

March 23, 1984 Meeting
Room 83, State Office Bldg.
2:00 P.M.

MINUTES

The chairman opened the meeting--Rep. John Sarna

PRESENT: Representatives Sarna, Rodriguez, Metzen, Clawson
Senators Peterson, Spear, Renneke

Rep. Sarna moved that the following bills be incorporated into an omnibus bill: HF 1542, HF 1539, HF 1575, HF 1403. Motion carried

HF 912 (Sarna); SF 882 (Waldorf & C.C. Peterson): Reimbursement of Medical Insurance Premiums for MSRS Retirees

This bill would amend MSRS general law to provide for the quarterly payment by MSRS to retirees of an amount to reimburse the retirees for the cost of Medicare B supplemental medical insurance. (James Heidelberg went over the staff memo).

Bob Whitaker, President of the Retired State Employees, stated that there was too much attention focused on the \$19.1 million cost for the first year. Mr. Whitaker thinks it should apply to all MSRS retirees. The other funds can look to their governing bodies for help. He also suggested a biennial payment--the same as for the pre'73 retirees

The chair stated that this bill will be heard again.

Emil Erickson, President of REAM spoke in support of the bill. He stated that the medical insurance reimbursement should be done for all groups of retirees.

Stan Peskar, League of Minnesota Cities, said there is a need to include all retirees in this provision.

Joseph Prifrel, asked that he be furnished this kind of information before the meeting. He spoke about the great need for this kind of help because many state retirees are going to the United Fund for help.

HF (); SF 1434 (C.C. Peterson): Conformance with Child Support Attachment Laws

The concept of the bill was passed.

This bill was drafted to bring public pension laws into conformity with the language of section 518.611 which requires the withholding of child support or maintenance as determined by court order, "from the income, regardless of source, of the person obliged to pay the support or maintenance."

The amendment to the Omnibus Bill, Section 352.112, subdivision 5, re workers' compensation and disability benefit was discussed. Lay over for the interim. Staff should talk with the Labor Commissioner on this.

Eleanor Diebel
Staff Secretary