

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

Vickerman, Chair  
Skoe, Vice Chair  
Day  
Dille  
Hann  
Johnson, D.E.  
Lourey  
Nienow  
Rest  
Skoglund  
Solon  
Wergin

Senator Skoglund replacing Senator Sams, due to illness, as of 3-21-05.

Senators Koering and Murphy were absent.

Senator Vickerman called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

Senator Vickerman called on Senator Kubly for S.F. 1726, a bill relating to the coordination of TriCare and MN Care.

**Michael Vogt, Olivia, Minnesota**, testified in support.

Senator Skoe moved S.F. 1726, be passed and rereferred to Health and Family Security.  
BILL PASSED.

Senator Kubly presented S.F. 1730, a bill for a load out facility in Clara City, Minnesota.

**Gene Wenstrom, Economic Development Director, Clara City**, spoke in favor and introduced Kurt Konen, Maurice Cordell.

**Rich Leiseth, Manager, Clara City Elevator**, testified in support and stated they do a 110 car load out. With the ethanol plants expansion, he stated Clara City would be a good location because of Highways 7 and 23.

Senator Skoe moved on Page 1, line 11, delete "such" AMENDMENT PASSED.

Senator Skoglund moved S.F. 1730, as amended, be recommended to pass and be rereferred to Finance. BILL PASSED.

Senator Rosen presented S.F. 1772, a bill relating to agriculture and changing certain provisions concerning plant pests, nursery stock and wildflowers.

**Geir Friisoe, MN Dept. of Agriculture**, stated this bill is technical corrections to a bill that was passed a couple of years ago.

Senator Hann moved S.F. 1772 be passed.

Senator Skoe moved on Page 9, lines 5, after "dealer" insert "who is required to be certified" AMENDMENT PASSED

Senator Hann moved S.F. 1772, as amended, be passed. BILL PASSED.

Senator Lourey presented S.F. 1625, a bill providing for pay and allowances for certain retired national guard personnel who are ordered to active duty.

**Col. Denny Shields, Dept. of Military Affairs**, supports the bill and wants language to fit with current statutes.

Senator Lourey moved S.F. 1625 be passed and placed on the Consent Calendar. BILL PASSED.

Senator Nienow presented S.F. 1771, a bill relating to the handling and sale of food products and making it a gross misdemeanor for infractions.

Dave Read, MN Dept. of Agriculture, stated this bill would increase penalties for most serious offenders. Would be used a one of a number of enforcement tools.

Senator Nienow moved S.F. 1771, be passed and be rereferred to Crime Prevention. BILL PASSED.

Senator Wergin presented S.F. 1774, a bill changing application of certain penalties.

Dr. Heidi Kassenborg, MN Dept. of Health, testified in support.

Paul Strandberg, MN Dept. of Agriculture, spoke in favor.

Senator Hann moved on Page 1, line 17, after "violated" insert "a provision of" AMENDMENT PASSED.

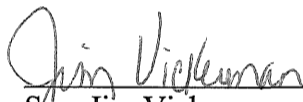
Senator Skoglund moved on Page 1, line 21, reinstate stricken language and insert "if applicable" AMENDMENT PASSED.

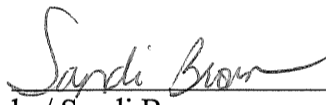
Senator Skoe stated he opposes administrative penalties for first offense.

Senator Dille moved S.F. 1774, as amended, be passed. BILL PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 4:15 p.m.

This meeting was taped.

  
Sen. Jim Vickerman, Chair

  
by/ Sandi Brown

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**S.F. 1625-Lourey: Retired National Guard members temporary active service reinstatement higher pay and allowances.**

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**S.F. 1774-Wergin: Agricultural violation penalties.**

## Senate Committee Meeting Log

Committee Name: Ag., Vets, Gaming

Date: 3/21/05 Day: Wednesday

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### Agenda

3:08 pm

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Bill # (or Topic)	1726
Author	Rubly
Short Descriptor	Tricare / Medicare Michael Vogt
Action(s)	passed and sent to Health and families Security
Bill # (or Topic)	1730
Author	Rubly
Short Descriptor	Class City Rich Leiseth
Action(s)	passed and sent to Finance
Bill # (or Topic)	1772
Author	Rosen
Short Descriptor	plants / nursery stock / wildflowers, Gen Fresno
Action(s)	passed and sent to the floor
Bill # (or Topic)	1625
Author	Horsey
Short Descriptor	National guard rein statements
Action(s)	passed and sent to Consent Calendar

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*Amended, Passed, Re-referred to Finance*

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*Amended, Passed*

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*Passed, Consent Cal.*

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*Amended, Passed*