

MINUTES

Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development Budget Division
Thursday, March 16, 2006
12:00 Room 107 Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anderson
Bachmann
Bakk
Dibble
Dille
Frederickson
Jungbauer
Kubly
Metzen
Pariseau
Rosen
Sams
Vickerman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Cohen

The meeting was called to order at 12:15 p.m.

Senator Fischbach presented SF2526, an appropriation for a grant to the city of Avon to conduct an air quality study relating to xylene. Mary Eisenschenk, Avon, MN and Mary Moran, Avon Township testified in support of the bill. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus supplemental budget bill.

Senator Stumpf presented SFXXX, an appropriation to repair flood damage in Oslo. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus supplemental budget bill.

Senator Stumpf presented SF2697. A delete all amendment SCS2697A-1 was offered. The amendment was adopted. Paul Bloomquist, business owner, City of Hallock testified in support of the bill. Meredith Yokdokivich, Minnesota Department of Employment testified on the bill. The bill was referred to the full Finance Committee.

Gary Fields representing the Blandin Foundation testified on broadband in Minnesota.

Jim Nobles, Legislative Auditor and Jody Hauer, Project Manager, Legislative Auditor's Office testified on the evaluation of the Department of Agriculture regarding pesticides. Perry Aasness, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Agriculture Dan Stoddard, Dept. of Ag and Paul Lemont, Dept of Ag testified on the audit report. Janette Brimmer, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy testified on the audit report.

Senator Dille asked that SF2942 replace SF2501 that was heard in the bonding committee meeting and be considered for recommendation to the Capital Investment Committee.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted.

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Chair: Senator Dallas Sams
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Agenda

Broadband discussion – Blandin Foundation

Discussion of Pesticide regulation, Evaluation of Department of Agriculture
By the Legislative Auditor's Office

Jim Nobles, Legislative Auditor
Jody Hauer, Project co-manager

SFXXX Sen. Stumpf: Repair flood damage ^{SLO}Olso

SF2697 Sen. Stumpf: Appropriation to the City of Hallock

SF2526 Sen. Fischbach: appropriating money for a grant to the city of Avon to conduct
an air quality study relating to xylene. Testifier: Mary Eisenschenk