Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #4/91
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 6:00 P.M., MONDAY, JUNE 3, 1991

Present:

The Honourable David Warner, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Shirley Coppen
The Honourable Shelley Martel
The Honourable Gilles Pouliot
The 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
Ms Barbara Speakman, Executive Director, Assembly Services
Ms Mary Dickerson, Deputy Executive Director and Head, Legislative Library
Mr. Ajit Deshmukh, Director of Finance
Ms Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources

Guests:

Ms Gayle Laws, Administrative Assistant to the Speaker

Mr. Peter Curtis, Manager of Administration, Liberal Caucus Service Bureau
Ms Sherrill Game, Administrator, NDP Caucus

Ms Molly Pellecchia, Director, Supply & Services
Mr. Bill Somerville, Director, Broadcast & Recording Service
Mr. Noel Duignan, MPP, Chair, Special Committee on the Parliamentary Precinct
Mr. Smirle Forsyth, Committee Clerk
Mr. Bob Callahan, MPP, Chair, Standing Committee on Public Accounts
Ms Tannis Manikel, Committee Clerk
Mr. Drummond White, MPP, Chair, Standing Committee on Administration of Justice
Ms Lisa Freedman, Committee Clerk
Ms Margaret Anne Bradley, Legislative Intern

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #3/91 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: **Special Committee on the Parliamentary Precinct 1991-92 Budget**

Moved by The Rev. Drainville, seconded by Mr. Eves, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Special Committee on the Parliamentary Precinct be approved as presented.

Ms Coppen, Ms Martel, Messrs. Elston and Pouliot opposed the Motion.

The Motion was defeated.

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Special Committee on the Parliamentary Precinct be reduced by $15,107 representing travel costs, and that an amended amount of $42,750 be approved.

ITEM 3: **Members Constituency Walklist (Database Proposal)**

Moved by The Rev. Drainville, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, to proceed with the proposal as presented, to contract with a supplier to establish and maintain a database of walklists for all constituencies in the Province of Ontario, and that competitive proposals would be solicited from suppliers other than Canada Post, such as First Avenue Clearing Corporation and Compusearch Market and Social Research Limited, both of whom have demonstrated their ability to work closely with Canada Post and with whom the Assembly can negotiate a long-term business relationship.

Messrs. Elston and Eves abstained.

ITEM 4: **Benefits for Retired MPP's and Retired Legislative Assembly Staff**

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Mr. Elston, and agreed, that the 1990 benefit enhancements be extended to retired MPP's in receipt of the L.A.R.A. pension and all retired staff of the Legislative Assembly, including Members' and Caucus staff who are in receipt of the Public Service Pension and that, in future, all benefit enhancements be applied to these retirees automatically. Be it further noted that retired MPP's receive the benefit enhancements for the management group.

ITEM 5: **Global Budget Expenditures**

Moved by Mr. Elston, seconded by Mr. Eves, that the request from Ms Dianne Poole, MPP, regarding global budget expenditures, be approved.

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

The Motion failed.

Staff were asked to bring back a Report on this subject, indicating the status of computer and fax machines, to the next meeting of the Board.

ITEM 6: **Proposed Statue/Legislative Grounds to Honour Injured Workers**

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Ms Coppen, and agreed, to defer this Item.

Staff will research the subject and bring forward a policy recommendation specifically for the Legislative Assembly.

ITEM 7: **Debates of the Legislative Assembly of United Canada, 1841-1867**

Moved by The Rev. Drainville, that the request from the History Research Centre of Concordia University for funding of $265,000 over a 5 year period to complete the project "Reconstruction of the Debates of the Legislative Assembly of United Canada 1841-1867", be approved.

The Motion failed for lack of a seconder.

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Mr. Elston, and agreed, that this Item be deferred to the next meeting of the Board.

The Rev. Drainville was opposed.

OTHER BUSINESS

1] **Feasibility Study for the Establishment of a Multi-point, Multi-channel Microwave Distribution System for the Extension of the Queen's Park In-House Video Cable System**

Moved by The Rev. Drainville, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that this Item be deferred indefinitely.

2] **Standing Committee on Public Accounts 1991-92 Budget**

Moved by The Rev. Drainville, seconded by Ms Martel, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Standing Committee on Public Accounts be revised to exclude proposed travel to Montreal to attend the Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation, and to U.S. Drug Alcohol Treatment Centres, along with all related costs.

The amended Budget will be presented at the next meeting of the Board.

3] **Standing Committee on the Administration of Justice 1991-92 Budget**

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by The Rev. Drainville, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Standing Committee on the Administration of Justice be approved as presented in the amount of $384,588.

MOTION TO ADJOURN

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Board has been scheduled for Thursday, June 20, 1991 at 11:30 a.m. in Room 180, the Speaker's Boardroom.

David Warner

Speaker

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