

Finance Committee

Chair: Senator Richard J. Cohen

Tuesday, March 22, 2005
Immediately Following Session
Room 123, Capitol

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

ABSENT: Dille, Neuville, Ourada

*Senator Dibble temporarily replaced Senator Sams on the Finance Committee beginning 3/18/05.

Senator Cohen called the meeting to order at 10:47 A.M.

A quorum was present.

- Senator Berglin testified on S.F. 255, the repeal of caps under Minnesota Care (MNCare) for adults without children.
- Deacon Robert Schnell, Minnesota Catholic Conference, testified in favor of S.F. 255.
- Sheila Hart, citizen of Hibbing, MN, testified in favor of S.F. 255. Ms. Hart shared her experience of being denied cancer treatment due to the caps.
- Senator Berglin acknowledged a petition that was sent to the Committee from people and organizations from all over the state that support S.F. 255.
- Senator Berglin moved that S.F. 255 be recommended to pass. She requested a roll call vote:

Ayes: Cohen, Berglin, Chaudhary, Dibble, Fischbach, Frederickson, Hottinger, Kierlin, Kiscaden, Langseth, Metzen, Murphy, Nienow, Olson, Pappas, Pariseau, Ranum, Stumpf, Wiger (19)

Nays: Gerlach (1)

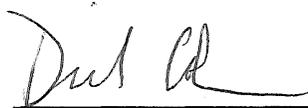
- On a vote of 19-1, the motion carried.
- Senator Stumpf moved oral amendments to S.F. 1244 and the division report for S.F. 1244.
- Peter Wattson, Finance Counsel, clarified the amendments (see both the bill and the division report for the changes).
- Senator Stumpf moved adoption of the division report as amended. Motion carried.
- Senator Kelley testified on S.F. 1244.
- Eric Nauman, Fiscal Analyst for the K-12 Education Budget Division, testified in response to questions surrounding the fiscal note for S.F. 1244.
- Senator Stumpf moved that S.F. 1244, as amended, be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

Senator Cohen adjourned the meeting at 11:55 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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Agenda:

S.F. 255-Berglin: MinnesotaCare program single adults and households without children limited benefits repeal

Testimony:

Deacon Robert Schnell, Minnesota Catholic Conference

Sheila Hart, Citizen from Hibbing, Minnesota

S.F. 1244-Kelley: No child left behind implementation continuation conditions

Time: 1:07

Times 1:07

Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: Finance

Date: 3-22-05 Day: Tues

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