

Senate Public Safety Budget Division
Senate Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee
Thursday, March 9, 2006
Chair: Sen. Jane Ranum
Sen. Leo Foley
Time: 4:00 pm, Rm. 107 Capitol

Agenda

Update on the effect of Blakely v. Washington

- Michael Jung, County Attorney, McLeod County Attorney's Office
- Phil Prokopowicz, Assistant County Attorney, Dakota County Attorney's Office
- Hon. Robert Lynn, Chair, Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure
- John Stuart, State Public Defender, Public Defense Board
- Ben Butler, Assistant Public Defender, Public Defense Board

Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission: Sex Offense Grid.

- Isabel Gomez, Executive Director, MN Sentencing Guidelines Commission

Members present: Ranum, Berglin, Betzold, Foley, McGinn, Nueville, Ortman, Skoglund
Members absent: Cohen, Limmer, Ruud

Senator Foley, the Chair of the Crime Prevention and Public Safety Committee, called the meeting to order at 4:50 p.m.

Mike Jung, County Attorney of the McLeod County Attorney's Office, testified on additional legislative changes needed to uphold the criminal sentences decided under the Blakely v. Washington.

Phil Prokopowicz, Assistant County Attorney of the Dakota County Attorney's Office, testified on the effects of the Blakely v. Washington and in support of proposed reform legislation.

Hon. Robert Lynn, the Chair of the Minnesota Supreme Court Advisory Committee on Rules of Criminal Procedure, testified on an overview of the January 2006 Report to the Legislature on the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission and the ongoing process of evaluating the rules of criminal procedure.

Witnesses responded to questions.

John Stuart, State Public Defender, testified on the concerns of the public defenders with court proceedings under the Blakely v. Washington.

Ben Butler, Assistant Public Defender, testified on the effects of the Blakely v. Washington and concerns of several provisions of the proposed reform legislation.

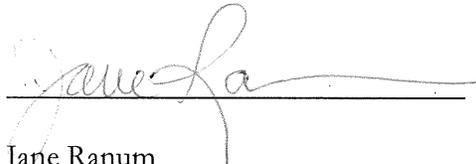
Witnesses responded to questions.

Isabel Gomez, Executive Director, Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, testified on the proposed sex offender sentencing guidelines grid developed by the commission.

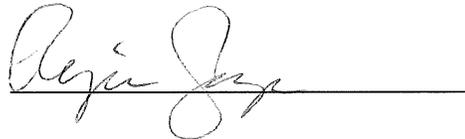
Witness responded to questions.

Senator Foley adjourned the meeting at 5:45 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted:

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Jane Ranum
State Senator

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Regina Garza", written over a horizontal line.

Regina Garza
Legislative Assistant

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