

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the seventeenth meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, March 15, 2005, in Room 123 of the State Capitol, St. Paul Minnesota.

The secretary noted the roll.

Members Present:

Berglin, Chair
Solon, Vice Chair
Foley
Higgins
Koering
LeClair
Lourey
Rosen

A quorum was present.

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 1297, authored and explained by Senator Saxhaug, as follows:

S.F. 1297 (SAXHAUG): A bill for an relating to human services; extending the deadline for a nursing facility moratorium exception project.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1297:

Mike Hagen, CEO, Riverwood Health Center, Aitkin, MN.

Senate File 1297 was laid over.

The second bill up for consideration was S.F. 954, authored and explained by Senator Neuville, as follows:

S.F. 954 (NEUVILLE): A bill for an act relating to human services; designating certain nursing facilities in Rice County as metro for purposes of determining reimbursement rates.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 954:

1. Pat Vincent, CEO, Three Links Care Center, 815 Forest Ave., Northfield, MN 55057.
2. Kyle Nordine, CEO, Northfield Care Center, 900 Cannon Valley Dr., Northfield, MN 55057.

Senator Koering move to amend S.F. 954 as follows:

(See Attachment "A" – SCS0954A-1)

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

Senate File 954 was laid over.

The third bill up for consideration was S.F. 1273, authored and explained by Senator Kubly, as follows:

S.F. 1273 (KUBLY): A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing medical assistance reimbursement rates for a nursing facility in Renville County.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 1273:

1. Paul McLaughlin, Administrator, City of Renville, MN.
2. Luverne Hoffman, CEO, St. Francis Health Services.

Senator Solon moved to amend S.F. 1273 as follows:

Page 1, line 15, delete "September 30, 2004" and insert "July 1, 2005"

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

Senate File 1273 was laid over.

The fourth bill up for consideration was S.F. 1414, authored and explained by Senator Vickerman, as follows:

S.F. 1414 (KOERING): A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing the reimbursement rate for a nursing facility in Jackson County.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1414:

Ron Donacik, Administrator, Lakeview Nursing Home, Heron Lake, MN.

Senate File 1414 was laid over.

The fifth bill up for consideration was S.F. 800, authored and explained by Senator Ortman, as follows:

S.F. 800 (ORTMAN): A bill for an act relating to health; providing an exception to the moratorium on certification of nursing home beds.

Senator Solon moved to amend S.F. 800 as follows:

(See Attachment "B" – SCS0800A-1)

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 800:

Wayne Ward, Administrator, Auburn West Nursing Home, 232 Elm St.,
Waconia, MN 55387.

Senate File 800 was laid over.

The six bill up for consideration was S.F. 1477, authored and explained by Senator Kierlin, as follows:

S.F. 1477 (KIERLIN): A bill for an act relating to health; increasing medical assistance reimbursement rates for a nursing facility in Ostrander.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1477:

Grant Thayer, Administrator, Caledonia Lutheran Home, 425 North Badger St., Caledonia, MN.

Senate File 1477 was laid over.

The seventh and last bill up for consideration was S.F. 1499, authored and explained by Senator Lourey, as follows:

S.F. 1499 (LOUREY): A bill for an act relating to human services; providing a rate increase for a nursing facility in Carlton County having completed an approved total replacement; appropriating money.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1499:

Larry Penk, Administrator, Nursing Home, Carlton, MN.

Senate File 1499 was laid over.

The following person testified regarding nursing homes in general and responded to questions asked by committee members:

Bob Held, Continuing Care Division, Department of Human Services

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.


Senator Linda Berglin
Chair


Rochelle M. Polansky
Legislative Assistant

Health and Human Services Budget Division

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair

Tuesday, March 15, 2005 – 10:15 a.m.

Room 123 State Capitol

A G E N D A

- I. **Call to Order.**
- II. **S.F. 954 (Neuville): Designate nursing home in Rice County as metro.**
 - A. **Author's Presentation.**
 - B. **Amendment(s).**
 - C. **Division Action.**
- III. **S.F. 1273 (Kubly): Increase MA for nursing home in Renville County.**
 - A. **Author's Presentation.**

Testimony:

 - 1. **Paul McLaughlin, City Administrator, Renville.**
 - 2. **Luverne Hoffman, CEO, City of St. Francis.**
 - B. **Amendment(s).**
 - C. **Division Action.**
- IV. **S.F. 1414 (Vickerman):**
 - A. **Author's Presentation.**

Testimony:

Ron Donacik, Administrator, Lakeview Nursing Home, Heron Lake, MN.
 - B. **Amendment(s).**
 - C. **Division Action.**
- V. **S.F. 1297 (Saxhaug): Extend deadline for nursing home moratorium exception.**
 - A. **Author's Presentation.**
 - B. **Amendment(s).**
 - C. **Division Action.**

VI. S.F. 800 (Ortman): Exception to moratorium on nursing home beds.

A. Author's Presentation.

Testimony:

Wayne Ward, Administrator, Auburn West Nursing Home.

B. Amendment(s).

C. Division Action.

VII. S.F. 1477 (Kierlin): Increase MA rates to facility in Ostrander.

A. Author's Presentation.

Testimony:

Grant Thayer, Administrator, Lutheran Home in Caledonia, 425 North Badger St., Caledonia, MN.

B. Amendment(s).

C. Division Action.

VIII. S.F. 1499 (Lourey): Rate increase for nursing home in Carlton County having completed total replacement.

A. Author's Presentation.

Testimony:

Larry Penk, Administrator, Carlton, MN.

B. Amendment(s).

C. Division Action.

IX. Department of Human Services Testimony on Nursing Homes.

X. Adjournment.

NEXT MEETING:

Wednesday, March 16, 2005

Health and Human Services Budget Division

Sen. Linda Berglin, Chair

9 a.m. Room 123 Capitol

Agenda:

S.F. 223 (Kubly): EMS regulation modification.

S.F. 1378 (Kiscaden): Modify medical education funding.

S.F. 22 (Solon): Rx bulk purchasing

S.F. 23 (Solon): Rx Pricing Criteria Reporting Act

S.F. 540 (Berglin): Long term care partnership program.

S.F. 24 (Solon): Cervical Cancer Elimination Task Force

S.F. 116 (Solon): Compulsive gambling prevention and education.

S.F. 1163 (Berglin): RN loan forgiveness.

S.F. 1258 (Lourey): Lead reduction.