

**Senate Elections Committee**

Monday, March 13, 2006

3:00 p.m., Room 107, State Capitol

The following committee members were present:

WIGER, Chuck, Chair  
FISHBACH, Michelle  
HIGGINS, Linda  
HOTTINGER, John  
KOCH, Amy  
LIMMER, Warren  
MARTY, John  
MARKO, Sharon

The following committee members were absent:

PARISEAU, Pat  
SCHEID, Linda

Meeting was called to order at 3:12, a quorum was not present.

**I. The committee considered S.F. 358: Special school district #1; providing for six members to be elected by district and three at-large (Skoglund, W.)**

Senator Skoglund explained S.F 358 and SCS0358A-3.

Duane Reede, President of the Minneapolis NCAACP testified in support.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Wiger announced a quorum was present at 3:30.

Sheryl Wilson, a parent, testified in support.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Higgins moved to pass SCS0358A-3.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committee discussion followed.

Bruce Kennedy of Roseville testified in support.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Higgins moved to amend S.F. 358:

\*\*\*\*\*           Page 1, line 18-19, “, or if applicable that one ...or at large”

**MOTION CARRIED**

Senator Higgins moved to pass S.F. 358 as amended

**MOTION CARRIED**

**II. The committee considered S.F. 625: ISD #482; at large school board members election alley system (Koering, P.)**

Senator Koering explained S.F. 625 that had passed out of the Education Committee to Elections.

Grace Schwab, Minnesota School Board Association, testified in support.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Limmer questioned if this bill needs legislation to enact.

Committee Council Peter Watson responded.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Koch moved to pass S.F. 625.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Hottinger moved to table the bill until the next committee meeting so that members of the school board could be present.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**III. Re-vote: Official confirmation of Scott Heintzeman**

Senator Limmer renewed the motion.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**IV. The committee considered S.F. 2880: Authorizing food, beverages, and give to public officials (Hottinger, J.)**

Senator Hottinger explained S.F. 2880.

Senator Hottinger moved to amend S.F. 2880:

Strike 2.1-2.4 (section 9)

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Hottinger's motion is restated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Higgins moves to amend S.F. 2880:

Page 1, line 23, add "invited" after "legislator"

Committee discussion followed.

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Hottinger moved to amend S.F. 2880:

Page 1, line 22, insert "while legislature is in session" after "area"

**MOTION CARRIED**

Diane Koebele, Minnesota Governmental Relations Council, testified in support.

Dominic Sposeto, Minnesota Governmental Relations Council, testified in support.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Hottinger moved to pass S.F. 2880 as amended.

Senator Limmer requested a roll call vote.

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| Yes: FISHBACH | No: KOCH |
| HIGGINS       | LIMMER   |
| HOTTINGER     | MARTY    |
|               | WIGER    |
|               | MARKO    |

Absent: PARISEAU  
SCHEID

**3-5, MOTION IS DEFETED**

**V. The committee considers S.F. 386: Voting rights, redrawn election districts, election judges, appointments, etc. (Marty, J.)**

Senator Marty moved to approve the A-2 amendment

**MOTION CARRIED**

Senator Marty explained S.F. 386.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Marty moved to pass.

Grace Schwab, Minnesota School Boards Association, testified against section 8 of S.F. 386.

Committee discussion followed.

Jan Alswager, Education Minnesota, testified against S.F. 386.

Committee discussion followed.

Jan Alswager asked for clarification of the bill.

Committee discussion followed.

Peter Watson questioned changes to the language of Page 4, Line 34.

Committee discussion followed.

Peter Watson suggested on Page 1, line 21 to not strike "one".

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VI. The committee considered S.F. 489: Prohibiting political parties from making independent expenditures, etc. (Marty, J.)**

Senator Marty explained S.F. 489.

Peter Watson explained the A-2 amendment.

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Marty moved to amend:

Page 1, line 9, strike "July 1, 2006" and insert "January, 1, 2007"

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Hottinger moved to amend:

Page 1, line 7, strike "issuer of the receipt" and add "the treasurer"

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Hottinger moved to amend:

Page 8, line 34, strike "issuer" and add "candidate"

**MOTION CARRIED**

Committee discussion followed.

Senator Marty moved to pass S.F. 489 as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**VII. The committee considers S.F. 2476: The public's right to know (Marty, J.)**

Senator Marty explained S.F. 2476.

Diane Koebele, Minnesota Governmental Relations Council, spoke in opposition.

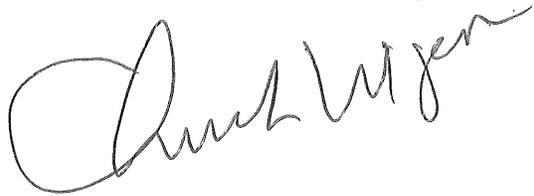
Dominic Sposeto, Minnesota Governmental Relations Council, spoke in opposition.

Senator Wiger explained that more bills like this are coming up for the March 20, 2006 meeting and no action would be taken on the bill at this time.

Committee discussion followed.

The meeting was taped. The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Chuck Wiger".

Senator Chuck Wiger  
*Senate Elections Committee*

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Gretchen Walczak".

Gretchen Walczak, Legislative Assistant  
*Senate Elections Committee*

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**Chair: Senator Chuck Wiger**

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## Agenda

- I. S.F. 358-Skoglund: Special School District No. 1; providing for six members to be elected by district and three to be elected at-large
  - a. Duane Reede, President, Minneapolis NAACP
  - b. Sheryl Wilson, parent
  - c. Bruce Kennedy, Roseville resident
  
- II. S.F. 625-Koering: ISD #482; at large school board members election alley system
  - a. Senator Paul Koering
  - b. Grace Schwab, MN School Boards Association
  
- III. Re-vote: official confirmation of Scott Heintzeman
  
- IV. S.F. 2880-Hottinger: Authorizing food, beverages and gifts to public officials
  - a. Diane Koebele, MN Governmental Relations Council
  - b. Dominic Sposeto, MN Governmental Relations Council
  
- V. S.F. 386-Marty: Voting rights, redrawn election districts, election judge, appointments, etc.
  - a. Grace Schwab, MN School Boards Association
  - b. Jan Alswager, Education Minnesota
  
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  - a. Diane Koebele, MN Governmental Relations Council
  - b. Dominic Sposeto, MN Governmental Relations Council

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*Thank you for your participation!  
Please sign in!*

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| Frank John        | MSBA/Little Falls SD. |  | 612 501 3071   | # 625             |
| Sen. Paul Koering | Senate                |  | 651-296-4875   | # 625             |
| Diane Kuehly      | MORC                  |  | 651-437-0560   | 2880              |
| DOMINIC SPOSETO   | MORC                  |  | 952-835-4180   | #2880             |
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| Diane Kuehly      | MORC                  |  | 651-437-056    | #2474             |
| Beverly KENNEDY   |                       | 1916 Skillman<br>Rsvl                  | 651-633-3713   | # 358             |
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Date: ~~March 8, 2006~~  
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