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When House Democrats grilled Republican Rep. **Ritch Workman** about his reliance on Cato Institute findings in proposing a sweeping overhaul of the state’s pension fund, the Melbourne lawmaker tried to defend himself.

“As far as I can tell, the Cato Institute is both fair and balanced,” said Workman, channeling his inner Fox News in describing the [libertarian think tank](#).

Almost 2 1/2 hours later, the House Appropriations Committee approved Workman’s pension bill (CS/HB 1405), on a 15-8 party-line vote, with police, firefighters and other public employees calling for lawmakers to kill the proposal.

Democrats opposed the measure, which would make 655,000 government workers contribute 3 percent of their pay to their pension plan.

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