

April 13, 1977 Meeting
Room 112 Capitol
5:00 P.M.

MINUTES:

The meeting was called to order by the vice chairman, Sen. Stokowski.

PRESENT: Senators Stokowski, Ogdahl, Roger Strand, Renneke
Representatives Patton, Moe, Reding, Beauchamp, Biersdorf, St. Onge

1. Post Retirement Adjustments:

The following retirees from the various statewide funds addressed the commission re post retirement increases:

E. L. Anderson, Executive Secretary of the PERA retirees group;
Harry Schwabel, PERA Board
Joe Jenn, PERA: Shakopee School District
Ralph McCartney, Hennepin County Retired Teachers
Richard Moe, Retired MMER members
Adolph Tobler, Metropolitan Senior Federation
Stephanie Wolkin, MEA
Leone McGowan, Hennepin County Retirees
Curtis Johnson, TRA
Lyola Pillow, PERA,
William Simons, Duluth, Chairman of the Joint State Legislative Committee of the
American Teachers Assn.
Dave Mayer, Hennepin County Sheriff's office retirees

HF 605 (Walter Hanson) - Post Retirement Adjustment.
Rep. Hanson explained H F 605. Discussion followed.

The chairman explained that this is the first time the active members of the fund would be taxed to pay for the retirees' additional benefits. The commission would like to hear from the active members as to whether or not they would like to fund this increase.

Rep. Moe moved to amend HF 605 as follows: Page 1, delete lines 20-22 and insert "effective October 1, 1977 there there shall be appropriated from the general fund \$228 million."

Rep. Hanson with drew his bill. Rep. Moe withdrew the motion.

HF 492 (Stoa); SF 41 (Laufenburger - Winona Police
Rep. Laufenburger appeared for the bill. Staff went over the staff memo re the fund.

Rep. Reding moved the amendments to HF 492 (SF 41).

Rep. Reding moved that HF 492 (SF41) we recommended to pass as amended. Carried

HF 611 (Reding); SF 635 (Stokowski) - Date for Payment of Annuities.
The bill amends M.S. Chapter 356 and provides that all annuities and benefits shall be paid during the first week of the month in advance for that month. The bill was laid over.

HF 199 (Enebo); SF 161 (Stokowski) Firefighters Pensions in Duluth, Minneapolis & St. Paul.

This bill would increase benefits of the local fire pension plans in the three first class cities- reduces duration of marriage requirement from 3 years to 1 year; increase the pension benefits of firefighters with long service by allowing pension credits to continue accumulating beyond the 25th year of service.

The bill was laid over.

HF 1187 (Jude); SF 993 (Staples) - Hennepin County Soil and Water Inclusion in PERA
This bill amends PERA law and provides that employees of the Hennepin County Soil and Water Conservation District shall be covered by PERA as coordinated members unless otherwise excluded by PERA law.

A technical staff amendment was presented which would clarify that the inclusion of the Hennepin County Soil and Water Conservation District as a governmental subdivision for purposes of PERA law is an exception to Minnesota Statutes, Section 353.01, Subdivision 6.

Sen. Strand moved that HF 1187; SF 993, be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

The bill for actuarial services from Stennes and Associates for the period March 1, 1977 to March 31, 1977 was approved for payment.

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Eugene Stokowski
Secretary