

**UJBC 1/29/13**

A summary of HB 6258 (now [HB 0098](#)) from SURS was distributed. This is the Nekritz bill.

Bruce characterized the current non-movement on pensions in Springfield as a “game of chicken.” His recent conversation with Rep. Bradley indicates that most of the “shared sacrifice” we are hearing about will come from current employees. A cost shift to the employee of an additional 1-2% “seems likely.”

AFSCME is pushing for a summit on pensions on Feb. 13, but so far there has been no response from Gov. Quinn or the GA.

Kim Kavish discussed the “Return to Work” bill, which was to begin on Aug. 1. Rep. Biss has agreed to a trailer bill to push this date back in order to allow time for details to be worked out. Institutions need to be able to determine if someone is an affected annuitant. Adding to the confusion, there is no standardized fiscal year across institutions (Kim suggested that the SURS FY of Sept. 1-Aug. 31 might be used). It was noted that community colleges are also affected.

Jake Baggott suggested that UJBC might see if there are other benefits we should look at. Jim Hunsaker agreed with this idea, noting that ESLB originated from this committee.

*Reported by Karin McClure*