

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the thirty-sixth meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. on Thursday, March 9, 2006, in Room 123 of the State Capitol, St. Paul Minnesota.

The secretary noted the roll.

Members Present:

Berglin, Chair  
Solon, Vice Chair  
Foley  
Higgins  
Koering  
LeClair  
Lourey  
Rosen

A quorum was present.

The Health and Human Services Budget Division heard a presentation from the Veterans Homes Board regarding the comprehensive review of the Minnesota Veterans Homes Board staff done by the Health Dimensions Group which came out in January of 2006. The following persons testified:

1. Steve Musser, Executive Director, Veterans Homes Board.
2. Jeffrey Johnson, Chairman, Veterans Homes Board.
3. Sergie Shvetzoff, Principal, Health Dimensions Group.
4. Nancy Dahl, R.N., Director of Nursing, Minneapolis Veterans Home.
5. Dennis O’Gorman, State Commander of Disabled American Veterans, Chair, Commander’s Task Force of 9 Congressionally Chartered Veterans Service Organizations.
6. Jerry Kyser, Chair, United Veterans Legislative Council.
7. Erin Murphy, Executive Director, MN Nurses Association, St. Paul, MN.
8. Doug Gordhamer, Family Member of a Resident of the Minneapolis Veterans Home, 4510 Washburn Ave. S., Minneapolis, MN.

The next item on the agenda was S.F. 23, authored and explained by Senator Solon, as follows:

**S.F. 23 (SOLON):** A bill for an act relating to pharmacy; modifying wholesale drug distributor requirements.

Senator Solon moved to amend the amendment, SCS0023A-2, to S.F. 23 as follows:

Page 1, lines 13 and 14, delete "2005" and insert "2006"

Page 1, delete line 17 and insert:

"(c) \$73,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2007 and each fiscal year thereafter"

Page 1, line 18, delete "in fiscal year 2007"

The **MOTION PREVAILED** and the amendment to the amendment was adopted.

The following persons testified on S.F. 23:

1. Paul Civello, Attorney General's Office (Proponent).
2. Marjorie Powell, Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturer's Association, PhRMA, 1100 – 15<sup>th</sup> St. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20005 (Opponent).
3. David Godfrey, Health and Human Services Budget Division Fiscal Analyst (explained the fiscal note to S.F. 23).

Senator Solon moved that S.F. 23, as amended, be recommended to pass to the Finance Committee. The **MOTION PREVAILED**.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.

  
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Senator Linda Berglin  
Chair

  
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Rochelle M. Polansky  
Legislative Assistant

**Health and Human Services Budget Division**

**Senator Linda Berglin, Chair**

**Thursday, March 9, 2006 – 9:00 a.m.**

**Room 123 State Capitol**

**A G E N D A**

- I. Call to Order.
- II. Veterans Home Board Report:
  - A. Steve Musser, Executive Director, Veterans Home Board.
  - B. Jeffrey Johnson, Chairman, Veterans Home Board.
  - C. Sergie Shvetzoff, Principal, Health Dimensions Group.
  - D. Dennis O’Gorman, State Commander of Disabled American Veterans, Chair of Commander’s Task Force which includes all Congressionally Chartered Veteran’s Service Organizations.
  - E. Jerry Kyser, Chair, United Veterans Legislative Council.
  - F. Erin Murphy, Executive Director, Minnesota Nurses Association.
  - G. Doug Gordhammer, Family Member of Veterans Home Resident.
- III. **S.F. 23 (Solon): Pharmaceutical Pricing Criteria Reporting.**
  - A. Author’s Presentation.

Paul Civello, Attorney General’s Office.
  - B. Adoption of the Committee Engrossment/Amendment(s).

Testimony:

Marjorie Powell, PHARMA.
- C. Division Action.
- IV. Adjournment.

**NEXT MEETING:**

**Tuesday, March 14, 2006**

Joint Health and Human Services and Early Childhood Budget Divisions  
9 a.m. Room 123 Capitol  
Agenda: S.F. 2819 (Hottinger) – Child care bill and S.F. \_\_\_\_ (Berglin) WRC bill.