

Legislative Retirement Study Commission
February 18, 1974
Room 118 - 7:00 P.M.

MINUTES

Rep. Richard Parish, chairman, opened the meeting.

PRESENT: Senators Chenoweth, Mel Hansen, Jack Kleinbaum, Harmon Ogdahl
Stokowski
Representatives Robert Johnson, Cal Larson, Richard Parish, Al Patton
Dr. Franklin Smith, Actuary

Minutes of the February 11, 1974 meeting were approved.

The Stennes and Associates actuarial services bill in the amount of \$1,150 for the period 12/26/73 to 1/26/73 was approved for payment.

The following bills were considered:

S.F. 2454 (North)

H.F. 2450 (Hanson) - Falcon Heights Fire

Rep. Hanson explained the bill.

Mr. Kenefick, attorney for the Village of Falcon Heights also discussed the bill.

Rep. Moe moved to amend H F. 245~~4~~, the typewritten bill, as follows:

Page 1, line 22, strike \$1,000 and insert \$600

Page 1, line 24, after "increase" insert "resulting
in a benefit"

Page 1, line 25, strike "an"

Page 1, line 26, strike the entire line and insert in lieu thereof "such an ordinance providing for an increase"

Page 1, line 27, strike "by an actuarial survey;" and insert in lieu thereof "and no ordinance shall be considered by the village council unless the request is supported by an actuarial survey showing the fiscal effects of the proposed increase;"

Page 2, strike lines 14 through 22

Page 3, line 5, strike "Section 2, is" and insert "Sections 2 and 6, are"

Re-number sections accordingly

Further, amend the title in line 7 by striking "6;" and in line 9 by striking "Section 2." and inserting in lieu thereof "Sections 2 and 6."

Motion carried

Rep. Patton moved that H.F. 2450 (S.F. 2454) be recommended to pass as amended.
Motion carried.

S.F. 2712 (Laufenburger)
H.F. 2829 (McCauley) - Goodview Firemen's Relief Assn.

Rep. McCauley explained the bill.
This bill would permit the Goodview firemen's relief association to pay service pensions (lump sum, \$50 per year of service) to firemen who have fewer than 10 years of membership in the relief association but who otherwise meet the requirements of M.S. Section 69.06.

Rep. Johnson moved that H.F. 2829 (S.F. 2712) be recommended to pass.
Motion carried.

S.F. 2926 (Ashbach)
H.F. 2851 (R. Andersen) - New Brighton Fire (Volunteer)
Sen. Ashbach explained the bill. This bill would raise the ceiling for service pensions from \$80 per month with 20 years of service (maximum pension of \$120 per month with 30 years of service) to \$120 with 20 years of service (maximum of \$180 per month with 30 years of service).

Rep. Moe requested that Dr. Smith make some comparisons between the lump sum and the annuity.

Bill was laid over for two weeks.

S.F. 2296 (Stokowski)
H.F. 2417 (Fudro) - Columbia Heights Police & Fire

Bill requires that all police officers hired after 6/15/72 and firemen first employed after 9/1/73 be members of the PERA Police and Fire Fund.

Sen. Ogdahl moved to amend S.F. 2296 (H.F. 2417), the typewritten bill, as follows:

Page 1, line 25, after "officers" insert "and firemen"

Page 1, line 29, delete "selected as follows:"

Page 1, line 30, delete "three shall be"

Page 2, delete lines 2 and 3 and insert in lieu thereof
"members."

Page 2, line 7, delete "for original appointments"

Page 2, delete lines 19 through 28 and insert in lieu thereof "less than the percent of salary which public employees governed by Minnesota Statutes, Sections 353.63 to 353.68 contribute in accordance with the provisions of those sections."

Page 3, delete lines 1 through 5

Line 3 of the title, after "association" insert "and the firemen's relief association"

Motion carried

The mayor of Columbia Heights stated the the council concurs in these changes.

Dick Nelson, Police Officers Assn. , opposed the bill and asked that the matter be laid over until there is a meeting.

Sen. Stokowski, chief author in the Senate, requested that the bill be laid over to be heard again at the written request of the author. There will be a meeting with the members of the council, Sen. Stokowski, etc. on this matter.

S.F. 1709 (Borden)

H.F. 1468 (Cumminskey - Police and Fire Bill

Rep. Cumminskey explained the "strike everything" amendment which sets contributions at 7% of total salary from and after 1/1/74; and from and after 1/1/75, 8% of total salary. Bill would increase the contributions but no improvement in benefits any place in the bill.

Those opposed to the bill:

Dick Feider, M.P. & P.O.A.

Dick Nelson, Pres., Minnesota Police Pension Council;

James Heim, representing the Duluth Fire & Police

S.F. 1709; H.F. 1468, was laid over.

S.F. 2086 (Chenoweth)

H.F. 1990 (Moe) - Hewitt Fire and Police Bill

Opposition to the bill:

Robert Wetherille, Minneapolis Fire Department;

Edward Bolstad, P.O.A.

Dick Nelson, Minnesota Police Pension Council

Dick Feider, M.P. & P.O.A.

S.F. 2086; H.F. 1990 was laid over.

S.F. 3033 (Stokowski)

H.F. 3100 (Moe) - TRA Revision - a "strike everything" bill

Roger Erskine of the MEA approved the revision bill.

Henry Winkels, Minnesota State Federation of Teachers approved the bill.

There are no out-state buy backs in the bill.

Relative to the increasing problem of teachers being laid off due to economic conditions in the state colleges, Sen. Chenoweth offered the following amendment:

The following spoke for the amendment:

Henry Winkels, State Federation of Teachers;

P.R. Armili, S.W. College

Roger Erskine, MEA

Jim Nohl, Moorhead State College

Sen. Chenoweth moved to
Amend M.S. 354.49, by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6 Any member of the Fund with less than ten years of allowable service credit whose employment is involuntarily terminated by an employer in his second year of service or thereafter for non-disciplinary reasons shall upon satisfactory certification by his employer as provided in M.S. 354.05, Subd.28 be entitled to receive a lump sum refundment of his employee contributions to the fund with interest plus an equal amount of employer contributions with interest. Such refundment shall be subject to approval by the Board of Trustees and shall be made in accordance with the other provisions of this section regarding processing and application except that all interest and employer contributions shall be refunded to the member upon separate application after a period of two years has expired following refund of his employee contributions provided the member has not returned to teaching service in Minnesota schools to which the law applies during such two year period.

Motion failed

Rep. Cal Larson moved that S.F. 3033; H.F. 3100 be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

Donald M. Moe
Secretary

E. Diebel, Steno