

## Minutes for State and Local Government Operations

**Monday, April 4, 2005**

**Start Time 12:10 p.m.**

**Chair, Senator Linda Higgins**

**Present Members:** Sen. Higin, Sen. Wiger, Sen. Dibble, Sen. Senjem, Sen. Robling, Sen. Wergin, Sen. Fischbach, Sen. Marko, Sen. Kubly, Sen. Wiger, Sen. Day, Sen. Tomassoni, Senator Solon and Sen. Johnson

**SF 1841 Senator Hottinger:** Project Riverbend board repeal

Tin Roenstein testified in favor of the bill

Senator Frederickson spoke briefly about the bill

Senator Wiger moves motion to pass the bill and place the bill on the Consent Calendar.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**SF 1869 Senator Kiscaden:** Local government units shared hospital or ambulance service purchasing programs contracts award authority

O.J. Doyle, Doyle Consulting testified in favor of the bill

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

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**SF1768 Senator LeClair:** Minnesota computers for school surplus state property acquisition authority

Lisa Cornelias CFO MN Department of Corrections testified in favor of the bill

Senator Wiger moves the A-1 amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Senator Vickerman moves motion to pass the bill as amended to the floor.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**SF1719 Senator Lourey:** American Indian, alcohol and other drug abuse and American Indian child welfare advisory councils reinstatement

Don Allen, Chemical Services DHS testified in favor of the bill

Senator Tomassoni moves the A-1 amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

Senator Robling moves the bill as amended to pass to the floor

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**SF1135 Senator Frederickson:** Brown county recorder appointment

Charles Enger, Brown County Administrator testified in favor of the bill

Andrew Lochner, Brown County Commissioner testified in favor of the bill

Senator Day moves motion to pass the bill to the floor

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

**SF1370 Senator Kelley:** Telecommunications service providers standardized contracts

Jeff Oxley, Eschelon Communications testified in opposition to the bill  
John Stanick, President of Qwest Communications testified in opposition to the bill  
Gregory Gray testified in opposition to the bill  
Ron Elwood testified in opposition to the bill  
Jerry Nicklebomer, Minnesota Telecom Alliance testified in favor of the bill  
Senator Dibble moves oral amendments  
Page 6 line 4, delete "exongeous" and insert "exogenous"  
Page 6 line 5, delete "instrastate" and insert "intrastate"  
Motion prevailed on a voice vote.  
Senator Marko moves an oral amendment  
Pages 1 through 11, delete "Article 1"  
Motion prevailed on a voice vote.  
Senator Vickerman moves oral amendment  
Pages 23 through 24, delete "Article 4"  
Motion prevailed on an 8 to 6 division  
Senator Dibble moves oral amendment  
Page 26 line 18, delete "two" insert "five"  
Motion prevailed on a voice vote.  
Senator Tomassoni moves motion as amended to pass the bill and re-referred the bill to the Finance Committee.  
Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**SF-1468 Senator Cohen:** Public safety officers survivor benefits provisions modifications

Bill Gillespy, Minneapolis Peace Department testified in favor of the bill  
Senator Solon moves to pass the bill to the floor  
Motion prevailed on a voice vote  
Senator Wiger amends Senator Solon's motion to pass the bill and re-referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.  
Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**SF 1929 Senator Dean Johnson:** Pope county recorder and auditor-treasurer offices appointment

Senator Marko moves motion to pass the bill to the floor  
Motion prevailed on a voice vote

**SF1598 Senator Metzen:** Investment board unclassified employees compensation plan  
Howard Bicker, Director of the Minnesota State Board of Investment testified in favor of the bill

Senator Tomassoni moves motion to pass the bill to the floor  
Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**SF1459 Senator Betzold:** School district employees statewide health insurance pool  
Lee Johanson, Education Minnesota provided an overview of the bill

Kevin Fahey testified in favor of the A-4 amendment

Senator Robling moves oral amendment

Page 2, line 36, delete "Section 1 (b)" and Page 3 lines 1 through 3 delete "Section 1"

Motion prevailed on an 8 to 6 division

Senator Robling moves oral amendment

Page 4, lines 3-11 delete "Section 1 (i) "

Motion prevailed on a 7 to 6 division

Senator Marko moves the A-4 amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Senator Senjem moves oral amendment to SF1459

Page 2, line 10 delete "representing eligible employers"

Page 2, line 11 after the semicolon insert "to represent the interest of eligible employers"

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Senator Tomassoni moves bill to pass as amended and re-referred to the Committee on Finance without recommendation.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

Adjourned at 2:47pm

# State and Local Government Operations

**Chair: Senator Linda Higgins**

**April 4, 2005  
12:00 – 2:30 p.m.  
Room 123**

## Agenda

- SF 1841 - Hottinger: Project Riverbend board repeal  
Tina Rosenstein, Director of Nicollet County Environmental Services
- SF 1869 - Kiscaden: Local government; modifying a shared hospital or ambulance service purchasing provision  
O.J. Doyle, Doyle Consulting
- SF 1768 - LeClair: State government; authorizing Minnesota Computers for School to acquire surplus property for the state  
Lisa Cornelias, CFO MN Department of Corrections
- SF 1719 - Lourey: Reinstating certain American Indian advisory councils
- SF 1468 - Cohen: Modifying public employer reimbursement for compensation paid to certain firefighters and peace officers; creating a panel to evaluate claims
- SF 1370 - Kelley: Telecomm Omnibus Bill  
Jeff Oxley, Eschelon Communications
- SF 1598 - Metzen: State government; regulating compensation of the State Board of Investment
- SF 1459 - Betzold: Insurance; creating a statewide health insurance pool for school district employees  
Jan Alswager, Education Minnesota  
Kevin Fahey, Ex. Dir., MN School Employee Association  
Janelle Rau-Clauson, SEIU  
Brad Lundell, Ex. Dir., Schools for Equity in Education  
Dick Grochowski, President, White Bear Lake Teachers Assoc.  
Grace Schwab, MN School Boards Association  
Paul Brinkman, Service Cooperatives
- SF 1135 - Frederickson: Brown County; permitting the appointment of the county recorder  
Charles Enter, Brown Co. Administrator  
Andrew Lochner, Brown Co. Commissioner
- SF 1929 - Johnson, D.E.: Pope County; providing a process for making certain offices appointive in Pope County  
Riaz Aziz, Pope County  
Robert McCurry, Pope County  
Larry Littleton, Pope County

SF 1794 - Murphy: Vehicle insurance verification program  
Pat McCormack, Driver and Vehicle Services

SF 1821 - Saxhaug: Local government; permitting a group health insurance arrangement of local governments to provide the same coverage to each participating governmental unit  
Ron Dicklich, RAMS

SF 1204 - Kiscaden: Omnibus Licensure Bill  
Kate Zacher-Pate, Assistant Director, Board of Social Work

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Committee Name: State and Local Government - Operations

Date: April 4, 2005 Day: Monday

Start Time: ~~12:00~~ 12:10

### Agenda

Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1841
Author	Hortinger
Short Descriptor	Project Riverbend board repeal
Action(s)	Placed on Consent Calendar
	<del>PA</del> PASSED
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1869
Author	Kiscaden
Short Descriptor	Local government units shared hospital or ambulance.
Action(s)	Placed on the floor + referred to General Orders
	PASSED
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1768
Author	LeClair
Short Descriptor	ITN computers for school surplus state property acquisition authority.
Action(s)	Passed as amended and referred to General Orders
	PASSED
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1719
Author	Lourey
Short Descriptor	American Indian alcohol and other drug abuse and American Indian child welfare advisory councils reinstatement
Action(s)	Passed as amended and referred to the floor.
	PASSED

Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1135
Author	Frederickson
Short Descriptor	Brown County recorder appointment
Action(s)	Referred to the floor.
	PASSED
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1370
Author	Kelley
Short Descriptor	Telecommunications Omnibus Bill
Action(s)	Pass as amended and referred to the Finance Committee
	PASSED
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1486
Author	Cohen
Short Descriptor	Public safety officers survivor benefits provisions modifications.
Action(s)	Pass and <del>re-referred</del> re-referred to Finance
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1929
Author	Johnson, D.E
Short Descriptor	Pope County Recorder and auditor - Treasurer offices appointment.
Action(s)	Pass and referred to the floor.

Adjournment Time: 10:00 AM See second page

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Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1598
Author	Metzen
Short Descriptor	Investment Board unclassified employees compensation plan.
Action(s)	Pass and referred to floor.
	PASSED
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1459
Author	Bezzold
Short Descriptor	School districts employees statewide health insurance pool.
Action(s)	Pass as amended and referred to Finance without recommendation.
	Adjournment at 2:47 till 6:00 PM
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