

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Friday, April 1, 2005

9:00 a.m. Room 112 - 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 Mady Reiter
Senator Ann Rest
Senator Jim Metzen

Members Excused

Senator Dallas Sams

Senator Scheid called the meeting to order at 9:15 a.m.

S.F. 1427 – Senator Gaither: electric sign installer licensure

Senator Gaither moved to lay SF 1427 on the table. Motion prevailed.

S.F. 65 (1st Engrossment)– Senator Berglin: health care cost containment provisions

Senator Pappas moved the A-4 amendment. Motion prevailed.

Senator Metzen moved the A-8 amendment.

Testifier to answer clarifying question:

- Janet Coleman, Medipath

Senator Metzen renewed his motion to adopt the A-8 amendment. Motion prevailed.

Exhibit A & B

The following provided testimony in support of S.F. 65:

- Brad Lehto, AFL-CIO
- Jon Youngdahl, Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
- Mary Jo George, Mn Nurses Association
- Lee Johanson, Education MN

The following provided testimony with concerns about S.F. 65:

- Twila Brase, Citizens Council on Health Care
- Phil Stalboerger, Blue Cross Blue Shield of Minnesota
- Geoff Bartsch, Health Partners
- Beth Hartwig, MN Business Partnership

Senator Pappas moved S.F.65, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee.

Senator LeClair moved the A-3 amendment. Motion did not prevail.

Senator Pappas renewed her motion. Motion prevailed.

S.F. 1636 – Senator Sparks: commerce department banking bill.

Senator Sparks moved the A-0319 amendment. Motion prevailed.

The following provided testimony in support of S.F. 1636:

- Kevin Murphy, deputy commissioner, Department of Commerce

Senator Sparks moved the A-4 amendment and incorporated an oral amendment to delete section 12, on page 7, of the A-4 amendment.

The following provided testimony to answer clarifying question:

- Joe Witt, president, MN Bankers Association.

Senator Sparks renewed his motion. Motion prevailed.

Senator Sparks moved S.F 1636 as amended be recommended to pass. Motion prevailed.

S.F. 1794 – Senator Murphy: requiring insurance companies to report information.

The following provided testimony in support of S.F. 1794:

- Patricia McCormick, director, Driver and Vehicle Services, Department of Public Safety

Senator Metzen moved the A-2 amendment. Motion prevailed.

The following provided testimony to answer clarifying questions:

- Bev Turner, St. Paul Travelers

Senator Metzen moved S.F. 1794 as amended be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government Committee. Motion prevailed.

S.F. 1380 – Senator Sparks: regulating claim practices.

Senator Sparks moved the A-1 amendment. Motion prevailed.

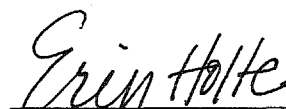
The following provided testimony in support of S.F. 1380:

- Greg Peeters, member, Alliance of Automotive Service Providers
- Mark Kulda, Insurance Federation of Minnesota
- Dominic Sposeto, Mn Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers

Senator Sparks moved S.F. 1380 as amended be recommended to pass. Motion prevailed.

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


Senator Linda Scheid
Chair


Erin Holte
Legislative Assistant

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1. SF 65 (Berglin) health care cost containment provisions

Jon Youngdahl, Service Employees International Union (SEIU)
Mary Jo George MN Nurses Association
Brad Lehto AFL-CIO
Twila Brase, Citizens Council on Health Care

2. SF 1794 (Murphy) requiring insurance companies to report information

3. SF 1636 (Sparks) commerce department banking bill

Kevin Murphy, deputy commissioner, financial examinations division, commerce department

4. SF 1427 (Gaither) electric sign installer licensure

Testifying in support: Robb Walker, Lawrence Sign

Testifying in opposition: John A. Schultz, executive secretary, Minnesota Electricity Board
Bill Strusinski, Minnesota Electrical Association
Bill Heaney, IBEW, Minnesota State Council
Jamie McNamara, IBEW, Local 110

5. SF 1380 (Sparks) regulating claim practices

Greg Peeters, member, Alliance of Automotive Service Providers

Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: Commerce

Date: 4-1-05 Day: Friday

Start Time: 9:15 actual

Agenda

Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1427
Author	Gauthier
Short Descriptor	electronic sign installer
Action(s)	Laid over
Bill # (or Topic)	SF. 105
Author	Berglin
Short Descriptor	health care cost containment provisions
Action(s)	passed as amended re-referred to Finance Cmt.
Bill # (or Topic)	SF. 1636
Author	Sparks
Short Descriptor	commerce dept banking bill
Action(s)	pass as amended
Bill # (or Topic)	S.F. 1794
Author	Murphy
Short Descriptor	requiring insurance companies to report info
Action(s)	pass as amended + re-referred to State & Local Gov't Cmt.

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Kevin Murphy, deputy commissioner, commerce department
Patrick Sexton, assistant commissioner, commerce department

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5. SF 971 (Pogemiller) public finance

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8am Sen. Pogemiller Room 15

9am Sen. Reiter 400N SOB 612/247-9479 (c)

10am Sen. Kiscaden/Lourey/LeClair Room 123

10am Sen. Rest leaves

✓1. **SF 65 (Berglin) health care cost containment provisions**

✓ Jon Youngdahl, Service Employees International Union (SEIU)

✓ Mary Jo George MN Nurses Association

✓ Brad Lehto AFL-CIO

✓ Twila Brase, Citizens Council on Health Care

RE REFER TO ??

✓2. **SF 1794 (Murphy) requiring insurance companies to report information**

RE REFER TO?? If it still has rulemaking it goes to State and Local Govt

✓3. **SF 1636 (Sparks) commerce department banking bill**

Kevin Murphy, deputy commissioner, commerce department (*amendment A-0319B*)

(*Joe Witt available to speak to A-4 Bankers' amendment—ask Chris*)

RE REFER TO JUDICIARY IF DATA PRIVACY SECTION OF AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED

✓4. **SF 1427 (Gaither) electric sign installer licensure**

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Testifying in opposition: John A. Schultz, executive secretary, Minnesota Electricity Board

Bill Strusinski, Minnesota Electrical Association

Bill Heaney, IBEW, Minnesota State Council (*talked w Sen. Gaither and gave him info he did not have previously*)

Jamie McNamara, IBEW, Local 110

RE REFER TO FINANCE—BILL HAS FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS FOR THE BOARD

5. **SF 1380 (Sparks) regulating claim practices (*amendment—compromise w auto dealers*)**

Greg Peeters, member, Alliance of Automotive Service Providers

REFER TO THE FLOOR

NEXT MEETINGS: Monday, Apr 4, 12 noon-15 Cap

Wednesday, Apr 6, 12 noon-15 Cap

If necessary, Friday, Apr 8, 9:00am-112 Cap