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*The Commonwealth of Massachusetts*

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SENATE, May 281, 1996.

The committee on Public Service, to whom was referred the petition of the Professional Fire Fighters of Massachusetts, by Robert B. McCarthy, president, and Robert A. Antonioni for legislation relative to expenses incurred in defense against unfair labor practices; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1372) of Michael W. Morrissey for legislation relative to retirement groups; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1388) of Thomas C. Norton for legislation to provide for an early retirement program for employees of public institutions of higher education; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1447) of Robert D. Wetmore for legislation to extend the killed-in-the-line-of-duty death benefit to certain employees of the Department of Correction; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1455) of W Paul White for legislation to provide for the continuation of the terms and conditions of a collective bargaining agreement during the period of its renegotiation; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 1978) of Michael W. Morrissey, Kenneth T. Lyons, James Farley and Patricia Barbaro for legislation relative to crediting state employees at 1135 Ruggles Street in the city of Boston with sick leave while assigned to said building; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2087) of Michael W. Morrissey, Michael G. Bellotti, A. Stephen Tobin, Ronald Mariano and James Sheets (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the Quincy Retirement Board to grant creditable service to a certain employee; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2141) of Robert A. Antonioni for legislation to authorize the state retirement board to grant a certain pension to Thomas R. Quinn; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2173) of Daniel P. Leahy for legislation to authorize the public employee retirement board to change a certain retirement; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2217) of Robert A. Durand and Daniel J. Valianti for legislation to authorize and direct the State Board of Retirement to grant the spouse of a former Massachusetts

State Trooper certain retirement benefits; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2245) of Robert D. Wetmore for legislation to further define the retirement group of certain similar employees; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2253) of Mark C. Montigny and Robert M. Koczera (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide that the office of town accountant of Acushnet shall be exempt from the provisions of civil service law and rules; the petition (accompanied by bill, Senate, No. 2254) of Mark C. Montigny and Robert M. Koczera (by vote of the town) for legislation to provide that the office of the town custodian of Acushnet shall be exempt from civil service law and rules; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5324) of M. Joseph Manning, W. Paul White, William C. Galvin and Michael G. Bellotti (by vote of the town) for legislation to exempt the custodial maintenance positions in the town of Randolph school department from the provisions of civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5508) of Brian M. Cresta and Richard R. Tisei for legislation to authorize the Department of Social Services to establish a sick leave bank for Ann Marie Johnston, an employee of said department; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5509) of Enrico Sasso relative to the election of retirement allowance options under the public employees retirement law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5526) of Robert S. Hargraves, Daniel P. Leahy and James P. Jajuga relative to the retirement of Richard E. Martin of Pepperell, an employee of the Department of State Police; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5561) of Edward B. Teague III, Henri S. Rauschenbach and Thomas S. Cahir for legislation to authorize the Department of Mental Health to establish a sick leave bank for Ruth Ann Santos, an employee of said department; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5723) of Robert D. Hawke (with the approval of the mayor and city council) for legislation to authorize the city of Gardner to exempt certain positions from the provisions of the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5731) of Joseph F. Wagner, Dennis M. Murphy, Michael R. Knapik and Walter A. DeFilippi (with the approval of the mayor and board of aldermen) for legislation to exempt the position of school nurse in the city of Chicopee from provisions of the civil service law; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5768) of Paul E. Caron and James P. Jajuga for legislation to direct the State Retirement Board to grant credit for retirement purposes to William D. Baker of the town of

Westborough for service provided to said town; the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5907) of John C. Klimm (with the approval of the town council) for legislation to authorize the town of Barnstable to extend the service of Francis J. McKenna, a sergeant in the police department of said town; and the petition (accompanied by bill, House, No. 5933) of Patrick F. Landers III and another for legislation to increase the compensation paid to city, town or district collectors or treasurers, reports the accompanying order (Senate, No. 2298).

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SENATE, May 28, 1996.

*Ordered*, That the committee on Public Service be authorized to sit during the recess of the General Court to make an investigation and study of Senate documents numbered 1086, 1322, 1372, 1388, 1447, 1455, 1978, 2087, 2141, 2173, 2217, 2245, 2253 and 2254 and House documents numbered 5324, 5508, 5509, 5526, 5561, 5723, 5731, 5768, 5907, and 5933 relative to public employee benefits.

Said committee shall report to the General Court the results of its investigation and study, and its recommendations, if any, together with drafts of legislation necessary to carry such recommendations into effect, by filing the same with the clerk of the Senate on or before the last Wednesday in December, 1996.