

**Senate Tax Committee**  
**Tuesday, February 8, 2005**  
**Room 15 Capitol**  
**Chair, Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller**

Present

Pogemiller, Chair  
Tomassoni, Vice Chair  
Bakk  
Belanger  
Betzold  
Johnson  
Limmer  
Marty  
McGinn  
Moua  
Skoe

Absent

Ortman

Senator Pogemiller called the meeting to order at 9:10 a.m.

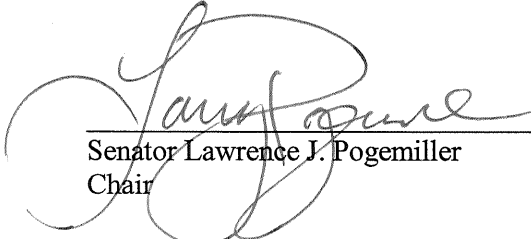
A quorum was present.

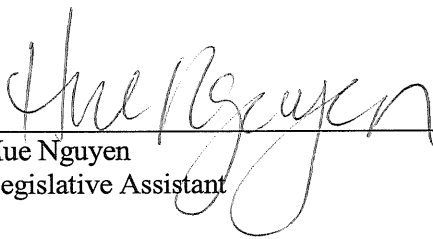
**Agenda Item #1: S.F. 318 (Pogemiller) Truth and Fairness in Taxation Act**

- I. Continuation of testimony
  - a. Scott Cronquist, AMSD
    - i. Supports State and Local partnership and believes that all option should be on the table.
    - ii. Handout #1 "School District Revenue Per Student 1984-2005"
  - b. Cheryl Furrer, Education Minnesota
    - i. Needs to be a balance of revenue stream. Sales, property and income tax should all be in the mix.
    - ii. Handout #2 "Percent Change in Total School Revenue..."
    - iii. Shifts and buy back
    - iv. Salaries below national average
    - v. Productivity in the classroom
    - vi. Why is the cost of education rising so quickly vs. counties and cities?
  - c. Jim Grathwol, Minneapolis Public Schools
    - i. Opposes. Revisit 2001 General Education takeover.
    - ii. Amendment allows school one year?
      1. Referendum discussion
  - d. Gary Carlson, League of Minnesota Cities
    - i. Handout #3 "City Property Taxes, State Aids and Fees"
      1. LP asks for graph with inflation.
  - e. Brad Lundell, Schools for Equity in Education
    - i. Opposes SF 318; all tools need to be available.
    - ii. If State revenue is taken off of the table, when we should rely on property taxes.
  - f. Mary Gilbert, St. Paul Public Schools
    - i. Opposes.
    - ii. Everything should be on the table.

Senator Pogemiller adjourned the meeting at 11:15 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

  
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Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller  
Chair

  
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Hue Nguyen  
Legislative Assistant

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**A G E N D A**

Continuation of testimony regarding SF 318 (Pogemiller)  
in Taxation Act.

Truth and Fairness

Louis Jambois, Association of Metro Municipalities

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