

Finance Committee

Chair: Senator Richard J. Cohen

Thursday, April 28, 2005

9:00 a.m.

Room 123, Capitol

PRESENT: Cohen, Chaudhary, Berglin, Dibble*, Dille, Frederickson, Gerlach, Kierlin, Kiscaden, Langseth, Larson, Metzen, Murphy, Neuville, Nienow, Olson, Ourada, Pappas, Pariseau, Ranum, Stumpf, Wiger

ABSENT: Fischbach, Hottinger, Sams

* Beginning 3/18/05, when Senator Sams is absent, Senator Dibble replaces him on the Finance Committee

Senator Cohen called the meeting to order at 9:13 A.M.

A quorum was not present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Transportation Omnibus Budget Bill (S.F. 1980)

- Senator Murphy testified on S.F. 1980, the Transportation Omnibus Budget Bill. The committee worked off of the document labeled SS1980CE1S, the committee engrossment.
- Senator Murphy moved the A42 amendment. A quorum was not present.
- Amy Vennewitz, Fiscal Analyst for the Transportation Committee, testified on the A42 amendment.
- A quorum was present at 9:15.
- The committee adopted the A42 amendment.
- Senator Murphy continued to testify on the bill.
- Ms. Vennewitz testified in response to questions.
- Senator Murphy moved the A38 amendment.
- Senator Berglin presented a petition against cutting transit funding to Senator Murphy.
- Ms. Vennewitz testified again in response to a question from Senator Kiscaden.
- Senator Langseth started chairing at 9:50.
- Pat McCormack, Director of Driver and Vehicle Services, testified in response to a question from Senator Kiscaden.
- Senator Murphy renewed his motion on the A38 amendment. Motion carried.
- Ms. Vennewitz testified on the spreadsheets for the bill.
- Senator Dibble moved the A35 amendment.
- Ms. Vennewitz testified again in response to questions.
- The A35 amendment was adopted.
- Senator Berglin moved the A32 amendment.
- Senator Pariseau requested a roll call vote on the A32 amendment. A roll call will be taken.
- Senator Cohen returned to chair at 10:25.
- Roll call vote on the A32 amendment:

Ayes: Cohen, Berglin, Chaudhary, Dibble, Dille, Kiscaden, Langseth, Metzen, Murphy, Neuville, Pappas, Ranum, Stumpf, Wiger (14)

Nays: Gerlach, Kierlin, Larson, Nienow, Olson, Ourada, Pariseau (7)

- The A32 amendment was adopted by a vote of 14-7.
- Senator Dibble moved the A43 amendment. Motion carried.


- Senator Murphy moved that S.F. 1980 as amended be recommended to pass and be referred to the Committee on Taxes.
- Ms. McCormack testified again in response to a question from Senator Neuville.
- Senator Murphy's motion on S.F. 1980 carried.

AGENDA ITEM #2: S.F. 1703

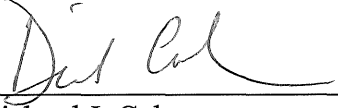
- Senator Marko testified on S.F. 1703, a bill imposing a metro wide sales tax to fund transit.
- Senator Dibble moved to delete sections 2 and 9. Motion carried.
- Sasha Peterson, Transit for Livable Communities, testified in favor of S.F. 1703.
- Carolyn Jones, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, testified against S.F. 1703.
- Senator Berglin moved that S.F. 1703 as amended be recommended to pass and referred to the Committee on Taxes. Motion carried.

Senator Cohen adjourned the meeting at 11:14 A.M.

Respectfully submitted,



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Richard J. Cohen
Chair

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