

Minutes for State and Local Government Operations

Wednesday, March 30, 2005

Start Time 12:13 p.m.

Chair, Senator Linda Higgins

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

Absent Member: Senator Kubly (excused)

SF1084 Senator Ranum: Pay Equity

Faith Zwmeke, Pay Equity Coordinator testified in favor of the bill.

Patti Tangi, President, Pay Equity Coalition of Minnesota testified in favor of the bill.

Laura Offerdahl, League of Minnesota Cities testified in opposition to the bill.

Sen. Marko moves motion to pass bill to the floor.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SF1551 Senator Hottinger: Voters rights modifications

Senator Vickerman moves motion to pass bill and to be re-referred to the committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SF1523 Senator Berglin: State employees health insurance plan pharmacy benefits

Liz Houlding, State Employees Group Insurance Program Manager testified in opposition to the bill.

Senator Vickerman moves motion to pass and to be re-referred to the committee on Finance.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SF1145 Senator Vickerman: NoblesCounty recorder and auditor appointment

Senator Vickerman moves motion to pass and to be placed on the Consent Calendar.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

1 handout-Resolution

SF1098 Senator Dibble: Natural resources provisions modification

Bob Meier, Legislative Affairs Director for the DNR testified in favor of the bill.

Paul Locksmoe, answered nonconformity question.

Senator Dibble moves the A05-303 amendment.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Senator Dibble moves bill as amended to pass and to be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

1 handout from the Department of Natural Resources-Technical Billt,j

SF1308 Senator Lourey: Tribal government officials leaves of absence without pay entitlement

Senator Wergin moves motion to pass bill to the floor.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SF1530 Senator Wergin: State employee grievance procedure modification

Paul Larson testified in favor of the bill.

Senator Wergin moves the A-5 amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Senator Wergin moves oral amendments

Pages 3 and 4 delete section 3.

Insert "Minnesota Statute 2004, 43.A.34 Subd.3 is repealed"

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Senator Wergin moves motion to pass the bill as amended to the floor.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SF796 Senator Dibble: Establishing procedures and standards for contracting with private entities

Kristin Beckman, SEIU MSC Political Director testified in favor of the bill.

Mark McAfee, AFSCME Council 5 testified in favor of the bill.

Janelle Rau-Clauson, SEIU Local 284 testified in favor of the bill.

Peggy King, SEIU Local 284 Member testified in favor of the bill.

Paul Larson, Deputy Commissioner for Labor Relations testified in opposition to the bill.

Jim Rhodes, Department of Administration testified in opposition to the bill.

Betsy Hayes testified in opposition to the bill.

Senator Dibble moves the A-3 amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Senator Robling moves oral amendment

Page 3, line 3 delete "15" insert "10".

Motion failed on a voice vote.

Senator Day requests a roll call vote.

Senator Day withdraws his motion.

Senator Dibble moves to pass the bill as amended to the floor.

Motion prevails on a voice vote.

1 handout Privatization in Massachusetts

SF1796 Senator Kiscaden: Establishing the Minnesota Health Care Purchasing Authority

Senator Debbie Johnson moves the A-1 amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Commissioner Cal Ludeman testified in favor of the bill.

Caroline Perry testified in favor of the bill.

Lynn Blewitt, University of Minnesota State Health Access Data Assistance Center testified in favor of the bill.

Carolyn Pare, BHCAG testified in favor of the bill.

Senator Tomassoni moves bill as amended and to be re-referred to the committee on Finance.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

1 handout-National Academy for State Health Policy

SF 1164 Senator Kiscaden: MN Comprehensive Health Association governance structure modification

Lynn Krueger testified in favor of the bill.

Annette Caruthers, President, Association of MCHA Policyholders testified in opposition to the bill.

John Schwartz, member Association of MCHA Policyholders testified in opposition to the bill.

Senator Solon moves the A-3 amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Senator Wergin moves the A-4 amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Senator Wergin moves the A-5 amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Senator Wiger moves to pass the bill and to be re-referred to the committee on Taxes.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Handout from AMP

Adjourned at 2:44pm

State and Local Government Operations

Chair: Senator Linda Higgins

March 30, 2005
12:00 – 2:30 p.m.
Room 318

Agenda

- S.F. 1084-Ranum: Pay equity
Patti Tangi, President, Pay Equity Coalition of Minnesota
Faith Zwemke, Pay Equity Coordinator
- S.F. 1551-Hottinger: Voters rights modifications
Beth Fraser, MAPA
Jim Franklin, Executive Director, Minnesota Sheriff's Association
- S.F. 796-Dibble: Establishing procedures and standards for contracting with private entities
Kristin Beckmann, SEIU MSC Political Director
John Thorson, AFSCME
Janelle Rau-Clauson, SEIU Local 284
Peggy King, SEIU Local 284 Member
Anne Varberg, First Student Bus Driver
- S.F. 1098-Dibble: Natural resources provisions modification
Bob Meier, Legislative Affairs Director for the DNR
- S.F. 1145-Vickerman: Nobles County recorder and auditor appointment
- S.F. 1164-Kiscaden: MN Comprehensive Health Association governance structure modification
- S.F. 1796-Kiscaden: Establishing the Minnesota Health Care Purchasing Authority
- S.F. 1308-Lourey: Tribal government officials leaves of absence without pay entitlement
- S.F. 1523-Berglin: State employees health insurance plan pharmacy benefits
Liz Houlding, SEGIP Manager
- S.F. 1530-Wergin: State employee grievance procedure modification
Paul Larson, Deputy Commissioner for Labor Relations
- ~~S.F. 1321-Higgins: Metropolitan airports commission taxicabs regulation authority modifications~~

Senate Committee Meeting Log

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Agenda

Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1084
Author	Raun
Short Descriptor	Pay Equity
Action(s)	Recommended to pass + also referred to the floor. PASSED
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1551
Author	Wickham Hottinger
Short Descriptor	Voters Rights Modifications
Action(s)	Recommended to pass + referred to Crime Prevention + Public Safety PASSED
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1523
Author	Berlin
Short Descriptor	State Employees Health Insurance Plan Pharmacy Benefits
Action(s)	Recommended to pass + referred to Finance PASSED
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1145
Author	Vielerman
Short Descriptor	Nobles County recorder and auditor appointment.
Action(s)	Recommended to pass and be placed upon the Consent Calendar

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Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1164
Author	Kiscaden
Short Descriptor	MN Comprehensive Health Association Governance Structure Modification
Action(s)	
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1796
Author	Kiscaden
Short Descriptor	Establishing the MN Health Care Purchasing Authority
	as amended
Action(s)	Recommended to pass and referred to Finance
	PASSED
Bill # (or Topic)	SF 1164
Author	Kiscaden
Short Descriptor	MN Comprehensive Health Association governance structure modification.
Action(s)	Recommended to pass and referred to Taxes.
	PASSED
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Short Descriptor	
Action(s)	

