

Crime Prevention & Public Safety Committee
Public Safety Budget Division

March 9, 2006

4:00 p.m. Room 107 – State Capitol

Members Present

Senator Foley
Senator Berglin
Senator Betzold
Senator McGinn
Senator Neuville
Senator Ortman
Senator Ranum
Senator Skoglund

Members Absent

Senator Ruud

Senator Foley called the meeting to order at 4:15 p.m.

Senator Betzold, chief author of S.F. 2614 (Funeral, funeral procession, burial and memorial services disruption or targeted residential picketing prohibition).

Senator Betzold moved the A-4 amendment.

Motion prevailed.

Billie Bishop, Support 500 yards, testified in favor of the bill.

Charles Samuelson, Executive Director of the American Civil Liberties Union of Minnesota, testified in opposition of the bill.

Senator Neuville, moved an oral amendment,
Delete Page 1, Lines 20-24.

Insert “(1) intentionally disrupts a funeral ceremony, a graveside service, or a memorial service, by publicly protesting or picketing during the period in which the ceremony or service is occurring, within the hour immediately preceding its commencement, or within the hour immediately following its completion.”

Motion prevailed.

Senator Betzold moved that S.F. 2614, as amended, be recommended to pass.

Motion prevailed.

Michael Junge, McLeod County Attorney, testified regarding the effects of *Blakely v. Washington* changes in Minnesota.

Phil Prokopowicz, Assistant Dakota County Attorney, testified regarding the effects of *Blakely v. Washington* changes in Minnesota.

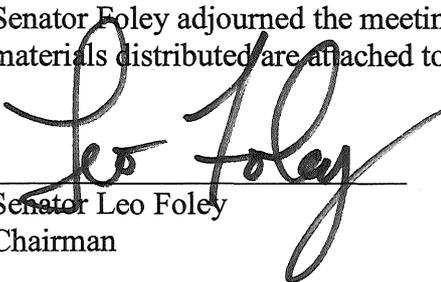
Ben Butler, Assistant State Public Defender, testified regarding the effects of *Blakely v. Washington* changes in Minnesota.

Rob Lynn, Judge in the 4th Judicial District and Chair of the Criminal Rules Committee, testified regarding the effects of *Blakely v. Washington* changes in Minnesota.

Isabel Gomez, Director of the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, testified regarding the effects of *Blakely v. Washington* changes in Minnesota.

Isabel Gomez, Director of the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, gave a presentation to the Committee of the proposed Sex Offender Sentencing Grid.

Senator Foley adjourned the meeting at 5:46 p.m. The proceedings were taped and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.



Senator Leo Foley
Chairman



Erik Reseland
Legislative Assistant

Senate Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee
Thursday, March 9, 2006
Chair: Sen. Leo Foley
4 p.m.
107 Capitol

AGENDA:

- 1) SF 2614 (Betzold) Funeral, burial, and memorial services disruption prohibition
 - a. Billie Bishop, Support 500 yards
 - b. Charles Samuelson, Executive Director, ACLU Minnesota
- 2) Update on Blakely v. Washington
 - a. Mike Junge, McLeod County Attorney
 - b. Phil Prokopowicz, Assistant Dakota County Attorney
 - c. Ben Butler, Assistant State Public Defender
 - d. Honorable Rob Lynn, 4th Judicial District, Chair, Criminal Rules Committee
 - e. Isabel Gomez, Director, Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission
- 3) Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission
 - a. Sex Offender Grid
 - i. Isabel Gomez, Director, MSGC