

**Senate Taxes Committee**  
**Friday, April 28, 2006**  
**Room 15 Capitol**  
**Chair, Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller**

Present

Pogemiller, Chair  
Tomassoni, Vice Chair  
Bakk  
Belanger  
Betzold  
Johnson  
Limmer  
Marty  
McGinn  
Moua  
Ortman  
Skoe

Absent

Senator Pogemiller called the meeting to order at 12:00 p.m.

A quorum was present.

**Agenda Item #1: Discussion regarding Vikings stadium proposal**

1. Testimony
  - a. Lester Bagley, MN Vikings
    - i. Handout #1 "National Football League"
  - b. Margaret Langfeld, Chair, Anoka County Commission
2. Power Point presentation
  - a. Handout #2 "Stadium Costs"
  - b. Handout #3 "Power Point"
  - c. Handout #4 "MN Vikings Folder"
3. Discussion regarding financing
  - a. Steve Yanish, MN Vikings
4. Further Testimony
  - a. Steve Novak, Anoka County

Senator Tomassoni is given the gavel at 12:37 p.m.

Senator Pogemiller is returned the gavel at 12:43 p.m.

- b. Zygi Wilf, Owner, MN Vikings

**Agenda Item #2: SF 2297 (Kelley) Twins stadium funding proposal**

1. Testimony
  - a. Jerry Bell, President, Twins Sports Inc.
  - b. Mike Opat, Commissioner, Hennepin County
    - i. Handout #5 "Minnesota Twins/Hennepin County New Ballpark Proposal: Hennepin County Presentation"
  - c. Peter McGlaughlin, Commissioner, Hennepin County
  - d. Dave St. Peter, President, MN Twins
    - i. Handout #6 "Minnesota Twins/Hennepin County New Ballpark Proposal: Minnesota Twins Presentation"

Senator Tomassoni is given the gavel at 1:50 p.m.

Senator Pogemiller is returned the gavel at 2:00 p.m.

- e. Deborah Hopp, MSP Communications/Minneapolis Downtown Council - Support
- f. Mike Brunkow, Bloomington Chamber of Commerce - Support

Senator Tomassoni is given the gavel at 2:13 p.m.

Senator Pogemiller is returned the gavel at 2:16 p.m.

- g. John Stanoch, Minneapolis Chamber of Commerce - Support
- h. Ray Waldren, President, AFL-CIO of Minnesota - Support
- i. Bill McCarthy, Central Labor Union Council - Minneapolis - Support
  - i. Handout #7 "United Here"
- j. Brad Leto, Labor -Support

2. Discussion on Referendum
  - a. Mark Steinglein, Commissioner, Hennepin County
  - b. Mike Opat, Commissioner, Hennepin County

**Agenda Item #3: SF 2460 (Pogemiller) University of MN football stadium funding proposal**

1. Senator Tomassoni moves to delete the A-8 amendment
  - a. A roll call vote is requested
  - b. There being seven ayes and five nays, the motion does prevail
2. Senator Ortman moves to reconsider
  - a. Motion is not adopted
3. Senator Tomassoni moves that SF 2460, as amended be recommended to pass.
  - a. A roll call is requested
  - b. There being six ayes and six nays, the motion does not prevail

The Committee is in recess at 2:54 p.m. until the call of the chair

The Committee reconvenes at 4:40 p.m.

Present

Pogemiller, Chair  
 Tomassoni, Vice Chair  
 Bakk  
 Belanger  
 Betzold  
 Johnson  
 Limmer  
 Marty  
 McGinn  
 Moua  
 Ortman  
 Skoe

Absent

**Agenda Item #4: Public Testimony**

1. Jim Hafner, Financial Analyst, Self-employed, Coon Rapids – Opposes Anoka County financing proposal
2. Dann Dobson, Executive Director, No Stadium Tax Coalition – Opposes funding proposal for Twin Stadium
  - a. Handout #8 “Proposed Mets Ballpark”
3. Roger Kloster, Hennepin County Resident; also speaking on behalf of Laura Lehman, Citizens for a Stadium Tax Referendum
  - a. Handout #9 “From Laura Lehman”
4. John Knight – Opposes Twins proposal
5. Mayor Mary Capra, City of Centerville – Opposes to Anoka stadium without a referendum
  - a. Handout #10 “Letter”
6. Kevin R. Smith, concerned citizen – Opposes Twins stadium proposal without a referendum
7. Tom Goldstein, concerned citizen – Opposes Twins stadium proposal
  - a. Handout #11 “USA Today Salaries Database”
  - b. Handout #12 “Ballparks of Baseball”

Senator Tomassoni is given the gavel at 5:44 p.m.

The Committee is in recess at 5:54 p.m.

Senator Pogemiller is returned the gavel at 5:56 p.m. and the Committee reconvenes.

**Agenda Item #5: Discussion of the Stadium Screening Committee Report to Governor Tim Pawlenty**

1. Handout #13 “State of Minnesota”

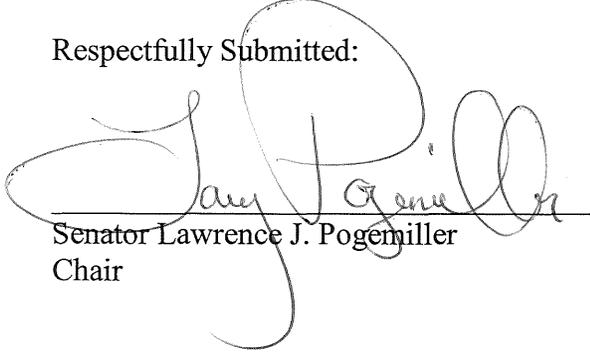
**Agenda Item #6: Discussion of the A-15 amendment (Kelley-Betzold Ballpark)**

**Agenda Item #7: Testimony from the business community**

1. Tom Hesse, MN Chamber of Commerce
2. Jill Larson, MN Business Partnership

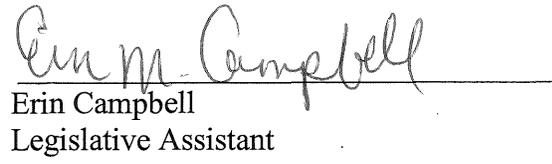
Senator Pogemiller adjourned the meeting at 6:45 a.m.

Respectfully Submitted:



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Senator Lawrence J. Pogemiller  
Chair



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Erin Campbell  
Legislative Assistant

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Discussion regarding Vikings stadium funding proposal

Chair  
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