

**SENATE JOBS, ENERGY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

**MONDAY, APRIL 4, 2005**

**3:00 PM -- ROOM 15 CAPITOL**

**AGENDA**

**SF 1687 (Anderson) Public utilities renewable energy standards  
(Subcommittee Report – Energy)**

**HF 218/SF 817 (Rosen) Renewable energy production incentive payments eligibility  
extension (Subcommittee Report – Energy)**

**SF 1385 (Rosen) Biodiesel fuel home heating use analysis  
(Subcommittee Report – Energy)**

**SF 1179 (Wergin) Independent school district #480, Onamia; cooperative joint  
community learning and health and wellness center geothermal heating and  
ventilation system appropriations  
(Subcommittee Report – Energy)**

**SF 1603 (Moua) Railroad companies injured workers treatment obstruction  
prohibition**

**SF 588 (Chaudhary) Employer misrepresentation of employee relationship  
prohibition**

**SF 776 (Sparks) Customer sales or service call centers regulation**

**SF 1485 (Sparks) Crane operators certification**

**SF 402 (Bakk) Apprentice registration fees charging restriction**

**SF 1984 (Anderson) Employer employees nonpayment penalty increases**

### Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: Jobs, Energy & Community Development  
 Date: April 4, 2005 Day: Monday Start Time: 3:17pm

#### Agenda

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| 1) | Bill # (or Topic) | 1681   |
|    | Author            | Anderson   |
|    | Short Descriptor  | Public utilities renewable energy standards  |
|    | Action(s)         | Amended - A-1 - Passed<br>Passed; Recommended to Full Senate                                       |
| 2) | Bill # (or Topic) | HF 218 / SF 11   |
|    | Author            | ROSEN  |
|    | Short Descriptor  | Renewable energy production incentive payments eligibility extension                               |
|    | Action(s)         | Amendment - A-4<br>Passed with incorporated changes - Passed<br>Passed; Recommended to Full Senate |
| 3) | Bill # (or Topic) | 1385   |
|    | Author            | Rosen  |
|    | Short Descriptor  | Biodiesel fuel home heating use analysis   |
|    | Action(s)         | Amended<br>Passed as Amended<br>Recommended to Senate  |
| 4) | Bill # (or Topic) | 1603   |
|    | Author            | Moua   |
|    | Short Descriptor  | Railroad Worker INJURIES   |
|    | Action(s)         | Passed. Recommended to Finance<br>Committee  |

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| 5) | Bill # (or Topic) | 1485  |
|    | Author            | Sparks  |
|    | Short Descriptor  | Crane operators certification   |
|    | Action(s)         | Amendment-A-1 - Passed<br>Passed; Recommended to Senate Floor.  |
| 6) | Bill # (or Topic) | 1179  |
|    | Author            | Wergin  |
|    | Short Descriptor  | Ind. school district #480, Onamia; cooperative joint community learning and wellness center<br>geothermal heating and ventilation system appropriations |
|    | Action(s)         | Passed; Recommended to Finance Committee  |
| 7) | Bill # (or Topic) | 402   |
|    | Author            | Bakk  |
|    | Short Descriptor  | Apprentice registration fees charging restrictions  |
|    | Action(s)         | Passed; Recommended to Finance Committee  |
| 8) | Bill # (or Topic) | 588   |
|    | Author            | Chaudhary   |
|    | Short Descriptor  | Employer misrepresentation of employee relationship prohibition   |
|    | Action(s)         | ORAL Amendment -> Passed<br>ORAL Amendment -2 -> Passed<br>ORAL Amendment -3 -> Passed<br>Passed = Recommended to Senate                                |

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9) Bill # 1984  
Author: Anderson

Short Description: Employer employees nonpayment  
penalty increases

Actions: Orally Amended - passed

Passed; Recommended to Senate  
Floor.



10) Bill # 776  
Author Sparks

Short Description: Customer Sales or Service Call  
Center Regulation

Actions: orally amended

Passed; Recommended to  
Senate Floor.

Adjourn 7:30pm

Recorded by:  
Guillermo Avilés-Mendoza

**Jobs, Energy, and Community Development  
Meeting Minutes  
Monday, April 4, 2005  
3:00 p.m. – Room 15 Capitol**

**Members present:** Anderson, Bachman Bakk, Dibble, Gaither, Hottinger, Kelley, Pappas, Rosen, Rudd, Senjem, Sparks, Saxhaug, Gerlach, Metzen, Kubly

**Members Absent:** Ourada

Senator Anderson called the meeting to order at 3:18pm

**S.F. 1687 – Senator Anderson: Renewable Energy Standard**

**Senator Kubly moved subcommittee report.**

**Motion prevailed.**

The following provided testimony in favor of the bill

- Tom Wacker, Vice President, Mortenson Construction
- Paul Burke, former CEO, MN high-tech manufacturing firm
- Mark Ahlstrom, President and CEO, WindLogics
- Tom Daggett, President and CEO, Hutchinson Manufacturing
- Dave Foster, Director, District 11, United Steelworkers of America

The following provided testimony in opposition of the bill

- Lee Sundberg, MN Rural Electric Association
- Loren Laugtaug, Otter Tail Power
- Lauren Johnson, Donald Com, Steve Nyhus, MN Municipal Utilities Association

**Senator Sparks offered the A-1 amendment.**

**Motion prevailed.**

**Senator Anderson moved the bill do pass as amended to the Senate Floor.**

**Motion prevailed.**

**H.F. 218 – Senator Rosen: Renewable Energy Production Incentive payments eligibility extension**

**Senator Rosen moved Subcommittee Report.**

**Motion prevailed.**

**Senator Kubly offered A-4 amendment with oral incorporation: *p.1 ln.17, strike “is”; ln. 18 strike “not payable”; ln. 24after “3” insert “or a letter of approval under Subd. 4”***

- Ed Garvey, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Commerce

**Motion prevailed**

**Senator Rosen moved bill do pass as amended to Senate Floor.**

**Motion prevailed.**

**S.F. 1385 – Senator Rosen: Biodiesel fuel home heating use analysis**

**Senator Rosen moved subcommittee report**

**Motion prevailed**

**Senator Rosen moved bill do pass to Senate floor.**

**Motion prevailed**

**S.F. 1603 – Senator Moua: Railroad companies injured workers treatment obstruction prohibition**

The following testified in favor of the bill:

- Phillip Qualy, State Director, United Transportation Union
- Mike Nelson, injured railroad worker
- Dave Riehle, Chairman, UTU Local 650
- Dan Elliot, Associate Counsel, UTU International
- Bill Heaney, IBEW
  
- John Hubert, Canadian Pacific Railway, provided testimony in opposition to the bill

**Senator Kelley moved the bill do pass to Finance.**

**Motion prevailed.**

**S.F. 1485 – Senator Sparks: Crane operators’ certification**

**Senator Sparks offered A-1 amendment.**

**Motion prevailed.**

The following spoke in favor of the bill:

- Paul Dorn, crane operator, Truck Crane
- Doug Swenson, Associated General Contractors
- Tim Worke, Associated General Contractors
  
- Jamie Anderson, MN Department of Labor and Industry, spoke neutrally on the bill

**Senator Sparks moved the bill do pass as amended to Senate floor.**

**Motion prevailed.**

**S.F. 1179 - Senator Wergin: I.S.D. #480 geothermal heating and ventilation system appropriations**

**Senator Rosen moved the Subcommittee Report**

**Motion prevailed**

**Senator Rosen moved the bill do pass to Finance**

**Motion prevailed**

**S.F. 402 – Senator Bakk: Apprentice registration fees charging restriction**

**Senator Bakk moved bill do pass to Finance.**

**Motion prevailed**

**S.F. 588 – Senator Chaudhary: Employer misrepresentation of employee relationship prohibition**

- Jeff Miller, Carpenter’s Union, testified in favor of the bill
- Bill Becker, floor coverer, testified in favor of the bill

**Senator Bakk moved oral amendment: p.2 ln.14 after “person” insert “not a contractor”. Ln.16 delete everything after “violate.” Delete ln.17, 18, 19 up to the period.**

**Motion prevailed.**

- Mike Hickey, National Federation of Independent Businesses, testified against bill
- Tom Marshall, Employment lawyer, testified against bill

**Senator Kelley offered oral amendment: p.2 ln.5 delete “any”. Ln.6 delete “person guilty of violating” and insert “that a violation of” before “this”. After “section” insert “has occurred”. Ln9 delete “of guilt”. Ln 14 strike “a person” and insert “an individual”. Ln 21 strike “person” and insert “individual”**

**Motion prevailed**

**Senator Sparks moved bill do pass as amended to Finance.**

**Motion prevailed.**

**S.F. 1984 – Senator Anderson: Employer nonpayment penalty increases**

The following provided testimony in favor of the bill:

- Victor Contreras, Centro Compesino
- Sara Leon, Immigration Attorney
- Deobrah Cantania, migrant worker
- Santa Leonta, migrant worker
- Bruce Nester, Attorney, Centro Compesino
  
- Tom Hesse, MN Chamber of Commerce, testified neutrally to the bill

**Senator Anderson moved oral amendment: p1ln23 insert “business” after “two”**

**Motion prevailed**

**Senator Anderson moved bill do pass as amended to Senate floor.**

**Motion prevailed.**

**S.F. 776 – Senator Sparks: Customer sales or service call centers regulation**

**Senator Sparks offered A-1 amendment**

**Motion prevailed**

- Tim Meyer, Communication Workers, testified in support of the bill
- Victor Dobras, Sprint, testified in opposition of the bill
- Tom Hesse, MN Chamber of Commerce, testified in opposition of the bill

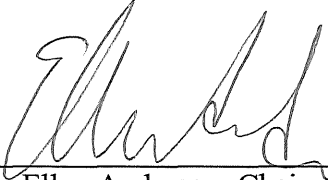
**Senator Sparks offered oral amendment: p2ln6, after the semicolon insert “and”. P2ln10 delete “; and” insert period.**

**Motion prevailed**

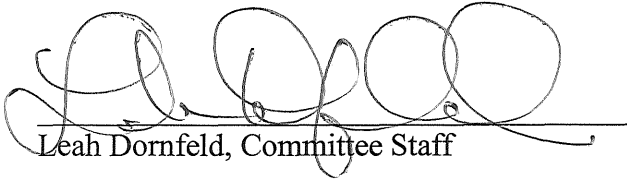
**Senator Sparks moved bill do pass as amended to Senate floor**

**Motion prevailed**

**Senator Anderson adjourned meeting at 7:34pm**



Senator Ellen Anderson, Chair



Leah Dornfeld, Committee Staff