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Finance - K-12 Education Budget Division

Monday, March 20, 2006

9:00 AM, Room 112, Capitol

Minutes

Present: Senator Sharon Marko, vice-chair, Senator Ellen R. Anderson, Senator Terri Bonoff, Senator Michelle L. Fischbach, Senator David Hann, Senator Debbie J. Johnson, Senator Michael J. Jungbauer, Senator Keith Langseth, Senator Gen Olson, Senator Tom Saxhaug, Senator Dan Sparks, Senator Betsy L. Wergin, Senator Charles W. Wiger

Absent: Senator LeRoy A. Stumpf, chair, Senator Steve Kelley, Senator Sean R. Nienow, Senator Linda Scheid, Senator Wesley J. Skoglund

Senator Marko - Vice Chair called the meeting to order 9:10 a.m.

S.F. 2588 Senator Pogemiller: Litigation costs.

Senator Pogemiller, chief author of S.F. 2588 presented his bill.

Testifying:

Tom Deans - School Board Association

Tom Melcher - DOE

Bruce Watkins - Superintendent - St. cloud

Motion:

The bill was heard and no action was taken.

S.F. 2744 Senator Stumpf: Special education program growth factors modification and appropriation increases.

Senator Pogemiller presented S.F. 2744 on behalf of Senator Stumpf.

Motion:

Senator Bonoff moved to put the A-1 amendment before the committee. **MOTION CARRIED.**

Testifying in support:

Tom Melcher- DOE

Dena Halsa - Thief River Falls - parent

Tammy Klein - Grygla - parent

Gail Hoffman - Dakota County

Bruce Watkins - St. Cloud

Kevin Januszewski - St. Cloud

Don Schuld - Stillwater Schools - Administrators of Special Education

Dr. Gary Lewis -Director of Public Schools - Northfield

Motion:

S.F. 2744 as amended be laid over. **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 10:05 a.m. The proceedings were taped and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.



Senator Sharon Marko, Vice Chair



Jeri Wenzel, Legislative Assistant

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Agenda

Special Education

S.F. 2588-Pogemiller: Litigation costs

S.F. 2744-Stumpf: Adding a program growth factor

**Senator Sharon Marko
Vice Chair**

**Jeri Wenzel
Legislative Assistant**