

State Government Budget Division

Wednesday, April 13, 2005

9:00 a.m. – 11:30a.m. Room 107 – State Capitol

Members Present

Senator S. Kiscaden
Senator S. Chaudhary
Senator R. Cohen
Senator C. Larson
Senator J. Metzen
Senator G. Michel
Senator J. Ranum
Senator J. Vickerman

Members Absent

Senator M. Reiter
Senator D. Senjem

Senator Vickerman called the meeting to order at 9:10.

Senator Betzold presented S.F. 658, a bill for a Constitutional amendment for military assistance trust fund.

Witness in support: Tom Haugo, Army Reserve Ambassador for Minnesota

Senator Metzen moved that S.F. 658 should be passed to the Finance Committee.

Senator Betzold presented S.F. 659, a bill for a Military assistance trust fund.

Witness in support: Tom Haugo, Army Reserve Ambassador for Minnesota Senate

Senator Metzen moved that S.F. 659 be recommended for inclusion in the Omnibus Bill.

Senator Vickerman presented S.F. 1863, a Veterans supportive services grants appropriation.

9:32 Senator Metzen announced a quorum was present.

Witnesses in support: Jimmy Coulthard, President, Minnesota Assistance Council for Veterans.

William Neiman
Michael Gates
Frank Hanson
Michael Connolly

James Davis

Senator Vickerman moved that S.F. 1863 be laid on the table for inclusion in the Omnibus Bill. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Vickerman presented S.F. 734, the Omnibus Veterans Bill.

Witnesses in support: Colonel Denny Shields, Special Assistant to The Adjutant General of the Minnesota National Guard
Mike Pugliesi, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs

Senator Vickerman moved that Article 1, Section 2 and Article 2 of S.F. 734 be recommended for inclusion in the Omnibus Bill. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Vickerman moved that the balance of S.F. 734 as amended be passed to the Finance Committee. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Metzen renewed his motion that S.F. 659 be considered for inclusion in the Omnibus Bill. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Vickerman moved that S.F. 658 be recommended to pass to Finance Committee. MOTION PREVAILED.

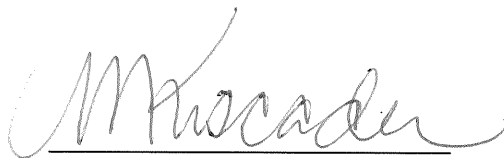
Senator Kiscaden presented S.F. 1796, a bill for a Health Care Purchasing Authority.

Witnesses in support: Liz Houlding, Manager, State Employee Group Insurance, Department of Employee Relations
Carolyn Pare Executive Director, Buyers Health Care Action Group

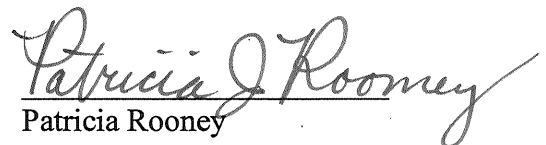
Handout #2 Snapshot of State Collaborative Purchasing Experience

Senator Kiscaden moved that S.F. 1796 be recommended for inclusion in the Omnibus Bill. MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting adjourned at 11.00 a.m.. The proceedings were recorded and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.



Senator Sheila Kiscaden
Chairman



Patricia Rooney
Legislative Assistant

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AGENDA

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S.F. 734 - Vickerman: Support our troops motor vehicle license plates; national guard incentive programs funding; world war II veterans memorial and veterans homes improvements bond issue and appropriations; military members income tax benefits.

Testifiers: Colonel Denny Shields, Special Assistant to The Adjutant General
Minnesota National Guard

S.F. 1863 - Vickerman: Veterans supportive services grants appropriation.

Testifiers: Jimmy Coulthard, President MN Assistance Council for Veterans

S.F. 1796 - Kiscaden: Health Care Purchasing Authority

Testifiers: Liz Houlding, Manager, State Employee Group Insurance, DOER
Carolyn Pare, Chair, Buyers Health Care Action Group