## **Minutes for State and Local Government Operations**

Wednesday, March 9, 2005 Start Time 12:10 p.m. Chair, Senator Linda Higgins

Present Members: Sen. Higgins, Sen. Wiger, Sen. Dibble, Sen. Senjem, Sen. Robling, Sen. Wergin, Sen. Fischbach, Sen. Marko, Sen. Solon and Sen. Wiger, Sen. Day, Sen.

Tomassoni and Sen. Kubly

Absent: Sen. Johnson

**S.F. 547 Sen. Scheid**: State employment; ratifying certain labor agreements, arbitration awards, compensation plans, and salary increases

Greg Hubinger, DOER testified in favor of the bill.

Senator Kubly moves motion to pass the bill and re-referred the bill to the Finance Committee.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

1 handout from Greg Hubinger-Subcommittee on Employee Relations Legislative Coordinating Commission

**S.F. 773 Sen. Dille**: Animal health; providing for regulation of certain cervidae by the Board of Animal Health

Bill Hartman, Board of Animal Health testified in favor of the bill.

Senator Vickerman moves motion to pass the bill to the floor.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

**S.F.1248 Sen. Dille**: State government; appropriating money for environmental, natural resources, agricultural and economic development purposes; establishing and modifying certain programs; reorganizing environmental agencies

John Ongaro, Govt. Relations Director for St. Louis County testified in favor of the bill Senator Dibble moves oral amendment.

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Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Senator Dibble moves motion as amended to pass the bill and be re-referred the bill to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

1 handout-Joint Legislative Fact Sheet

**S.F. 1071 Sen. Higgins**: Metropolitan Council; requiring the Met Council to carry out metropolitan area water supply planning activities; establishing as advisory committee; abolishing the housing bond credit enhancement program

Judd Schetnan, Met Council provided an overview of the bill, testified in favor of the bill and answered questions.

Senator Higgins moves motion to pass the bill and re-referred the bill to the Finance Committee.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

1 handout provided by Metropolitan Council-Regional Water Supply Study

**S.F. 1321 Sen. Higgins**:MAC; providing for additional taxicabs at Mpls-St. Paul International Airport; providing for a procedure to increase fees on taxicab services; permitting a transfer of taxicab permits and assets; prohibiting the enactment of certain unsafe rules

Michael Teklu, Chair, MN Taxi Association testified in opposition of the bill.

Mitch Kilian, MAC testified in opposition of the bill.

Senator Vickerman moves motion to lay bill on the table.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

1 handout provided by Minneapolis/St. Paul International Airport Cab Drivers Association

Adjourned at 2:19p.m.

## **State and Local Government Operations**

Chair: Senator Linda Higgins

March 9, 2005 12:00 – 2:30 p.m. Room 123

## **Agenda**

S.F. 547-Scheid: State employment; ratifying certain labor agreements, arbitration awards, compensation plans, and salary increases

Greg Hubinger, DOER

S.F. 1071 - Higgins: Metropolitan Council; requiring the Met Council to carry out metropolitan area water supply planning activities; establishing as advisory committee; abolishing the housing bond credit enhancement program

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S.F. 1248-Dille: State government; appropriating money for environmental, natural resources, agricultural and economic development purposes; establishing and modifying certain programs; reorganizing environmental agencies

John Ongaro, Govt. Relations Director for St. Louis County

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S.F. 773-Dille: Animal health; providing for regulation of certain cervidae by the Board of Animal Health

Bill Hartman, Board of Animal Health

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