

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 9, 2005

12:00 p.m. Room 15 - State Capitol

Members Present

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

Members Excused

Senator David Gaither

Senator Scheid called the meeting to order at 12:15 p.m.

S.F. 880 – Senator LeClair: changing state law to conform with the federal Medicare prescription drug coverage.

Exhibit A

Senator Lourey moves S.F. 880 to pass and put on the Consent Calendar. Motion prevailed.

S.F. 1164 – Senator Kiscaden: MCHA assessment; premium tax, health savings accounts and cigarette taxes.

Exhibits B-H

The following provided testimony in support of S.F. 1164:

- Mark Manley, M.D., executive director, Center for Tobacco Reduction and Health Improvement, Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- Phil Stalboerger, legislative affairs, Blue Cross/Blue Shield
- Lynn Gruber, president, Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association

Senator Reiter moved an oral amendment:

Page 4, line 23 after the word “enrollees” insert “6 board members that have a working knowledge of health insurance.”

Senator Scheid suggests the oral amendment to read:

Page 4, line 27 before the period to insert “at least 6 of whom have a working knowledge of health insurance.”

The motion prevailed.

Senator Pogemiller offers the A-1 amendment and calls for a roll call.

Exhibit I

Senator Kiscaden moved to amend the A-1 amendment with an oral amendment to delete lines 5-12.

Senator Pogemiller withdraws the A-1 amendment.

Senator Lourey moved the A-2 amendment, and incorporate correction from Senate Council:

Insert "Page 19, delete lines 6-10 on S.F. 1164" on A-2 amendment.

Motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved an oral amendment.

Delete section 16 and 17 starting on page 12 of S.F. 1164

Motion does not prevail.

Senator Rest calls for a Division.

Motion does not prevail.

Senator Kiscaden moved S.F. 1164.

Senator Pogemiller calls for a roll call vote:

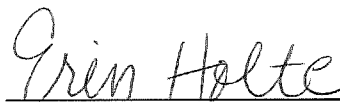
Scheid	Yea
Anderson	Yea
Belanger	Yea
Gaither	Absent
Kiscaden	Yea
Larson	Nay
LeClair	Nay
Lourey	Yea
Metzen	Yea
Michel	Yea
Pappas	Nay
Pogemiller	Nay
Reiter	Nay
Rest	Nay
Sams	Yea
Sparks	Nay

S.F. 1164 does pass with 8 nays, and 7 yeas.

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

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1. **SF 880 (LeClair) changing state law to conform with the federal Medicare prescription drug coverage**

2. **SF 1164 (Kiscaden) MCHA assessment; premium tax, health savings accounts and cigarette taxes**

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