

MINUTES OF THE APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
State Capitol, Room 225

April 12, 1977

The meeting of the House Appropriations Committee was called to order on the above date by Representative Bardanouve, Chairman, at 9:00 a.m. Roll call was taken with a quorum present; see attached roll call. Executive action was taken on the following:

House Bill 834: Representative South explained the amendments as presented on the attachment. Amendment #5 does not affect the matrix and has a net effect of an individual being able to have a leave of absence exceeding three months without having an adverse affect on his longevity status. There would be no time limitation, he stated; but it must be an approved leave of absence. One example, Representative South gave was that it would allow an individual to serve in the legislature without affecting his longevity. The individual would not be paid for the time absent, but he would get credit for that period of time.

The four other amendments on the attachment reflect a philosophical change on the step increases on the anniversary date of the employee. The net effect of the two new matrices is to put state employees back on an anniversary date step rather than everyone receiving the increases on July 1. For example, if there is an employee working now at a grade 12, step 4 with an anniversary date of July 1, that individual would automatically go to a step 5 on July 1. But if the employee's anniversary date is September 1, that employee at a grade 12, step 4 would be at grade 12, step 4 on the new matrix on July 1 and would move to grade 12, step 5 on his anniversary date of September 1. This method will save the state some money; but the amount of savings is not certain because they have not computed this with the anniversary dates as a factor. There may be some problems when employees reach step 13, but that issue could be addressed by the next legislature in two years, Representative South explained.

The Joint Select Committee on Employee Compensation unanimously proposed these five amendments.

Representative South moved that the amendments be adopted as presented on the attachment. VOTE: The motion carried unanimously by a roll call vote; 4 absent (Rep. Gerke, Lund, Lynch, and Marks).

Representative Moore moved that House Bill 834 be given an AS AMENDED DO PASS recommendation. VOTE: The motion carried unanimously by a voice vote; 4 absent (Representatives Gerke, Lund, Lynch, and Marks).

House Bill 838: Representative Moore moved that H.B. 838 DO PASS. ROLL CALL VOTE: The motion carried with a vote of 11 AYE, 2 NO (Rep. J. Gunderson and Wood), 4 absent (Representatives Gerke, Lund, Lynch, and Marks).

Chairman Bardanouve stated that if the Democratic members of this committee want representation on the interim fiscal committee, they should meet and decide by 1:00 p.m. today.

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

FRANCIS BARDANOUE, Chairman

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