

## Minutes for State and Local Government Operations

Wednesday, February 23, 2005  
Chair, Senator Linda Higgins  
Start Time: 12:17pm.

**Present Committee Members:** Senators Higgins, Wiger, Robling, Dibble, Senjem, Marko, Kubly, Johnson, Wergin, Solon, Fischbach, Tomassoni, Day and Vickerman

**SF853-Senator Senjem:** Allowing certain boards to conduct meetings by telephone or other electronic means

Lee Nelson, Director for Unemployment Insurance and Economic Development testified in favor of the bill.

Keith Carlson testified in favor of the A-1 amendment.

Senator Senjem moves the A-5 amendment.

Motion adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Higgins moves the A-1 amendment.

Motion adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Senjem moves motion as amended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy & Community Development.

Motion adopted on a voice vote.

**SF-532 Senator Marko:** Washington County; making the library board advisory to the county board

Commissioner Myra Peterson, Washington County Board Chair testified in favor of the bill.

Senator Marko moves oral amendment

Insert, "[Sec.2] [EFFECTIVE DATE.] Section 1 is effective on the day following final enactment."

Motion adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Marko moves bill as amended to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Motion adopted on a voice vote.

1 handout provided-Washington County letter dated February 22, 2005.

**SF877 Senator Stumpf:** Establishing a Humanities Commission and Center

Stanley Romanstein, President of Minnesota Humanities Commission testified in favor of the bill.

Senator Tomassoni moves motion to pass the bill to the floor.

Motion adopted on a voice vote.

**SF893 Senator Tomassoni:** Counties; authorizing county boards to contract for the sale of biomass

Gary Cervenik, Energy Consultant testified in favor of the bill and responded to committee questions.

Senator Tomassoni moves motion to pass the bill and re-referred the bill to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Motion adopted on a voice vote.

**SF819 Senator Marty:** State and public employees whistle blower protection and records access authority

Paul Larson, Deputy Commissioner for Labor Relations, DOER testified in opposition of the bill

Jim Rhodes testified in favor of the bill.

Senator Marty moves oral amendment

Page 4, delete lines 22 to 27 and insert "An employee contesting disciplinary action under paragraph (a) for the preparation of a report that was not submitted before the occurrence of the violation by clear and convincing evidence."

Amend the title as follows: Page 1 line 3, delete "certain" and insert "employee" and before the word terminated insert "certain"

Page 1, line 3 delete "creating"

Page 1, delete line 4

Page 1, line 5 delete everything before "prohibiting"

Motion adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Dibble moves oral amendment.

Page 1, line 24, after the period, insert "This paragraph does not apply to an individual named on a layoff list prepared under chapter 43A."

Page 2, delete lines 5 and 6

Page 4 line 22, delete everything after "(b)"

Motion adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Robling moves motion to lay the bill on the table.

Motion failed on a voice vote.

Senator Wergin moves oral amendment

Pages 2 and 3, delete "Section 2"

Motion adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Tomassoni moves motion as amended to pass the bill and re-referred the bill to the Committee on Judiciary.

Motion adopted on a voice vote.

Adjourned at 1:50 p.m.

## State and Local Government Operations

February 23, 2005

12:00 – 2:30 p.m.

Room 123

### Agenda

1 **SF 853 - Senjem:** Allowing certain boards to conduct meetings by telephone or other electronic means

Lynne Batzli, DEED

Lee Nelson, DEED

4 **SF 893 - Tomassoni:** Counties; authorizing county boards to contract for the sale of biomass

1) Gary Cerkvenik, Energy Consultant

2) John Ongaro, Gov't Relations Director, St. Louis County

3 **SF 877 - Stumpf:** Establishing a Humanities Commission and Center

5 **SF 819 - Marty:** State and public employees whistle blower protection and records access authority

Paul Larson, Deputy Commissioner for Labor Relations, DOER

2 **SF 532 - Marko:** Washington County; making the library board advisory to the county board

Myra Peterson, Washington County Board Member

## Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: State and Local Government Operations

Date: February 23, 2005 Day: Wednesday Start Time: 12:16

### Agenda

12:17

Bill # (or Topic)	SF. 853
Author	Senyer
Short Descriptor	Allowing certain boards to conduct meetings by telephone or other electronic means.
Action(s)	Approved and sent to Jobs, Energy + Community Development
	PASSED

12:30

Bill # (or Topic)	SF. 532
Author	Markle
Short Descriptor	Making the library board advisory to the county board.
Action(s)	Approved and sent to the consent calendar.
	PASSED

12:37

Bill # (or Topic)	SF. 877
Author	Grande
Short Descriptor	Establishing a Humanities Commission and Center
Action(s)	Approved and passed to floor.
	PASSED

12:47

Bill # (or Topic)	S.F. 893
Author	Tomasson
Short Descriptor	Authorizing county boards to contract for the sale of biomass.
Action(s)	Pass + referred per letterhead to Environment.
	PASSED