion and study.

ITEM 9: <u>Meeting Dates - April/May 1991</u>

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for 6:00 pm - Tuesday, March 26, 1991 to present the Estimates.

Monday, April 15, 1991 - 6:00 pm was tentatively scheduled pending confirmation of the availability of two Board Members.

OTHER BUSINESS

Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly
<u>1990-91 Budget</u>

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1990-91 Budget for the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly be approved in an amended amount of **$60,568.**

Standing Committee on Government Agencies
1990-91 Budget

Moved by Rev Drainville, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the 1990-91 Budget for the Standing Committee on Government Agencies be approved in an amended amount of **$90,340.**

Proposed Changes to the Travel Allowances for Legislative Pages

Moved by Rev Drainville, seconded by Ms Coppen, and agreed, that the following proposal be adopted:

The following will be paid to students when attending Queen's Park for both their fitting/orientation and when they start their Term of Duty, and also to make the compensation package fair to all students:

500 km plus - reimbursement of air fare equivalent upon presentation of ticket;

under 500 km - reimbursement of bus or train ticket or 20 cents per kilometre;

Metro Toronto - reimbursement of a flat rate of $10 per trip.

Frank Miclash Request

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that Mr. Miclash's 1990-91 fiscal budget for northern air allowance would be credited with $2,657.

Moved by Mr. Elston and seconded by Mr. Eves, and approved, that Mr. Miclash's Toronto accommodation budget be increased by $1,447 for the 1990-91 fiscal year.

Ms Coppen, Ms Martel, Rev Drainville and Mr. Pouliot abstained.

Standing Committee on Public Accounts - Trip to Australia

Moved by Rev Drainville, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, that the Standing Committee on Public Accounts' request to travel to Darwin, Australia to attend the Conference of Australasian Public Accounts Committees, be denied.

Mr. Elston opposed the Motion.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the Meeting adjourned at 4:30 pm.

The next meeting of the Board will be held on **Tuesday, March 26, 1991 at 6:00 p.m.** to present the Estimates, in Room 180, the Speaker's Boardroom, of the Legislative Building.

Dinner at 6:00 pm.

David Warner

Speaker