Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #8/91
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM, ROOM 180, LEGISLATIVE BUILDING
AT 4:15 P.M., TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 1991

Present:

The Honourable David Warner, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Dave Cooke
The Honourable Gilles Pouliot
The Honourable Shirley Coppen
Mr. David Christopherson, MPP
Mr. Remo Mancini, 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
Ms Patty Park, Executive Director, NDP Caucus
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. Bill Fowler, Director of Legislative Information Systems
Mr. Douglas Archer, Provincial Auditor
Mr. Jim Otterman, Assistant Provincial Auditor
Mr. Sydney Wercberger, Senior Purchasing Officer
Ms Danielle Sanschagrin, Assistant Director Finance, Accounting Operations

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: **Approval of Minutes of Meeting #7/91**

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #7/91 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: **Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills**

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, that the 1991-92 Budget for the Standing Committee on Regulations and Private Bills be approved as presented in the amount of $2,150.

ITEM 3: **Pay Equity**

This item was tabled for discussion and the Board agreed that as further study was required, a separate meeting between administration staff and the three caucuses would be held. The results of that meeting would then be forwarded to the Board by means of the Pre-Approval form for their approval or rejection.

ITEM 4: **Constituency Office Workstation**

Moved by Mr. Mancini, seconded by Mr. Eves, and agreed, that other, non-desktop, Assembly approved, standard microcomputers may be aquired for a constituency office, provided the cost does not exceed the established guidelines for a desktop microcomputer.

Ms Coppen and Messrs. Christopherson and Pouliot were opposed, resulting in a tie.

The Speaker supported the Motion and it was carried.

ITEM 5: **L.A.R.A.A. Pension Increase - 1991**

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that a 3% increase to adjust pensions being paid to retired Members of the Legislature and their dependents be adopted for 1991.

Messrs. Eves and Mancini abstained.

ITEM 6: **Addition of Ministers' Support Workstations to Network**

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that the request to add the Ministers' Support workstations to the Legislative Information Systems [LIS] Network, be denied.

ITEM 7: **Constituency Photocopiers**

Moved by Mr. Cooke, seconded by Mr. Pouliot, and agreed, to accept the proposal outlined in Option I, awarding the constituency photocopier contract to Xerox Canada, and purchasing the Xerox Model 1038. Should the Members wish to upgrade, all extra costs may be paid out of their Global Budget.

ITEM 8: **Proposal for Replacement of Library Computer System**

Moved by Mr. Pouliot, seconded by Mr. Cooke, and agreed, that this entire subject be considered in the 1992-93 Estimates.

Messrs. Eves and Mancini abstained.

ITEM 9: **Office of the Provincial Auditor - Proposed Lease**

Moved by Mr. Christopherson, seconded by Ms Coppen, and agreed, that the proposal to amend their existing lease be approved.

Messrs. Eves and Mancini abstained.

ITEM 14: **Board of Internal Economy Meeting Dates/Result of Questionnaire**

This item was tabled for discussion and it was agreed that the Board would meet once a month from 4 - 6 pm when the House is not sitting and 6 - 8 pm when the House is in session.

Tuesday, January 14, 1992 was tentatively scheduled for the next meeting of the Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The meeting adjourned at 5:55 pm and the following items were deferred to the January 14th meeting of the Board:

Item 10:	Mileage Rate Increase [Item 11 deferred from Meeting #7/91]
Item 11:	Members' Mailings/Newsletters [Item 10 deferred from Meeting #7/91]
Item 12:	Celebration of Opening of Parliament/Niagara-on-the-Lake [Item 6 deferred from Meeting #7/91]
Item 13:	Funding for TTY/TDD Telephones in Constituency Offices [Item 13 deferred from Meeting #7/91]

NEXT MEETING OF THE BOARD

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Tuesday, January 14, 1992 - 4:00 to 6:00 pm - Room 180, The Speaker's Boardroom.

David Warner

Speaker

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