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HOUSE BILL NO. 180

Offered January 15, 1998

A BILL for the relief of Campbell B. Slempp.

Patron—Kilgore

Referred to Committee on Claims

Whereas, in 1980 Campbell B. Slempp was employed by Penn Virginia Resources Corporation as the project director of the Powell River Project; and

Whereas, the Powell River Project was a Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (VPI) project dedicated to the economic resource potential of Virginia's coalfields; and

Whereas, Mr. Slempp held the title of project director until 1993 when he retired from Penn Virginia Resources Corporation; and

Whereas, upon retirement from Penn Virginia Resource Corporation in 1993, Mr. Slempp was employed by VPI and classified as a research associate; and

Whereas, Mr. Slempp actually performed in the capacity of assistant director of the Powell River Project and as director of the Central Appalachian Alliance; and

Whereas, as director of the Alliance, Mr. Slempp was responsible for addressing the economic potential of approximately forty coal producing counties located in Virginia as well as in the states of Kentucky, Tennessee, and West Virginia; and

Whereas, despite the responsibilities of the position, VPI did not change Mr. Slempp's title of research associate; and

Whereas, On December 12, 1994, Mr. Slempp applied to retire under the Workforce Transition Act; and

Whereas, on July 6, 1995, VPI informed Mr. Slempp that he was ineligible for inclusion because teaching and research faculty were specifically excluded from participation; and

Whereas, Mr. Slempp retired in September of 1995, receiving a monthly retirement benefit of \$1,019.00; and

Whereas, as a result of VPI's failure to change Mr. Slempp to a more appropriate title based on his duties and responsibilities, he has suffered a loss and will continue to suffer a monthly loss of \$1,000; and

Whereas, Campbell B. Slempp has no other means of relief except by action of this body; now therefore,

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. § 1. *That there is hereby allocated from the funds appropriated to the Virginia Retirement System the lump sum of \$33,000 payable on July 1, 1998, and monthly payments of \$1,000.00 beginning in August of 1998 for the relief of Campbell B. Slempp. These amounts shall be paid by check issued by the State Treasurer on a warrant issued by the Comptroller, upon execution by Campbell B. Slempp of a release of all claims he may have against the Commonwealth or any of its political subdivisions or their officers, employees, or agents.*

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