

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Monday, February 23, 2005

1:00 p.m. Room 15 - State Capitol

Members Present

Senator Linda Scheid
Senator Dan Sparks
Senator Ellen Anderson
Senator William Belanger
Senator David Gaither
Senator Sheila Kiscaden
Senator Cal Larson
Senator Brian LeClair
Senator Becky Lourey
Senator Geoff Michel
Senator Sandy Pappas
Senator Larry Pogemiller
Senator Ann Rest
Senator Dallas Sams
Senator Jim Metzen

Members Excused

Senator Mady Reiter

Senator Scheid called the meeting to order at 1:15 p.m.

S.F. 126 – Senator Wiger: regulating gift card certificates and gift cards.

S.F. 219 – Senator Jungbauer: regulating gift certificates and gift cards.

S.F. 200 – Senator Skoglund: prohibiting expiration dates and service fees on gift certificates and gift cards.

The following provided testimony in support of S.F. 126, 219 and 200:

- Michael Hatch, Attorney General, State of Minnesota
- Prentice Cox, Director of Consumer Protection, Office of Attorney General
- Brad Lehto, representing AFL-CIO
- Michael Pesch, PhD., professor of Operations Management, Herberger College of Business, St. Cloud State University
- Jon Dahl, resident, Fridley, MN

The following provided testimony in opposition of S.F. 126, 219, and 200:

- Lisa Frenette, representing Minnesota Grocers Association
- Buzz Anderson, representing Minnesota Retailers Association
- Michael Freese, representing Simon Property Group/Mall of America
- Michele Sullender, Vice President, Simon Property
- Peter Coyle, representing Simon Property Group/Mall of America
- Joe Witt, representing Minnesota Bankers Association
- Victor Dobras, representing Sprint

Senator Metzen moved the A-3 amendment.

Senator Metzen also moves an oral amendment to the A-3 amendment.

On line 2 of the A-3 amendment, delete the word “ten”, and insert the word “ninety”.

The motion prevailed.

Senator Metzen moved the A-8 amendment which replaces the A-3 amendment. The motion prevailed.


Senator Anderson moved the A-4 amendment. The motion prevailed.

S.F. 200 was laid over.

The meeting adjourned. The proceedings were taped and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.



Senator Linda Scheid
Chair



Erin Holte
Legislative Assistant

Senate Commerce Committee

Wednesday, February 23, 2005

Room 15 Capitol

1:00pm

SF 126 (Wiger) regulating gift certificates and gift cards

SF 219 (Jungbauer) regulating gift certificates and gift cards

SF 200 (Skoglund) prohibiting expiration dates and service fees on gift certificates and gift cards

Testifying:

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