

April 19, 1979 Meeting
Room 123 Capitol
7:00 A.M.

The chairman, Sen. Stokowski, opened the meeting.

PRESENT: Senators Stokowski, Strand, C. Peterson, Renneke, Ogdahl
Representatives Moe, Biersdorf, Sarna, Kaley, Al Patton

HF 148 (L. Carlson); SF 269 (Humphrey): New Hope Volunteer Fire; Disability and Survivor Benefits.

Bill makes a number of changes in the disability and survivor benefits; marriage requirement is changed to one year; lump sum death benefit and lump sum in lieu of pension benefit.

An amendment raising the benefit of the chief of the volunteer fire department to \$120 per month; also benefits were authorized by the bill to be paid retroactively to January 1, 1979, was accepted.

HF 148; SF 269 was recommended to pass as amended.

HF 192 (M. Sieben); SF 502 (Sikorski): Cottage Grove Fire; PERA-P&F Coverage.
The bill provides that the nonprofit firefighting corporation serving the city of Cottage Grove, the Thompson Grove Volunteer Fire Department, shall be deemed a governmental subdivision for purposes of the PERA law and all active full time firefighters employed by the corporation shall be considered firefighters eligible for pension coverage under PERA-P&F law; shall be entitled to purchase up to 5 year of prior service.

HF 194; SF 502 was recommended to pass.

HF 1052 (Begich); SF 1077 (D. Johnson): Eveleth P&F; Post Retirement Increase.
The bill provides for an increase to police and firefighters of the Eveleth Joint Retired Police and Firefighters Retirement Trust Fund of benefits by an amount equal to \$30 per month, effective with the first monthly payment and that the increase shall be retroactive to January 1, 1979.

This bill would provide 26 recipients a \$30 per month increase.

Rep. Sarna moved that the bill be recommended to pass. Motion Carried.

HF 1192 (Patton); SF 1128 (Stokowski): Local Police and Salaried Firefighters Relief Associations; Increase in Employee Contributions

Bill provides for a 2% of salary total increase in the minimum required employee contribution for the local police and salaried firefighters relief associations. The bill is based on the fact that the current employee contribution does not equal 40% of the normal cost of the various relief associations.

The following appeared before the Commission: James Heim, Duluth Firemen's Relief Assn., Tom Gelbmann, St. Paul Police, Robert Wetherille, Mpls. Fire Department Relief Assn., Gary Findlay, Actuary.

Rep. Patton moved that HF 1192; SF 1128 be recommended to pass. (The bill is to be a vehicle to develop a program that all can agree to.

R. Strand
Sec.