



May 11, 2011

Room 10 State Office Building

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS AND RETIREMENT

MINUTES

Call to order:

Representative Morrie Lanning, Chair of the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

Commission Members Present:

Representatives Phyllis Kahn, Mary Kiffmeyer, Morrie Lanning, Mary Murphy, and Steve Smith
Senators Roger Chamberlain, Theodore Daley, Sandra Pappas, Lawrence Pogemiller, and Julie Rosen

Agenda Items

Approval of prior Commission meeting minutes.

Sen. Rosen moved approval of the May 5, 2011, meeting minutes. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

H.F. 409 (Poppe); S.F. xxxx: IRAP/TRA; MnSCU employee retirement coverage specified, and employer required to provide certain notices.

Rep. Jeanne Poppe presented and testified in support of her bill.

Gary Janikowski, Assistant Director of Personnel, MnSCU, testified in support of the bill.

Edward Burek, Deputy Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, reviewed the staff memo and policy issues raised by the bill and discussed the potential amendments.

Luther Thompson, Assistant Executive Director, TRA, testified in support of the bill.

Sen. Rosen moved delete-all amendment H0409-6A.

Rep. Kahn moved amendment H0409-9A to amendment H0409-6A. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Sen. Rosen renewed her motion on amendment H0409-6A, as amended. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Sen. Pappas moved H.F. 409, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus retirement bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

H.F. 1354 (Lesch); S.F. 1088 (Pappas): SPTRFA; Postretirement adjustment procedures revised, refund interest rate reduced, interest payments on reemployed annuitant savings accounts terminated, and deferred annuity augmentation rate lowered.

Sen. Sandra L. Pappas and Rep. John Lesch presented and testified in support of their bill.

Mr. Burek reviewed the staff memo and policy issues raised by the bill.

Paul Doane, Executive Director, SPTRFA, testified in support of the bill.

Sen. Pappas moved H.F. 1354/S.F. 1088 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus retirement bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

H.F. 1628 (Murphy, M.); S.F. xxxx: DTRFA; Definition for vesting added, and leave of absence, retirement, survivor, and disability benefits eligibility modified.

Rep. Mary Murphy presented and testified in support of her bill.

J. Michael Stoffel, Executive Secretary, DTRFA, testified in support of the bill.

Mr. Burek reviewed the staff memo and policy issues raised by the bill.

Rep. Murphy moved H.F. 1628 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus retirement bill.

MOTION PREVAILED.

H.F. 1668 (Murphy, M.); S.F. xxxx: PERA; Duluth and Duluth Airport Authority optional correction of erroneous employee deductions and employer contributions.

Rep. Mary Murphy presented and testified in support of her bill.

Mr. Burek reviewed the staff memo and policy issues raised by the bill.

Mary Vanek, Executive Director, PERA, testified in support of the bill.

Rep. Murphy moved H.F. 1668 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus retirement bill.

MOTION PREVAILED.

H.F. 1528 (Morrow); S.F. 1277 (Sheran): MSRS; Increased annuity for survivors of DOT employee killed while engaged in emergency response to flooding.

Rep. Murphy moved to take H.F. 1528/S.F. 1277 off the table. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Rep. Terry Morrow and Sen. Kathy Sheran testified in support of their bill, and offered amendment H1528-7A, which would assign the actuarial cost to the Department of Transportation.

David Bergstrom, Executive Director, MSRS, testified that the -7A amendment holds MSRS harmless and that MSRS is comfortable with the amendment.

Scott Peterson, Minnesota Department of Transportation Government Affairs, testified in support of the amendment and the bill.

Sen. Pogemiller moved amendment H1528-7A.

Sen. Sheran recommended an oral amendment to correct the bill title, as follows: lines 1.2-1.3, delete "and dependent children".

Sen. Pogemiller moved H.F. 1528/S.F. 1277, amended to incorporate the -7A amendment and to amend the title on lines 1.2-1.3, to delete "and dependent children" be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus retirement bill. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

H.F. 1647 (Lanning); S.F. 1369 (Rosen): Major plans; Statutory salary scale and payroll growth actuarial assumptions revisions.

Lawrence Martin, Executive Director, Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement, reviewed the staff memo and policy issues raised by the bill. Mr. Martin reviewed amendment H1647-4A, requested by PERA, which would include the Public Employees Police and Fire Retirement Plan (PERA-P&F) assumption changes recommended by the PERA actuary in the recent quadrennial experience study.

Mary Vanek, Executive Director, PERA, testified in support of the amendment.

Sen. Rosen moved amendment H1647-4A, amended to incorporate the corrections contained in amendment H1647-3A. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Lanning laid HF1647/SF1369, as amended, over for possible inclusion in the omnibus retirement bill.

Chair Lanning announced that the Commission will meet at noon on Friday, May 13, 2011.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:35 p.m.