

# SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Wednesday, April 6, 2005

12:30 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 Mady Reiter  
Senator Ann Rest  
Senator Dallas Sams  
Senator Jim Metzen

## Members Excused

Senator Scheid called the meeting to order at 12:35 p.m.

**S.F. 1360 – Senator Belanger: regulating unclaimed property.**

**Senator Belanger moved the DE A-1 amendment. Motion prevailed.**

The following provided testimony in support of S.F. 1360:

- Dennis Munkwitz, director, unclaimed property division, Commerce Department

The following provided testimony in opposition to S.F. 1360:

- Mark Anfinson, attorney, MN Newspaper Association

**Senator Belanger moved S.F. 1360, as amended, be recommended to pass.**

**Senator Lourey moved to delete section 5 of the A-1 amendment. Motion does not prevail.**

**Senator Lourey calls for a division.**

**On a vote of 6 yeas, and 7 nays, the motion to delete section 5 of the A-1 amendment did not prevail.**

**Senator Belanger renews his motion that S.F. 1360, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to Judiciary Committee. Motion prevailed.**

**S.F. 1274 – Senator Scheid: regulating certain fees, rate filings and policy renewals.**

The following provided testimony in support of S.F. 1274:

- Carolyn Jones, MN Chamber of Commerce
- Mike Hickey, National Federation of Independent Business, MN

Exhibit A, B

The following provided testimony in opposition to S.F. 1274:

- Sue Abderholden, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)

**Senator Scheid moved S.F. 1274 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to Health and Family Security Committee. Motion prevailed.**

**S.F. 664 Senator Pappas: 2005 omnibus liquor bill.**

**Senator Pappas moved to adopt the Report of the Subcommittee on Liquor (SS0664SUB1). Motion prevailed.**

**Senator Pappas moved the A-9 amendment. Motion prevailed.**

**Senator Pappas moved the A-8 amendment. Motion prevailed.**

**Senator Anderson moved the A-10 amendment and also moved to amend the subcommittee report as follows:**

**On page 6, line 5, delete section 4.**

**Motion withdrawn. Did not prevail.**

**Senator Pappas moved S.F. 664, as amended, be recommended to pass. Motion prevailed.**

**S.F. 1998 Senator LeClair: health plan companies reporting and billing requirements modifications.**

The following provided testimony in support of S.F. 1998:

- John Gross, health care policy director, Department of Commerce

**Senator LeClair moved the A-3 amendment. Motion prevailed.**

**Senator LeClair moved the A-2 amendment. Motion prevailed.**

**Senator LeClair moved the A-4 amendment. Motion prevailed.**

**Senator Michel moved the A-5 amendment. Motion prevailed.**

**Senator LeClair moved S.F. 1998, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to Health and Family Security Committee.**

**Following discussion, Senator LeClair moved that S.F. 1998, as amended be recommended to pass. Motion prevailed.**

**S.F. 1462 Senator Scheid: regulating certain fees and rate filings and policy renewals.**

Exhibit C

**Senator Scheid moved the A-2 amendment. Motion prevailed.**

The following provided testimony in support of S.F. 1462:

- Dominic Sposeto, MN Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers
- Bob Johnson, Insurance Federation of MN

**Senator Scheid moved to amend the A-2 amendment as follows:**

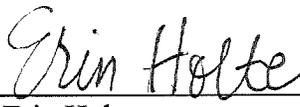
**Page 2, line 10, delete "if a violation of Minnesota law is found,"**

**Motion prevailed.**

**Senator Scheid moved S.F. 1462, as amended, be recommended to pass. Motion prevailed.**

The meeting adjourned at 2:30p.m. The proceedings were taped and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.

  
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Senator Linda Scheid  
Chair

  
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Erin Holte  
Legislative Assistant

Senate Commerce Committee

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**1. SF 1360 (Belanger) regulating unclaimed property**

Dennis Munkwitz, director, unclaimed property division, commerce department

**2. SF 1462 (Scheid) regulating certain fees, rate filings and policy renewals**

Bob Johnson, Insurance Federation of Minnesota  
Dominic Sposeto, Minnesota Independent Insurance Agents and Brokers  
Marcus Marsh, Minnesota Association of Farm Mutual Insurance Companies  
Gary Botzek, Professional Insurance Agents of MN (PIAM)

Sue Abderholden, National Alliance for the Mentally Ill (NAMI)

**3. SF 1274 (Scheid) permitting flexible benefits plans for small employer group health coverage**

Carolyn Jones, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce  
Mike Hickey, National Federation of Independent Business-MN

**4. SF 664 (Pappas) 2005 omnibus liquor bill**

**5. SF 1998 (LeClair) health plan companies reporting and bill requirements modifications**

John Gross, health care policy director, commerce department

## Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Date: APRIL 6, 2005 Day: WEDNESDAY Start Time: 12:35-

### Agenda

Bill # (or Topic)	SP 1360
Author	BELANGER
Short Descriptor	REGULATING UNCLAIMED PROPERTY
Action(s)	BELANGER MOVED SP 1360 AS AMENDED AND RECOMMENDED TO PASS PASSED.
Bill # (or Topic)	SP 1274
Author	SCHMID
Short Descriptor	FLEXIBLE BENEFITS PLANS FOR SMALL EMPLOYER GROUP HEALTH COVERAGE
Action(s)	SCHMID MOVED SP 1274 AND RECOMMENDED TO PASS AND REFER TO HEALTH. PASSED.
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 664
Author	PAPPAS
Short Descriptor	OMNIBUS LIQUOR BILL
Action(s)	PAPPAS MOVED SF 664 AS AMENDED AND RECOMMENDED TO PASS AND GO TO FULL SENATE. PASSED.
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1998
Author	LECLAIR
Short Descriptor	HEALTH PLAN COMPANIES REPORTING AND BILL REQUIREMENTS MODIFICATIONS
Action(s)	LECLAIR MOVED SF 1998 AS AMENDED AND RECOMMENDED TO PASS AND REFER TO SENATE FLOOR. PASSED.

Bill # (or Topic)	SF 462
Author	SCHEN
Short Descriptor	REGULATING CERTAIN FEES, RATE FILINGS AND POLICY RENEWALS.
Action(s)	SCHEN MOVED SF 462 AS AMENDED TO BE RECOMMENDED TO PASS AND BE SENT TO HEALTH. THE FLOOR  PASSED
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