

COMMITTEE MINUTES

Joint Health and Family Security Committee and
Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee
Tuesday, February 1, 2005
12:00 Noon, Room 15 Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT

Marty
Bakk
Chaudhary
Hottinger
Nienow
Olson
Saxhaug

MEMBERS ABSENT

AGENDA:

Informational testimony on the health effects of mercury in the environment.

Senator Marty called the joint hearing of the Health and Family Security Committee and the Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee to order at 12:10 p.m.

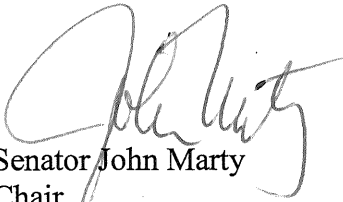
Erin Jordahl-Redlin, Mercury Free Minnesota, and Cleanwater Action spoke on health effects of mercury in the environment.

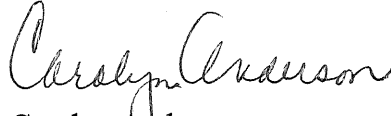
David Wallinga, M.D., Food and Health Program, Institute for Agriculture and Trade Policy, DWallinga@iatp.org, spoke, as well as used power point to illustrate the health risks of mercury in the environment.

Becky Kenow and Rita Messing, Environmental Health Division, Minnesota Department of Health, also spoke about the health effects of mercury in the environment.

The Joint hearing portion was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,


Senator John Marty
Chair


Carolyn Anderson
Committee Secretary

JOINT MEETING WITH SENATE HEALTH & FAMILY SECURITY COMMITTEE
AND ENVIRONMENT AND NATURAL RESOURCES
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2005
12:00 P.M.
ROOM 15 CAPITOL

Members present:

Lourey, Chair
Berglin
Fischbach
Foley
Higgins
Kelley
Kiscaden
LeClair
Nienow

Sen. Lourey convened the meeting and welcomed everyone at 12:10 p.m.

Sen. Marty welcomed members and the audience.

12:12 Erin Jordahl-Redlin, Mercury Free MN spoke on health effects of mercury.

12:15 Dr. David Wallinga, Institute on Agriculture and Trade Policy, discussed the effects of mercury.

12:45 Sen. Lourey distributed an article from Mother Jones Magazine.

12:52 Testifying on mercury were:

Becky Kenow, Environmental Health Division, MDH
Rita Messing, Environmental Health Division, MDH
Tim Rudnicke,

1:02 Meeting adjourned. Members from the Environment and Natural Resources Committee left.

1:03 p.m. Sen. Lourey convened the Health and Family Security meeting.

1:05 Sen. Kelley took the gavel.

Sen. Lourey presented S. F. 639, Minnesota Elimination of Mercury in Vaccines Act of 2005.

Sen. Lourey moved the A-1 amendment.

Motion prevailed.

Testifying on S. F. 639, as amended, were:

1:08 Dr. Boyd Haley, Professor of Science, University of Kentucky

1:32 Discussion followed.

1:49 Sen. Fischbach moved an oral amendment:

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Motion prevailed.

Testifying on S. F. 639, as amended, were:

1:50 Libby Rupp, daughter Isabella, husband Chris
1:54 A. J. Paron-Wildes, son Devin
2:05 Nancy Hokkanen
2:10 Sheila Bjorkland, Public Health RN, Attorney
2:16 Kris Ehresmann, Immunization, Tuberculosis and Int'l Health Section, MDH
2:25 Diane Peterson, Immunization Action Coalition
2:30 Anne Hoxie, School Nurse, St. Paul Public Schools

2:35 p.m. Sen. Lourey used the chair's prerogative to hold the bill.

Respectfully submitted by,

Senator Becky Lourey, Chair

Pat Wallner, Legislative Assistant

Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: HEALTH and FAMILY SECURITY

Date: 2/1/05 Day: TUES. Start Time: 12:13

Agenda

JOINT COMM. w/ ENVIRONMENT and NATURAL RESOURCES COMM.

Bill # (or Topic)	INFORMATIONAL TESTIMONY ON HEALTH EFFECTS OF MERCURY IN THE ENVIRONMENT.
Author	
Short Descriptor	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • INSTITUTE ON AGRICULTURAL + TRADE POLICY • ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH DIVISION , MDH
Action(s)	
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 639
Author	LOUREY
Short Descriptor	MN ELIMINATION OF MERCURY
Action(s)	added A-1 ammendment
	laid on table
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Rita Messing and Becky Kenow Environmental Health Division, MDH

1:00 PM – 2:30 PM

Health and Family Security Committee
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- III. S.F. 639-Lourey: Minnesota Elimination of Mercury in Vaccines Act of 2005

A-1 amendment added & laid on table

- ① Dr. Boyd Haley
② Libby Rupp, parent of Isabella
③ A.J. Paron-Wildes, parent of Devin
④ Nancy Hokkanen, parent of Andy
Jerri Johnson, MN Natural Health Coalition
Diane Miller
⑤ Sheila Bjorkland
⑥ Kris Ehresmann, Immunization, Tuberculosis and Int'l Health Section, MDH
⑦ Diane Peterson, Immunization Action Coalition
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- IV. Adjournment.

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