

SENATE ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Wednesday, March 8, 2006

12:30 p.m., Room 107, State Capitol

Members present:

Marty, Chair
Saxhaug, Vice Chair
Bakk
Chaudhary
Frederickson
Hottinger
Jungbauer
Nienow
Pariseau
Stumpf

Members absent:

Olson

The meeting was called to order by Senator Marty at 1:12 p.m.

The committee considered **S.F. 2632**.

Senator Saxhaug moved to amend S.F. 2632 as follows:

Page 1, lines 3, 8, 9, and 14, delete "climatic" and insert "surface"

MOTION CARRIED.

Douglas Ford, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of S.F. 2632.

Senator Saxhaug moved that S.F. 2632, as amended, be recommended to pass and placed on the Consent Calendar.

MOTION CARRIED.

The committee considered the **S.F. 2637** subcommittee report.

Greg Knopff, Senate Legislative Analyst, explained the motions necessary to consider the remainder of the hearing's legislation.

Senator Saxhaug moved the S.F. 2637 subcommittee report.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Saxhaug gave an overview of the subcommittee report.

Kathy Lewis, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, discussed Article I of the subcommittee report.

Senator Hottinger served briefly as committee chair.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Marty resumed role of committee chair.

Senator Bakk distributed the SCS2637A-3 amendment.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Bakk moved the SCS2637A-3 amendment.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Saxhaug distributed the SCS2637A-4 amendment.

Gregory Bernu, Pine County Land Commissioner, testified in support of the SCS2637A-4 amendment.

Committee discussion followed.

Paul Pojar, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the SCS2637A-4 amendment.

Senator Saxhaug moved the SCS2637A-4 amendment.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Saxhaug distributed the SCS2637A-5 amendment.

Bruce Cox, Clearwater County Land Commissioner, testified in support of the SCS2637A-5 amendment.

Greg Knopff offered possible amending language to SCS2637A-5.

Paul Pojar, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, testified in support of the oral amendment to the SCS2637A-5 amendment.

Senator Frederickson moved to amend the SCS2637A-5 amendment as follows:

Page 1, line 9, after "chapter 282." insert "The conveyance must provide that the

land described in paragraph (c) be used for the public, and revert to the state in trust for the taxing districts, if the City of Bagley fails to provide for public use or abandons the public use of the land.”

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Saxhaug moved the SCS2637A-5 amendment, as amended.

MOTION CARRIED.

Senator Saxhaug introduced Article II of the S.F. 2637 subcommittee report.

Kathy Lewis, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and the committee discussed Sections 1, 2, and 11 of Article II of the S.F. 2637 subcommittee report.

Bob Tomlinson, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and the committee discussed the remainder of Article II of the S.F. 2637 subcommittee report.

Sen. Bakk moved to delete Section 10 of Article II of the S.F. 2637 subcommittee report.

Committee discussion followed.

Sen. Bakk renewed his motion.

MOTION CARRIED.

Sen. Bakk moved the SCS2637A-8 amendment.

MOTION CARRIED.

Sen. Saxhaug moved to lay S.F. 2637 on the table.

MOTION CARRIED.

The committee considered **S.F. 2851**.

Sen. Saxhaug moved to delete all of S.F. 2851 after the enacting clause and insert Article I of the S.F. 2637 subcommittee report, as amended.

MOTION CARRIED.

Sen. Saxhaug moved that S.F. 2851, as amended, be recommended to pass and be referred to the Taxes Committee.

MOTION CARRIED.

The committee considered **S.F. 2852**.

Sen. Saxhaug moved to delete all of S.F. 2852 after the enacting clause and insert Article II of the S.F. 2637 subcommittee report, as amended.

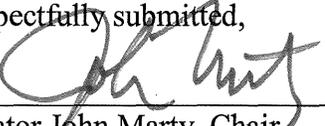
MOTION CARRIED.

Sen. Saxhaug moved that S.F. 2852, as amended, be recommended to pass and be referred to the State & Local Government Operations Committee.

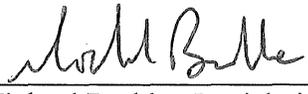
MOTION CARRIED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Senator John Marty, Chair



Michael Brakke, Legislative Assistant

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AGENDA

**S.F. 2632-Saxhaug: Timber Permits Extension for Adverse Climatic
Conditions**

S.F. 2637-Saxhaug: Sustainable Forest Incentive Program Land Exchange

S.F. 2851-Saxhaug: State Lands Sales

S.F. 2852-Saxhaug: Forestry Policy Provisions