

Senate Early Childhood Policy and Budget Division
House Jobs and Economic Opportunity Policy and Finance Committee
Chairs: Sen. John Hottinger and Rep. Bob Gunther

Thursday, February 2, 2006

3 p.m. – 5 p.m.

Room 123 State Capitol

Present:

Hottinger, Chair
Sean Nienow
Sandy Pappas
Linda Scheid
Dan Sparks
Betsy Wergin

Absent:

Bob Kierlin
Gary Kubly

Senator Hottinger called the meeting to order at 3:05 p.m.

A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: Welcome and Introduction

- Senator Hottinger welcomed people to the committee meeting.

AGENDA ITEM #2: McKinsey and Co., Early Childhood Development Program Review

- Al Stroucken, Chair, President and CEO of the H.B. Fuller Company, Chair of MN Business for Early Learning, and Itasca Project participant. Mr. Stroucken talked about why business cares about early childhood education, and how important it is for the State to have skilled workers.
- Deniz Cultu and Kenneth Saldanha, McKinsey and Co. Mr. Cultu and Mr. Saldanha answered questions from the committee.

AGENDA ITEM #3: National Women's Law Center

- Helen Blank, Leadership and Public Policy Director. Ms. Blank talked about the importance of early childhood education, and how important it is for children to be ready for school. She emphasized how Minnesota used to be a leader in childcare, but Minnesota is dropping. Ms. Blank answered questions from the committee.

Senator Hottinger adjourned the meeting at 5:00. p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Senator John C. Hottinger
Division Chair



Jane Bowman
Division Secretary

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- 3. Minnesota Dept. of Human Services, Overview of Child Care Assistance Program**
 - Cherie Kotilnek and Ann Sessoms

- 4. National Women's Law Center**
 - Helen Blank, Leadership and Public Policy Director