

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION

MINUTES

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair of the Health and Human Services Budget Division, called the forty-fifth meeting to order at 9:45 a.m. on Wednesday, April 5, 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
Lourey
LeClair
Rosen

A quorum was present.

The first bill on the agenda was S.F. 3155, authored and explained by Senator Marko, as follows:

S.F. 3155 (MARKO): A bill for an act relating to human services; appropriating money to replace federal funds.

Senator Foley moved to amend S.F. 3155 as follows:

(SEE ATTACHMENT "A" – SCS3155A-1)

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

The following persons testified regarding S.F. 3155:

1. Ken Brown, Olmsted County.
2. Bruce Henrichs, Director, Human Resources, Mower County.
3. Dan Papin, Washington County, Director, Human Resources.
4. Jim Koppel, Director, Children's Defense Fund.
5. Sue Abderholden, NAMI.
6. Eliot Seide, Executive Director, AFSCME Council 5.
7. Monica Jochmans, Social Worker, Hennepin County.
8. Don Pelton, Sr. Social Worker, Washington County Human Services.

Senator Higgins moved that S.F. 3155 be laid over. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The second bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2521, authored and explained by Senator Larson, as follows:

S.F. 2521 (LARSON): A bill for an act relating to health; providing an exception to hospital restricted construction or modification.

The following Proponent testified regarding S.F. 2521:

Mick Siems, Administrator, Mill Street Residence, Fergus Falls, MN.

Senator Koering moved that S.F. 2521 be recommended to pass to the Finance Committee. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Solon assumed the chair at 10:40 a.m.

The third bill up on the agenda was S.F. 3064, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

S.F. 3064 (BERGLIN): A bill for an act relating to human services; providing medical assistance coverage for individuals eligible for Medicare Part D; directing commissioner to seek reimbursement from federal government.

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 3064 as follows:

(SEE ATTACHMENT "B" – SCS3064A-3)

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

The following Proponents testified regarding S.F. 3064:

1. Lori Kieffer, Medicare Park D Recipient.
2. Beth Woods, Health Insurance Counseling Specialist, Sr. Linkage Line.
3. Hannah Cahsai, caregiver of her sister.

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. 3064 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The fourth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 3085, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

S.F. 3085 (BERGLIN): A bill for an act relating to human services; creating a group residential pilot project.

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 3085 as follows:

Page 2, after line 2, insert:

"Sec. 2. **ALLOCATION.**

Of the \$5,000,000 appropriated to the other children's and family grants

budget activity for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2007, to address homelessness with supportive service grants, \$..... is allocated for the mental health pilot project for unsheltered individuals.”

Amend the title accordingly

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

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. 3085 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Health and Human Services Omnibus Bill. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The fifth bill up on the agenda was S.F. 2898, authored and explained by Senator Berglin, as follows:

S.F. 2898 (BERGLIN): A bill for an act relating to insurance; conforming regulation of qualified long-term care insurance to requirements for state participation in the federal long-term care partnership program.

Senator Berglin moved to amend S.F. 2898 as follows:

(SEE ATTACHMENT “C” – SCS2898A-4)

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

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. 2898, as amended, be recommended to pass to the Finance Committee. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Senator Berglin returned to the chair at 11:15 a.m.

The sixth and final bill up for consideration was S.F. 3221, authored and explained by Senator Higgins, as follows:

S.F. 3221 (HIGGINS): A bill for an act relating to health; changing provisions in the Lead Poisoning Prevention Act; requiring screening of children at age 12 months and 24 months for elevated blood lead levels; prohibiting the sale of jewelry containing lead.

Senator Higgins moved to amend S.F. 3221 as follows:

(SEE ATTACHMENT “D” – SCS3221A-4)

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

Senator Higgins moved to amend the amendment SCS3221A-4 to S.F. 3221 as follows:

Page 5, after line 23, insert:

“Subd. 4. Exemption. This section does not apply to consumer-to-consumer transactions.”

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

Senator Higgins moved to amend the amendment SCS3221A-4 to S.F. 3221 as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 1.15 to 1.27

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

There was one person who responded to questions asked by members:

Linda Berman, Department of Health.

Senator Higgins moved that S.F. 3221, as amended, be recommended to pass to the Finance Committee. The **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting adjourned at 11:30 a.m.



Senator Linda Berglin
Chair



Rochelle M. Polansky
Legislative Assistant

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES BUDGET DIVISION

Senator Linda Berglin, Chair

Wednesday, April 5, 2006 – 9:00 a.m. – Room 123 Capitol

A G E N D A

- I. Call to Order.

- II. **S.F. 3155 (Marko):** Human services federal fund replacement appropriation.
 - A. Author's Presentation.
 - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
 - C. Testimony:
 - 1. Eliot Seide, Ex. Director, AFSCME Council 5.
 - 2. Don Pelton, Social Worker, Washington County.
 - 3. Monica Jochmans, Social Worker, Hennepin County.
 - D. Division Action.

- III. **S.F. 2521 (Larson):** Exception to hospital construction.
 - A. Author's Presentation.
 - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
 - C. Division Action.

- IV. **S.F. 3064 (Berglin):** Medicare Part D.
 - A. Author's Presentation.
 - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
 - C. Testimony:
 - 1. Dawn Simonson, Director, Metro Agency on Aging.
 - 2. Lori Kieffer, Medicare Part D Recipient.
 - 3. Hannah Cahsai, Caregiver.
 - 4. Beth Woods, Health Insurance Counseling Specialist, Senior Linkage Line.
 - D. Division Action.

- V. **S.F. 3085 (Berglin):** People, Incorporated homeless pilot project.
 - A. Author's Presentation.
 - B. Consideration of Amendment(s).

- C. Testimony:
 - 1. Joan White, People, Inc.
 - 2. Patrick Wood, People, Inc.
- D. Division Action.

VI. S.F. 3221 (Higgins): Lead abatement.

- A. Author's Presentation.
- B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
- C. Division Action.

VII. S.F. 2898 (Berglin): Long term care insurance modifications.

- A. Author's Presentation.
- B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
- C. Testimony:
 - Dominic Sposeto, National Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors.
- D. Division Action.

VIII. S.F. 3322 (Berglin): Reverse mortgages.

- A. Author's Presentation.
- B. Consideration of Amendment(s).
- C. Testimony:
 - 1. Jean Ross, Reverse Mortgage and Senior Resource Counselor, Sr. Housing, Incorporated.
 - 2. Patti Cullen, CareProviders of MN.
 - 3. Member, Board on Aging.
- D. Division Action.

IX. Adjournment.

NEXT MEETINGS:

Thursday, April 6, 2006

Health and Human Services Budget Division
Immediately After Session – 2:30 p.m. – Room 123 Capitol
Agenda: S.F. 3265-Rosen: Meth coordinator bill. S.F. 2630-Sams: Cass County hospital construction moratorium exception. S.F. 3444-Kelley: Nursing home moratorium exception. S.F. 3240-Koering: Pharmacy payment reform advisory committee and study. S.F. 2899-Berglin: NASPER.

Other bills may be added

Friday, April 7, 2006

Health and Human Services Budget Division
9:00 a.m. – Room 123 Capitol
Agenda: TBA