

MINUTES

Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development Budget Division
Chair: Sen. Dallas Sams
12:00 p.m. Room 107 Capitol
Tuesday March 8, 2005

MEMBERS PRESENT

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Anderson
Bachman
Bakk
Cohen
Dibble
Dille
Frederickson
Jungbauer
Kubly
Metzen
Pariseau
Rosen
Sams
Vickerman

The meeting was called to order at 12:05 p.m.

Continuation of Governor's budget presentation by the Department of Agriculture. Greg Bizicky, Agronomy and Plant Production and Bill Krueger, Labl Director completed the overview and responded to questions.

Senator Frederickson presented SF956, amending the limit on gifts from the DNR to the public. Mr. Cortland Nelson, Director of State Parks testified in support of the bill. Judy Erickson, Parks & Trails Association, Charlie Mitchell, New Ulm, Board of Directors Parks & Trails Council, Marcia Hillestad, Cove Point Lodge, Beaver Bay, MN and Dave Simkins, Editor of the Sauk Center Herald gave testimony on parks and trails. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Sams presented SF450, a youth job skills development program appropriation. Gil Zamora, Boys & Girls club member, Joel Larson, Boys & Girls Clug and Bridget Johnson, former member testified in support of the bill. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Bakk presented SF710, Tree seedlings surcharge. Bob Tomlinson, Assistant Director, Division of Forestry testified in support of the bill. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

Senator Sals presented SF1202 (Dille) Food banks milk purchase grant appropriation. Jan Brown, Executive Director, Second Harvest Heartland testified in support of the bill and responded to members questions. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The meeting adjourned at 2:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development Budget Division

Senator Dallas Sams, Chair

Tuesday, March 8, 2005- Noon

Room 107 State Capitol

A G E N D A

I. Call to Order.

II. Governor's Budget Overview: Department of Agriculture

A. Testimony:

1. Greg Bizicky, Agronomy and Plant Production
2. Bill Krueger, Lab Director

III. S.F. 956 (Fredrickson): Amending the limit on gifts from the DNR to the public

**B. Author's Presentation
Testimony**

1. Judy Erickson, Parks & Trails
2. Charlie Mitchell, New Ulm
3. Marcia Hillestad, Cove Point Lodge, Beaver Bay, MN
4. Dave Simpkins, Sauk Center Herald

IV. S.F. 450 (Sams): Youth job skills development project appropriation

**C. Author's Presentation
Testimony**

1. Rebecca Klett, Lockridge Grindal Naunen P.L.L.P
2. Joel Larson, Boys & Girls Club
3. Stoney Hays, Boys & Girls Club

V. S.F. ⁷¹⁰788 (Bakk): Tree Seedlings surcharge

D. Author's Presentation

VI. S.F. 1202 (Dille): Food banks milk purchase grant appropriation

**E. Author's Presentation
Testimony**

1. Newell Searle, Heartland Food Shelves
2. Jane Brown, Heartland Food Shelves

VII. Adjournment

NEXT MEETING:

Thursday, March 10, 2005

**Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development Budget Division
Senator Dallas Sams, Chair
Noon, Room 107 Capitol**

Agenda:

**Governor's budget overview: Minnesota Housing Finance Agency,
Displaced Homemakers Pre-employment Program, and Housing Minnesota.**

**S.F. 1271-Dibble: Marriage license and dissolution fee increase for
displaced homemakers.**

**S.F. 665-Johnson, D.E.: Fishing opportunities grant promotion
appropriation.**