

# State of Minnesota \

## LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

March 27, 1984 Meeting  
Room 57 - 6:00 P.M.

### MINUTES

Rep. Sarna, Chair, opened the meeting.

PRESENT: Senators Spear, Donald Moe, Renneke  
Representatives Wigley, Rodriguez, Sarna, Metzen, Clawson

#### SF 2024 (Freeman); HF 1609 (Seaberg): Military Affairs

Jim Heidelberg, went over the staff memo and discussion followed. The bill would allow an individual to retire under the provisions of the military affairs plan and avoid a reduction for early retirement rather than having to retire under the MSRS general plan and take a reduction. The bill provides that the additional employee and employer contributions required for the military plan be paid into MSRS for the period of time the individual worked past the age of 60, which is the retirement age in the military plan.

Rep. Sarna moved that SF 2024; HF 1609 be recommended to pass. Passed.

#### HF 1869 (Olsen); SF 1767 (McQuaid): Retirement Coverage for Certain Employees of St. Louis Park

Karen Dudley went over the staff memo and discussion followed. The bill amends a 1980 special law which permitted the former police officer to purchase service credit in PERA-P&F upon reemployment with the St. Louis Park police department and following completion of the tenth year of service credit with the St. Louis Park Police Relief Association. With the author's amendment, the bill permits a former St. Louis Park police officer who resigned with fewer than ten years of service in 1977 to use his six years of other public service in St. Louis Park to vest for a ten year pension from the St. Louis Park Relief Association.

Rep. Olsen moved to amend the amendment. Motion carried.

Percy Morris, President of the St. Louis Park Police Relief Association, questioned the costs involved in this bill.

Jim Welna, City of St. Louis Park, also stated he was interested in the financial cost and impact.

Rep. Sarna laid the bill over.

#### HF 1744 (Bennett); SF 1845 (Knaak): Ramsey County Correctional Officers into PERA-P&F

Karen Dudley went over the staff memo and discussion followed. This bill amends 353.64 to define Ramsey County Correctional Officers as police officers. The bill changes the retirement coverage for Ramsey County Community Corrections Personnel from PERA to PERA-P&F. Current correctional employees may elect to become a PERA Police and Fire member on and after July 1, 1984.

Rep. Bennett and Senator Knaak appeared for the bill.

There is a question of involving the other workhouses in the state, and this cannot be done just for Ramsey County.

The bill was laid over.

#### HF 1549 (F. Rodriguez); SF 1783 (Pehler): Authorizing Police State Aid for University of Minnesota Police; Clarification of Laws Governing Expenditure of St. Cloud Police and Authorizing Post Retirement Adjustments for Crookston Police

Re: HF 1549; SF 1783:

The bill makes three changes relating to three different police associations:

1. Section 1 amends Section 69.011 to authorize the inclusion of the University of Minnesota as a designated municipality; thus including the U of M police within the organizations eligible for the receipt of the police state aid;
2. Section 2 amends the special laws governing the St. Cloud police relief association to remove obsolete language; and
3. Section 3 amends the special laws governing the Crookston police relief association to permit a 3.5% capped escalator.

Rep. Sarna moved an amendment to remove the University of Minnesota police from the bill. Motion carried.

Staff amendment which takes out the requirement for the approval of the St. Cloud city Council was approved.

Rep. Sarna moved the amendment. Motion carried.

The third part of the bill, a benefit increase for the Crookston Relief Association was approved.

Rep. Clawson moved that HF 1549; SF 1783 as amended be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

Eleanor Diebel  
Staff Secretary