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Mr. Speaker:

The Retirement Committee reports a favorable recommendation on **H.B. 221**, RETIREMENT OFFICE AMENDMENTS, by Representative R. Short, with the following amendments:

1. Page 1, Line 12: After "PENSION;" insert "AMENDING CERTAIN

BENEFIT PROVISIONS;"

2. Page 2, Line 35: After Line 35 insert:

"49-8-403, as last amended by Chapter 267, Laws of Utah

1998"

3. Page 14, Lines 425-6: Bracket "month if the governor has served one" and bracket

", or \$1,000 per month if the governor has served two or

more terms"

4. Page 15, Line 457: After Line 457 insert:

"Section 18. Section 49-8-403 is amended to read: 49-8-403. Assistance to members in purchase of life, health, dental, and medical insurance after retirement -- Employment of personnel to administer section --

Governor's and legislative benefit.

(1) (a) The board may assist active and retired members and beneficiaries and inactive members of the various retirement systems administered under its direction, to purchase life, health, <u>dental</u>, and medical insurance on a group basis which can be continued after retirement under rules adopted by the board.

(b) The executive director may employ any personnel, including consultants, to administer this section.

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- (2) (a) The board shall annually report and the state shall pay the percentage described in Subsection (2)(c) of the cost of providing a paid-up group health insurance policy for members and their surviving spouses covered under Title 49, Chapter 7, Governor's and Legislative Service Pension Act who:
- (i) retire after January 1, 1998;
- (ii) are at least 62 but less than 65 years of age;
- (iii) elect to receive and apply for this benefit to the group insurance division; and
- (iv) are active members at the time of retirement or have retired and continued insurance coverage with the group insurance division until the date of eligibility for the benefit under this Subsection (2).
- (b) The board shall annually report and the state shall pay the percentage described in Subsection (2)(c) of the cost of providing Medicare supplemental insurance for members and their surviving spouses covered under Title 49, Chapter 7, Governor's and Legislative Service Pension Act who:
- (i) retire after January 1, 1998;
- (ii) are at least 65 years of age; and
- (iii) elect to receive and apply for this benefit to the group insurance division.
- (c) The following percentages apply to the benefit described in

Subsections (2)(a) and (b):

- (i) 100% if the member has 10 or more years of service;
- (ii) 80% if the member has 8 or more years of service;
- (iii) 60% if the member has 6 or more years of service; and
- (iv) 40% if the member has 4 or more years of service."

Renumber remaining sections accordingly.

Respectfully,

Ron Bigelow Committee Chair H.B. 221 Committee Report February 8, 1999 - Page 3

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