

MINUTES OF THE HOUSE COMMITTEE ON PENSIONS, INVESTMENTS AND BENEFITS

The meeting was called to order by Representative Don Rezac a  
Chairperson

7:41 a.m./p.m. on January 30, 1991 in room 522-S of the Cap

All members were present except: Representative Barbara Allen (excused)  
Representative Bill Wisdom (excused)  
Representative Tom Love (excused)

Committee staff present: Richard Ryan, Legislative Research  
Gordon Self, Revisor's Office  
Juanita Blasdel, Committee Secretary

Conferees appearing before the committee:

Basil Covey, Kansas Retired Teachers Association

Others attending: see attached list

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Rezac, at which time he introduced Basil Covey of Kansas Retired Teachers Association who had four bills that he would like to have introduced:

1. A 3% cost of living increase in retirement benefits for all members of KPERS.
2. A lump sum request, \$15 per month in retirement benefits and in addition two percentage increases when granted to those who retired before 1977.
3. Legislation to increase KPERS death benefit from \$2500 to \$3000.
4. This bill would be the same as the one that was introduced last year except the date has been changed. It would ask that the bill give the older retirees \$1 for each year of service and \$1 for each year they have retired (they must have 10 years or more of service and have retired prior to 1983 - bill last year was 1971.)

Representative Grotewiel made a motion that these bills be introduced. Seconded by Representative Sader and motion carried.

Representative Sader presented two bills that she wanted considered again. The first bill would permit normal retirement at age 60, which presently have, with 30 years of credited service rather than the present 35 years of credited service. This bill would permit teachers and administrators who have served for 30 years, and have reached a point where they feel they are no longer as effective as they once were after serving with dedication for that period of time, to exit the system with dignity and with a liveable wage. The present system doesn't allow that.

The second bill would permit that all participating service for members who retire on or after July 1, 1991 would be equal to a benefit factor of 1.5% of the final average salary for each year of participating service instead of the present 1.4%.

Representative Sader made a motion to introduce these two bills as committee bills, seconded by Representative Watson; motion carried.

Representative Grotewiel made a motion to present a bill that would concern retiring at 60 with 30 years of service but creating a one-year window. Motion seconded by Representative Macy; motion carried.

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Chairman Rezac presented some bills that deal with the police and fire protection members:

1. Raise the 2.0% of final average salary multiplied by years of service to 2.5% for the first 20 years of service and all years thereafter revert to 2.0%.  
Motion made by Representative Grotewiel to present this bill, seconded by Representative Sader; motion carried.
2. Reduce the .4% for each month of early retirement to .2% for each month for members who have 20 years of service. Leave it at .4% for members who have less than 20 years of service. Motion made by Representative Sader, seconded by Representative Macy; motion carried.
3. Concerning disability payments, currently they receive 50% of their salary for disability and would like to see it changed to 10% for each child up to the age of 23 with a maximum of 2 children. Motion made by Representative Watson, seconded by Representative Macy; motion carried.

The chairman also presented a request for another bill dealing with a group of eight community action groups in the state (primarily dealing with grants and federal grants in groups such as Head Start, Winterizing Houses, etc.) who would like to come under KPERS. Motion so made by Representative Sader, seconded by Representative Grotewiel; motion carried.

Minutes of previous meeting on January 23 had been handed out at the start of the meeting. Motion was made by Representative Amos to approve the minutes, seconded by Representative Cornfield; motion carried.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:00 a.m.

