

*Public Safety*  
**Senate ~~Crime Prevention~~ Budget Division &  
Senate Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee**  
Wednesday, January 19, 2005  
Chairs: Sen. Jane Ranum & Sen. Leo Foley  
Time: 12:00 p.m., 112 Capitol

*Agenda*

2005 Department Deficiency Requests

800 MHz Allied Radio Matrix for Emergency Response (ARMER) Funding

- History of 800 MHz funding:
  - Peter Wattson, Senate Counsel and Research
- 800 MHz Program Update:
  - Ron Whitehead, Project Manager, Department of Public Safety
- Other interested parties:
  - Jerry Knickerbocker, Vice President for Governmental Relations, Minnesota Telecom Alliance
  - Bill Dean, Executive Director, Metropolitan Radio Board
  - Dick Stafford, Washington County Commissioner; Treasurer, Metropolitan Radio Board

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Members present: Berglin, Betzold, Cohen, Foley, Kleis, Limmer, Neuville, Ortman, Skoglund, Ruud

Sen. Ranum called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

A quorum was present at 12:10 p.m.

Dennis Benson, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Corrections, testified on the DOC deficiency.

Nan Schraeder, Director of Health Services, Department of Corrections, testified on healthcare deficiencies within the Department of Corrections.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Harley Nelson, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Corrections, testified on the DOC deficiency.

Witnesses responded to questions.

**Senate Crime Prevention Budget Division discussed the xxxCohen-Deficiency Appropriations bill.**

Sen. Ranum offered the BOL775 amendment.

Sen. Foley moved the adoption of the BOL775 amendment. Motion prevailed.

Sen. Berglin offered the following verbal amendment to BOL775  
Page 2, Line 42 delete \$3,850,000 insert \$3,350,000.

Sen. Berglin responded to questions.

Mr. Benson testified on risk of reducing deficiency request.

Sen. Foley moved the adoption of Sen. Berglin's verbal amendment. Motion prevailed.

Sen. Foley moved that xxxCohen-Deficiency Appropriations, as amended, be recommended to pass to full finance. Motion prevailed.

Peter Wattson, Senate Counsel, testified on 800 Mhz funding and history.

Ron Whithead, Project Manager, Department of Public Safety, responded to questions.

Frank Ahrens, Finance Director, Department of Public Safety, testified on 800 Mhz funding.

Mr. Whitehead testified on ARMER/911 program.

Witness responded to questions.

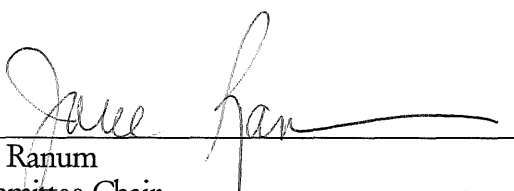
Jerry Knickerbocker, Vice President for Governmental Relations, Minnesota Telecom Alliance, testified on affect of 800 Mhz, 911 funding on his company.

Bill Dean, Executive Director, Metropolitan Radio Board, testified on the Metropolitan Radio Board overview.

Dick Stafford, Washington County Commissioner; Treasurer, Metropolitan Radio Board, testified on proposal to fund 911.

Sen. Ranum adjourned the meeting at 2:34 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

  
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Jane Ranum  
Committee Chair



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Sara Benzkofer  
Legislative Assistant

Public Safety Budget Division &  
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Members Present

Senator Foley  
Senator Berglin  
Senator Betzold  
Senator Kleis  
Senator Neuville  
Senator Ranum  
Senator Ruud  
Senator Skoglund

Members Absent

Senator McGinn

Senator Ranum called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Senator Ranum, chief author of SF05-0948 (Deficiency Requests).

Dennis Benson, Deputy Commissioner with the Department of Corrections, testified on the Department's deficiency request.

Nan Shroder, Director of Health Services with the Department of Corrections, testified on the Department's deficiency request.

Harley Nelson, Deputy Commissioner with the Department of Corrections, testified on the Department's deficiency request.

Senator Foley moved the BL0775 amendment to SF05-0948.

Motion prevailed.

Senator Berglin moved an oral amendment to SF05-0948,  
Page 2, line 42, delete "3,850,000" and insert "3,350,000".

Motion prevailed.

Senator Foley moved SF(05-0948) as amended be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Finance Committee.

Motion prevailed.

Peter Watson, Senate Counsel and Research, gave a brief background on the development and creation of the 800 MHz system.

Frank Ahrens, Finance Director of the Department of Public Safety, testified on the 800 MHz system.


Ron Whitehead, Project Manager for the Department of Public Safety, testified on the 800 MHz system.

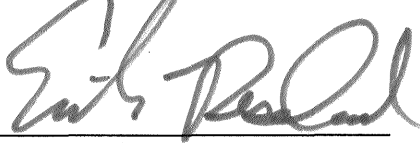
Jerry Knickerbocker, Vice President for Governmental Relations with the Minnesota Telecom Alliance, testified about telecommunications.

Bill Dean, Executive Director with the Metropolitan Radio Board, testified before the Committee.

Dick Stafford, Washington County Commissioner and Treasurer of the Metropolitan Radio Board, testified before the Committee.

Senator Ranum adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m. The proceedings were taped and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.

  
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Senator Leo Foley  
Chairman

  
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Erik Reseland  
Legislative Assistant

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