

February 10, 1995 Room 10 State Office Building

1st Meeting



# LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

# **MINUTES**

Senator Phil Riveness, Chair of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, called the meeting to order at 2:35 P.M.

## Commission members present:

Representatives Jeff Bertram, Richard Jefferson, Bob Johnson, Phyllis Kahn, and Steve Smith Senators Lawrence Pogemiller, Phil Riveness, and Roy Terwilliger

1. Approval of Minutes of October 17 and 18, 1994, and November 29 and 30, 1994
Sen. Riveness moved approval of the October 17th and 18th, 1994, and November 29 and 30, 1994, meeting minutes. MOTION PREVAILED.

#### 2. Election of Officers

Sen. Riveness called for nominations for the position of Commission Chair. Rep. Johnson nominated Rep. Jefferson. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and a vote was taken. MOTION PREVAILED.

Rep. Jefferson assumed the Chair. Rep. Jefferson called for nominations for the position of Commission Vice Chair. Sen. Pogemiller nominated Sen. Riveness. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and a vote was taken. MOTION PREVAILED.

Rep. Jefferson called for nominations for the position of Commission Secretary. Sen. Pogemiller nominated Sen. Terwilliger. There being no further nominations, nominations were closed and a vote was taken. MOTION PREVAILED.

### 3. Consideration of 1995-1996 Commission Rules of Operation

Rep. Jefferson noted that the Rules of Operation under consideration now were last amended March 5, 1991. Rep. Bertram moved approval of the March 5, 1991, Rules of Operation. **MOTION PREVAILED**.

### 4. Discussion of Potential Regular Commission Meeting Times

Lawrence A. Martin, LCPR Executive Director, reviewed a schedule sheet which detailed Commission members committee schedules. He noted that Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 to 4:00 and Friday afternoons looked like the only available meeting times during the day.

Rep. Johnson spoke in support of Wednesday afternoon meetings as outstate members usually leave for home on Friday afternoons. He also requested that the Commission begin hearing pension bills as soon as possible to prevent a logiam before the bill deadline.

Rep. Kahn stated that as Chair of the House Government Operations Committee, a bill deadline of March 17th was set for Pension Commission bills. She recommended that pension bills be rolled into one to three omnibus pension bills. She also expressed a preference for night meetings rather than Friday afternoon meetings.

Sen. Pogemiller concurred with Representative Kahn's recommendations and further suggested a deadline for the introduction of pension related bills.

Rep. Jefferson stated that he plans to begin hearing bills at the next Commission meeting. He further stated that night meetings might better accommodate the general public as well as Commission member's schedules. Discussion followed and Rep. Jefferson stated that the Commission would possibly meet next week or no later than two weeks from this meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 2:55 P.M.

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