SENATE ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 22, 2006 12:00 p.m., Room 107, State Capitol

Members present:

Marty, Chair

Saxhaug, Vice Chair

Bakk

Chaudhary

Frederickson

Hottinger

Jungbauer

Olson

Nienow

Pariseau

Stumpf

The meeting was called to order by Senator Marty at 12:10 p.m.

Senator Skoe presented S.F. 2926.

Senator Skoe distributed the SCS2926A-1 amendment.

Senator Saxhaug moved the SCS2926A-1 amendment.

MOTION CARRIED.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Saxhaug moved to amend the SCS2926A-1 amendment as follows:

Page 1, lines 16 and 17, delete ", to prevent significant damage that is likely to occur,"

MOTION CARRIED.

Ed Boggess, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, testified on S.F. 2926.

Senator Frederickson moved to amend the SCS2926A-1 amendment as follows:

Page 1, line 24, before the comma insert "in animal diseased quarantine areas established by the Board of Animal Health"

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Frederickson moved that S.F. 2926, as amended, be recommended to pass and rereferred to Finance Committee.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator McGinn presented S.F. 2655.

Terry Schwalbe, Lower Minnesota River Watershed District, testified in support of S.F. 2655.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Frederickson moved that S.F. 2655 be recommended to pass.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Jungbauer presented S.F. 2437.

Presentation was delayed due to technical difficulties.

Committee discussion followed.

Gretchen Sabel, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, testified on S.F. 2437.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Frederickson moved that S.F. 2437 be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 22, after "sewage" insert "that includes toilet waste"

Greg Knopff, Senate legislative analyst, offered alternative language.

Senator Frederickson changed his amendment to S.F. 2437 to the following:

Page 2, line 21, after "that" insert "includes toilet waste and"

MOTION CARRIED.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Jungbauer moved that S.F. 2437 be amended as follows:

Page 2, line 32, delete "shall" and insert "may"

MOTION CARRIED.

Steve Schirmers, Minnesota Onsite Sewage Treatment Contractors Association, testified on S.F. 2437.

Annalee Garletz, Association of Minnesota Counties, testified on S.F. 2437.

Glenn Dorfman, Minnesota Association of Realtors, testified on S.F. 2437. Committee discussion followed.

Senator Jungbauer moved that S.F. 2437, as amended, be recommended to pass.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Saxhaug presented S.F. 2723.

Senator Saxhaug moved the SCS2723A-1 amendment.

MOTION CARRIED.

Gaylen Reetz, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, testified on S.F. 2723.

Nancy Larson, executive director, Minnesota Association of Small Cities, testified on S.F. 2723.

Senator Saxhaug offered to amend the SCS2723A-1 amendment as follows:

Page 1, line 29, after "FACILITIES" delete "BID" and insert "PROPOSAL"
Page 1, delete lines 31-34, insert "A proposal for design services for a public wastewater treatment facility requiring a National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System or State Disposal System permit shall include a description of the treatment alternatives the engineer will evaluate and provide a range of all annual operation and maintenance costs of operating the facility for the first five years of operation."

Ted Fields, ACEC, testified on the SCS2723A-1 amendment.

Senator Saxhaug moved the SCS2723A-1 amendment.

MOTION CARRIED.

Craig Johnson, League of Minnesota Cities, testified in support of S.F. 2723.

Senator Saxhaug moved that S.F. 2723, as amended, be recommended to pass.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Bakk presented S.F. 3048.

Senator Bakk moved that S.F. 3048 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Agriculture, Veterans, and Gaming Committee.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Bakk moved to amend S.F. 3048 as follows:

Page 1, line 9, after "35.155" insert "subdivision 10, paragraph (b)"

MOTION CARRIED.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Bakk renewed his motion that S.F. 3048, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Agriculture, Veterans, and Gaming Committee.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Saxhaug presented S.F. 2974.

Senator Saxhaug moved the S.F. 2974 subcommittee report.

MOTION CARRIED.

Ed Boggess, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, summarized the S.F. 2974 subcommittee report.

Senator Bakk spoke with concerns on Section 28 of the S.F. 2974 subcommittee report.

Colonel Mike Hamm, Chief Enforcement Officer, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, spoke to Section 28 of the S.F. 2974 subcommittee report.

Ed Boggess resumed his testimony.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Frederickson moved that the S.F. 2974 subcommittee report be amended as follows:

Page 8, lines 31-32, delete "dragged on the ground" and insert "moved by non-motorized means to a motorized vehicle or camp"

Tom Kelliher, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, spoke in support of an alternative amendment.

Senator Olson distributed the SCS2974A-10 amendment.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Frederickson withdrew his amendment.

Senator Bakk moved to amend the SCS2974A-10 amendment as follows:

Page 1, lines 15-16, delete the new language, reinstate the stricken language.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Bakk renewed his motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Olson moved the SCS2974A-10 amendment, as amended.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Chaudhary offered the SCS2974A-14 amendment.

Lance Ness, President, Fish & Wildlife Legislative Alliance, spoke in support of the SCS2974A-14 amendment.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Chaudhary moved the SCS2974A-14 amendment.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Bakk offered the SCS2974A-7 amendment.

Senator Skoe spoke in favor of the SCS2974A-7 amendment.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Bakk moved the SCS2974A-7 amendment.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Bakk moved to delete Section 27 from the S.F. 2974 subcommittee report.

Tom Kelliher, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, spoke in regards to the amendment.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Bakk renewed his motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Bakk offered the SCS2974A-12 amendment.

Ed Boggess, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, spoke in regards to the amendment.

Tom Kelliher, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association, spoke in regards to the amendment.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Bakk moved the SCS2974A-12 amendment.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Chaudhary offered the SCS2974A-9 amendment.

Ed Boggess, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, spoke in regards to the amendment.

Lance Ness, President, Fish & Wildlife Legislative Alliance, spoke in support of the SCS2974A-9 amendment.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Saxhaug moved to amend the SCS2974A-9 amendment as follows:

Page 1, line 14, delete "may" and insert "shall"

MOTION DID NOT CARRY.

Senator Chaudhary moved the SCS2974A-9 amendment.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Saxhaug moved that S.F. 2974, as amended, be recommended to pass and rereferred to Finance Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator John Marty, Chair

Michael Brakke, Legislative Assistant

Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee

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AGENDA

- S.F. 2974-Saxhaug: DNR game and fish omnibus bill
- S.F. 2926-Skoe: Modifying conditions for a person to receive emergency crop protection assistance
- S.F. 2437-Jungbauer: Individual sewage treatment straight pipe systems replacement or discontinued operation requirement
- S.F. 2723-Saxhaug: Pollution Control Agency report and public bid requirements for new wastewater treatment facilities
- S.F. 3048-Bakk: Cervidae taking restrictions modifications
- S.F. 2655-McGinn: Lower Minnesota River Watershed District dredge material site authority