

STATEWIDE SUBCOMMITTEE MEETING

April 17, 1970 - 1:30 PM, Room 118

PRESENT: Senators Mel Hansen, Baldy Hansen, Ogdahl, Josefson

STAFF MEMO - Deputy Registrars - Continuing Problem

Memo was read and discussed.

Mr. Paul Groschen, MSRS, stated that they had submitted a legislative bill for \$304,000 employer contribution. The public examiner has requested that this bill be presented to be paid out of the Highway User Tax. This subject will be taken up again and will then come in with a decision as to what will be the source of the funds.

STAFF MEMO - Metropolitan Transit Commission Law - Possible Conflict with PERA Law. Memo was read and discussed.

Mr. David Doty, Metropolitan Transit Commission, appeared in behalf of the Transit Commission. He stated there will be an actuarial survey in two weeks and that an answer will be ready by May 1st.

Mr. Doty advised that it is operating under the assumption that laws governing their Commission empower them to disregard PERA and other pertinent state pension laws.

Staff noted that the present plan if brought into the public sector will be the only public pension plan over which the Legislature has no control.

STAFF MEMO - Supplemental Pension Guidelines

Memo was read and discussed.

TESTIMONY RE SUPPLEMENTAL FROM VARIOUS GROUPS:

Mr. Robert Reed, MEA

TRA is not the total retirement program for the teachers; it is a basis. The supplemental program is the teachers way of trying to do it on their own.

His organization tends toward the state supplemental plan. Undecided whether or not it should be voluntary for the districts. Thinks some sort of guidelines should be implemented. Will report back on the conclusions after their convention.

Mr. James Jacobs, Director of Special Services for the Minnesota School Boards Ass'n.

They feel that a program for handling employer's contribution should be considered in any guidelines bill "to help minimize the economic differentials between districts and the resultant problem to the educational program." Would like to work closely with the Statewide Subcommittee in the development of the supplemental guidelines bill.

Dr. Leo Bernat, MFT, presented the following points relative to the subject of supplemental retirement programs:

"Evaluation of Public Employee Supplemental Retirement Programs with consideration of the following items among them:

- a. A state administered fund for tax sheltered and non-tax sheltered annuities .
- b. Membership in this fund mandatory for all school districts maintaining supplemental annuities ."

"Portability and deferred annuities for public employees ."

Meeting adjourned at 4:00 P.M.