

**Senate Tax Committee**  
**Thursday, February 24, 2005**  
**Room 15 Capitol**  
**Chair, Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller**

Present

Pogemiller, Chair  
Tomassoni, Vice Chair  
Bakk  
Belanger  
Betzold  
Johnson  
Limmer  
Marty  
McGinn  
Moua  
Skoe

Absent

Ortman

Senator Pogemiller called the meeting to order at 10:08 a.m.

A quorum was present.

**Agenda Item #1: SF 1024 (Rosen) Bioscience industry zone tax credit**

1. Introduction by Senator Rosen
2. Testimony
  - a. Lynn Osterman, General overview
  - b. Paul Zerby, Minneapolis City Council Member
  - c. Dean Lund
  - d. Dave Durenburger, Lifescience Corridor
  - e. Gene Goddard, DEED
    - i. Qualifications for Bioscience zone class
  - f. Tom Triplett, Sr. Policy Advisor to Mayor Kelly
    - i. Discussion of Handout #1 "Minneapolis Bioscience Sub zones"
    - ii. Discussion of Handout #2 "Minnesota Bioscience Zone Maps"
      1. St. Paul zone pg. 2
3. Discussion concerning creation of zones
  - a. Location of bio zones research facilities (proximity)
    - i. Gene Goddard
      1. National trend of encouraging clustering of facilities
  - b. Vacant development available to Biosciences
  - c. Bonding for Bioscience projects
    - i. House and Senate allocations
4. Continuation of testimony
  - a. John Eckerman, Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce
  - b. Ray Frost, Bioscience
5. Senator Moua moved that SF 1024 be placed on the C list. Motion adopted

**Agenda Item #2: SF 1087 (Moua) LGA Technical Fix**

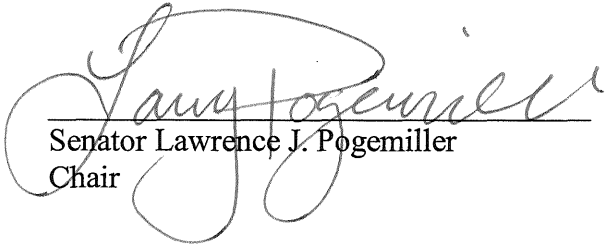
1. Introduction by Senator Moua
2. Senator Moua moved that SF 1087 be recommended to pass. Motion adopted

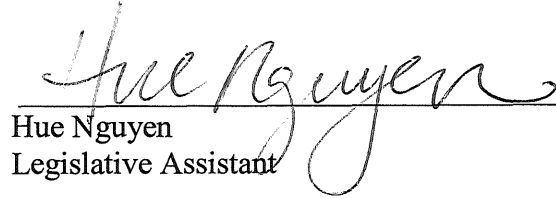
**Agenda Item #3: Growth and Justice Presentation**

1. Presentation by Joel Kramer, Executive Director, Growth and Justice
  - a. Power point presentation
    - i. Handout #3 "Rethinking MN Taxes"
  - b. Discussion of pg. 6, "What's the Business Tax Reality?"
  - c. Discussion of new tax bracket
    - i. "Rebalancing" slide, pg. 12
2. Discussion
  - a. Exploring a variety of taxes
  - b. Sales tax regressive/progressive/neutral

Senator Pogemiller adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller  
Chair

  
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Hue Nguyen  
Legislative Assistant

**Senate Committee on Taxes  
Thursday, February 24, 2005  
Immediately following session  
Room 15 State Capitol**

**AGENDA**

SF 1024 (Rosen) Bioscience industry zone tax credit.

*Dean Lund*  
Dave Durenburger, Lifescience Corridor  
John Eckerman, Rochester Area Chamber of Commerce  
Tom Triplett, Sr. Policy Advisor to Mayor Kelly  
Pete Bianco, University Enterprise Laboratories Director

*Paul Zerby, Was City Council Member*  
SF 1087 (Moua) LGA technical fix.

Presentation regarding tax proposal by Growth and Justice.

Joel Kramer, Executive Director, Growth and Justice

Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller  
Chair

Hue Nguyen  
Legislative Assistant