



Early Childhood Policy and Budget Division

April 4, 2006

3:00 p.m. Room 123

Chair, Senator John C. Hottinger

Present:

Hottinger, Chair
Bob Kierlin
Gary Kubly
Sean Nienow
Sandy Pappas
Linda Scheid
Dan Sparks
Betsy Wergin

Absent:

Senator Hottinger called the meeting to order at 3:07 p.m.

Senator Hottinger discussed "ranking" the committee's priorities.

A quorum was present.

AGENDA ITEM #1: S.F. 2819 Omnibus Bill

Senator Hottinger walked the Committee through the delete all amendment.

- Nancy Johnson, Greater Minneapolis Day Care Association, answered questions about licensing. Ms. Johnson addressed that the licensers would have the final say as to whether the training met the stated criteria.
- Karen Carlson, Department of Education, answered questions from the Committee.

MOTION: Senator Hottinger moved adoption of the A-6 Amendment.

Passed.

MOTION: Senator Hottinger moved adoption of the A-3 Amendment.

Passed.

MOTION: Senator Hottinger moved adoption of the A-5 Amendment.

- Dan Fraser, former Congressman and Mayor of Minneapolis, testified in favor of this amendment.

Passed.

- Barbara O'Sullivan, Department of Education, spoke to the A-7 and A-4 amendments.

MOTION: Senator Hottinger moved adoption of the A-7 Amendment.

- Karen Effrem, EdWatch, raised questions and concerns about the A-7 Amendment, subdivision 11. Ms. Effrem wanted clarification of many of the terms to be added to the amendment.
- Barbara O'Sullivan, Department of Education, answered questions and concerns about the language. Ms. O'Sullivan also emphasized lack of any intent to put small children on drugs.

Senator Hottinger RENEWED his MOTION to adopt the A-7 Amendment.

Passed.

MOTION: Senator Hottinger moved adoption of the A-4 Amendment.

- Barbara O'Sullivan, Department of Education, explained the amendment.

Senator Hottinger RENEWED his MOTION to adopt the A-4 Amendment.

Passed.

MOTION: Senator Hottinger moved that S.F. 2819, as amended, be recommended to pass to the Full Finance Committee.

Passed.

Senator Hottinger adjourned the meeting at 4:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted:



Senator John C. Hottinger
Division Chair



Jane Bowman
Division Secretary

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