

State Government Budget Division

Wednesday, March 30, 2005

9:00 a.m. – 11:30a.m. Room 107 – State Capitol

Members Present

Senator S. Kiscaden
Senator S. Chaudhary
Senator R. Cohen
Senator C. Larson
Senator J. Metzen
Senator G. Michel
Senator J. Ranum
Senator M. Reiter
Senator D. Senjem
Senator J. Vickerman

Members Absent

Senator Kiscaden called the meeting to order at 9:16 a.m.

Senator Murphy presented S.F. 267, providing for fees and standards for the recording of certain documents in counties.

Senator Reiter moved the A1 Amendment be passed. MOTION PREVAILED.

Witnesses in support: Kay Wrucke, Martin County Recorder
Jeff Atkin, Wabasha County Recorder
Glen Dorfman, MN Realtors Association

Witnesses in opposition: John Apitz, for Farm Credit Services

Handout #1 Fiscal Note

Senator Larson moved to lay S.F. 267 on the table for inclusion in an Omnibus Bill.
MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Vickerman presented S.F. 918, a bill appropriating money to Vinland Center for services for veterans.

Witnesses in support: Jerry Seck
Roger Moe
John Williams, Secretary/Treasurer of State Building Council
Carol Jackson, Executive Director, Vinland Center

Timothy Schwartz
Peter Bankovich
Patrick Kallasch

Handout #2 Vinland Center Overview
Handout #3 Vinland Center Overview

Senator Kiscaden moved to lay S.F. 918 on the table for inclusion in an Omnibus Bill.
MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Skoe presented S.F. 1526, a bill appropriating money to the Legislative Coordinating Commission for a legislators' forum.

Witness: Greg Hubinger, Legislative Coordinating Commission, answered questions.

Senator Kiscaden moved to lay S.F. 1526 on the table for inclusion in an Omnibus Bill.
MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Rest presented S.F. 1216, a bill appropriating money for grants to nonprofit entities to facilitate the delivery of volunteer assistance to low-income taxpayers.

Witnesses in support: Bonnie Esposito, Exec. Director, AccountAbility Minnesota
Brian Strittmater, AccountAbility Minnesota Board of Directors

Handout #4 AccountAbility Tax Assistance Overview

Senator Vickerman moved to lay S.F. 1216 on the table for inclusion in an Omnibus Bill.
MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Metzen presented S.F. 1524, a bill appropriating money to assistive technology.

Witnesses in support: Carol Fury, Exec. Director of Assistive Technology of Minnesota
Patti Bahr, Rehabilitation Engineer, Gillette Special Lifetime Care
Nicholas Wilkie, Employment Specialist, Lifetrack Resources
Joan Willshire

Witness: Larry Freund, Department of Administration, answered questions on funding within the Department of Administration.

Handout #5 ATM Overview

Senator Metzen moved to lay S.F. 1524 on the table for inclusion in an Omnibus Bill.
MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Prettner Solon presented S.F. 22, a bill providing for prescription drug bulk purchasing.

Handout #6 Counsel and Research Bill Summary
Handout #7 Fiscal Note

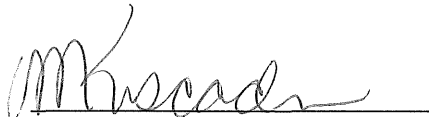
- Handout #8 Written testimony of Don Pylkkanen on behalf of the Minnesota Universal Health Care Coalition
- Handout #9 NCSL Issue Brief: "State Purchasing Pools for Prescription Drugs: What's Happening and How Do They Work?"
- Handout #10 The Commonwealth Fund: Stretching State Health Care Dollars: Pooled and Evidence-Based Pharmaceutical Purchasing

Witness in support: Mike Vanselow, Assistant Attorney General

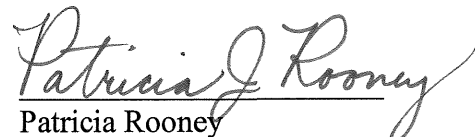
Senator Reiter moved to table S.F. 22 indefinitely. MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Senator Kiscaden moved to lay S.F. 22 on the table. MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting adjourned at 11:33 a.m.. The proceedings were recorded and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.



Senator Sheila Kiscaden
Chairman



Patricia Rooney
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