

State Government Budget Division

Tuesday, March 29, 2006

9:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m., Room 107 – State Capitol

Members Present

Senator S. Kiscaden
Senator S. Chaudhary
Senator R. Cohen
Senator C. Larson
Senator J. Metzen
Senator G. Michel
Senator J. Ranum
Senator M. Reiter
Senator D. Senjem
Senator J. Vickerman

Members Absent

Senator Kiscaden called the meeting to order at 9:45 a.m.

9:46 Senator Rest presented S.F. 3429, a bill authorizing the Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission to renew leases.

Testifier: Wayne Waslaski, Department of Administration, Real Estate Management Division
Paul Erickson, Executive Director, Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission

Senator Metzen moved that S.F. 3429 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. MOTION PREVAILED.

9:50 Senator LeClair presented S.F. 3416, appropriating money for a study of Minnesota's communications infrastructure.

Testifier: Bob Heldman, 2414 Shadow Creek Trail, Woodbury, MN 55125

Senator Michel moved that S.F. 3416 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. MOTION PREVAILED.

9:56 Senator Vickerman presented S.F. 3408, appropriating money to assist disabled veterans at Southwest Minnesota State University.

Testifier: Richard Shearer, Enrollment Director, Southwest Minnesota State University
Jim Hubley, County Veterans Service Officer Lyon County

Senator Vickerman moved that S.F. 3408 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. MOTION PREVAILED.

10:17 Senator Saxhaug presented S.F. 3436, appropriating money for the legislators' forum.

Handout #1 – Fifth Annual International Legislators Forum

Senator Metzen moved that S.F. 3436 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. MOTION PREVAILED.

10:22 Senator Hann presented S.F. 3303, relating to distribution of military ballots.

Testifier: Bert Black, Office of the Secretary of State

Senator Larson moved that S.F. 3303 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. MOTION PREVAILED.

10:32 Senator Vickerman presented S.F. 2654, relating to military appropriations.

Testifier: Col. Denny Shields, Minnesota National Guard
Clark Dyrud, Commissioner, Department of Veterans Affairs
Jerry Kyser, President, United Veterans Legislative Council
Theresa Anderson, President, Association of County Service Officers
Ralph Donais, 906 Lookout Pl. NW, Elk River, MN 55330

Handout #2 – S.F. 2654 Department of Veterans Affairs Supplemental Budget

Handout #3 – Formula for providing Service Enhancement Grants to CVSOs

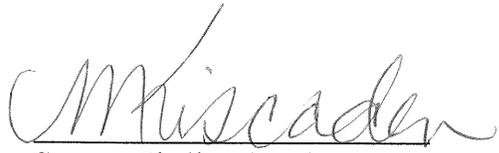
Handout #4 – Timeline for Campus Rep Initiative

Senator Vickerman moved to delete section 9 of S.F. 2654 and lay section 9 over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. MOTION PREVAILED.

Senator Vickerman moved to recommend S.F. 2654 as amended be recommended to pass and referred to Finance Committee. MOTION PREVAILED.

Handout #5 – March 22, 2006 Letter from Commissioners Ingison and Badgerow to Agency Heads, State Boards and Commissions on Allocation of Savings Required by Laws 2005 distributed by Senator Kiscaden.

The meeting adjourned at 11:28 a.m. The proceedings were recorded and the materials distributed are attached to these minutes.



Senator Sheila Kiscaden
Chair



Patricia Rooney
Legislative Assistant

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AGENDA

- 1.) S.F. 3429 - Rest: Amateur Sports Commission Lease Renewal Authority
Testifier: Paul Erickson, Executive Director Amateur Sports Commission
Wayne Waslaski, Department of Administration
- 2.) S.F. 3416 – LeClair: Computing and Telecommunications Infrastructure
Appropriation
Testifier: Bob Heldman
- 3.) S.F. 3303 – Hann: Absentee Voting Applications and Ballots Modifications
- 4.) S.F. 3436 – Saxhaug: Legislators Forum Appropriation
- 5.) S.F. 3408 – Vickerman: Southwest Minnesota State University Disabled Veterans
Assistance Appropriation
Testifier: Richard Shearer, Enrollment Director Southwest Minnesota
State University
Jim Hubley, County Veterans Service Officer Lyon County
- 6.) S.F. 2654 – Vickerman: Department of Veteran Affairs Supplemental Budget
Testifiers: Colonel Denny Shields, Minnesota National Guard
Clark Dyrud, Commissioner Department of Veterans Affairs
Jerry Kyser, President, United Veterans Legislative Council