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As retiring Representative Joe Lyons engraved on his memorabilia ink pen:

"Thanks for the Memories"

"CARPE DIEM"

After a somewhat slow day the action heated up in the afternoon when Representative Nekritz asked to suspend the rules in order to hold a hearing immediately for Amendment 15 to SB1673.

This Amendment became the bill as it replaced "everything after the enacting clause . . ." The purpose was to create a Pension Review Commission. This Commission would consist of eight members to make recommendations by April 30, 2013 for four of the five pension systems.

While the attempt to pass this bill came out of the House Pension and Personnel Committee with a vote of seven "yes" and two "no" it was not called on the House floor. Something to be said about being "nice" when the Governor is testifying for a "Hail Mary" save at the end of session.

Just before 5:00 pm. the 97th General Assembly ended without any changes going forward toward pension reform.

Without saying any more - since the newspapers are already reporting and the internet is burning up - we again wish to thank all of you for your participation by contacting legislators and keeping the momentum going.

This no doubt has been one of the toughest General Assembly's for everyone.

Starting tomorrow at noon the new 98th General Assembly inauguration festivities will begin - new legislators in many districts - new districts for many of you!

New bill numbers going forward. New contact information for legislators. New offices and secretaries.

We will post the new legislators and their districts by Thursday.

Take a breather tonight . . . Dick, John, SUAA staff and I are!