

**Senate Public Safety Budget Division &
Senate Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, February 2, 2005
Chairs: Sen. Jane Ranum and Sen. Leo Foley
Noon
112 Capitol**

Agenda

Overview of Sex Offender Legislation and Proposals

- 1) Senate and House proposals from last session
 - Kenneth Backhus, Senate Counsel
- 2) Sentencing Guidelines Commission
 - Barbara Tombs, Director
- 3) Governor's Commission on Sex Offender Policy
 - Eric Lipman, Sex Offender Policy Coordinator
 - Jerry Soma, Division Director for Human Services, Anoka County

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

Sen. Ranum called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Ken Backhus, Senate Counsel, gave an overview of Senate and House proposals from the 2004 session.

Barbara Tombs, Director, MN Sentencing Guidelines Commission, gave an overview of its recommendations for sentencing guidelines for sex offenders.

Witness responded to questions.

Eric Lipman, Sex Offender Policy Coordinator, Governor's Commission on Sex Offender Policy, gave an introduction of the Commission's report.

Jerry Soma, Division Director for Human Services, Anoka County and Commission member, testified on the Commission's report and his experiences in Anoka.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Ester Tomljanovich, Chair, Governor's Commission on Sex Offender Policy, testified on the Commission's report.

Jerry Kaplan, Executive Director, Alpha Human Services, and Commission member, testified on the Commission's report.

James Backstrom, Dakota County Attorney and Commission member, testified on the Commission's report.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Dan Storkhamp, IT Director, DOC, responded to questions from the committee.

Sen. Ranum adjourned the meeting at 2:28 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:



Jane Ranum
Committee Chair

Sara Benzkofer
Legislative Assistant

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12:00 p.m. Room 112 – State Capitol

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Senator Ranum called the meeting to order at 12:04 p.m.

Ken Backhus, Senate Counsel, gave an overview of Senate and House sex offender proposals from last session.

Barbara Tombs, Director of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission, gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Committee on sex offender sentencing.

Dennis Benson, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Corrections, testified on the possible impact of new sex offender sentencing.

Eric Lipman, Sex Offender Policy Coordinator, testified on the Governor's Commission on Sex Offender Policy report.

Jerry Soma, Division Director for Human Services in Anoka County, testified before the Committee.

Judge Esther Tomljanovich, Chairperson of the Governor's Commission on Sex Offender Policy, testified on the report from the Commission.


Gerald Kaplan, Executive Director of Alpha Human Services, testified on the report from the Commission.

James Backstrom, Dakota County Attorney, testified on the report from the Commission.

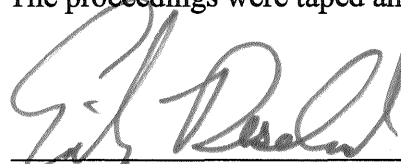
Steve Strachan, Lakeville Chief of Police, testified on the report from the Commission.

Dan Storkamp, Director of Information Analysis with the Department of Corrections, answered questions from the Committee on Federal funding.

Senator Ranum adjourned the meeting at 2:25 p.m. The proceedings were taped and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.



Senator Leo Foley
Chairman



Erik Reseland
Legislative Assistant

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