COMMITTEE MINUTES

Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee Friday, April 1, 2005 12:00 Noon, Room 107 Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Marty Chaudhary Frederickson Hottinger Nienow Olson Pariseau Saxhaug Bakk Jungbauer Stumpf

AGENDA: (See enclosed agenda.)

Senator Marty called the Environment and Natural Resources Committee to order at 10:15 a.m. in Room 107, Capitol and noted that a quorum was present.

Senator Frederickson presented S.F. 1841, Senator Hottinger's bill.

Tina Rosenstein from Nicollet County spoke in support of S.F. 1841.

Senator Frederickson moved that S.F. 1841 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the State and Local Governmental Operations. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Frederickson presented S.F. 876, Senator Hottinger's bill.

Senator Frederickson moved the 876A-3 amendment. MOTION PREVAILED.

Thom Peterson, representing the Minnesota Farmer's Union, spoke in support of S.F. 876.

Senator Frederickson moved that S.F. 876, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, and Gaming. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Nienow presented Senator Hottinger's S.F. 1123.

Senator Nienow moved the 1123A-1. MOTION PREVAILED.

Brian Pasko, representing the Sierra Club, summarized S.F. 1123.

Ron Harnack, BWSER, answered wetlands questions from committee members.

Karen Harder, Volunteer, Sierra Club, Chair, Water Commission in Minnesota, spoke in support of S.F. 1123

Bernie Hesse, UFCW, Local 789, spoke in support of S.F. 1123.

Bill Barton, Izaak Walton League, spoke in support of S.F. 1123.

Jim Mulder, Executive Director, AMC, spoke with concerns of S.F. 1123.

Nick Tiedekin, Hydrologist, MNDOT, spoke with concerns regarding S.F. 1123.

Mark Schmidt, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, answered questions from committee members and also was not in support of S.F. 1123.

Remi Stone, representing the Builder's Association, and spoke with concerns and was in opposition of S.F. 1123.

Senator Frederickson moved the following verbal amendment to S.F. 1123A-1, delete everything amendment: page 2, line 2, after "fee" insert "<u>on individual section 401</u> <u>certifications"</u>; after "per", delete rest of line 2; page 2, line 4, after 'to" insert "<u>the</u>"; page 2, delete line 6; page 2, line 7, delete "revenue shall deposit these fees" and insert "<u>deposited</u>", delete "special revenue" and insert "<u>environmental</u>", after "fund" insert "<u>and</u> are appropriated to the agency"; page 2, line 8, delete "by the agency" and insert "<u>and</u> notification". MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Hottinger moved that S.F. 1123, as amended, be recommended to pass and be rereferred to the Committee on Finance. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Chaudhary presented S.F. 1937.

Ed Boggess, Fish and Wildlife Division, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, summarized S.F. 1937 and their report.

Wayne Edgerton, Agricultural Policy Director, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources answered questions from committee members and also discussed the Roadsides for Wildlife Report.

Lance Ness, President Fish and Wildlife Alliance spoke with concerns on the appropriation language.

Mark Wikelius, MNDOT Maintenance Department, spoke with concerns regarding S.F. 1123, as amended.

Senator Frederickson moved a verbal amendment on page 2, lines 22 and 23, delete the new language. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Pariseau moved to delete the appropriation numbers on page 3, lines 5, 15 and 17 and insert "....." MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Frederickson moved that S.F. 1937, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. MOTION PREVAILED.

The Senate Environment and Natural Resources was adjourned at 12:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Senator John Marty Chair

Carolyn Anderson Committee Secretary

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S.F.1841-Hottinger: Project Riverbend Board elimination.

S.F. 876-Hottinger: Ditch bank grass buffers.

S.F. 1123-Hottinger: Clean Water Act Waivers.

S.F. 1937-Chaudhary: Roadside wildlife habitat.