

**Senate Public Safety Budget Division &  
Senate Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee  
Wednesday, January 26, 2005  
Chairs: Sen. Jane Ranum & Sen. Leo Foley  
Time: 12:00 p.m., 112 Capitol**

*Agenda*

Crime Victim Services Overview

- Mary Ellison, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Safety

Femicide Report

- Cyndi Cook, Executive Director, Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women (MCBW)

WATCH Orders for Protection (OFP) Report

- Marna Anderson, Executive Director, Minnesota WATCH

The Government Response to Domestic Violence against Immigrant and Refugee Women in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Area: A Human Rights Report

- Cheryl Thomas, Women's Program Director, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights

Slipping through the Cracks: How Incomplete Data Collection Allows Domestic Abusers Access to Firearms

- Carolyn Hamm, Minnesota Battered Women's Justice Project

Response from interested parties

- Domestic Violence Legislative Alliance
  - Cindy Cook, MCBW
- Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA)
  - Karin Long, Staff Attorney, Sexual Violence Justice Institute

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Members present: Berglin, Betzold, Foley, Neuville, Ortman, Limmer, Skoglund, Ranum

Sen. Ranum called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

Mary Ellison, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Public Safety, gave an overview of crime victim services within the Department of Public Safety.

Witness responded to questions.

Paula Webber, Office of Justice Programs, Department of Public Safety, testified on crime victim services in Minnesota.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Cyndi Cook, Executive Director, Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women (MCBW), testified on the Femicide report and crime victim services.

Witness responded to questions.

Marna Anderson, Executive Director, Minnesota WATCH, testified on the WATCH Orders for Protection (OFP) Report.

Witness responded to questions.

Cheryl Thomas, Women's Program Director, Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, testified on the Government Response to Domestic Violence against Immigrant and Refugee Women in the Minneapolis/St. Paul Metropolitan Area: A Human Rights Report.

Witness responded to questions.

Grace ?, Korean Service Center, gave testimony on interpretation services for immigrant and refugee crime victims

Carolyn Hamm, Minnesota Battered Women's Justice Project, testified on the "Slipping through the Cracks: How Incomplete Data Collection Allows Domestic Abusers Access to Firearms" report.

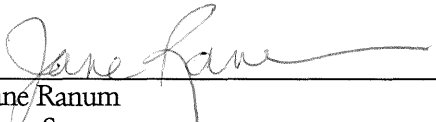
Karin Long, Staff Attorney, Sexual Violence Justice Institute, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA), gave testimony on budget cuts to victim services across the state.

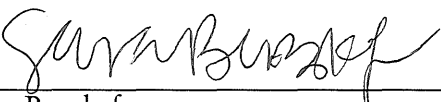
Ms. Cook, Executive Director, Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women (MCBW), gave testimony on budget cuts to victim services across the state.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Sen. Ranum adjourned the meeting at 2:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

  
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Jane Ranum  
State Senator

  
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Sara Benzkofer  
Legislative Assistant

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Members Present

Senator Foley  
Senator Berglin  
Senator Betzold  
Senator Neuville  
Senator Ranum  
Senator Skoglund

Members Absent

Senator Kleis  
Senator McGinn  
Senator Ruud

Senator Ranum called the meeting to order at 12:05 p.m.

Mary Ellison, Deputy Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety, testified regarding Crime Victim Services.

Paula Webber, Office of Justice in the Department of Public Safety, testified regarding Hennepin County domestic abuse statistics.

Cindy Cook, Executive Director of the Minnesota Coalition of Battered Women, testified about the 2004 Femicide report.

Marna Anderson, Executive Director of Minnesota WATCH, testified before the Committee.


Cheryl Thomas, Women's Program Director with the Minnesota Advocates for Human Rights, testified before the Committee.

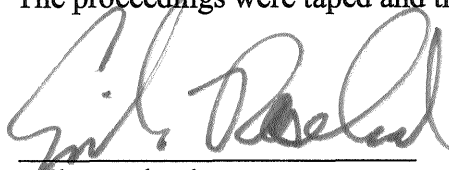
Grace Vilgilante, Korean Service Center, spoke on translation issues regarding domestic violence.

Carolyn Hamm, Minnesota Battered Women's Justice Project, testified regarding the "Slipping through the Cracks" How Incomplete Data Collection Allows Domestic Abusers Access to Firearms" report.

Karin Long, Staff Attorney with the Sexual Violence Justice Institute, testified before the Committee.

Senator Ranum adjourned the meeting at 1:57 p.m. The proceedings were taped and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.

  
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Senator Leo Foley  
Chairman

  
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Erik Reseland  
Legislative Assistant

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