Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #7/91
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 6:25 P.M., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 1991

Present:

The Honourable David Warner, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Dave Cooke
The Honourable Gilles Pouliot
Mr. David Christopherson, MPP
Mr. James Bradley, MPP
Mr. Ernie Eves, MPP

Absent:

The Honourable Shirley Coppen

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
Mr. Ajit Deshmukh, Director of Finance
Ms Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources

Guests:

Ms Gayle Laws, Administrative Assistant to the Speaker
Ms Leslie Kerr, Acting Administrator, NDP Caucus
Mr. Peter Curtis, Manager of Administration, Liberal Caucus Service Bureau
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration, PC Service Bureau
Ms Molly Pellecchia, Director of Supply & Services
Mr. Noel Duignan, MPP, Co-Chair, Special Committee on the Parliamentary Precinct
Ms Dianne Cunningham, MPP, Committee Member, Special Committee on the Parliamentary Precinct
Mr. Smirle Forsyth, Committee Clerk, Special Committee on the Parliamentary Precinct
Mr. Paul Tranquada, Director, Renovation and Restoration Program
Mr. Howard Tate, Actuary

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #6/91

Moved by Mr. Bradley, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the phrase **"Forecasts will be presented ..."** under Item 7 be revised to read **"Forecasts *for 1991-92* ..."** and that the amended Minutes of Meeting #6/91 be approved as presented.

ITEM 2: Special Committee on the Parliamentary Precinct - Building Restoration

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Christopherson, and agreed, that:

[1] The Special Committee on the Parliamentary Precinct's request to carry over underspent funds, from the 1991-92 approved budget of the Renovation Restoration Program, be denied;

and,

[2] The Committee's request to maintain the Renovation Restoration program's funding base at $5.0 million be referred to the 1992-93 Estimates.

The Board also requested that a detailed report be prepared outlining what the Board has already approved, what has been approved in the House, and a list of major repair items requiring immediate attention along with the associated costs.

ITEM 3: L.A.R.A.A. - Actuarial Report

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, that the unfunded liability be referred to the 1992-93 Estimates.

ITEM 4: Pension Increase for L.A.R.A.A. Recipients

This item was tabled for discussion and proposed that the 1991 COLA increase be included in the 1992-93 Estimates.

A list of current L.A.R.A.A. pensioners will be provided to the Board.

ITEM 5: Income Tax Effect on L.A.R.A.A.

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that Legislative Counsel would begin preparing draft legislation addressing revisions to the L.A.R.A.A. Act as proposed under new Revenue Canada Legislation.

The Members agreed to adopt a Retirement Compensation Arrangement [RCA] to be worked out in consultation with the Actuary and a banking or trust company institution.

ITEM 7: Pay Equity [Deferred from Meeting #6/Item #11]

This item was raised briefly and, in order to avoid a further deferral, it was suggested that all financial implications should be brought before the Board. This information will be reflected in the 1991-92 Forecast.

ITEM 9: **Authority to Enter into Contract - Constituency Photocopiers**

This item was tabled for discussion and agreed that it be referred back to Molly Pellecchia and the 3 Caucuses for further refinement on the requirements, specifications and associated costs for Constituency Office photocopiers.

The Board also requested that an evaluation be made to determine the rental cost of photocopiers since being rented centrally vs locally. This information will be reported to the Board.

OTHER BUSINESS:

The Board requested that future meetings commence at 6:00 pm and end promptly at 8:00 pm.

Sandwiches, rather than a hot dinner, will be served, to enable the meeting to begin promptly at 6:00 pm.

Where possible, deferred items will be placed at the top of the Agenda.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 8:25 pm and the following items were deferred to the December 2nd meeting:

Item 6:	Celebration of Opening of Parliament/Niagara-on-the-Lake
Item 7:	Pay Equity [deferred from Meeting #6/Item #11]
Item 8:	Constituency Office Workstation [follow-up from Meeting #6]
Item 10:	Members' Mailings/Newsletters [deferred from Meeting #6/Item #9]
Item 11:	Mileage Rate Increase
Item 12:	Addition to Ministers' Support Workstations to Network
Item 13:	Funding for TTY/TDD Telephones in Constituency Offices [deferred from Meeting #6/Item #8]

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

The next meeting of the Board was scheduled for Monday, December 2, 1991 - 6:00 to 8:00 pm - Room 180, The Speaker's Boardroom; however, we have been advised that this date conflicts with the **Lights Across Canada** ceremony. We will contact you about an alternate date.

Speaker