

# Finance Committee

## Chair: Senator Richard J. Cohen

Friday, April 22, 2005

11:00 a.m.

Room 123, Capitol

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

ABSENT: Dille, Frederickson,

\* Beginning 3/18/05, when Senator Sams is absent, Senator Dibble replaces him on the Finance Committee.

Senator Cohen called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M.

A quorum was present.

### AGENDA ITEM #1: Higher Education Omnibus Budget Bill (document # SC4093-4)

- Senator Pappas testified on the Higher Education Omnibus Budget Bill (document SC4093-4).
- Matt Massman, Finance Fiscal Analyst, testified on the budget process.
- Peter Wattson, Finance Counsel, also testified on the budget process and the bills, explaining how they relate to S.F. 1879, the budget balancing bill.
- Senator Pappas moved the A3 amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Pappas testified on the spreadsheet for the bill.
- Senator Pappas offered the A1 amendment
- John Fuller, Higher Education Budget Division Counsel, testified in response to a question about the previously adopted A3 amendment.
- Senator Pappas decided to offer amendments after presenting the bill so she withdrew the A1 amendment.
- Senator Pappas testified on the language of the bill.
- Senator Pappas offered the A4 amendment.
- Senator Gerlach moved an oral amendment to the A4 amendment:

-Line 13, delete "2,500,000" and insert "3,200,000"

-Line 14, delete "2,300,000" and insert "3,200,000"

- Senator Nienow requested a roll call vote on Senator Gerlach's oral amendment:

Ayes: Fischbach, Gerlach, Kiscaden, Larson, Nienow, Olson, Ourada, Pariseau (8)

Nays: Cohen, Berglin, Chaudhary, Hottinger, Kierlin, Langseth, Metzen, Murphy, Pappas, Stumpf, Wiger (11)

- Motion fails on a vote of 8-11. The Gerlach oral amendment to the A4 amendment is not adopted.
- Senator Berglin requested a roll call vote on the A4 amendment:

Ayes: Cohen, Berglin, Chaudhary, Fischbach, Gerlach, Hottinger, Kiscaden, Langseth, Larson, Metzen, Murphy, Nienow, Olson, Ourada, Pappas, Pariseau, Stumpf, Wiger (18)

Nays: Kierlin

- Motion carries on a vote of 18-1. The A4 amendment is adopted.
- Senator Pappas moved the A1 amendment.
- Dennis Albrecht, Higher Education Budget Division Fiscal Analyst, testified in response to a question from Senator Pariseau.
- The A1 amendment is adopted.
- Senator Pappas moved the A2 amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Pappas moved that document SC4093-4 be introduced as a committee bill and recommended to pass. Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #2: State Government Omnibus Budget Bill (document #SC4094-2)**

- Senator Kiscaden testified on the State Government Omnibus Budget Bill (document #SC4094-2).
- Kevin Lundeen, State Government Budget Division Fiscal Analyst, testified on the spreadsheet for the bill.
- Senator Langseth began chairing at 1:10.
- Senator Cohen returned to chair at 1:19.
- Tom Bottern, State Government Budget Division Counsel, stood for questions.
- Senator Berglin moved an oral amendment to the bill:

-Page 31, line 2, after “report” insert “.”  
 -Page 31, delete the rest of line 2, and all of lines 3 and 4.

- Senator Pappas offered compromise language:

-Page 31, line 2, after “report” delete the remaining language.  
 -Page 32, line 24, delete “and proposed legislation”  
 -Pages 31 and 32, after “report” insert “and recommendations regarding the creation of a purchasing authority”

- Senator Kiscaden offered another oral amendment:

-Page 31, line 1, delete “2006” and insert “2005”  
 -Page 32, line 24, delete “2006” and insert “2005”  
 -Page 31, line 2, delete “proposed” and insert “draft”  
 -Page 32, line 25, delete “proposed” and insert “draft”

- Senator Berglin moved to amend Senator Kiscaden’s oral amendment:

-Page 30 line 41, delete “shall” and insert “may”

- Senator Kiscaden incorporated that change into her oral amendment.
- Senator Kiscaden’s oral amendment was adopted.
- Senator Kiscaden moved the A26 amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Kiscaden moved the A18 amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Kiscaden moved the A15 amendment.
- Mr. Bottern testified on the A15 amendment.
- The A15 amendment was adopted.
- Greg Hubinger, Director, Legislative Coordinating Commission, testified on the A12 amendment.
- Senator Kiscaden moved the A12 amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Kiscaden moved the A21 amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Langseth offered the A19 amendment.
- After discussion, Paul Erickson, Director of the Amateur Sports Commission, testified on the A19 amendment, offering support.
- The committee discussed different possibilities for an oral amendment.
- Mr. Wattson clarified what the committee was discussing.
- Senator Langseth withdrew the A19 amendment.
- Senator Langseth moved an oral amendment to the bill:

- Page 30, lines 24-28, reinstate the stricken language.
- Page 30, line 24, before "lease" insert "up to \$300,000 of"
- Page 30, line 25, after "commission" insert "each fiscal year"

- Mr. Massman testified on the fiscal impact of the amendment.
- Senator Langseth's oral amendment was adopted.
- Senator Larson moved an oral amendment. Mr. Bottern offered the language:

-Page 8, delete Section 15.

- Senator Kiscaden explained to the committee that the oral amendment was incorrect.
- Mr. Lundeen explained the correct oral amendment:

-Page 8, line 8, change both "\$375,000"s to "\$225,000"

- Senator Larson made that motion. Motion carried.
- Senator Hottinger offered the A24 amendment.
- Senator Marty testified on the A24 amendment.
- Deputy Commissioner Paul Larson, Department of Employee Relations (DOER), testified on the A24 amendment.
- Senator Hottinger moved an oral amendment to the A24 amendment:

-Delete paragraph C

- Senator Hottinger's oral amendment is adopted.
- Senator Hottinger renewed his motion on the A24 amendment, as amended. Motion carried.
- Senator Hottinger moved the A10 amendment.
- Senator Pariseau moved an oral amendment to the A10 amendment:


-Page 1, line 10, delete "attending a"


-Page 1, line 11, delete "state or national convention of a political party and payments"

- Senator Pariseau then amended her motion to delete all of Section 1.
- Senator Pariseau's motion failed.
- Senator Hottinger's motion on the A10 amendment carried.
- Senator Kiscaden moved that SC-4094-2 be introduced as a committee bill and be recommended to pass.
- Beth Frazier, Minnesota Alliance for Progressive Action, testified in response to questions from Senator Nienow.
- Senator Chaudhary began chairing the meeting at 3:20.
- Senator Cohen returned to chair the meeting at 3:22.
- Senator Kiscaden's motion carried.

Senator Cohen adjourned the meeting at 3:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Richard J. Cohen  
Chair

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