



Legislative Assembly of Ontario

**MINUTES OF MEETING # 5/97
OF THE BOARD OF INTERNAL ECONOMY HELD IN
ROOM 180, THE SPEAKER'S BOARDROOM
AT 5:00 PM ON WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8, 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. Bud Wildman, MPP

Absent

Mr. John Gerretsen, MPP

Secretariat

Mr. Claude DesRosiers, Clerk of the House, BOIE Secretary
Ms Barbara Bishop, Assistant Secretary and Recording Secretary

Legislative Assembly Staff

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
Ms Ellen Schoenberger, Director of Human Resources

Guests

Mr. Frank Miclash, MPP
Ms Zina Decker, Executive Assistant to the Clerk
Ms Barbara Cowieson, Director of Administration/PC Service Bureau
Mr. Peter Curtis, Executive Director/Liberal Caucus Services
Ms Darlene Lawson, Caucus Administrator/NDP Caucus
Mr. John Wehrstein, Assistant to the Honourable Noble Villeneuve
Mr. Charles Vincent, Assistant to John Baird, MPP
Mr. Terry Mitchell, Assistant Director, Finance/Office of Assembly and Commissions
Ms Roberta Jamieson, Ombudsman
Ms Fiona Crean, Office of the Ombudsman
Mr. John Allan, Office of the Ombudsman

DECISIONS OF THE BOARD

ITEM 1: Approval of Minutes of Meeting #4/97

Moved by Mr. Baird, seconded by Mr. Sterling, and agreed, that the Minutes of Meeting #4/97 be approved as circulated.

ITEM 2: 1997-98 Estimates

OFFICE OF THE ASSEMBLY - VOTE 0201

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Villeneuve, and agreed, that pursuant to the direction given by the Board of Internal Economy for a 5% reduction from the 1996-97 Estimates excluding PSPF requests for 1997-98, the Estimates of the Office of the Assembly - Vote 0201 - for 1997-98, be approved in the total amount of \$92,433,900 with the following breakdown:

• Office of the Speaker	\$ 564,200
• Office of the Clerk	8,602,900
• Legislative Library	5,240,900
• Finance and Administration	6,270,900
• Assembly Services	11,081,600
• Sergeant at Arms	3,757,700
• Restructuring Fund	750,000
• Caucus Support Services	10,449,600
• Members' Compensation and Travel	14,951,000
• Members' Office Support Services	30,599,100
• Legislative Internship Programme	166,000
TOTAL ASSEMBLY VOTE 0201	\$92,433,900

Office of the Ombudsman

The Ombudsman made a presentation to the Board, discussing the ramifications of cuts to her Estimates. The Board agreed to approve the Estimates with a 2.5% budget reduction, plus the PSPF and unfunded liability for 1997-98. The Board also approved restructuring costs in the amount of \$328,800 carried over from 1996-97, and restructuring costs incurred in reaching the 2.5% reduction. A new figure will be provided by the Ombudsman's Office.

COMMISSION[ER]'S PROGRAM - VOTE 0202

The Board will vote separately by means of Pre-Approval on Vote 0202 - [the Commissions].

AGENCIES OF THE BOARD

The Board will vote separately, by means of Pre-Approval, on each of the following agencies:

- Ombudsman
- Elections Ontario
- Office of the Provincial Auditor

ITEM 3: Request for Funding for Additional Member on

- Standing and Select Committees

Moved by Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wildman, and agreed, that the Standing and Select Committees be directed to pay expenses as provided in Section 63.1 (2) of the Legislative Assembly Act for one additional NDP member per committee when such committees travel.

ITEM 4: Budget - Select Committee on Ontario Hydro Nuclear Affairs

Moved by Mr. Wildman, seconded by Mr. Baird, and agreed, that the Budget for the Select Committee on Ontario Hydro Nuclear Affairs be approved in the amount of \$304,500.00.

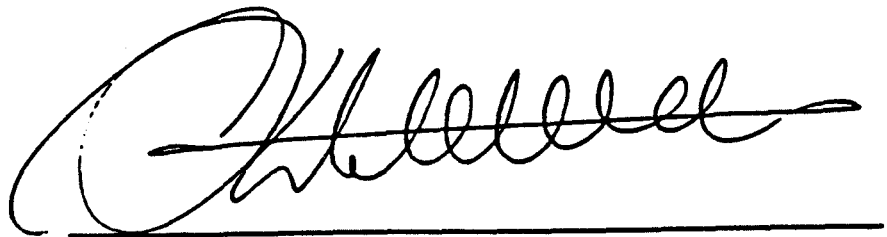
INFORMATION ITEM

The Financial Statements for the year ended March 31, 1997 were received by the Board.

MOTION TO ADJOURN:

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

The next meeting of the Board is scheduled for Wednesday, November 19, 1997.

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Speaker

IN CAMERA

At the conclusion of the Meeting, the Board members met *In Camera* to discuss a confidential matter.