



Legislative Assembly

**MINUTES OF MEETING #3/91
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 6:00 P.M., TUESDAY, MARCH 26, 1991
AT 6:00 P.M., MONDAY, APRIL 15, 1991 [Continuation]
AT 6:00 P.M., MONDAY, MAY 13, 1991 [Continuation]**

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:

Mr. Claude L. DesRosiers, Clerk of the House
Mr. Brian Land, Executive Director, Legislative Library
Ms Barbara Speakman, Executive Director, Assembly Services
Mr. Ajit Deshmukh, Director of Finance
Ms Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources

Guests:

Ms Gayle Laws, Administrative Assistant to the Speaker
Mr. Terry Mitchell, Assistant Director of Finance

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. Richard McLellan, Executive Director, Office of the Premier

Mr. Donald MacDonald, Chairman, Commission on Election Finances
Mr. Gord Kushner, Executive Director, Commission on Election Finances
Mr. Tom Mitchinson, Executive Director, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
Ms Marcia Boyd, Manager of Administration, Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner
Hon. Greg Evans Q.C., Commissioner, Commission on Conflict of Interest
Ms Lynn Harris, Executive Assistant, Commission on Conflict of Interest
Mr. Graham White, Legislative Internship Program
Ms Roberta Jamieson, Ombudsman
Ms LaVerne Monette, Sr. Policy Adviser, Office of the Ombudsman
Mr. Allan Mills, Controller, Office of the Ombudsman
Mr. Warren Bailie, Chief Election Officer
Ms Peng Tam, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Chief Election Officer
Mr. Alan Stewart, Special Adviser (Legal), Office of the Chief Election Officer
Mr. Doug Archer, Provincial Auditor
Mr. Jim Otterman, Assistant Provincial Auditor
Ms Hildegard Halvachs, Director, Office of the Provincial Auditor

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #2/91 be approved as presented.

The Board also agreed that the portion of the Minutes of Meeting #7/90 dealing with Severances for Liberal Caucus Staff be amended as follows:

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, that the Board of Internal Economy instruct the Office of the Legislative Assembly to fund, outside of the caucus allocation, the Notice of Termination period for the staff of the Liberal Caucus terminated between October 31, 1990 and December 31, 1990, as a result of the election of September 6, 1990.

ITEM 2: 1991-92 Estimates

Office of the Assembly

1992-93 Estimates Development Process

Moved by Ms Martel, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, that in future, clients will review all Estimates prepared by Program Managers before the Estimates go back to Finance for final Estimates preparation.

Messrs. Elston and Eves abstained.

Office of the Speaker [Vote 0201-01]

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, that an amended amount of \$60,000 for travel be approved and apportioned to the A.I.P.L.F. Committee.

Ms Martel and Messrs. Eves and Elston abstained.

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Office of the Speaker be approved in an amended amount of \$895,800 reflecting the reduction of \$27,500 in the travel allowance.

Mr. Eves was opposed to the inclusion of salary merit adjustments.

Office of the Clerk [Vote 0201-02]

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Rev. Drainville and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Office of the Clerk be adjusted to include: an increase of \$415,800, representing the cost for sign language interpretation; and a decrease of \$52,400 plus associated costs of \$6,200, representing the requested complement for 1 [one] Central Records Management Officer; resulting in an amended Budget of \$15,584,500.

Mr. Eves was opposed to the inclusion of salary merit adjustments.

Office of the Legislative Library [Vote 0201-03]

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Legislative Library be approved in the amount of \$6,642,700.

Mr. Eves was opposed to the inclusion of salary merit adjustments.

Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario [Vote 0201-12]

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Office of the Information and Privacy Commissioner/Ontario be approved in the amount of \$7,904,300.

Mr. Eves was opposed to the inclusion of salary merit adjustments.

Commission on Conflict of Interest [Vote 0201-13]

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Commission on Conflict of Interest be approved in the amount of \$351,900.

Office of the Ombudsman [Vote 3001-1]

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Office of the Ombudsman be reduced by \$500,000 and that an amended Budget in the amount of \$9,716,500 be approved.

Mr. Eves was opposed to the inclusion of salary merit adjustments.

Staff were asked to prepare a profile of their new salary plan viz the OPS/Assembly Plan.

Office of the Chief Election Officer [Vote 501-1]

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Office of the Chief Election Officer be approved in the amount of \$1,096,300.

Mr. Eves was opposed to the inclusion of salary merit adjustments.

Office of the Provincial Auditor [Vote 3201-1]

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Mr. Elston, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Office of the Provincial Auditor in the amount of \$8,148,800 be approved.

Mr. Eves was opposed to the inclusion of salary merit adjustments.

Commission on Election Finances [Vote 0201-11]

Moved by Ms Martel, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Commission on Election Finances be approved in the amount of \$6,957,300.

Mr. Eves was opposed to the inclusion of salary merit adjustments.

Ontario Legislative Internship Program [part of Vote 0201-04]

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that the 1991-92 requirement of \$160,500 for the Ontario Legislative Internship Program be approved.

It was further agreed that in future the Ontario Legislative Internship Program will be moved to a separate line in the Estimates and removed from the Human Resources section of the Office of the Controller [Vote 0201-94].

It was agreed that discussion of the balance of Estimates would be continued at the next meeting of the Board which will be held on **Monday, April 15, 1991 at 6:00 pm**. The meeting adjourned at 10:15 pm.

**Continuation of Meeting #3/91
Monday, April 15, 1991 - 6:40 p.m.**

Additional Guests

Mr. Mike Brown, MPP, Vice-Chair, Standing Committee on General Government
Ms Deborah Deller, Committee Clerk
Mr. Jim Henderson, MPP
Ms Margaret Anne Bradley, Legislative Intern

OTHER BUSINESS

Standing Committee on General Government [1990-91 Budget]

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the 1990-91 Budget for General Government be approved in an amended amount of \$84,186.81, representing accounts received as of April 11, 1991.

Rev. Drainville abstained.

Sick Leave Payments for Jean Poirier's Staff Member

This item was tabled for discussion and deferred until a later date.

MPP's Visiting Cuba/J. Henderson, MPP

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Mr. Eves, that the Board of Internal Economy fund a group of seven Parliamentary representatives from three parties at a total cost of \$4,200 to visit Cuba.

Ms Martel, Ms Coppen, Mr. Pouliot and Rev. Drainville opposed the motion.

The motion was defeated.

Ontario Government Protective Service [OGPS]

Information on the possibility of creating a Legislative Assembly Security Service staffed by those employees of the Ontario Government Protective Service currently assigned to the Legislature was received by the Board.

ITEM 2: 1991-92 Estimates

Office of the Assembly

Sessional Requirements [Vote 0201-06]

Moved by Ms Martel, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for Sessional Requirements be reduced by: \$260,000 proposed for mini-fridges and facsimile equipment in Queen's Park offices; by \$32,000 representing maintenance for the proposed facsimile machines; and increased by \$117,000 for flags and lapel pins [transferred from Members Office Support Services] and approved in an amended amount of \$2,902,800.

Mr. Elston registered the fact that facsimile equipment could be removed from the mini-fridges and listed separately.

Facsimile machines will be added to the list of items eligible for purchase out of the funds set aside for Members' equipment, furniture and repairs in Sessional Requirements.

Caucus Support Services [Vote 0201-07]

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for Caucus Support Services be approved in the amount of \$11,771,300.

Mr. Elston was opposed.

Members Indemnities and Travel [Vote 0201-09]

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for Members Indemnities and Travel be approved in the amount of \$11,766,200.

Mr. Elston was opposed.

Proposal for a Global Budget for Members/March 1991

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the proposed Global Budget for Members be adopted.

Messrs. Elston and Eves were opposed.

Moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. Elston, that the Global Budget for Members be approved, allowing underspending in accommodation allowances to be transferred to other expenses.

Ms Martel, Ms Coppen, Rev. Drainville and Mr. Pouliot were opposed.

The motion was defeated.

Members Office Support Services [Vote 0201-10]

Moved by Ms Martel, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for Members Office Support Services be reduced by \$117,000 for flags and lapel pins to be moved to Sessional Requirements, and that an amended amount of \$29,797,800 be approved.

Messrs. Eves and Elston opposed the motion. Mr. Pouliot abstained.

It was agreed that discussion of the balance of Estimates would be continued at the next meeting of the Board which is scheduled for **Monday, May 13, 1991 at 6:00 p.m.**

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Continuation of Meeting #3/91
Monday, May 13, 1991 - 6:40 p.m.

Absent

The Honourable Shelley Martel

Additional Guests

Mr. Jerry Stefak, Coordinator, Planning & Analysis
Mr. Noel Duignan, MPP, Chair, Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly
Mr. Doug Arnott, Committee Clerk
Mr. Peter Kormos, MPP, Chair, Standing Committee on Resources Development
Mr. Harold Brown, Committee Clerk

ITEM 1: **1991-92 Estimates**

Office of the Assembly

Office of the Controller [Vote 0201-04]

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Ms Coppen, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Office of the Controller be approved as presented, excluding four complement: Manager, Human Resources; Systems Administration Supervisor; Systems Analyst and Programmer Analyst; and excluding the attendant salaries, benefits and accommodation costs. The amended amount of this vote is \$12,229,600.

Mr. Eves was opposed.

Mr. Elston abstained.

Assembly Services [Vote 0201-05]

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for Assembly Services be approved as presented, excluding three complement in Parliamentary Public Relations; one Attendant Telephone Console Operator for the Press Gallery and one complement for Hairdressing Salon for Women. Approval was given to contract out for hairdressing services. The attendant salaries, benefits and accommodation costs are to be deleted, resulting in an amended amount of \$20,252,800 [including Tuck Shop \$65,800].

Mr. Eves was opposed.

Mr. Elston abstained.

L.A.R.A.A. [Vote 0201-14]

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Ms Coppen, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for L.A.R.A.A. be approved in the amount of \$2,074,700.

Approval of 1991-92 Estimates

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Estimates be approved as amended, in the amount of \$129,131,700.

Messrs. Elston and Eves abstained.

OTHER BUSINESS

1) **Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly [1991-92 Budget]**

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Standing Committee on the Legislative Assembly be approved with the following amendments: 3 Members, Chair and Clerk only to travel to the NCSL Conference in Orlando; the trips to Washington, Atlanta and Westminster be denied; the Committee's request to travel to Ottawa be approved; and the Budget be amended to \$107,890.

2) **Standing Committee on Resources Development [1991-92 Budget]**

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Standing Committee on Resources Development be approved in the amount of \$40,600.

3) **Sick Leave Payments for Jean Poirier's Staff Member**

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Mr. Elston, and agreed, that a one-time amount of \$20,782 be allotted to Mr. Poirier's Global Staff Allowance.

4) **Tuck Shops**

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that the proposal concerning the takeover of the Tuck Shops by the Legislative Assembly, be approved, resulting in an increase to the Assembly Services 1991-92 Estimates of \$65,800.

5) **Toronto Accommodation Overage**

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Ms Coppen, and agreed, that funds advanced by Finance to Cam Jackson MPP, Dianne Cunningham MPP and Carman McClelland MPP, to cover over expenditures in their Toronto Accommodation Allowance due to retroactive rent review adjustments be applied against the individual Members' Toronto Accommodation Allowance.

6) **Members' Newspaper Subscriptions**

Moved by Rev. Drainville, seconded by Mr. Elston, and agreed, that the Office of the Assembly proceed on the Newspaper Subscription proposal as presented.

7) **Provincial Auditor's Salary Review**

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that a 3% salary increase be granted to the Provincial Auditor.

Ms Coppen was opposed.

8) **Commission on Election Finances**

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that a decision on this report be deferred until there has been opportunity for further study.

Messrs. Elston and Eves abstained.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "David Farmer", written over a horizontal line.

Speaker

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OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY
SUMMARY OF ESTIMATES CALCULATION 1991/92

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FINAL STATEMENT AT: May 15, 1991
replacing April 17, 1991

ASSEMBLY PROGRAMS	(\$000'S)													
	1990/91 RESTATED ESTIMATES \$	ON-GOING ADJUSTMENTS/ REDUCTIONS \$	ENHANCE- MENTS \$	1991/92 REVISED BASE ESTIMATES \$	PERCENT CHANGE %	COLA 91/92 \$	1991/92 REVISED BASE ESTIMATES \$	PERCENT CHANGE %	ONE-TIME ENHANCEMENTS ADJUSTMENTS \$	PROPOSED ESTIMATES \$	PERCENT CHANGE %	BOARD ADJUSTMENT \$	FINAL ESTIMATE \$	PERCENT INC(-DEC) %
ASSEMBLY SUPPORT PROGRAMS														
Office Of The Speaker	808.1	(70.3)	62.1	799.9	-1.0%	24.0	823.9	2.0%	99.4	923.3	14.3%	(27.5)	895.8	10.9%
Office Of The Clerk	14,636.3	(416.5)	939.8	15,159.6	3.6%	339.3	15,498.9	5.9%	144.2	15,643.1	6.9%	(58.6)	15,584.5	6.5%
Legislative Library	5,961.8	148.8 *	144.6	6,255.2	4.9%	270.6	6,525.8	9.5%	116.9	6,642.7	11.4%	0.0	6,642.7	11.4%
Office of the Controller	8,168.5	(1,316.9) *	679.7	7,531.3	-7.8%	317.5	7,848.8	-3.9%	4,621.1	12,469.9	52.7%	(240.3)	12,229.6	49.7%
Assembly Services	18,706.0	(27.2)	893.0	19,571.8	4.6%	188.9	19,760.7	5.6%	646.3	20,407.0	9.1%	(154.2)	20,252.8	8.3%
Sessional Requirements	1,555.6	(60.0)	118.2	1,613.8	3.7%	0.0	1,613.8	3.7%	1,464.0	3,077.8	97.9%	(175.0)	2,902.8	86.6%
Hansard	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0				
Broadcast & Recording	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0	0.0%	0.0	0.0				
Members' Indemnities & Travel	12,992.4	(1,283.6)	57.4	11,766.2	-9.4%	0.0	11,766.2	-9.4%	0.0	11,766.2	-9.4%	0.0	11,766.2	-9.4%
Members' Office Support Services	28,119.3	446.9	292.4	28,858.6	2.6%	1,056.2	29,914.8	6.4%	0.0	29,914.8	6.4%	(117.0)	29,797.8	6.0%
Caucus Support Services	10,942.7	(780.0)	1,132.4	11,295.1	3.2%	476.2	11,771.3	7.6%	0.0	11,771.3	7.6%	0.0	11,771.3	7.6%
Assembly Support Subtotal	101,890.7	(3,358.8)	4,319.6	102,851.5	0.9%	2,672.7	105,524.2	3.6%	7,091.9	112,616.1	10.5%	(772.6)	111,843.5	9.8%
COMMISSIONS														
Election Finances	6,471.2	(111.5)	165.1	6,524.8	0.8%	45.6	6,570.4	1.5%	386.9	6,957.3	7.5%	0.0	6,957.3	7.5%
Office of the Information & Privacy Commissioner	5,688.0	317.3	1,591.5	7,596.8	33.6%	307.5	7,904.3	39.0%	0.0	7,904.3	39.0%	0.0	7,904.3	39.0%
Conflict of Interest	368.1	(16.2)	0.0	351.9	-4.4%	0.0	351.9	-4.4%	0.0	351.9	-4.4%	0.0	351.9	-4.4%
Commissions Subtotal	12,527.3	189.6	1,756.6	14,473.5	15.5%	353.1	14,826.6	18.4%	386.9	15,213.5	21.4%	0.0	15,213.5	21.4%
L.A.R.A.A.	2,074.7	0.0	0.0	2,074.7	0.0%	0.0	2,074.7	0.0%	0.0	2,074.7	0.0%	0.0	2,074.7	0.0%
TOTAL ASSEMBLY VOTE	116,492.7	(3,169.2)	6,076.2	119,399.7	2.5%	3,025.8	122,425.5	5.1%	7,478.8	129,904.3	11.5%	(772.6)	129,131.7	10.8%
Office of the Ombudsman	8,306.4	443.7	778.6	9,528.7	14.7%	326.1	9,854.8	18.6%	361.7	10,216.5	23.0%	(500.0)	9,716.5	17.0%
Chief Election Officer	944.6	83.8	0.0	1,028.4	8.9%	67.9	1,096.3	16.1%	0.0	1,096.3	16.1%	0.0	1,096.3	16.1%
Provincial Auditor	7,779.0	101.9	64.6	7,945.5	2.1%	203.3	8,148.8	4.8%	0.0	8,148.8	4.8%	0.0	8,148.8	4.8%

* One-Time items carried forward from 1990/91 transferred
to one-time adjustment column <\$750.0 and \$13.6>