

Education Policy Committee  
March 21, 2006  
3-5:30p.m.  
Capitol Room 112  
Senator Steve Kelley

Members Present:

Senator Steve Kelley	Senator Geoff Michel	Senator Tarryl Clark
Senator David Hann	Senator Rod Skoe	Senator Gen Olson
Senator Michele Bachmann	Senator LeRoy Stumpf	

Members Absent:

Senator David Tomassoni      Senator Tom Saxhaug

Senator Kelley called the meeting to order at 3:08 p.m.

The Committee heard testimony for SF 2954 from Sen. Bonoff, of which she is chief author.

The Committee first heard testimony from Ward Eames, Founder & President of The National Theatre for Children, 1599 8th Street SE, Minneapolis, MN 55414. Mr. Eames spoke in support of the bill. Mr. Eames referenced "Describing School Finances Committee Revision of School District Financial Reports."

Tom Berge, Minnetonka Business Manager, Minnetonka, MN, spoke in support of the bill.

Sen. Clark moved the A-1 amendment.

The motion prevailed.

Tom Melcher, Finance Director, Department of Education discussed the consolidated financial statement task force, Section 4, 2.21.

Sen. Olson moved the following oral amendment:  
Delete Section 4.

The motion prevailed.

Sen. Clark moved that SF 2954 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Education Omnibus bill.

The motion prevailed.

Sen. Skoe chaired the committee.

The Committee heard testimony for SF 2654 from Sen. Vickerman, of which he is chief author.

The Committee first heard testimony from Andrew Davis, Combat Veteran-US Army, Chair & Co-Founder of the University of Minnesota Veterans Transition Center, 15 Eddy Hall, 192 Pillsbury Drive SE, Minneapolis, MN 55455, spoke in support of the bill.

Susan Heegard, Director of Minnesota Office of Higher Education, 1450 Energy Park Drive, Suite 350, St. Paul, MN 55108, spoke in support of the bill.

Clark Dyrud, Commissioner, Veterans Affairs, responded to a question regarding Veterans benefits.

Steve Frantz, Office of the Chancellor, MNSCU, 350 Wells Fargo Place, 30 Seventh Street East, St. Paul, MN 55101. Mr. Frantz spoke in support of the bill.

Clark Dyrud, Commissioner, Veterans Affairs, responded to a question regarding the number of enrolled veterans.

Sen. Stumpf moved that SF 2654 pass and be re-referred to Finance.

The motion prevailed.

The Committee heard testimony for SF 2912 from Sen. Kelley, of which he is chief author.

The Committee first heard testimony from P. Fred Storti, MESPA Executive Director, MESPA Executive Director, 1667 North Snelling Avenue, Suite C101, St. Paul, MN 55108. Mr. Storti spoke in support of the bill.

Ann Hoops, Parent, spoke in support of the bill.

Michael Boucher, Social Studies Teacher, South High School, Minneapolis Public Schools, spoke in support of the bill.

Sen. Kelley moved that SF 2912 pass and be re-referred to Finance.

The motion prevailed.

The Committee heard testimony for SF 3164 from Sen. Kiscaden, of which she is chief author.

The Committee first heard testimony from Jerry Williams, Superintendent of Rochester Public Schools, 615 7th Street SW, Rochester, MN 55902. Mr. Williams spoke in support of the bill. Mr. Williams referenced "School District Integration Revenue."

Sen. Skoe moved that SF 3164 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Education Omnibus bill.

The motion prevailed.

The Committee heard testimony for SF 2124 from Sen. Rosen, of which she is chief author.

The Committee first heard testimony from Alice M. Maday, Ph.D., University of Minnesota, College of Education and Human Development, 125J Peik Hall, Minneapolis, MN 55455. Ms. Maday spoke in support of the bill.

Sen. Stumpf offered the following oral amendment:

Page 1, line 11, insert, "the age of" before five

Page 1, line 11, insert, "on or before September 1"

Page 1, line 11, strike, "years of age"

Ann Marie Butler, Senate Counsel, discussed the relevance of Sen. Stumpf's oral amendment.

The motion prevailed.

Pamela Von Gohren, COHERE, Minnetonka, MN, spoke in opposition of the bill.

Karl Bunday, Parent, Minnetonka, MN, spoke in opposition of the bill.

Terry Van Denburgh, President of MICAH, Oak Grove, MN, spoke in opposition of the bill.

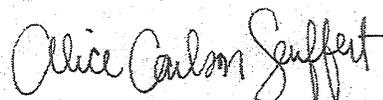
SF 2124 was laid over for possible inclusion in the Education Omnibus bill.

The motion prevailed.

The meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.



Senator Steve Kelley  
Chairman



Alice Carlson Seuffert  
Legislative Assistant

# Education Committee

Senator Steve Kelley, Chair

Tuesday, March 21, 2006

3:00-5:30 p.m.

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## Agenda

### I. SF 2954: Bonoff

*School District Consolidated Financial Statement*

- Tom Berge, Minnetonka Business Manager
- Ward Eames, Founder & President of The National Theatre for Children

### II. SF 2654: Vickerman

*Omnibus Veterans*

- Steve Frantz, Office of the Chancellor, MNSCU
- Susan Heegard, Director of Minnesota Office of Higher Education
- Andrew Davis, Combat Veteran-US Army, Chair & Co-Founder of the University of Minnesota Veterans Transition Center

### III. SF 2912: Kelley

*Class-size Reduction Incentive*

- P. Fred Storti, MESPA Executive Director
- Ann Hoops, Parent
- Minneapolis Public Schools

### IV. SF 3164: Kiscaden

*Integration Revenue Modifications*

- Jerry Williams, Superintendent of Rochester Public Schools

### V. SF 2124: Rosen

*Compulsory Instruction Age*

- Alice M. Maday, Ph.D., University of Minnesota, College of Education and Human Development
- Pamela Von Gohren, COHERE
- Terry Van Denburgh, President of MICAH