

SENATE HEALTH & FAMILY SECURITY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2005
12:00 P.M.
ROOM 15 CAPITOL

Members present:

Lourey, Chair
Berglin
Fischbach
Foley
Higgins
Kelley
Kiscaden
LeClair
Moua
Nienow
Wergin

Sen. Lourey convened the meeting at 12:10 p.m.

Sen. Lourey welcomed new members Sen. Moua and Sen. Wergin.

12:17 p.m. Dr. John O'Brien, Pharmacist, PhARMA, presented information on Medicare Part D. Discussion followed.

1:35 p.m. Christine Bronson, Department of Health, discussed the effects the Department of Health is expecting the change to have on them.

2:10 p.m. Mark Schoenbaum, Office of Rural Health discussed their interest and problems they see in the program as a pivotal source of coverage in rural Minnesota.

2:19 p.m. John Gross, Director of Health Care Policy, Department of Commerce, discussed the Department's understanding of the new program.

2:27 p.m. Dr. O'Brien joined John Gross to participate in the discussion on Medigap.

Sen. Berglin adjourned the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Senator Becky Lourey, Chair

Pat Wallner, Legislative Assistant

Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: HEALTH and FAMILY SECURITY

Date: 1/11/05 Day: TUES. Start Time: 12 NOON

Agenda

Bill # (or Topic)	PRESENTATION ON MEDICARE PART D. JOHN D'BRIEN, PHARMA
Author	
Short Descriptor	
Action(s)	
Bill # (or Topic)	PRESENTATION - MEDICARE CHRISTINE BRONSON, MED-DIR.
Author	
Short Descriptor	
Action(s)	
Bill # (or Topic)	PRESENTATION - M. SCHOENBAUM - OFFICE OF RURAL HEALTH + PRIMARY CARE
Author	
Short Descriptor	
Action(s)	
Bill # (or Topic)	PRESENTATION - JOHN GROSS, DEPT. OF COMMERCE.
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Health and Family Security Committee
Chair, Sen. Becky Lourey
Noon – 2:30 PM, January 11, 2005
Room 15, Capitol

- I. Call to Order
- II. Presentation on Medicare Part D, John O'Brien, PhRMA
- III. Christine Bronson, Medicare Director, DHS
- IV. Mark Schoenbaum, Office of Rural Health and Primary Care, MDH
- V. John Gross, Department of Commerce
- VI. Adjournment