Ontario

Legislative Assembly

MINUTES OF MEETING #3/94 OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM AT 2:15 P.M. WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 26, 1994 and 4:25 P.M. THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 3, 1994

Present:

The Honourable David Warner, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Brian Charlton
The Honourable Fred Wilson
The Honourable Steve Owens, MPP
Mr. Jim 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 DesRosiers, Clerk of the House
Ms Barbara Speakman, Executive Director, Assembly Services
Mr. Ajit Deshmukh, Director of Finance
Ms Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources

Guests:

Ms Patty Park, Executive Director of Caucus Services/NDP Caucus
Ms Sheila Green, Director Administration/NDP Caucus
Mr. Peter Curtis, Executive Director/Liberal Caucus Services
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration/PC Service Bureau
Ms Elaine Baird, Executive Assistant to the Speaker
Ms Roberta Jamieson, Ombudsman
Mr. Michael Taylor, Director-Finance & Administration, Ombudsman
Mr. Warren Bailie, Chief Election Officer
Ms Peng Tam, Chief Financial Officer, Office of the Chief Election Officer
Mr. Erik Peters, Provincial Auditor
Mr. Dinkar Amrite, Office of the Provincial Auditor

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Charlton, and agreed, that the Board would accept Mr. Bradley as a member of the Board pending receipt of an Order-in-Council.

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #2/94

Moved by Mr. Charlton, seconded by Mr. Wilson, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #2/94 be approved as circulated.

Mr. Eves asked that it be noted that he voted against the Estimates of the Office of the Clerk [Vote 0201-02].

ITEM 2: 1994/95 Estimates

- **Office of the Ombudsman**

Moved by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Charlton, and agreed, that the 1994/95 Budget for the Office of the Ombudsman be approved in the amount of $9,697,800.

The Board requested a comparison of actual expenditures versus the estimates for the 1993/94 fiscal year.

Mr. Eves abstained.

- **Chief Election Officer**

Moved by Mr. Charlton, seconded by Mr. Owens, and agreed, that the 1994/95 Budget for the Office of the Chief Election Officer be approved in the amount of $1,001,800.

Mr. Eves was opposed.

- **Environmental Commissioner/Additional 1994/95 Budget**

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Owens, and agreed, that additional funding for the Office of the Environmental Commissioner proposed for 1994/95 Estimates be approved in the amount of $1,220,300.

Mr. Eves was opposed.

ITEM 3: Standing Committee on Public Accounts / Travel Budget

Moved by Mr. Wilson, seconded by Mr. Owens, and agreed, that a travel budget in the amount of $6,165.12 be approved, allowing the Sub-committee of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts and two staff to travel to the annual conference of the Canadian Council of Public Accounts Committees to be held in Prince Edward Island.

ITEM 4: **Provincial Auditor's Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements of the Office of the Assembly for year ended March 31, 1993**

The Report was previously received by the Board.

ITEM 5: **Provincial Auditor's Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements of the Office of the Assembly for year ended March 31, 1994**

The Report was received and discussed by the Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

At 4:00 p.m. the meeting adjourned and will be resumed at 4:00 p.m. on Thursday, November 3, 1994, at which time the balance of items will be addressed.

Thursday, November 3, 1994

Present:

The Honourable David Warner, Speaker, Chairman
The Honourable Brian Charlton
The Honourable Shirley Coppen
The Honourable Steve Owens, MPP
Mr. Jim Bradley, MPP
Mr. Ernie Eves, MPP

Absent:

The Honourable Fred Wilson

Secretariat:

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

Legislative Assembly Staff:

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

Guests:

Ms Patty Park, Executive Director of Caucus Services/NDP Caucus
Ms Sheila Green, Director Administration/NDP Caucus
Mr. Peter Curtis, Executive Director/Liberal Caucus Services
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration/PC Service Bureau
Ms Elaine Baird, Executive Assistant to the Speaker
Mr. Howard Tate, Actuary

The meeting commenced at 4:25 p.m.

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 6: Liberal Caucus / PSPF Refund

After discussion, it was moved by Mr. Eves, seconded by Mr. Charlton, and agreed, to defer the matter of the Liberal Caucus PSPF refund until the next meeting of the Board to allow the Liberal Caucus the opportunity to present their plan to deal with the pension refund.

ITEM 7: Toronto Accommodation Retroactive Rent Review/Former MPPs

Moved by Mr. Charlton, seconded by Mr. Owens, and agreed, that in future, when rent control increases are approved after a Member is no longer sitting, approval be given to Finance and Administration to pay the increases out of the fund.

ITEM 8: **Renovation/Restoration Status Report**

This item was tabled for discussion and a decision deferred until the next meeting of the Board.

ITEM 9: **Actuarial Report of L.A.R.A.A.**

This item was tabled for discussion.

ITEM 10: **Legislative Assembly Human Rights Issue**

This item was tabled for discussion. The Board agreed that counsel for the Legislative Assembly would meet with counsel from Management Board of Cabinet to discuss this particular case with a report of the meeting brought back to the Board.

ITEM 11: **Request from Shelley Martel/Accommodation Expense**

Moved by Mr. Charlton, seconded by Mr. Owens, and agreed, that the commission of one month's rent in the amount of $1020.78 [including GST] be paid on a one-time basis from Ms Martel's accommodation budget.

Finance Branch will advise all Members advising them to advise Finance immediately when giving up their apartments.

ITEM 12: **Standing Committee on Public Accounts**
• Request to travel to Montreal

Moved by Mr. Owens, seconded by Mr. Bradley, and agreed, that approval be given for the Chair of the Standing Committee on Public Accounts, and one staff person, to attend the annual conference of the Canadian Comprehensive Auditing Foundation in Montreal on November 6 to 8, 1994 at a cost of $1,809.52.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

The Meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m. The Items dealing with Employment Equity [Agenda Item #11] and the Statement of Expenditure of the Provincial Auditor for the year ended March 31, 1994 [Agenda Item #12] were deferred until a future meeting of the Board.

David Warner

Speaker

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