

**Conference Committee on H.F. 1385: Higher Education Appropriations**

*Chairs: Senator Sandra L. Pappas and Representative Bud Nornes*

Room 10, State Office Building

Wednesday, May 18, 2005

7:00 p.m.

House has the gavel

Conferees: Senators Pappas, Cohen, Tomassoni, Kierlin, Robling

Representatives Nornes, Eastlund, Cox, Opatz, Johnson (Ruth)

**AGENDA:**

- H.F. 1385: Higher Education Appropriations bill

**MINUTES:**

Members present:

Senators Pappas, Cohen, Tomassoni, Kierlin, Robling

Representatives Nornes, Eastlund, Cox, Opatz, Johnson (Ruth)

7:45 p.m. Representative Nornes called the meeting to order

Walkthrough of spreadsheet denoting conference committee agreement:

- Doug Berg, House Fiscal Analyst

Further comments on the spreadsheet:

- Dennis Albrecht, Senate Fiscal Analyst

Committee questions and remarks about the spreadsheet

Senator Pappas moved adoption of the spreadsheet

Motion prevailed

Representative Cox moved the KN58 amendment

Discussion

Motion did not prevail

Senator Pappas moved the A23 amendment before the committee for discussion

- Kathy Novak, House Research, explained the amendment

Representative Opatz moved the KN59 amendment

Comments:

- Tricia Grimes, Legislative liaison, head of government services, Higher Education Services Office

Representative Opatz moved to incorporate the following change to the KN59 amendment:

Line 6, after "sector" insert "licensed or registered in Minnesota"

Motion prevailed

Senator Pappas moved the A21 amendment

Senator Pappas moved to incorporate the following change to the A21 amendment:

Line 6, delete "recommendations" and insert "report"

Motion prevailed

Senator Pappas moved the A22 amendment

Motion prevailed

Senator Pappas moved to adopt Section 10 of the House language on R24 as amended by the A22 amendment and that the section be placed in the conference committee report

Motion prevailed

Senator Pappas moved the A27 amendment

Motion prevailed

Senator Tomassoni moved the A24 amendment

Comments:

- Susan Heegaard, Director, Higher Education Services Office
- Cheryl Maplethorpe, Higher Education Services Office

Senator Tomassoni renewed his motion

Motion did not prevail (there was a show of hands: House 2 aye, 3 nay; Senate 5 aye)

Senator Pappas moved the A19 amendment

Comments:

- Victor Sanchez
- Grant Stevenson, Pastor, St. Stevens Lutheran Church
- Susan Heegaard, Director, Higher Education Services Office
- Mike Lopez, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities
- Emma Paskowitz

Senator Pappas withdrew the A19 amendment

Representative Johnson asked that the record show her objection to the withdrawal of the amendment

Senator Tomassoni moved to amend the A23 amendment as follows:

Page 26, line 5, after the period insert "If the joint committee does not recommend a nominee of the governor's, then the joint committee may make a recommendation other than the governor's nominee"

Motion did not prevail

Senator Pappas moved the A26 amendment

Motion prevailed

Senator Pappas moved the A8 amendment

Comments:

- Jayne Rankin, Department of Finance

Motion prevailed

Senator Kierlin moved the A25 amendment

Motion prevailed

Senator Pappas moved the A23 amendment as amended and that the staff be directed to draft a conference committee report

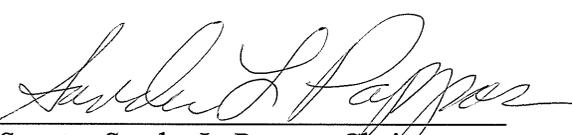
Motion prevailed

9:55 p.m. Representative Nornes adjourned the committee

Minutes respectfully submitted

  
Emily Shively, Division Secretary

Minutes approved

  
Senator Sandra L. Pappas, Chair