

The Senate Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming Committee met on Monday, February 21, 2005 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 112, Capitol. The following members were present:

Vickerman, Chair
Skoe, Vice Chair
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Senator Day was absent.

Senator Vickerman called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m. He called on Gene Goddard and Glen Thuringer.

Gene Goddard, MN DEED. Mr. Goddard stated they would be doing a presentation on Biosciences.

Glen Thuringer, Worthington Regional Development Corporation, stated their community is committed to making this area grow and they have 150 new jobs in the bioscience field.

“SEE ATTACHMENTS A – E.”

Kurt Markham, MN Dept. of Agriculture. He stated this is safe technology and biosciences reduces costs and enhances productivity.

Lynne Osterman, Gray, Plant and Mooty, who coordinated this hearing showed a video on what is biotechnology.

Chuck Muscoplat, U of M, COAFES, stated we need biosciences for a healthy society. He stated the time and place is right and the state and nation are ready.

David Jessen, Syngenta Inc., Golden Valley and Northfield, he stated they have a four-year-old company and employ 20,000 people nationwide. Their 2004 sales were 7.3 billion. The areas of agri-business they work in are crop protection and seeds.

Senator Dille asked if they have contracts for farmers willing to grow their products?

Mr. Jessen stated their need is not so great here but right now are looking into safflowers for Arizona and No. Idaho. He stated they have very specialized needs.

Mike VanErdewyk, Bioverse Inc., Bloomington and Pipestone. He stated his company cleans up fresh water ponds and lakes. They have treated over 300,000 since 1999.

Mr. Goddard stated if committee members were interested they could arrange individual meetings, arrange tours, or answer any questions members would have.

Senator Vickerman called on Senator Tomassoni for S.F. 515. Senator Tomassoni stated this was initiated in particular for a raffle in his district where they donate quilts. However, he stated the amount should be changed from \$500 to \$1,500.

Senator Murphy moved on Page 2, line 20, delete “\$500” and insert \$1,500
AMENDMENT PASSED.

Senator Murphy moved S.F. 515, as amended, be passed. BILL PASSED.

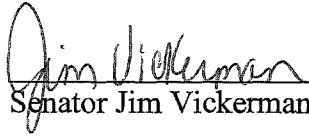
Senator Kubly presented S.F. 930, this bill appropriates money for compulsive gambling prevention and education.

Lance Holthusen, Executive Director, Northstar Problem Gambling Alliance, Inc.
"See Attachments F – M." He stated their mission is to increase public awareness, promote the widespread availability of treatment for problem gamblers and their families and encourage education, research and prevention.

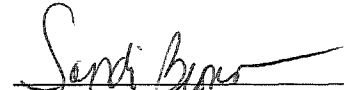
Senator Johnson moved S.F. 930, be passed, and be re-referred to Finance. BILL PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

This meeting was taped.



Senator Jim Vickerman, Chair



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Glen Thuringer, Worthington Regional Economic Development Corporation

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Chuck Muscoplat, U of M, COAFES, St. Paul

Mike VanErdewyk, Bioverse Inc., Bloomington and Pipestone

S.F. 515-Tomassoni: Providing for certain raffles without registering with the Board.

Amended, Passed

S.F. 930-Kubly: Northstar problem gambling alliance compulsive gambling prevention and education appropriation.

Passed, rereferred to Finance

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Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: Ag., Vets & Gaming
 Date: 2/21/05 Day: Monday Start Time: 3:05pm

Agenda

Bill # (or Topic)	" Biosciences 101 "
Author	
Short Descriptor	Gene Goddard; Glen Thuringer; Kurt Markham; David Jennings; Chuck Muscophet; Mike VanErdewyk
Action(s)	
Bill # (or Topic)	S.F. 515
Author	Tomasoni
Short Descriptor	Certain raffles w/o registering w/ board
Action(s)	adopted - line stricken - sent to floor amended
Bill # (or Topic)	S.F. 930
Author	Kubly
Short Descriptor	problem gambling prevention & Edu. Dance Holthusen
Action(s)	Send to Finance
Bill # (or Topic)	
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Action(s)	

3:06pm

4:27pm

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5:00
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time