

**SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

Minnesota State Senate  
Senator Steve Kelley, Chair

Date: March 1, 2005  
3:00p.m. Room 112 State Capitol

Present:

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| Senator Steve Kelley | Senator Michele Bachmann | Senator Gen Olson   |
| Senator Geoff Michel | Senator David Tomassoni  | Senator Tom Saxhaug |
| Senator Rod Skoe     | Senator LeRoy Stumpf     | Senator David Hann  |

Sen. Kelley called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. and announced that the committee would discuss the DOE Technical Bill. Senator Kelley then turned the chair over to Senator Skoe and presented his bill, SF 1148.

Tom Melcher, Director, Division of Program Finance, Minnesota Department of Education, discussed Article I, General Education.

Barry Sullivan, Assistant Director Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Education discussed provisions of Article II, Education Excellence.

Senator Kelley moved to delete Sections 14, 15, 17, 19 from Article II. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kelley moved amendment A05-0130. The motion prevailed.

Beth Aune, Director, Academic Standards and Professional Development, Minnesota Department of Education discussed Sections 10 and 12 of Article II. Daniel Bittman, Director, Educator Licensing, Minnesota Department of Education, discussed science teacher licensure. Tom Melcher discussed Sections 13 and 25 of Article II. Morgan Brown, Director for Choice and Innovation, Minnesota Department of Education, discussed Section 18 of Article II. Tom Melcher discussed Section 20, Article II and Section 21. Morgan Brown discussed Sections 22-24, Article II.

Yvonne Novak, Supervisor, School Choice and Innovation, Minnesota Department of Education, also testified.

Barry Sullivan testified about Article III.

Tom Melcher testified about Article IV.


Senator Kelley moved A05-0101 amendment. The motion prevailed.


Karen Carlson, Director, Special Education Policy/Early Learning Services, Minnesota Department of Education, and Tom Melcher discussed Article V and Article VI.

Rose Hermonson, Minneapolis Teachers Union answered questions.

Karen Ephraim, Maple River Coalition, testified regarding concerns on the early childhood sections of the bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m. The proceedings were audio taped.

  
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Senator Steve Kelley  
Chairman

  
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Jessica Null  
Legislative Assistant

# Education Committee

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Tuesday, March 1, 2005

3:00-5:30 p.m.

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## Agenda

I. SF 1148: Kelley  
*Prekindergarten through grade 12 education  
provisions modifications*

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Agenda

