

Crime Prevention & Public Safety Committee

March 10, 2005

3:00 p.m. Room 107 – State Capitol

Members Present

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

Members Absent

Senator Ruud

Senator Foley called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Senator Ranum, chief author of S.F. 934 (Crime of third degree assault expansion).

Senator Ranum moved the A-1 amendment.

Motion prevailed.

Susan Gaertner, Ramsey County Attorney, testified in support of the bill.

Alyson Olsen, domestic violence survivor, testified in support of the bill.

Lt. Ike Delugo, Minneapolis Police Department, testified in support of the bill.

Dr. Mary Carr, Hennepin County Medical Examiners Office, testified in support of the bill.

Senator Skoglund moved an oral amendment,

Delete "Section 1"

Delete all of the A-1 amendment except the effective date.

Insert "Subd. 4. [ASSAULT BY STRANGULATION.] (a) As used in this subdivision, "strangulation" means intentionally impeding normal breathing or circulation of the blood by applying pressure on the throat or neck or by blocking the nose or mouth of another person.

(b) Unless a greater penalty is provided elsewhere, whoever assaults another by strangulation is guilty of a felony and may be sentenced to imprisonment for not more than five years or to payment of a fine of not more than \$10,000, or both."

Motion prevailed.

Senator Kleis moved an oral amendment,

After "STRANGULATION" in the Subd. 4 title, insert "OR ASPHYXIATION.]"

Under section "(b)" after "strangulation", insert "or asphyxiation"

Motion prevailed.

Senator Ranum moved that S.F. 934, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion prevailed.

Senator Skoglund assumed the Chair.

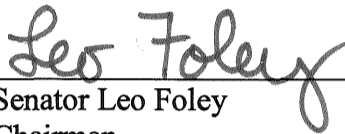
Senator Foley, chief author of S.F. 1156 (Criminal sexual conduct crimes coercion definition and harassment crime provisions expansion).

Kaarin Long, Attorney at the Sexual Violence Justice Institute, testified in support of the bill.

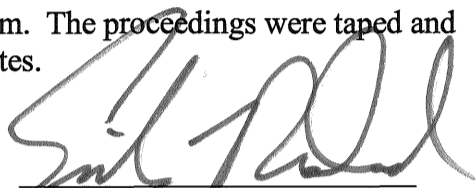
Senator Foley moved that S.F. 1156 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion prevailed.

Senator Skoglund adjourned the meeting at 4:15 p.m. The proceedings were taped and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.



Senator Leo Foley
Chairman



Erik Reseland
Legislative Assistant

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Chair: Sen. Leo Foley
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AGENDA:

- 1) SF 934 (Ranum); Crime of domestic assault by strangulation
 - a. Susan E. Gaertner, Ramsey County Attorney
 - b. Alyson Olsen, Survivor
 - c. Lt. Ike Delugo, Minneapolis Police Department
 - d. Dr. Mary Carr, Hennepin County Medical Examiners

- 2) SF 1156 (Foley); Criminal Sexual Conduct and Harassment Law
 - a. Kaarin Long, Attorney, Sexual Violence Justice Institute