

SENATE EDUCATION COMMITTEE

Minnesota State Senate
Senator Steve Kelley, Chair

Date: April 5, 2005
3:00p.m. Room 112 State Capitol

Present:

Senator Steve Kelley	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 3:00p.m.

Sen. Ranum introduced SF 1847.

Sen. Skoe moved the A-2 author's amendment. The motion prevailed.

Bob Brick, PACER Center, and Mary Ruprecht, MN Association for Special Education testified.

Sen. Stumpf moved the following oral amendment:

1). Delete line 18 and 19 on page 1, and lines 1, 2, 8, 9, 30, 31 on page 2.

The motion prevailed.

SF 1847 was laid over.

Sen. Wiger introduced SF 1192. Dr. Peggy Nelson, University of Minnesota, and Rhonda Sivarja, parent, testified in support. Edward Kudet, MN Institute of Architects, testified concerns. Mike Nixon, Acoustal Engineering, testified in support.

Sen. Saxhaug moved the following oral amendment:

1) Page 3, line 12, delete "of the" and insert "on" and delete "level" and insert "levels".

The motion prevailed.

SF 1192 was laid over.

Sen. Marty introduced SF 581.

Sen. Michel moved the A-1 author's amendment. The motion prevailed.

Sen. Stumpf moved the following oral amendment:

1) Delete Sec. 1 (p.1). The motion prevailed.

Sen. Michel moved that SF 581 be recommended to pass as amended and be re-referred to Finance.

Sen. Koering introduced SF 1026. Loretta Norgon, Brainerd Teacher Support System, Steven Schroeder, Davis, Elk River Schools, Allison Derby, teacher, Brainerd Public Schools, Linda Berger, St. Olaf College, and Jan Alswager, Education Minnesota, testified in support.

SF 1026 was laid over.

Sen. Hottinger introduced SF 1874.

Sen. Skoe moved the A-2 amendment.

The motion prevailed.

Sen. Skoe moved the following oral amendment:

1) Delete "fist" and insert "first" on p. 2, line 15.

The motion prevailed.

Lynnette Slater, Dorsey and Whitney answered questions about the bill.

Jennifer Bendickson, Dakota Ojibwe Revitalization Alliance, Kevin LaFortune Minneapolis Language consultant, Calvin Ottetail, teacher, Grand Portage, and Rebecca Gray Healon, Minnesota Department of Education testified in support of the bill.

SF 1874 was laid over.

Sen. Hann introduced SF 746. Scott Croonquist, Association of Metropolitan School Districts, and Vernae Hasbargen, Minnesota Rural Education Association testified in support. Jan Alswager, Education Minnesota, testified against the bill.

SF 746 was laid over.

Sen. Stumpf introduced SF 1450. Jody Scott-Loson and Mary Strohmayr, MN Voices for Choices testified in support of the bill. Elaine Keefe, MN School Food Service Association testified concerns. Jane Berg, University of Minnesota and Harry Hull, State epidemiologist, testified against the bill.

SF 1450 was laid over.

Committee recessed at 5:40pm.

Committee re-convened at 6:35pm.

Sen. Kelley introduced SF 1148. Mary Lynn McAlonie, Beth Aune, and Mary Ann Nelson, Minnesota Department of Education, testified about the bill.

The Committee recessed again at 6:52. They re-convened at 6:55.

Mary Ann Nelson continued to testify, and Pat Olson, Minnesota Department of Education also testified.

SF 1148 was laid over.

Sen. Hann introduced SF 736. The following people testified in support of the bill: Sen. Anthony Williams, Pennsylvania, Dr. John Brandl, Humphrey Institute, University of Minnesota, Thomas Berg, University of St. Thomas, Tiffany Green, Minneapolis parent, Amiro Ahmed, parent, Tracey Keibler, Eden Prairie parent, Margie Lauer, KidsFirst, and Sondra Samuels, Minneapolis parent.

The following people testified against SF 736:

Superintendent Thandiwe Peeble, Minneapolis, Superintendent Pat Harvey, St. Paul, Jack Turner, Minneapolis Public Schools, Janet Boyyah, Minneapolis Public Schools, Mary Ford, Minneapolis public school parent, August Berkshire, MN Atheists, Alan Silver, JCRC, and Mary Cecconi, Parents United Network.

Sen. Hann moved that SF 736 be passed with no recommendation to K-12 finance.

Sen. Skoe requested roll call. The motion did not prevail.

Sen. Kelley announced SF 257 would be carried over to another day.

Sen. Kelley introduced SF 1074. Louise Sundin, Minneapolis Federation of Teachers, Thandiwe Peebles, and Pat Harvey testified in support of the bill.

SF 1074 was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:37p.m. The proceedings were audio taped.



Senator Steve Kelley
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Jessica Null
Legislative Assistant

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Agenda

- I. **SF 1847: Ranum (Total Time 10 Minutes)**
School districts aversive and deprivation procedures use authority modification
- II. **SF 1192: Wiger (Total Time 15 Minutes)**
School districts facility construction proposals content requirements expansion
 - Dr. Peggy Nelson, University of Minnesota
 - Rhonda Sivarja and Sanjay Sivarja
- III. **SF 1874: Hottinger (Total Time 15 Minutes)**
Native language eminence credentialing task force
 - Jennifer Bendickson, Dakota Ojibwe Revitalization Alliance
 - Betty Jane Shaaf, Native American Early Childhood Leader's Circle
 - Calvin Ottetail, Language and Culture Teacher at Grand Portage
 - Richard LaFortune, Language Consultant
- IV. **SF 581: Marty (Total Time 10 Minutes)**
Pregnancy prevention initiatives
- V. **SF 1026: Koering (Total Time 20 Minutes)**
Schools mentoring schools regional sites
 - Loretta Norgon, Coordinator Brainerd Teacher Support System
 - Allison Derby, Teacher, Brainerd Public School
 - Dr. Steven Schroeder-Davis, Elk River Area Schools
 - Dr. Lina Berger, St Olaf College
 - Jan Alswager, Education Minnesota
- VI. **SF 257: Kelley (Total Time 20 Minutes)**
Principled pay practices systems; site-based achievement contracts grants
 - Jan Alswager, Education Minnesota
- VII. **SF 746: Hann (Total Time 20 Minutes)**
School districts staff development program and reserved revenue repeal
 - Scott Croonquist, Association of Metropolitan School Districts
 - Jan Alswager, Education Minnesota
- VIII. **SF 1450: Stumpf (Total Time 20 Minutes)**
Schools irradiated food purchase and use policies
 - Jody Scott-Olson, Minnesota Voices For Choices
 - Mary Strohmayer, Minnesota Voices For Choices
 - Elaine Keefe, Minnesota School Food Service Association
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IX. SF 1074: Kelley (Total Time 15 Minutes)

First class city teacher layoffs negotiation plan

- Louise Sundin, President, Minneapolis Federation of Teachers

X. SF 736: Hann (Total Time 60 Minutes)

Students general education access grants

Proponents (Total Time 30 Minutes)

- Senator Anthony Williams, Pennsylvania
- Thomas Berg, UST Law School
- Dr. John Brandl
- Tiffany Green, Minneapolis
- La Trice Abram, Parent
- Tracey Keibler, Parent
- Amiro Ahmed, Parent
- Margie Lauer, KidsFirst
- Sondra Samuels, Minneapolis Parent

did not pass on
roll call vote
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Opponents (Total Time 30 Minutes)

- Karen Ferlaak, Minnesota PTA
- Mary Ford, Public School Parent
- August Berkshire, Minnesota Atheists
- Alan Silver, Vice-President, Jewish Community Relations Council
- Mary Cecconi, State Director, Parents United Network
- Scott Croonquist, Association of Metropolitan School Districts
- Jan Alswager, Education Minnesota
- Kirk Schneidawind, MSBA

XI. SF 1148: Kelley (Total Time 40 Minutes)

Prekindergarten through grade 12 education provisions modifications

▪ High School Reform

Mary Ann Nelson, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Academic Excellence, MDE
Pat Olson, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Accountability & Improvement

▪ Alt. Pathways

Mary Ann Nelson, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Academic Excellence, MDE

▪ Staff Development

Mary Ann Nelson, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Academic Excellence, MDE
Beth Aune, Director Academic Standards & Professional Development, MDE

▪ Assignment of Teachers

Mary Ann Nelson, Assistant Commissioner, Office of Academic Excellence, MDE

▪ Q-Comp

Marilyn Baeker, Director, Teacher Quality Enhancement Project, MDE

Mary Lynn McAlonie, Director, Teacher Quality Enhancement Project, MDE

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