

**Senate Public Safety Budget Division &
Senate Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee
Wednesday, March 30, 2005
Chairs: Sen. Jane Ranum and Sen. Leo Foley
12:00 p.m.
112 Capitol**

Agenda

- 1) S.F. 1325-Kleis: Sex offender sentencing and treatment provisions modifications.
- 2) S.F. 1377-Skoglund: Sex offender sentencing requirements modifications; crime of sixth degree criminal sexual conduct.
- 3) S.F. 1875-Ranum: Sex offender indeterminate life sentences and registration, community notification and supervision requirements modifications; crime of criminal sexual predatory conduct.

Testimony:

Susan Gaertner, Ramsey County Attorney
Lisa Borgen, Clay County Attorney
Doug Johnson, Washington County Attorney
Steve Sawyer, Project Pathfinder
Mark Mehl, Dakota County Parole Officer
Carla Ferrucci, Executive Director, MNCASA

Presentation and testimony only, no action will be taken

Members present: Berglin, Betzold, Cohen, Foley, Limmer, McGinn, Neuville, Skoglund.

Sen. Ranum called the meeting to order at 12:10 p.m.

Sen. Kleis testified in support of SF1325: Sex offender sentencing and treatment provisions modifications

Witness responded to questions.

Sen. Skoglund testified in support of SF1377: Sex offender sentencing requirements modifications; crime of sixth degree criminal sexual conduct.

Sen. Ranum and Sen. Neuville testified in support of SF1875: Sex offender indeterminate life sentences and registration, community notification and supervision requirements modifications; crime of criminal sexual predatory conduct.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Susan Gaertner, Ramsey County Attorney, MN County Attorney's Association, testified on sex offender sentencing legislation.

Lisa Borgen, Clay County Attorney, testified on sex offender sentencing legislation.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Ken Backhus, Senate Counsel, gave clarification on SF1325.

Doug Johnson, Washington County Attorney, testified on sex offender sentencing legislation.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Steve Sawyer, Project Pathfinder, testified on sex offender treatment programs.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Mark Mehl, Intensive Supervise Release Agent, Dakota County, testified on supervision of sex offenders in Dakota County.

Witness responded to questions.

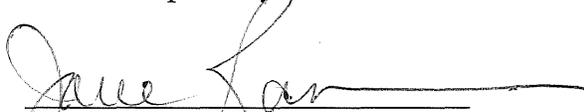
Karin Long, Staff Attorney, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA), testified on sex offender sentencing legislation.

Chris Lang, Dru Sjodin's boyfriend, testified in support of stronger sentencing for sex offenders.

Eric Lipman, Policy Coordinator, Governor's Commission on Sex Offenders, testified on sex offender legislation.

Sen. Ranum adjourned the meeting at 2:32 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:



Jane Ranum
Committee Chair



Sara Benzkofer
Legislative Assistant

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Members Present

Senator Foley
Senator Berglin
Senator Betzold
Senator Kleis
Senator McGinn
Senator Neville
Senator Ranum
Senator Ruud
Senator Skoglund

Members Absent

Senator Ranum called the meeting to order at 12:07 p.m.

Senator Kleis, chief author of S.F. 1325 (Sex offender sentencing and treatment provisions modifications).

Senator Foley assumed the Chair at 12:11 p.m.

Senator Ranum assumed the Chair at 12:31 p.m.

Senator Skoglund, chief author of S.F. 1377 (Sex offenders sentencing requirements modifications; crime of sixth degree criminal sexual conduct).

Senator Foley assumed the Chair at 12:37 p.m.

Senator Ranum, chief author of S.F. 1875 (Sex offenders indeterminate life sentences and registration, community notification and supervision requirements modifications; crime of criminal sexual predatory conduct).

Senator Ranum assumed the Chair at 1:11 p.m.

Susan Gaertner, Ramsey County Attorney, testified before the Committee.

Lisa Borgen, Clay County Attorney, testified before the Committee.

Doug Johnson, Washington County Attorney, testified before the Committee.

Steve Sawyer, Project Pathfinder, testified about the value of sexual offender treatment.

Mark Mehl, Dakota County probation officer, testified before the Committee.

Kaarin Long, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault, testified before the Committee.

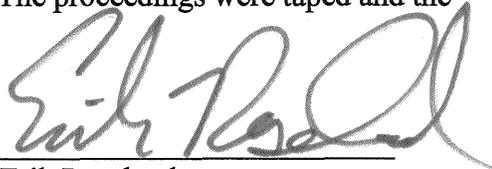
Chris Lang, Boyfriend of Dru Sjodin, testified before the Committee.

Eric Lipman, State Sexual Offender Coordinator, testified before the Committee.

Senator Ranum adjourned the meeting at 2:30 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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