

State of Minnesota \ LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

February 6, 1980 Meeting
Room 112, Capitol

MINUTES

Chairman, Al Patton, opened the meeting.

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

SF 1964 (Peterson); HF 1786 (Evans): Statewide Retirement Funds: Post-Retirement Adjustment for Certain Omitted Recipients

The bill provides for the payment of two lump sum post retirement adjustments to any person who was a pre-1973 retiree of one of the five statewide retirement funds or a non-formula plan retiree of the Minneapolis Municipal Fund (MMER) and who was not eligible for the lump sum post retirement adjustment approved by the 1979 Legislature because the person had not attained the minimum age of 65 years on or before July 1, 1979.

L. Martin, Exec. Sec. of the Commission, went over the memo and discussion and testimony followed. The chairman requested that the executive directors of the various funds advise the Commission as to the amount of money needed for the lump sum payment for this year, how many members are receiving it, how many more are eligible for the 12/1/80 post retirement adjustment payment, and the amount of money needed for the additional recipients. The fund directors were asked to furnish this information to the Commission in tabulated form. The bill was laid over for further information.

SF 1717 (Ogdahl); HF () Various Local Police and Salaried Firefighters' Relief Associations; Automatic Post Retirement Adjustments. The bill authorizes 7 municipalities with local police or salaried firefighters' relief associations which do not provide for any post retirement escalation to retirees receiving service pensions to approve the addition to the relief association's benefit plan of limited post retirement escalation to current retirees, current active members and future newly employed members upon the attainment of age 55 years. The post retirement escalation is limited to a 3 1/2% annual increase and is based on the increase in salary payable to a top grade patrol officer or a top grade firefighter, whichever position is applicable.

L. Martin went over the staff memo and discussion followed.

Chuck Anderson, Secretary of the West St. Paul Police, Minnesota Police Pension Council, stated that he supports the bill; that the bill addresses present retirees who are on fixed pensions of \$200-\$300 per month.

The bill was laid over.

SF 1607 (Schaaf); HF () Investment of Pension Fund Assets

The bill recodifies the statutory chapter governing the investment of state and pension fund assets by the State Board of Investment and provides for a number of changes in the authority of the State Board of Investment to invest certain types of securities and the structure and function of the Board of Investment and State Board of Investment staff.

Mr. Jon White, Executive Secretary of the State Board of Investment, went through the bill and compared the old language and the new language.

The bill will be taken up again.

Testimony will be heard at the next hearing on SF 1607.

Roger Strand, Sec.

E. Diebel, Staff Secretary