

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the eighteenth meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday, March 16, 2005, in Room 123 of the State Capitol, St. Paul Minnesota.

The secretary noted the roll.

Members Present:

Berglin, Chair  
Solon, Vice Chair  
Foley  
Higgins  
Koering  
LeClair  
Lourey  
Rosen

A quorum was present.

The first bill up on the agenda was S.F. 223, authored and explained by Senator Kubly, as follows:

**S.F. 223 (KUBLY):** A bill for an relating to health; modifying ambulance service provisions; modifying requirements for first responders and emergency medical technicians; providing for emergency suspension of certain requirements.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 223:

1. Mary Hedges, Executive Director, Emergency Services Regulatory Board.
2. Patrick Lee, Director, Volunteer Ambulance Service, Two Harbors, MN.

Senator Rosen moved that S.F. 223 be recommended to pass and referred to the Committee on Finance. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The second bill up for consideration was S.F. 24, authored and explained by Senator Solon, as follows:

**S.F. 24 (SOLON):** A bill for an act relating to health; requiring the commissioner of health to develop a statewide cervical cancer prevention plan.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 24:

1. Matthew Flory, American Cancer Society, 2520 Pilot Knob Rd., Suite 150, Mendota Heights, MN.
2. Jim Chase, Executive Director, MN Community Measurement, 1550 University Ave. W., Suite 245N, St. Paul, MN 55114.

Senate File 24 was laid over.

The third bill up for consideration was S.F. 22, authored and explained by Senator Solon, as follows:

**S.F. 22 (SOLON):** A bill for an act relating to human services; providing for prescription drug bulk purchasing.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 22:

Cody Wiberg, Pharmaceutical, Health Care Purchasing and Delivery Division, Department of Human Services.

Senate File 22 was laid over.

The fourth bill up for consideration was S.F. 1378, authored and explained by Senator Kiscaden, as follows:

**S.F. 1378 (KISCADEN):** A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing the reimbursement rate for a nursing facility in Jackson County.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1378:

Diane Rydrick, Department of Health.

Senator Solon moved that S.F. 1378 pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The fifth bill up for consideration was S.F. 23, authored and explained by Senator Solon, as follows:

**S.F. 23 (SOLON):** A bill for an act relating to pharmacy; modifying wholesale drug distributor requirements.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 23:

1. Mike Vanselow, Assistant Attorney General, 102 State Capitol, St. Paul, MN 55155.
2. Cody Wiberg, Department of Human Services, St. Paul, MN.

Senator Lourey assumed the chair at 10:10 a.m.

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 23 as follows:

Page 1, delete line 11 and insert "to (f) , and if applicable in paragraph (g)."

Page 4, after line 14, insert:

"Sec. 3. [256.957] [HEALTH CARE QUALITY IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT.]

A health care quality improvement account is established in the general fund.

Sec. 4. [REBATE REVENUE RECAPTURE.]

Any money received by the state from a drug manufacturer due to errors in the pharmaceutical pricing used by the manufacturer in determining the prescription drug rebate shall be deposited in the health care quality improvement account established in Minnesota Statutes, section 256.957."

Amend to title accordingly

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

Senator Berglin returned to the chair at 10:20 a.m.

Senate File 23 was laid over.

Senator Solon assumed the chair at 10:25 a.m.

The six bill up for consideration was S.F. 540, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

**S.F. 540 (BERGLIN):** A bill for an act relating to human services; authorizing a long-term care partnership program; modifying medical assistance eligibility requirements under certain circumstances; defining approved long-term care insurance policies; limiting medical assistance estate recovery under certain circumstances.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 540:

1. Debra C. Newman, Newman Long Term Care, 8200 Humboldt Ave. S., Suite 218, Minneapolis, MN 55431.
2. Mike Hickey, National Federation of Independent Businesses.

Senate File 540 was laid over.

Senator Berglin returned to the chair at 10:50 a.m.

The seventh bill for consideration was S.F. 116, authored and explained by Senator Solon, as follows:

**S.F. 116 (SOLON):** A bill for an act relating to gambling; appropriating money for compulsive gambling prevention and education.

Senator Solon moved to amend S.F. 116 as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

“Section 1. [APPROPRIATION.]

\$150,000 in fiscal year 2006 and \$150,000 in fiscal year 2007 are appropriated from the lottery prize fund to the commissioner of human services for a grant to the Lake Superior Area Family Services for use in their gamblers outreach and counseling program. The unencumbered balance of the appropriation from the lottery prize fund in the first year of the biennium does not cancel but is available for the second year.”

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment was adopted.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 116:

Steve Dentinger, Executive Director, Lake Superior Area Family Services,  
214 West Superior St., Duluth, MN.

Senate File 116 was laid over.

Senator Solon assumed the chair at 11:05 a.m.

The eighth bill up for consideration was S.F. 1163, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

**S.F. 1163 (BERGLIN):** A bill for an act relating to health; expanding the criteria for participants of the loan forgiveness program; appropriating money.

The following persons testified in favor of S.F. 1163:

1. Mary Jo George, MN Nurses Association, 1625 Energy Park Dr., St. Paul, MN 55108.
2. Mary Rothchild, MnSCU.
3. John Corbid, MN Private College Council.

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. 1163 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Omnibus Health and Human Services Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED**.

Senator Berglin returned to the chair at 11:15 a.m.

The ninth and final bill up for consideration was S.F. 1258, authored and explained by Senator Lourey, as follows:

**S.F. 1258 (LOUREY):** A bill for an act relating to health; appropriating money for a lead hazard project to reduce and prevent lead poisoning in Minnesota's children.

The following person testified in favor of S.F. 1258:

Sue Gunderson, Sustainable Resources Center, 1916 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. S.,  
Minneapolis, MN 55403.

Senator Lourey moved that S.F. 1258 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Omnibus Health and Human Services Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.

  
Senator Linda Berglin  
Chair

  
Rochelle M. Polansky  
Legislative Assistant

**Health and Human Services Budget Division**

**Senator Linda Berglin, Chair**

**Wednesday, March 16, 2005 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Room 15 State Capitol**

**A G E N D A**

**I. Call to Order.**

**II. S.F. 223 (Kubly): EMS regulation modification.**

**A. Author's Presentation.**

**Testimony:**

- 1. Mary Hedges, Executive Director, Emergency Services Regulatory Board.**
- 2. Patrick Lee, Volunteer Ambulance Service, Two Harbors, MN.**

**B. Amendment(s).**

**C. Division Action.**

**III. S.F. 1378 (Kiscaden): Modify medical education funding.**

**A. Author's Presentation.**

**B. Amendment(s).**

**C. Division Action.**

**IV. S.F. (22 Solon): Rx bulk purchasing.**

**A. Author's Presentation.**

**Testimony:**

- 1. Alan Ingram, Director, National Assn. of Social Workers-MN.**
- 2. Mike Vanselow, Assistant Attorney General.**
- 3. Don Pylkkanen, Rep. MN Universal Health Care.**
- 4. Janis Ray, Greater MN Health Care Coalition, 47 N. Park St., Mora, MN 55051.**

**B. Amendment(s).**

**C. Division Action.**

**X. S.F. 1258 (Lourey): Lead reduction.**

- A. Author's Presentation.**
- B. Amendment(s).**
- C. Division Action.**

**XI. Adjournment.**