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MEMORANDUM

TO: Senator Pat Rodey, Chairman
Senate State Affairs Committee

FROM: Senator Paul Fischer *PF*

SUBJECT: Senate Bill 217
(PERS/TRS lump sum for medical hardship)

DATE: March 27, 1991

I would appreciate your scheduling the above referenced bill for a hearing before the Senate State Affairs Committee at your earliest possible convenience.

The purpose of this bill is to allow a retiree, who is receiving monthly benefits, under the Public Employees Retirement System or the Teachers Retirement System, the opportunity to request that his or her retirement benefits be converted to a lump sum payment if faced with a medical hardship.

There is some complexity associated with this legislation as it relates to how medicaid plays a role in this area, etc. Consequently, I would like to request that when this legislation is before your committee for a hearing, you allow Mr. Dennis Murray, Administrator of Heritage Place in Soldotna (a nursing home), the chance to testify before the committee via teleconference. He is very knowledgeable about this issue.

Your consideration would be greatly appreciated.

PAF/sgn

cc: Dennis Murray, Administrator
Heritage Place

*Ps - Dennis Murray and other statewide providers will be here
on April 8 & 9.*