



March 17, 1989
Room 112
Capitol

4th 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 8:22 A.M.

Commission members present:

Senators Donald Moe, Steven Morse, Larry Pogemiller, Earl Renneke, and Gene Waldorf
Representatives Robert A. Johnson, Gerald Knickerbocker, Rich O'Connor, and Wayne Simoneau

Members absent:

Representative Leo Reding

A quorum was present.

Senator Moe laid over S.F. 813 (Morse); H.F. 557 (Reding): Police State Aid; Use of Excess Aid, due to Representative Reding's illness.

Senator Moe also laid over S.F. 857 (Metzen); H.F. 1126 (Pugh): West St. Paul Police; Full Escalator, at the request of Senator Metzen, the author.

Senator Moe introduced the first item on the agenda, S.F. 950 (Moe, D.M.); H.F. 689 (Reding): Paid Fire Funds; Escalator Salary Base for Department Converted to Volunteer Department. Mr. Lawrence A. Martin, Executive Director of the Commission, drew members attention to page 4, lines 20-26 of the bill. Mr. Martin noted the City of Mankato, may have the first fire department converting to a volunteer department and, therefore, may be the first city to be impacted by this provision. Mr. Martin went on to say that Mr. Bill Bassett, the City Manager of the City of Mankato, had brought a problem with the wording of this provision to the attention of the Commission staff. Mr. Bassett's suggestion via Mr. Martin was that rather than set the actual salary of the position of a top grade patrol officer in the police department in this provision set the percentage salary increase in the salary of a top grade patrol officer as accomplished in Mr. Martin's handwritten amendment to the bill. Mr. Martin suggested that the Commission adopt either the bill and the two amendments, LAM17 and the handwritten amendment, or the delete everything amendment, LCPR2, and the handwritten amendment. Discussion followed.

Rep. Bob Johnson requested that the issue of the Commission's rules be resolved before the Commission take any action on bills. Discussion followed.

Senator Moe laid the issue aside temporarily.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10 A.M.