

SENATE HEALTH & FAMILY SECURITY COMMITTEE
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 2005
12:00 P.M.
ROOM 15 CAPITOL

Members present:

Lourey, Chair
Berglin
Fischbach
Foley
Higgins
Kelley
Kiscaden
LeClair
Moua
Nienow
Wergin

Sen. Lourey convened the meeting at 12:05.

Sen. Marty presented S. F. 581, pregnancy prevention initiatives.

Testifying on S. F. 581 were:

12:08 Lynn Bretl, Healthy Youth Development, Prevention Research Center
12:10 Joy Miciano, Education and Policy Coordinator, MOAPPP
12:13 Sarah Stoesz, President and CEO, Planned Parenthood of MN, ND and SD
12:21 Peg LaBore, Director, Family Tree Clinic

12:25 Sen. Higgins moved to delete Section 1. Motion failed.

12:27 Sen. Higgins moved S. F. 581 be recommended to pass and re-referred to Education.

Sen. Nienow moved an oral amendment:

Page 2 after line 22 insert "(8) student participation in items (4) – (6) is voluntary and parents or guardians must be provided the opportunity to opt out."

Motion prevailed.

12:32 Sen. Higgins renewed her motion that S. F. 581, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to Education.

Motion prevailed.

Sen. Sams presented S. F. 917, Positive Alternatives Act.

12:34 Sen. Wergin moved the A-1 amendment.

Motion prevailed.

12:35 Sen. Sams spoke on the A-1 amendment.

Testifying in support of S. F. 917, as amended, were:

12:40 Andrea Rau, Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life
12:58 Pat Foley, Administrator, Wakota LifeCare Center
1:05 Jenny Basta, Director, Pregnancy Resource Center (Pine City)

1:11 Linda Allen, Executive Director, Birthline Inc., St. Cloud
1:21 Kathy Rosenthal, Program Director, Cradle of Hope
1:25 Chris Leifeld, Exec. Dir., MN Catholic Conference

Testifying in opposition to S. F. 917, as amended, were:

1:31 Tim Stanley, NARAL, presenting written testimony from
Julie Seminitis, NARAL, Pro-Choice Minnesota
1:32 Anne Halverson, NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota
1:38 Tina Smith, Planned Parenthood of MN, ND and SD
1:41 Rev. Justin Lind Ayres, Evangelical Lutheran Church, spoke as a St. Paul citizen

1:55 Sen. Moua moved the A-2 amendment.

2:02 Sen. Higgins moved an oral amendment to the A-1 amendment.

Page 2, line 11 delete "the" and insert "its"

Page 2, line 14 delete "are" and insert "is"

Page 2, line 16 delete "such"

Sen. Kelley moved an oral amendment to be incorporated into the A-2 amendment.

Page 1, line 10 after "encourages" insert " or arranges"

Counsel requested an oral amendment be incorporated into the A-2 amendment:

Page 2, line 9 delete "for"

Motion prevailed.

Sen. Moua moved the A-9 amendment. Motion prevailed.

2:25 Sen. Berglin moved the A-6 amendment. Motion prevailed.

2:31 Sen. Higgins renewed her motion to amend the A-1 amendment. Motion prevailed.

2:33 Sen. Kiscaden moved the A-10 amendment.

Sen. Berglin requested dividing the amendment.

2:35 Sen. Kiscaden moved lines 1-5 of the A-10 amendment. Motion prevailed.

2:39 Sen. Kelley moved a hand written amendment to the A-1:

Page 3, line 16 after "." insert "In awarding grants, the commissioner shall consider the program's demonstrated capacity in providing services to assist a pregnant woman in carrying her pregnancy to term."

Page 1, line 16 after "of" insert "alternatives to abortion"

2:41 Sen. Kelley moved S. F. 917, as amended, be recommended to pass and referred to Judiciary.

Testifying were:

2:45 Rev. Walter Lockhart, United Methodist, representing himself
2:47 Michael Bolen, Attorney
2:49 Michelle VanVranken, Medical Director, Annex Teen Clinic

Sen. Kelley renewed his motion to move S. F. 917, as amended, be recommended to pass and referred to Judiciary.

Motion prevailed.

Sen. Lourey adjourned the meeting at 2:52 p.m..

Respectfully submitted by,

Senator Becky Lourey, Chair

Pat Wallner, Legislative Assistant

Health and Family Security Committee

Chair, Sen. Becky Lourey

Noon – 2:30 PM, March 15, 2005

Room 15, Capitol

I. Call to Order

① II. S.F. 581-Marty: Pregnancy prevention initiatives.

passed as amended to Education

- ① Lynn Bretl, Healthy Youth Development, Prevention Research Center
- ② Joy R. Miciano, MOAPPP
- ③ Sarah Stoesz, Planned Parenthood of MN, ND and SD
- ④ Peg LaBore, Family Tree Clinic

② III. S.F. 917-Sams: Positive Alternatives Act.

- ① Andrea Rau, Minnesota Citizens Concerned for Life
- ② Pat Foley, Wakota LifeCare Center
- ③ Jessica Reyes, Client, Wakota LifeCare Center
- ④ Jenny Basta, Pregnancy Resource Center (Pine City)
- ⑤ Linda Allen, Birthline
- ⑥ Kathy Rosenthal, Cradle of Hope
- ⑦ Chris Leifeld, Minnesota Catholic Conference
- ⑧ ~~Julie Seminitis~~ *Tim Stanley*, NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota
- ⑨ Anne Halverson, NARAL Pro-Choice Minnesota
- ⑩ Tina Smith, Planned Parenthood of MN, ND and SD
- ⑪ Rev. Justin Lind Ayres, Pilgrim Lutheran Church
- ⑫ ~~Bishop Sally Dyck~~, Minnesota United Methodist *Rev. Walter Lock*
Carol Connolly, St. Paul Author
- ⑬ Dr. Michelle VanVranken, Medical Director, Annex Teen Clinic
Brian Russ, Executive Director, Annex Teen Clinic
- ⑭ *Michael Bolen*

IV. S.F. 1005-Rest: Adopted persons records access and postadoption services expansion.

Heard Mar 22, 2005

Gretchen Taylor, Adoptee
Robert O'Connor, Adoptee, Professor of Social Work
Robert DeNardo, Adoptive Father, Supervisor of Adoption and Guardianship
Joan Sanaker, Birthmother
Sandy Sperrazza Birthmother, Concerned United Birthparents
Mary Martin Mason, Minnesota Adoption Support and Preservation

Connie Rolloer, Catholic Charities
Linda Kuhlman, Children's Home Society
(Children's Home Society Birthmother)
Jennifer Cleary, LSS adopted adult
Mary Chase Borgen Catholic Charities, Winona
Lori Collins, Birthmother and adopted adult
Lee Allen, National Council for Adoption

V. Adjournment.