

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

12:00 Noon, Room 107 Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marty
Bakk
Chaudhary
Frederickson
Hottinger
Jungbauer
Nienow
Olson
Pariseau
Saxhaug
Stumpf

MEMBERS ABSENT

AGENDA:

See enclosed agenda.

Senator Marty called the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee to order at 12:20 p.m. and stated that a quorum was present.

Brenda Elmer, the Governor's appointment to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board, summarized her background.

Senator Hottinger moved that Brenda Elmer, Moorhead, Minnesota be recommended for confirmation, the Governor's appointment to the Minnesota Environmental Quality Board. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Neuville presented S.F. 628.

Senator Frederickson moved the 628A-1 amendment. MOTION PREVAILED.

Karla Kinstler, Naturalist, Houston Nature Center, Houston, MN, with Alice, the Great Horned Owl, spoke in support of S.F. 628.

Senator Frederickson moved that S.F. 628, as amended, be recommended to pass and be sent to the Senate floor. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Tomassoni presented S.F. 893.

Senator Hottinger moved the 893 A-1 amendment. MOTION PREVAILED.

Gary Cerkvenik, representing the Hibbing and Virginia Minnesota utilities, spoke in support of S.F. 893, and answered questions from committee members.

Senator Frederickson moved the following verbal amendment: page 5, line 14, before "closed-loop" insert "farm-grown"; page 1, of the 893A-1 amendment, line 6, before "closed-loop" insert "farm grown". MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Bakk moved that S.F. 893, as amended, be recommended to pass and send to the Senate floor. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Bakk presented S.F. 610.

Senator Bakk moved that S.F. 610, pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Bakk presented S.F. 1342.

Jim Warner, Director, Air Emissions, Minnesota Pollution Control answered questions from committee members.

Senator Chaudhary moved the 1342A-1 amendment. MOTION PREVAILED.

Brian Elliott, Policy Director, Cleanwater Action Alliance spoke to the amendment.

Nelson French, Legislative Affairs Director, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, spoke to the amendment and answered questions from committee members.

Senator Bakk moved that S.F. 1342, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-refer to the Senate floor. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Bakk presented S.F.1534.

Doug Franzen, representing the Minnesota Snowmobile Association, spoke in support of S.F. 1534.

Senator Bakk moved that Sec. 2 of S.F. 1534 be deleted. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Bakk moved that S.F. 1534, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Chaudhary presented S.F. 1809, and moved the H1467DE1 amendment and incorporated the following verbal amendment; page 1, line 1 delete "H.F. No. 1467" and insert "S.F. 1809"; page 3, line 14, delete "a", line 14 delete "employee of" and insert "by"; page 4, line 33, delete everything after the period and delete lines 34, 35, 36; page 5, delete line 1. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Stumpf moved the following verbal amendment, on page 5, after "fund" insert "account". MOTION PREVAILED.

Nancy Gibson, member of the Citizens Environmental Trust Fund Advisory Board, spoke in support of S.F. 1809, as amended.

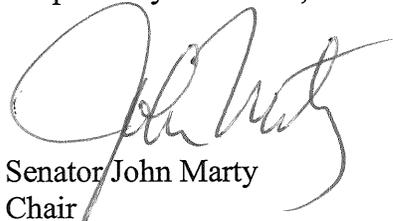
Lance Ness, President Fish & Wildlife Alliance spoke in support of S.F. 1809, as amended.

John Schroers, President, MOHA, spoke in support of S.F. 1809, as amended.

Senator Frederickson moved that S.F. 1809, as amended, be laid on the table. Div. 7 ayes/3 naves. MOTION PREVAILED.

The Environment and Natural Resources committee meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Senator John Marty
Chair



Carolyn Anderson
Committee Secretary

Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: ENV AND NAT RESOURCES
 Date: 4/6/05 Day: WED. Start Time: 13:20 PM

Agenda

Bill # (or Topic)	BUDON EMBEL EQB CONFIRMATION
Author	
Short Descriptor	HORTINBER MOVES ADOPTED
Action(s)	SF 628 NEVILLE AI AUTHRAL AMENDMENT FREDERICKSON REMOVED MOVES - ADOPTED
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 893 TOMASSONI
Author	AI AUTHRAL AMENDMENT - ADOPTED
Short Descriptor	BARK MOVES TO FLOOR - ADOPTED
Action(s)	SF 610 BARK BARK MOVES TO FINANCE - ADOPTED
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1342 BARK
Author	CHADWICK AI AMENDMENT - ADOPTED
Short Descriptor	BARK MOVES TO FLOOR ADOPTED
Action(s)	SF 1534 BARK BARK AMENDMENT DEL SEC 2 - ADOPTED
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1809 CHADWICK
Author	CHADWICK AI AMENDMENT ADOPTED
Short Descriptor	FREDERICKSON MOTION TO TABLE - ADOPTED
Action(s)	

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AGENDA

Brenda Elmer, confirmation of appointment to the
Minnesota Environmental Quality Board.

ADOPTED

S.F. 610-Bakk: Modifying snowmobile trail account.

PASSED

✓ S.F. 628-Neuville: Great horned owl status.

PASS

✓ S.F. 893-Tomassoni: Closed loop biomass plant.

PASSED

S.F. 1342-Bakk: Iron nugget demonstration facility.

PASSED

S.F. 1534-Bakk: Snowmobile trail sticker.

PASSED

S.F. 1809-Chaudhary: Minnesota Conservation Heritage Enhancement Board.

TABLED