



March 10, 1989
Room 112
Capitol

2nd Meeting

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

MINUTES

Senator Donald M. Moe, Chair of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, called the meeting to order at 8:20 A.M.

Commission members present:

Senators Donald Moe, Steven Morse, Larry Pogemiller, and Earl Renneke
Representatives Robert A. Johnson, Rich O'Connor, Leo Reding and Wayne Simoneau

Members absent:

Senator Gene Waldorf and Representative Gerald Knickerbocker

A quorum was present.

Senator Moe introduced the fifth item on the agenda, S.F. 498 (Belanger); H.F. 568 (Henry): Bloomington Fire; Duty Related Disability Benefits. Senator Moe introduced Senator Belanger to speak on behalf of his bill. Senator Belanger mentioned that he had brought along John Pidgeon, Bloomington City Manager, Sheila Happy, City Attorney and Ulysses Seal, Fire Chief, to testify. Senator Belanger noted that it was his understanding that Commission staff would present the bill. Mr. Lawrence A. Martin, Executive Director of the Commission, reviewed the staff memo and an amendment on this bill. Discussion followed.

Mr. Ulysses Seal, Fire Chief of the Bloomington Volunteer Fire Department, testified on behalf of the bill and responded to questions from Commission members. Mr. Seal noted that this bill has the full support of the Bloomington Volunteer Fire Department, the relief association and the city. Discussion followed.

Senator Moe laid the bill over temporarily.

Senator Moe introduced the fourth item on the agenda, S.F. 806 (Reichgott); H.F. 1167 (Carlson L.): Volunteer Fire; Five Year Vesting. Senator Moe introduced Senator Reichgott to speak on behalf of her bill. Senator Reichgott mentioned that the author of the House companion file, Representative Lyn Carlson, was also present to speak on behalf of the bill.

Mr. Gus Welter testified in support of the bill noting that this bill does not increase the actuarial accrued liability.

Mr. Edward Burek, Deputy Director of the Commission, reviewed the staff memo on this bill. Discussion followed.

Senator Moe laid the bill over temporarily.

Senator Moe introduced the third item on the agenda, S.F. 881 (Bertram); H.F. 1091 (Bertram): Volunteer Fire; Supplemental Benefit Clarification. Senator Moe introduced Senator Bertram to speak on behalf of his bill. Mr. Ed Burek reviewed the staff memo on this bill noting that the proposed changes clarify and simplify the statute.

Gus Welter testified in support of the bill noting that the bill does not change anything. Discussion followed.

Senator Moe laid the bill over temporarily.

Senator Moe introduced the first item on the agenda, S.F. ____ (); H.F. 689 (Reding): Paid Fire Funds; Escalator Salary Base for Department Converted to Volunteer Department. Representative Leo Reding spoke on behalf of his bill. Mr. Lawrence Martin reviewed the staff memo and technical amendment on this bill. Discussion followed.

Senator Moe laid the bill over for possible amendments and to enable the Commission members to further study the bill.

Senator Moe introduced the second item on the agenda, S.F. 813 (Morse); H.F. 557 (Reding): Police State Aid; Use of Excess Aid. Representative Simoneau mentioned that he had another meeting to attend now but he had some recommendations regarding this bill that he wanted to make so Senator Moe laid the bill over to the next meeting.

Senator Moe introduced the sixth item on the agenda, S.F. 795 (Johnson, D.J.); H.F. 8 (Begich): Eveleth Police and Fire; Ad Hoc Post Retirement Adjustment. Mr. Edward Burek reviewed the staff memo on this bill noting that these two funds operate on a pay-as-you-go basis and are primarily the responsibility of the city. Discussion followed. The bill was laid over.

Senator Moe asked if there was any other business for the Commission. Representative Bob Johnson requested that the Commission take up the rules at the next Commission meeting.

Senator Moe asked if Friday was an acceptable meeting day for the members of the Commission. Discussion followed and some members noted that Monday might be a better meeting day. Senator Moe set the next Commission meeting for Monday, March 13, 1989.

The meeting adjourned at 10:00 A.M.