

Senate Elections Committee

3:00 p.m. room 107, State Capitol

Wednesday, January 26, 2005

Members Present:

Wiger
Fischbach
Higgins
Hottinger
Limmer
Marty
Marko
Pariseau
Scheid

Absent:

Kleis

Senator Wiger called the meeting to order at 3:10 p.m. quorum present 3:10 p.m.

Agenda item #1: S.F. 290-Sen. Higgins: Hava Equipment Bill

Kevin Corbid, Washington County, Director of Assessment, (legislative chair of county auditor), testified in support of the bill.

Senator Higgins moved A-2 amendment- passed.

Senator Higgins moved A-3 amendment- passed.

Senator Limmer requested a roll call vote for amendment A-1

Yes	No	Absent
Higgins	Fishbach	Kleis
Hottinger	Limmer	
Marty	Pariseau	
Marko		
Scheid		
Wiger		

There were 6 Yes votes and 3 No votes. The amendment passed.

Senator Scheid moved A-1 amendment- passed.

Kent Sulem, Saint Michael, MN, MAT testified in support of the bill. He talked about the local governments working together and the support of counties.

Kathy Sibel, Project Manager, Secretary of the State's Office testified in opposition to bill.

Senator Limmer moved to orally amend S.F. 290 pg. 2 line 14 insert "have the electronic voting system." The amendment passed.

Senator Higgins moved to pass S.F. 290 as amended. The bill passed and was sent to Finance.

Agenda item #2: (taken out of order to accommodate schedules): S.F. 359- Sen. Higgins: Allowing campaign workers access to multiple unit dwellings unaccompanied by a candidate.

Tom Lijewski testified in support of the bill.

Senator Higgins moved to orally amend page one line 18 after the word “campaigning” add “for a candidate or ballot question, registering voters, or getting out the vote”- amendment passed.

Senator Higgins moved to pass S.F. 359- bill passed

Agenda item #3: S.F. 385- Sen. Marty: Absentee Ballots

Senator Scheid moved to orally amend pg 1 line 10 strike “who reasonably expects”, pg. 1 strike line 11, pg 1 line 12 strike” precinct where the individual maintains residence.” Amendment passed.

Margo Endocross, accessibility advocate, testified in support of SF 385.

Senator Marty moved S.F. 385.

Senator Fischbach asked for a roll call vote.

Yes	No	Absent
Higgins	Fishbach	Kleis
Hottinger	Limmer	
Marty	Pariseau	
Scheid		
Wiger		

There were 5 Yes votes and 3 No votes. The amendment prevailed.

Senator Marty recommended the bill be passed to the floor as amended. Motion prevailed.

Senator Wiger calls recess 4:53 pm, meeting resumed at 4:55.

Agenda item # 4: Sen Skoglund S.F. 289- Presidential electors ballot casting procedure modification

Harry Stevens testified in support of S.F. 289 and S.F. 153.

Jack Davies, Former State Senator and Judge, testified in support of S.F. 289.

Jean Koppe, Austin, MN State Representative, testified in support of S.F. 289.

Senator Skoglund moved to amend S.F. 289(Amendment A05-0009).

Senator Skoglund moved an oral amendment to A05-0009 on page 3, line 28. The oral amendment was withdrawn.

Senator Limmer moved to orally amend amendment A05-0009 on line 28 after “aloud” insert “or affirm in a non verbal manor” and line 30 after “voting” and inset “then confirm that vote by written public ballot.” The oral amendment passed.

Senator Limmer moved to pass S.F. 289 as amended. Motion adopted.

Meeting adjourned 5:28 p.m.

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Bill # (or Topic)	SF 290 Harma Equipment Bill
Author	Higgins
Short Descriptor	Voting Systems standards and acquisition
Action(s)	Amended & Recommended to Finance Committee
Bill # (or Topic)	S.F. 385: Absentee Ballots
Author	Marty
Short Descriptor	Absentee voting procedures simplification
Action(s)	Amended and passed
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 359 Allowing campaign workers access to multiple unit dwellings
Author	Higgins
Short Descriptor	Election campaign workers multiple unit dwellings access right
Action(s)	Amended & Passed
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 153 Electoral College
Author	Skoglund
Short Descriptor	Presidential electors ballot casting procedure modification
Action(s)	Was dropped for 289

SF 289 Presidential electors ballot casting procedure modification
Skoglund
amended and passed

2:18:15

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Ken Pentel, Green Party
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3. S.F. 359- Higgins: Allowing campaign workers access to multiple unit dwellings
unaccompanied by a candidate
Testifying: Tom Lijewski, Concerned citizen
4. S.F. 153- Skoglund: Electoral college
Testifying: Jack Davies, Former State Senator and Judge
Harry Stevens, Presidential Elector
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