Legislative Assembly of Ontario

MINUTES OF MEETING # 3/97
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 4:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18, 1997

Present

The Honourable Chris Stockwell, MPP, Chair
The Honourable David Johnson, MPP
The Honourable Robert Runciman, MPP
The Honourable Noble Villeneuve, MPP
Mr. John Baird, MPP
Mr. John Gerretsen, MPP
Mr. Bud Wildman, MPP

Secretariat

Mr. William Ponick, Controller, Secretary
Ms Zina Decker, Executive Assistant to the Clerk and Acting Recording Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff

Mr. Claude DesRosiers, Clerk of the House
Mr. Dennis Clark, Sergeant-at-Arms
Ms Deborah Deller, Executive Director, Legislative Services
Ms Mary Dickerson, 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

Mr. Peter Hardie, Special Assistant to the Speaker
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration/PC Service Bureau
Mr. Peter Curtis, Executive Director/Liberal Caucus Services
Mr. Tracy Howe/Manager, Human Resources/NDP Caucus
Mr. Mac Penney, Executive Assistant to the Honourable David Johnson
Mr. Terry Mitchell, Assistant Director, Finance / Office of Assembly and Commissions

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: **Approval of Minutes of Meeting #2/97**

Moved by, seconded by, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #2/97 be approved as amended [under Item #7]:

> "Moved by Mr. Gerretsen and *seconded by Mr. Baird*" changed to "Moved by Mr. Gerretsen, *seconded by Mr. Wildman*".

ITEM 2: **ORC - Housekeeping Services**

At the Board's direction, Building Management and Conservation Branch conducted a study of housekeeping services and presented three options for the Board's consideration.

After discussion it was moved by Mr. Villeneuve, seconded by Mr. Baird, and agreed, that this item be deferred until a fourth [4th] option could be presented to the Board.

ITEM 3: **Pension Plan Membership**

- **Request for Approval of Order in Council re Electivity of Pension Plan Membership for Caucus and Members' Staff**

This Item was circulated to the Members by Pre-Approval form.

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Runciman, and agreed, to approve an Order in Council [to be passed by Management Board the week of June 23rd] which would allow membership in the pension plan to be elective for Caucus and Members' staff, with contributions into the plan no longer mandatory for those employees. It was further noted that the situation concerning employees' refunds or transfers was ongoing and the Human Resources Director would keep the Board apprised of the progress.

Mr. Wildman opposed the motion.

ITEM 4: **Pension Advisor**

The Speaker asked that this Item be withdrawn as none of the Caucuses had expressed interest.

ITEM 5: **Life and Fire Safety Program**

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Runciman, and agreed, that approval be given to Building Management and Conservation Branch for Project 1, Phase II and III of the Legislative Building Life and Fire Safety Program.

They will report back on the proposed fifth floor alterations.

ITEM 6: **Recommendation for Upgrading Members' System**

This Item was deferred.

ITEM 7: **1997-98 Estimates**

This Item was tabled for discussion.

It was agreed that the Management Advisory Committee and the three caucus administrators would work together to finalize the 1997-98 Estimates to achieve an overall savings of 5% on the Assembly Offices and the Boards and Commissions.

MOTION TO ADOURN

The balance of items were deferred to the next meeting of the Board. The meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, August 20th, 1997.

Speaker