

Finance Committee

Chair: Senator Richard J. Cohen

Thursday, February 10, 2005
Immediately After Session
Room 123, Capitol

PRESENT: Cohen, Chaudhary, Berglin, Dille, Fischbach, Frederickson, Gerlach, Hottinger, Kierlin, Kiscaden, Langseth, Larson, Metzen, Murphy, Neuville, Nienow, Olson, Ourada, Pappas, Pariseau, Ranum, Stumpf, Wiger

ABSENT: Sams


Senator Cohen called the meeting to order at 9:46 A.M.

A quorum was present.


- Senator Cohen began the meeting by introducing the new Finance Committee staff.
- Senator Dean Johnson testified on S.F. 485-Common school district #815, Prinsburg; Independent school district #2180, MACCRAY outstanding tuition amounts payment.
- Senator Stumpf moved adoption of the division report to S.F. 485. Motion carried.
- Senator Johnson offered the A-1 amendment to S.F. 485.
- Peter Wattson, Finance Counsel, testified on the A-1 amendment.
- Senator Olson moved the A-1 amendment. Motion carried.
- Tom Melcher, Finance Director, Department of Education, testified in favor of S.F. 485.
- Senator Stumpf moved that S.F. 485 as amended be recommended to pass and referred to the Tax Committee. Motion carried.
- Senator Wiger testified on S.F. 365-a bill requiring the Minnesota Department of Transportation (MnDOT) to continue its contract to provide traffic reports with the radio station KBEM.
- Senator Wiger announced that MnDOT and KBEM have agreed to continue talks and that he would like to lay the bill on the table.
- Coleen Kosloski, General Manager, KBEM, testified in response to a question from Senator Olson.
- Senator Wiger moved that S.F. 365 be laid on the table. S.F. 365 was laid on the table.
- Jim Schowalter, Budget Director, Department of Finance, testified on Governor Pawlenty's budget, working off of the power point presentation titled Governor's FY 2006-07 Budget (included in the packet).

Senator Cohen adjourned the meeting at 11:02 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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Legislative Assistant



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Chair

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Agenda:

S.F. 365-Wiger: Transportation department public radio station
KBEM traffic reports contract continuation

S.F. 485-Johnson, D.E.: Common school district #815, Prinsburg; independent school
district #2180, MACCRAY outstanding tuition amounts payment

Overview of the Governor's Budget:

Testimony: Assistant Commissioner for the Budget Jim Schowalter,
Department of Finance.

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Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: Finance

Date: 2-10-05 Day: Thurs Start Time: 10:00

Agenda

Meeting length: 1:15

Bill # (or Topic)	365
Author	Wiger
Short Descriptor	K BEM Traffic Reports
Action(s)	Taken off the table by Wiger
Bill # (or Topic)	485
Author	Johnson
Short Descriptor	School District # 815 + # 2180 tuition amounts payment
Action(s)	pass
Bill # (or Topic)	Testimony by ^{Asst.} Commissioner for Budget Jim Schwatter
Author	Sho Dept. of Finance
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