

## Senate Elections Committee

Wednesday, March 30, 2005

Members present:

Fischbach

Higgins

Hottinger

Kleis

Limmer

Marko

Marty

Pariseau

Scheid

Wiger

Senator Wiger called the meeting to order at 3:15 pm.

**Agenda item #1** (taken out of order in order to accommodate schedules): S.F. 1570-Saxhaug: Exempting certain towns from a voting system.

Senator Kleis moved the A-2 amendment-passed.

Kent Sulem, Minnesota Association of Townships, testified in support of the bill. He discussed problems that arose in within his association because of problems discovered after the adoption of last year's omnibus elections bill.

Judy Sanders, National Federation of the Blind of Minnesota testified in opposition to a portion of the bill.

Senator Higgins moved that S.F. 1570 be recommend to pass as amended to the floor. Motion did not pass.

Senator Hottinger made a motion to reconsider S.F. 1494-Nienow: Elections constituent services noncampaign disbursement definition expansion.

Senator Wiger moved that we discuss the bill after it received public notice.

**Agenda item #2** S.F. 1769-Scheid: Requiring notice of certain independent expenditures.

Senator Marty presented the bill. The A-1 amendment passed at the previous meeting.

David Schultz, Hamline University Graduate and Law Professor, testified in support of the bill.

Senator Marty amended the A-2 amendment at page 1, line 3, delete 110 and insert 10.

Senator Marty moved the A-2 amendment. Amendment does not pass.

Senator Marty moved to amend line 3, delete "20 percent" and insert "10 percent".

A division was requested. There were 3-yes', 4-no's, and 1 abstention.

Sen. Marty withdrew the bill.

**Agenda item #3** S.F. 1001: Hottinger: Clarifying definition of campaign expenditure; certain exceptions to the ban on gifts to public officials.

David Schultz, Hamline Law Professor, testified in opposition to the bill.

Senator Hottinger moved to amend page 1, line 16, after "convention" insert "of a political party" The oral amendment passed.

Brandon Rettke, Education Minnesota, testified in support of the bill.

Senator Marty moved to amend page 2, line 23, delete "\$5" and insert "\$3". Amendment adopted.

Senator Marty moved the A-3 amendment as amended. Amendment not adopted.

Senator Hottinger moved to amend page 3, line 19, delete "\$5" and insert "\$3". Amendment adopted.

Senator Marty moved the A-1 amendment. Amendment not adopted.

Senator Hottinger moved the bill to pass as amended to the floor.

A division was requested. There were 4-yes's, 3-no's, and 1 abstention.

S.F. 1001 was passed to the floor.

**Agenda item #4** S.F.105- Marty: Public's right to know

Senator moved to amend page 1, line 15, delete the new language and reinstate the stricken language. Amendment was adopted.

Bob Hutchinson, Minnesota Government Relations Council testified in support.

S.F. 105 was laid over.

**Agenda item #5** S.F. 387-Marty: Establishing a voluntary clean council. Laid over

**Agenda item # 6** S.F. 2025-Kleis: Clarifying certain terminology; modifying certain restrictions on corporate spending in political campaigns.

Brandon Rettke, Education Minnesota, testified in support of the bill.

Mike Franklin, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, testified in support of the bill.

The bill was laid over because at the time of the hearing the bill had not been introduced.

## Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: Elections

Date: 3/30/05 Day: Wednesday Start Time: 3:10 pm

### Agenda

Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1570 Saxhaug Exempting certain towns from a voting system
Author	Saxhaug
Short Descriptor	Exempting certain towns from a voting system
Action(s)	Did not pass
Bill # (or Topic)	1494
Author	Hoenow
Short Descriptor	Elections constituent services non campaign disbursement deduction
Action(s)	Hathager moved to reconsider → next meeting
Bill # (or Topic)	1769
Author	Scheid
Short Descriptor	Requiring notice of certain independent expenditures
Action(s)	Nasty Withdrew.
Bill # (or Topic)	1001
Author	Hathager
Short Descriptor	clarifying definition of campaign expenditure, certain exceptions to the ban on gifts to public officials
Action(s)	wants to hear opposition to gift ban law passed referred to floor as amended

Bill # (or Topic)	SF 105
Author	Marty
Short Descriptor	Public's right to know
Action(s)	Bill <del>passed</del> laid over
Bill # (or Topic)	387
Author	Marty
Short Descriptor	Establishing a voluntary clean council
Action(s)	laid over
Bill # (or Topic)	SF XXX
Author	Kleis
Short Descriptor	Clarifying certain terminology; modifying certain
Action(s)	restrictions on corporate spending in political campaigns laid over/revisit next year
Bill # (or Topic)	
Author	
Short Descriptor	
Action(s)	

Adjournment Time: 5:45 pm

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**Chair: Chuck Wiger**

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3:00 p.m.

Room 107 Capitol

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2. S.F.387-Marty: Establishing a voluntary clean council
3. S.F. 1001: Hottinger- Clarifying definition of campaign expenditure; certain exceptions to the ban on gifts to public officials
4. S.F. 1570-Saxhaug: Exempting certain towns from a voting system

Testifying: Kent Sulem, MN Association of Townships

5. S.F. 105-Marty: Public's right to know
6. S.F. xxx-Kleis: Clarifying certain terminology; modifying certain restrictions on corporate spending in political campaigns

Testifying: Brandon Rettke, Education Minnesota

Mike Franklin, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce