

Senate Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee and  
Senate Public Safety Budget Division  
Thursday, January 20, 2005  
Chairs: Sen. Leo Foley and Sen. Jane Ranum  
3 p.m.  
107 Capitol

Agenda:

- 1) Court Overview
    - a. Sue Dosal, State Court Administrator
    - b. Judge Ed Lynch, First Judicial District
    - c. Judge James Swenson, Fourth Judicial District
    - d. Judge Paul Nelson, Eighth Judicial District
    - e. Judge Richard Hopper, Fourth Judicial District
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Members present: Berglin, Betzold,, Foley, Kleis, Limmer, Neuville, Ortman, Skoglund, Ranum, Ruud

Sen. Foley called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

Sue Dosal, State Court Administrator, gave an overview of the judicial branch in Minnesota.

Witness responded to questions.

Judge Ed Lynch, First Judicial District, responded to questions regarding pre-sentence investigations.

Judge Richard Hopper, Fourth Judicial District, testified on the mental health court and community courts.

Witness responded to questions.

Judge Paul Nelson, Eighth Judicial District, testified on the Children's Justice Initiative.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Judge Lucy Weiland, Chief Judge, Hennepin County, testified on the family court.

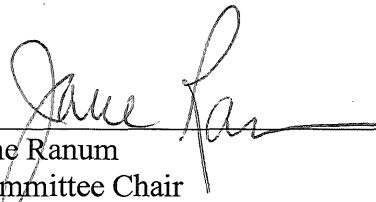
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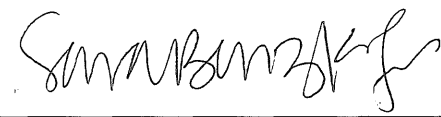
Judge Lynch testified on MNCIS, CrimNet, and drug courts.

Witness responded to questions.

Sen. Foley adjourned the meeting at 5:04 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

  
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Jane Ranum  
Committee Chair

  
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Sara Benzkofer  
Legislative Assistant

Crime Prevention & Public Safety Committee &  
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3:00 p.m. Room 107 – State Capitol

Members Present

Senator Foley  
Senator Berglin  
Senator Betzold  
Senator Kleis  
Senator Neuville  
Senator Ranum  
Senator Ruud  
Senator Skoglund

Members Absent

Senator McGinn

Senator Foley called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Sue Dosal, State Court Administrator, gave a *PowerPoint* overview of the State Court system.

Judge Edward Lynch, First Judicial District, testified before the Committee.

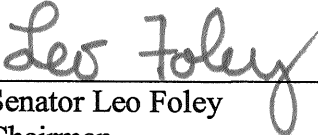
Judge Richard Hopper, Fourth Judicial District, testified about mental health courts.

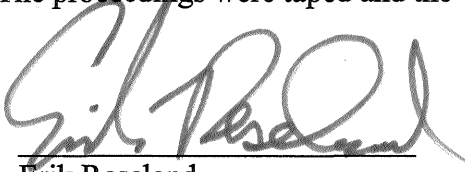
The Committee was shown a video on the metal court system.

Judge Paul Nelson, Eighth Judicial District, testified regarding children's issues in the court system.

Judge Lucy Wieland, Chief Judge of the Fourth Judicial District, testified about family courts.

Senator Foley adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m. The proceedings were taped and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.

  
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Senator Leo Foley  
Chairman

  
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Erik Reseland  
Legislative Assistant

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