

Senate Public Safety Budget Division  
Thursday, April 21, 2005  
Chair: Sen. Jane Ranum  
3:00 p.m.  
112 Capitol

*Agenda*

1) Omnibus Public Safety Budget Division Bill

Testifiers:

- Cyndi Cook, Executive Director, Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women
- Carla Ferrucci, Executive Director, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA)
- Midge Christianson, Corrections Director for Region 6W: Yellow Medicine, Swift, Chippewa, and Lac Qui Parle Counties
- Lucy Banks, Minnesota General Crime Victim Coalition

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\*\*\*Action will not be taken\*\*\*

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Members present: Berglin, Betzold, Cohen, Foley, McGinn, Neuville, Ortman, Skoglund

Sen. Ranum called the meeting to order at 3:15 p.m.

Sen. Ranum reviews "SC4098-Omnibus Public Safety Policy and Funding Bill" Summary dated April 21, 2005 and prepared by Kenneth Backhus and Chris Turner.

Ken Backhus, Senate Counsel, gave clarification on the "SC4098-Omnibus Public Safety Policy and Funding Bill" Summary.

The committee discusses the summary.

Chris Turner gave clarification on the "SC4098-Omnibus Public Safety Policy and Funding Bill" Summary.

Mr. Turner reviews the spreadsheet, "Senate Files 1875/1879 Public Safety Budget Bill FY2006-07."

The committee discusses the spreadsheet.

Dennis Benson, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Corrections, testified on the mental health allocation to DOC, line 162 on the spreadsheet.

Pat Orud, Behavioral Health, Department of Corrections, testified on the mental health allocation to DOC, line 162 on the spreadsheet.

Witnesses responded to questions.

Cyndi Cook, Executive Director, Minnesota Coalition for Battered Women, testified on the result of the cuts from 2003, the importance of crime victim funding for 2006-07 and in support of the omnibus public safety finance bill.

Carla Furrucci, Executive Director, Minnesota Coalition Against Sexual Assault (MNCASA), testified on the result of the cuts from 2003, the importance of crime victim funding for 2006-07 and in support of the omnibus public safety finance bill.

Lucy Banks, Minnesota General Crime Victim Coalition, testified on the result of the cuts from 2003, the importance of crime victim funding for 2006-07 and in support of the omnibus public safety finance bill.

Midge Christianson, Corrections Director for Region 6W: Yellow Medicine, Swift, Chippewa, and Lac Qui Parle Counties, testified in support of the one cent alcohol user fee increase.

Therese McCoy, Scott County Court Services, testified in support of the one cent alcohol user fee increase.

Barbara Tombs, Sentencing Guidelines, Director, testified on an amendment needed to the omnibus public safety finance bill.

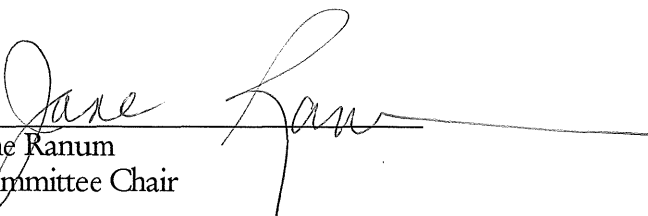
Rich Neumiester, Citizen Activist, testified on pg. 166 of the Omnibus Public Safety Finance Bill.

Frank Dolejsi, BCA Laboratory, Department of Public Safety, testified on the DNA backlog and federal funding.

Lee Field, Acting Director, SEJAS, testified on internet for BCA.

Sen. Ranum adjourned the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

  
Jane Ranum  
Committee Chair

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Sara Benzkofer  
Legislative Assistant

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