

SENATE COMMERCE COMMITTEE

Monday, March 27, 2006

6:00 p.m., Room 123, State Capitol

Present: Senator Linda Scheid, chair, Senator Dan Sparks, vice-chair, Senator Ellen Anderson, Senator William Belanger, Senator Michael Jungbauer, Senator Sheila Kiscaden, Senator Cal Larson, Senator Brian LeClair, Senator Becky Lourey, Senator James Metzen, Senator Geoff Michel, Senator Sandra Pappas, Senator Larry Pogemiller, Senator Ann Rest, Senator Mady Reiter, Senator Dallas Sams

None Absent.

Senator Scheid, chair, called the meeting to order at 6:13 p.m. A quorum was present.

S.F. 3081 (Senator Pappas): Omnibus liquor bill

Senator Pappas moved that the liquor sub-committee report be adopted.
MOTION ADOPTED.

Senator Pappas moved the A-10 delete everything amendment.

Committee discussion followed.

Chris Stang, Senate Counsel, explained the A-10 amendment.

Senator Pappas moved the A-10 amendment. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Senator Pogemiller moved to amend S.F. 3081 as follows: page 6, delete lines 4 through 6.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Pogemiller renewed his motion that S.F. 3081 be amended as follows: page 6, delete lines 4 through 6. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Senator Pogemiller moved that S.F. 3081, as amended, be recommended to pass.

Chair Scheid asked for public comment.

John Wolf, Chicago Lake Liquor, Minneapolis, spoke in opposition to Section 13 of S.F. 3081.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Pogemiller moved to amend S.F. 3081 as follows as follows: page 8, line 6, delete Section 13.

Nancy Christiansen, executive director, Minnesota Grocers Association, spoke in support of Section 13 and against the motion.

Senator Pogemiller **WITHDREW** his amendment.

Senator Pogemiller renewed his motion that S.F. 3081, as amended, be recommended to pass. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 3022 (Senator Kubly): Establishing a boxing commission.

Senator Kubly explained A-1 (SCS 3022A-1).delete everything amendment.

Scott Ledoux, Anoka County Commissioner and former member of the State Boxing Commission, spoke in support of S.F. 3022.

Committee discussion followed.

Ken Peterson, Office of the Minnesota Attorney General, spoke in support of S.F. 3022.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Rest moved to amend S.F. 3022, as amended, as follows: page 1, line 34, insert "(b) No member of the Boxing Commission may make a wager on a contest held under the auspices of the Commission." **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Senator Belanger moved to amend S.F. 3022, as amended, as follows: page 6, line 20, delete Section 16. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 3022, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Finance. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 3331 (Senator Sparks): Modifying provisions relating to petroleum fund compensation for transport vehicles.

Pat Sexton, Department of Commerce, explained S.F. 3331.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Sparks moved that S.F. 3331 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Transportation. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Senator Rest moved to reconsider the vote by which S.F. 3331 was recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 3331 be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 1674 (Senator Sparks): Rental vehicle insurance coverage.

Senator Sparks explained S.F. 1674 and moved the A-06-1130 delete everything amendment. **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Robin Ellewold, representing Choice Auto, spoke in support of S.F. 1674.

Committee discussion followed.

Kevin Cooper, general manager and vice-president, Enterprise Rent-A-Car, spoke in support of S.F. 1674.

Committee discussion followed.

Bob Johnson, representing the Insurance Federation of Minnesota, spoke in opposition to S.F. 1674.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator LeClair moved the A06-1130A-1 amendment be amended as follows:
page 1, line 6, after "caused" insert "directly". **MOTION ADOPTED.**

Senator Sparks opposed the amendment.

Senator Sparks moved that S.F. 1674, as amended, be recommended to pass.
MOTION ADOPTED.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m. The proceedings were taped and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.

Respectfully submitted,


SENATOR LINDA SCHEID, CHAIR


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