

SENATE HEALTH & FAMILY SECURITY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 2, 2006
12:30 P.M.
ROOM 15 CAPITOL

Members present:

Members excused:

Lourey, Chair
Berglin
Fischbach
Foley
Higgins
Kelley
LeClair
Nienow
Wergin

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12:10 Sen. Lourey convened the hearing.

12:12 Sen. Berglin presented S. F. 2725, Changes to MinnesotaCare.

12:25 Sen. Berglin moved the A1 amendment.

Motion prevailed.

Testifying on S. F. 2725, as amended, were:

12:27 Dan Haugen, Program Director, Neighborhood Involvement Program

12:30 Margaret Perryman, CEO, Gillette Children's Hospital

12:32 Christeen Stone, AARP Volunteer

12:35 Jim Meffert-Nelson, MN Optometric Association

12:39 Marcia Abner, Public Policy Director, MN Council of Non-Profits

12:41 Sen. Berglin moved S. F. 2725, as amended, be passed and re-referred to Finance.

Discussion followed.

12:50 Sen. Berglin renewed her motion. Motion prevailed.

Sen. Berglin presented S. F. 2625, Constitutional amendment for right to affordable health care.

Testifying on S. F. 2625 were:

12:58 Mary Jo George, President, Minnesotans for Affordable Health Care.

1:01 Eileen Weber, RN, MN Nurses Association

1:05 Sue Eichstadt, International Machinist Union

1:11 Margaret Perryman, CEO, Gillett Children's Hospital, speaking on behalf of MN Hosp. Assoc.

1:15 Jerry Fallos, Steelworker, Eveleth

1:20 Mark McAfee, AFSCME Council 6

1:21 John Schwartz, Health Systems Analyst

1:27 Sharon "Sam" Nygren, Minneapolis

1:33 Beth Hartwig, MN Business Partnership

1:38 Twila Brase, Citizens' Council on Health Care

1:45 Sen. Berglin's closing comments.

Sen. Berglin moved S. F. 2625 be recommended to pass and be sent to the Committee on Rules.

Discussion followed.

1:53 Sen. LeClair moved the A-2 amendment.

Discussion followed.

2:11 Sen. LeClair requested a roll call vote on the A-2 amendment.

The vote failed with 6 nays and 4 yeas.

Discussion of S. F. 2625 continued.

2:15 Sen. Berling renewed her motion. Motion prevailed.

2:20 Sen. Marty presented S. F. 2468, Universal health care system; constitutional amendment for right to affordable, comprehensive health care.

Testifying on S. F. 2468 were:

2:25 Val Swenson

2:28 Marlene Hart, Duluth

2:32 Bob Salisbury, Sauk Rapids

2:35 Lila Skramstad, Mora

2:36 Rhoda Gilman, MN Universal Health Care Coalition

2:40 Sen. Fischbach moved an oral amendment.

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Motion prevailed.

The bill was moved to pass as amended to Committee on Rules.

Motion prevailed.

2:41 Sen. Lourey adjourned the meeting.

Respectfully submitted by,

Senator Becky Lourey, Chair



Pat Wallner, Legislative Assistant

Health and Family Security Committee

Chair, Sen. Becky Lourey
Noon – 2:30 PM, March 2, 2006
Room 15, Capitol

I. Call to Order

II. ① S.F. 2725-Berglin: Changes to MinnesotaCare *passed as amended to Finance*

② Dan Haugen, Program Director, Neighborhood Involvement Program

③ Sue Stout, MN Hospital Association - Margaret Perryman, CEO

④ Christeen Stone, AARP Volunteer

⑤ Jim Meffert-Nelson, MN Optometric Association

⑥ Marcia Abner - Public Policy Dir., Mn. Council of Non-Profits

Gillette Children's Hosp.

III. S.F. 2625-Berglin: Constitutional amendment for right to affordable health care

① Mary Jo George, President, Minnesotans for Affordable Health Care

② Eileen Weber, RN, MN Nurses Association

③ Sue Eichstadt, International Machinist Union

④ Margaret Perryman, CEO, Gillette Children's Hospital

⑤ John Schwartz, Health Systems Analyst

⑥ Sharon "Sam" Nygren, Minneapolis

⑦ Jerry Fallos, Steelworker, Eveleth

⑧ Mark McAfee, AFSCME Council 6

⑨ Erin Sexton, MN Chamber of Commerce

⑩ Beth Hartwig, MN Business Partnership

⑪ Twila Brase, Citizens' Council on Health Care

passed to Rules

IV. S.F. 20-Solon: Children's Health Security Act

Jim Koppel, Director, Children's Defense Fund Minnesota

John Klein and Alex Tava, Cirdan Health Systems

V. S.F. 2468-Marty: Universal health care system; constitutional amendment for right to affordable, comprehensive health care

① Rhoda Gilman, MN Universal Health Care Coalition

② Val Swenson

③ Robert Salisbury, St. Cloud

④ Janice Ray, West Concord

⑤ Marlene Hart, Duluth

⑥ Lila Skramstad, Mora

passed as amended to Rules

VI. S.F. 414-Foley: Minnesota universal health board and program and health care trust fund establishment

VII. Adjournment.