

February 20, 1978 Meeting
Room 57 State Office Bldg.
5:00 P.M.

Minutes

The chairman, Sen. Stokowski, opened the meeting.

PRESENT: Senators Stokowski, Ogdahl, Collin Peterson, Renneke, Strand
Representatives Patton, Reding, Beauchamp, Biersdorf

The bills from Stennes and Associates for the month of January, 1978 were approved.

SF 633 (Stokowski); HF 413 (Beauchamp) MSRS: Early Retirement Reduction Factor
Larry Martin went over the staff memo.

The bill amended by the Commission clarifies the definition of special teacher in the MSRS Correctional Plan and reduces the early retirement factor in certain instances. The 15% limit on covered salary is also repealed.

Bob Currie, Council 6, spoke for the bill and urged passage.

Rep. Beauchamp moved that SF 633; H F 413 be recommended to pass as amended.
Passed.

HF 2094 (Moe); SF 1985 (Stokowski) MSRS: MTC-TOD Retirement Fund Consolidation
Larry Martin went over the staff memo.

The bill provides for total consolidation of the MTC-Transit Operating Division Employee Retirement Fund into the Minnesota State Retirement System. All existing employees and all existing annuitants and benefit recipients will be transferred to MSRS. Prior service credit in the MTC-TOD fund shall be given full allowable service credit by MSRS.

The strike-everything amendment includes changes in the initial draft of the bill discussed and requested during two sessions with representatives from MTC, AUT-Local 1005 and MSRS. Patton amendment to strike, rec. to pass.

SF 1918 (Stokowski); HF 2093 (Moe) PERA P&F: University of Minnesota Fund Consolidation

Larry Martin went over the memo

The bill provides for the consolidation of the U of M Police Department Retirement Plan into the PERA P&F Fund. All existing officers and all existing annuitants and benefit recipients shall be transferred. Police employed by the University shall be included in the police state aid program if the officer meets the qualification standards.

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The amendment stating the additional/employer contribution amount as \$82,904, payable for a period of 10 years was recommended to pass.

SF 1918; HF 2093 as amended was recommended to pass. (Ogdahl)

SF 2082 (Stokowski); HF 2163 (Clawson) Disabilitant and Survivor Increases

Both bills provide that certain disability and survivor benefit recipients will be included in the Minnesota Adjustable Fixed Benefit Fund (MAFB), included in future MAFB increases and be granted the recent 4% MAFB increase. HF 2163 (Clawson) provides that PERA disability and survivor benefit recipients shall be included in the MAFB; SF 2082 (Stokowski) provides that all disabilitants and survivor of deceased active member benefit recipients shall receive the same increase at the same time that the MAFB grants an increase. L. Martin went over the memo and discussion followed.

The staff was directed to get cost information. Bill laid over.

SF 1549 (Knoll); HF 1663 (Brandl) MSRS: Combined Service Annuity and Purchase of Prior Service Credit for Certain University Tradesmen

The bill provides that any person who was employed as a tradesman by the University of Minnesota prior to 1/1/77 may purchase credit for any prior service with the University not covered by MSRS. It also provides that any person who retired between May, 1975 and January, 1977 from a fund covered by the combined service annuity provision, had multiple fund coverage, but failed to elect to take a combined service annuity may elect a combined service annuity. L. Martin went over the memo.

Rep. Brandl explained the bill. Mr. Sneider discussed his problem. An amendment provided that the former employer, at its discretion, may make the employer and employer additional contributions.

The bill as amended was recommended to pass. Passed (Patton motion)

SF 2162 (Strand); HF 2285 (Patton) Judges: Refund to survivor of deceased deferred annuitant

The bill provides that the surviving spouse or the estate of a deceased former judge on deferred status shall be entitled to a refund of the contributions the judge made to the judges retirement fund, with interest at 5%.

A clarifying staff amendment and also an effective date of 7/1/78 was passed. The bill as amended was recommended to pass.

(Contents will be put into HF 1865; SF 1726 - Judges: Fractional Service Credit Bill)

SF 2165 (Penny); HF 2286 (Kalis) Judges: Increased Benefits for Certain Former Probate Judges

Bill makes a number of changes relating to the amount and payment of benefits to former probate judges; also adds a new section to Chapter 490, the judges retirement law, providing the following: MSRS to pay all retirement and disability benefits for probate county court judges on and after 7/1/78, funds appropriated to Commissioner of Finance to be transferred to MSRS, counties to pay to MSRS the amount of the benefit payable to the former probate judge plus administrative expenses, probate judges' retirement and disability benefits to be increased on 7/1/78 by the amounts of the MAFB increases, and retired and disabled probate judges to be entitled to increases equal to all future MAFB increases.

Staff amendment moves the temporary one time appropriation language from clause (4) to a separate section--not necessary to code that provision.

Bill as amended was recommended to pass.

SF 1732 (Stokowski) Double Dipping

The bill attempts to prevent the receipt of a pension and a salary (double dipping). It provides that no person while receiving a Minnesota public pension shall be entitled to accept or retain a position in public employment in Minnesota.

Staff amendment would limit the application of the bill so that anyone who is already receiving both a public pension and a governmental salary could continue to do so.

The bill was laid over.

HF 2229 (Reding); SF 2020 (Strand) Legislators Plan/ Computation
Retirement Allowance

John Mandeville went over the staff memo.

The bill amends Minnesota Statutes, Section 3A.02, Subdivision 1, governs the computation of the retirement allowance from the Legislators' Plan. For legislators who serve beyond the end of the current year, the bill would result in a reduction of prospective pension benefits.

The bill was laid over.

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