

Senate Subcommittee on Pensions and Retirement

Monday evening, April 16, 1973
7:00 P.M., Room 15, State Capitol

Minutes

Chairman, opened the meeting.

Present: Chenoweth, Kleinbaum, Mel Hansen, Stokowski, Gearty

SF 1562 (Chenoweth) - St. Paul Firemen's Relief.

Mr. Tom Gelbman, St. Paul Fire Dept. explained that this is a delegation bill. The bill corrects an inequity provision for retirement after 25 years of service. St. Paul does not have this provision. The actuarial cost as computed by Hewitt and Associates is 3/10 of 1% of the normal cost. The City Council resolution on 3/15/73 endorsed this bill. Payments are being made according to the guidelines act.

Sen. Gearty moved that SF 1562 be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

SF 1563 (Chenoweth) - St. Paul Police Bill. This is a delegation bill for the County of Ramsey. This bill takes care of an oversight--the original bill in the 1971 session laws covers only on-duty disability. This bill has the approval of the legislative committee of the city council as well as the entire city council. The cost is minimum.

Sen. Gearty moved that SF 1563 pass and be placed on the calendar. Carried.

SF 718 (Gearty) - Minneapolis Police Bill

Mr. Dick Nelson, Police Pension Council, explained the bill. The total cost to the whole association--\$9700. This is a delegation bill and the city council is in favor of this bill.

Sen. Stokowski moved that S.F. 718 pass. Carried.

SF 1128 (Conzemius) - Red Wing Police

In the absence of Sen. Conzemius, the chief author, Rep. Schulz, House author, explained the bill. Bill has city council approval. Sen. Chenoweth explained that statewide legislation re fire and police funds is being considered in an effort to have uniform policy in the state that the such bills are not just local bills.

Mr. Elton, city attorney from Red Wing, Mr. Kraus, Secretary of the local police federation, Dick Feider, Pres. Minnesota Police Officers Organization expressed their views--also, Dick Nelson, Police Pension Council and Mr. Dean Lund, League of Minnesota Municipalities.

Sen. Stokowski moved that in the absence of the chief author that SF 1128 be laid over. Motion carried.

SF 1367 (Doty) Town of Canosia

Sen. Doty explained the bill. The following amendment was adopted:

Page 1, strike all of line 10 and insert in lieu thereof "Minnesot Statutes

69.771 thru 69.776"

Sen. Stokowski moved that SF 1367 pass as amended. Motion carried.

SF 1708 (Conzemius) - Red Wing Firemen's Relief Assn.

Rep. Schultz explained the bill. The actuarial costs have been prepared by Dr. Smith. Total cost is 44.25%. This plan has city council approval. Bill for laid over. Final action to be taken later.

S.F. 1110 - Volunteer Fire. Statewide bill - laid over. (Conzemius)

S.F. 79 (Ashbach) - Roseville Fire

SF 925 (Perpich) - Chisholm Public Safety Dept.

SF 496 (Perpich) - Gilbert Police

Sen. Kleinbaum moved that SF 79, SF 925 and SF 496 be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

SF 1438 (Chenoweth) - MSRS Comprehensive Bill

Sen. Chenoweth explained the bill. He pointed that the bill contains a two-step plan to reduce retirement to age 65. Changes from a career average formula to a 5 high year - total employer contribution of 6 1/4%.

Mr. Paul Groschen, MSRS Directors, made further comments.

Mr. Joe Robison, Exec. Dir. of Union Council 6 emphasized that this is a negotiated package and that they support the bill.

Mr. Larkin McLellan spoke for the bill.

Mr. James Clark, retired state employees, stated that the retired people want a voice in the decision making.

Meeting adjourned at 10:10 P.M.

E. Diebel

John Chenoweth
Chairman