

# Finance Committee

## Chair: Senator Richard J. Cohen

Monday, May 9, 2005

8:00 a.m.

Room 123, Capitol

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

ABSENT: Neuville, Ourada, Sams

\* 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 8:15 A.M.

A quorum was present.

### **AGENDA ITEM #1: S.F. 1710-Lourey: Child Protection, Child Care, and Child and Family Support Provisions Modifications**

- There is a handout in the packet from Mr. Terry Nyblom, who could not attend the hearing.
- Senator Lourey testified on S.F. 1710.
- Chris Johnson, Department of Human Services, testified on the fiscal note for S.F. 1710.
- Senator Pappas moved the division report to S.F. 1710. Motion carried.
- Senator Metzen moved that S.F. 1710 be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

### **AGENDA ITEM #2: S.F. 1555-Rest: Lawful Gambling Provisions Modifications**

- Senator Kiscaden moved adoption of the division report to S.F. 1555. Motion carried.
- Senator Rest testified on S.F. 1555.
- S.F. 1555 was laid over to wait for the preparation of an amendment requested by Senator Kiscaden.

### **AGENDA ITEM #3: S.F. 1629-Dille: Rural Finance Authority Loan Program Modifications and Livestock Zoning Ordinances or Controls Regulations**

- Senator Dille moved adoption of the division report to S.F. 1629. Motion carried.
- Senator Dille testified on S.F. 1629.
- Matt Massman, Finance Counsel, testified in response to a question from Senator Kiscaden.
- Senator Dille moved that S.F. 1629 as amended be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

### **AGENDA ITEM #2 CONTINUED: S.F. 1555-Rest: Lawful Gambling Provisions Modifications**

- The committee returned to S.F. 1555.
- Senator Kiscaden moved the A9 amendment.
- Tom Barrett, Executive Director, Gambling Control Board, testified on the A9 amendment.
- King Wilson, Executive Director, Allied Charities of Minnesota, testified against the A9 amendment.
- Mr. Barrett testified again in response to a question from Senator Gerlach.

- Roger Olson, Past Deputy Commander of the American Legion, testified against the A9 amendment.
- Senator Metzen requested a roll call vote on the A9 amendment.
- Senator Kiscaden divided the amendment: Page 1, remove lines 11-22 and Page 2, remove lines 6-7.
- Peter Wattson, Finance Counsel, explained what the committee would be voting on.
- Mr. Wilson testified in favor of the language left in the amendment.
- Roll call vote on the balance of the A9 amendment:

Ayes: Cohen, Berglin, Chaudhary, Dibble, Dille, Fischbach, Gerlach, Hottinger, Kierlin, Kiscaden, Langseth, Larson, Metzen, Murphy, Olson, Pappas, Pariseau, Ranum, Stumpf (19)

Nays: (0)

- The amendment without the deleted portions carried 19-0.
- Senator Kiscaden withdrew the remainder of the amendment.
- Senator Metzen moved that S.F. 1555 as amended be recommended to pass. Motion carried.
- Senator Chaudhary began chairing the meeting at 9:29.

#### **AGENDA ITEM #4: S.F. 1468-Cohen: Public Safety Officers Survivor Benefits Provisions Modifications**

- Senator Cohen testified on S.F. 1468.
- Bill Gillespie, Executive Director of the Minnesota Peace and Police Officers Association, testified on S.F. 1468.
- Senator Pariseau offered an oral amendment:

-Page 2, lines 29-33, reinstate the stricken language and delete the new language

- Mr. Gillespie testified again in response to a question from Senator Berglin.
- Mary Ellis, Department of Public Safety, testified on S.F. 1468, offering the Department's concerns.
- Frank Ahrens, Department of Public Safety, also testified.
- Senator Cohen moved the A1 amendment.
- Anne Finn, League of Minnesota Cities, testified on S.F. 1468.
- Mr. Ahrens testified again.
- Mr. Massman testified on the A1 amendment.
- Ms. Ellis testified again in response to a question from Senator Berglin.
- Senator Pariseau offered the same oral amendment as above to the A1 amendment:

-Page 2, lines 29-33, reinstate the stricken language and delete the new language

- Mr. Wattson clarified Senator Pariseau's oral amendment to the A1 amendment:

-add page 2, delete Section 2

- Mr. Gillespie testified in response to a question from Senator Ranum.
- Mike Stockstad, President of the Minnesota Firefighters Association, testified on the Pariseau amendment.
- Ms. Finn testified in opposition to the Pariseau amendment.
- Mr. Massman testified on the fiscal impact of the A1 amendment.
- Ms. Ellis testified again, disputing what Ms. Finn said.
- The Pariseau oral amendment is not adopted.
- The A1 amendment is adopted.
- Senator Kiscaden offered an oral amendment:

-Page 3, lines 10 and 11, delete “put the officer or firefighter at risk for the type of illness or injury actually sustained” and insert “resulted in the disabling illness or injury the officer or firefighter sustained that prohibits employment.”

- Senator Kiscaden’s oral amendment was adopted.
- Senator Cohen moved that S.F. 1468 as amended be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

**AGENDA ITEM #5: S.F. 290-Higgins: Help America Vote Act**

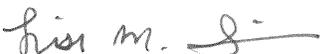
- Senator Higgins testified on S.F. 290.
- Senator Kiscaden moved adoption of the division report. Motion carried.
- Kevin Corbid, Washington County, testified on S.F. 290 and the A8 amendment.
- Senator Cohen returned to chair the meeting at 10:46
- Alberto Quintella, Deputy Secretary of State, testified on the A8 amendment and in response to questions from Senator Kiscaden.
- Senator Frederickson moved the A8 amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Berglin moved the A9 amendment. Motion carried.
- Senator Cohen recessed the meeting at 11:10 a.m.
- Senator Cohen reconvened the meeting at 3:09 p.m.
- Senator Higgins continued her testimony on S.F. 290.
- Bert Black, Legal Analyst for the Secretary of State, testified on S.F. 290.
- Senator Berglin began chairing the meeting at 3:15.
- Senator Cohen returned to chair at 3:17.
- Mr. Black continued testifying in response to questions from members.
- Tony Kielkucki, Deputy Secretary of State for Elections, testified in response to a question from Senator Cohen.
- Mr. Black testified again in response to questions.
- Senator Berglin moved that S.F. 290 as amended be recommended to pass.
- Deputy Secretary Quintella testified again in response to a question.
- Deputy Kielkucki testified again in response to a question.
- Senator Higgins testified again.
- Senator Berglin’s motion carried.
- Senator Chaudhary began chairing at 4:29.

**AGENDA ITEM #6: S.F. 2289-Cohen: Eliminating Certain Unclassified Positions**

- Senator Cohen testified on S.F. 2289.
- Mr. Massman testified on the fiscal note for S.F. 2289.
- Senator Cohen moved that S.F. 2289 be recommended to pass. Motion carried.

Senator Chaudhary adjourned the meeting at 4:45 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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Richard J. Cohen  
Chair

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