

Finance Committee

Chair: Senator Richard J. Cohen

Wednesday, April 20, 2005

8:30 a.m.

Room 123, Capitol

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

ABSENT: Dille, Larson, Murphy, Neuville, Ranum

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

Senator Cohen called the meeting to order at 8:17 A.M.

A quorum was not present.

- Senator Anderson testified on S.F. 1368, the omnibus energy provisions modifications bill.
- Senator Anderson focused her testimony on the bill's fiscal implications.
- Senator Berglin moved adoption of the division report. Motion carried.
- A quorum was present at 8:22.
- Senator Chaudhary chaired from 8:26 until 8:30.
- Gary Cerkvenik, Consultant from Laurentian Energy Authority, testified in response to a question from Senator Frederickson.
- Senator Cohen announced that the committee should not have voted on the division report as a quorum was not present, and he stated that a re-vote would be necessary.
- Senator Berglin moved adoption of the division report. Motion carried.
- Senator Frederickson moved an oral amendment:

-Page 38, line 20, after "funding" insert "from non-state sources"

- Senator Cohen first asked for Matt Massman, Finance Fiscal Analyst, to testify on the preliminary fiscal note.
- Mr. Massman testified on the preliminary fiscal note.
- Senator Frederickson's motion on the oral amendment carried.
- Peter Wattson, Finance Counsel, testified on the fiscal implications of the bill.
- Senator Cohen laid over S.F. 1368 so additional copies of the preliminary fiscal note could be made and distributed to the committee.
- Senator Frederickson moved adoption of the division report for S.F. 897, the omnibus state lands sale and exchange provisions modifications bill. Motion carried.
- Senator Bakk testified on S.F. 897.
- Bob Meier, Director of Legislative Affairs for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR), testified on S.F. 897, explaining why the DNR needs the bill.
- Senator Chaudhary began chairing the meeting at 8:40.
- Senator Metzen moved that S.F. 897 be recommended to pass.
- Senator Frederickson moved an oral amendment:

-Page 4, line 17, delete "such" and insert "the" and delete "as" and insert "directed by"

-Page 4, line 18, delete "may direct"

-Page 4, line 20, delete "such"

-Page 4, line 21, after "they" insert "may"

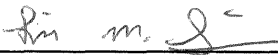
- Senator Frederickson's motion carried.
- Senator Metzen moved that S.F. 897 as amended be recommended to pass. Motion carried.
- Staff passed out the preliminary fiscal note for S.F. 1368.
- Bob Tomlinson, Assistant Director of the DNR Forestry Division, testified in response to Senator Berglin's questions about the fiscal impact of the bill.
- Mr. Massman testified again on the fiscal note, answering questions from the members.
- Mr. Tomlinson answered a question from Senator Chaudhary.
- Senator Hottinger moved an oral amendment to S.F. 1368:

-Page 38, line 20, delete "agree to" and insert "shall"


- Senator Hottinger's motion carried.
- Senator Metzen moved that S.F. 1368 as amended be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

Senator Chaudhary adjourned the meeting at 9:09 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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Richard J. Cohen
Chair

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Agenda:

S.F. 897-Bakk: State lands sale and exchange provisions modifications

S.F. 1368-Anderson: Energy provisions modifications