

SENATE HEALTH & FAMILY SECURITY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2006
12:00 P.M.
ROOM 15 CAPITOL

Members present:

Lourey, Chair
Berglin
Fischbach
Foley
Higgins
Kelley
Kiscaden
LeClair
Nienow
Prettner-Solon
Wergin

Members excused:

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12:18 Sen. Lourey convened the hearing.

12:22 Sen. Berglin presented S. F. 3290, Mental health provisions modification; children's mental health grants.

Sen. Berglin moved an author's amendment, the A-2 amendment. Motion prevailed.

Sen. Berglin moved an author's amendment, the A-3 amendment. Motion prevailed.

Sen. Berglin moved an author's amendment, the A-4 amendment. Motion prevailed.

Sen. Berglin moved an author's amendment, the A-5 amendment. Motion prevailed.

Testifying on S. F. 3290, as amended, were:

12:32 Wes Koistra, Asst. Commissioner, DHS
12:39 Don Allen, DHS
12:42 Michael Scandrett, staff to the MN Mental Health Action Group
12:53 Bill Conley, Mental Health Association
1:00 Louise Brown, Children's Mental Health Partnership
1:05 Marian Brandt, South Country Health Alliance
1:09 Tom Geskermann, MN Hospital Association
1:12 Kris Flaten, State Advisory Council on Mental Health
1:15 Patricia Siebert, MN Disability Law Center
1:28 Gail Dorfman, Hennepin County Commissioner
1:35 Peg Heglund, MACSSA
1:50 Barbara Flanagan, League of Women Voters
1:55 Mark McAfee, AFSCME Council 5

Discussion followed.

Further testimony on S. F. 3290, as amended, was given by:

2:01 Ron Brand, MN Association of Community Mental Health Programs

2:05 Sen. Berglin moved S. F. 3290, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to Finance.

Discussion followed.

2:20 Sen. Wergin moved an oral amendment to S. F. 3290, as amended.

Delete Section 3

Motion prevailed.

2:21 Sen. Berglin moved to table S. F. 3290, as amended, be laid over.

2:22 Sen. Rosen presented S. F. 2881, Interstate contracts for chemical health services.

Testifying in support of S. F. 2881 was:

Bob Melson, Exec. Dir., Dakota County Receiving Center
John Zakelj, DHS, Mental Health Division

Sen. Solon moved S. F. 2881 be recommended to pass and moved to the Floor.

Motion prevailed.

Sen. Kelley took the gavel.

Sen. Lourey presented S. F. 2535, Human services case management report requirement expansion.

Sen. Lourey moved an author's amendment, the A-3 amendment. Motion prevailed.

Testifying on S. F. 2535, as amended, were:

Mark McAfee, AFSCME Council 5
Jim Voytilla, AFSCME Council 5
Cliff Robinson, AFSCME Council 5

2:34 Sen. Lourey moved the A-4 amendment, incorporating the exclusion of Subdivision 1 of Section 1 and renumbering the subdivisions appropriately.

Motion prevailed.

Sen. Lourey moved S. F. 2535, as amended, be recommended to pass and be re-referred to Finance. Motion prevailed.

2:40 Sen. Berglin moved to take S. F. 3290 off the table. Motion prevailed.

Sen. Lourey took the gavel.

2:41 Sen. Wergin, having voted on the prevailing side, moved to reconsider her motion to delete Sec. 3 from S. F. 3290. Motion prevailed

2:45 Sen. Berglin moved S. F. 3290, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to Finance. Motion prevailed.

2:45 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 23, 2006

Room 15, Capitol

I. Call to Order

II. (16) S.F. 2881-Rosen: Interstate contracts for chemical health services

(17) Bob Melson, Exec Dir, Dakota County Receiving Center

(18) John Spakelj, DHS

passed to the floor

III. (1) S.F. 3290-Berglin: Mental health provisions modification; children's mental health grants

(2) Wes Koistra, Asst. Comm., DHS

(4) Michael Scandrett, staff to the MN Mental Health Action Group

(3) Don Allen, DHS

(6) Louise Brown, Children's Mental Health Partnership

(7) Marian Brandt, South Country Health Alliance

(15) Ron Brand, MN Assn of Community Mental Health Programs

(8) Tom Geskermann, MN Hospital Assn

(9) Kris Flaten, State Advisory Council on Mental Health

(10) Patricia Siebert, MN Disability Law Center

(11) Gail Dorfman, Hennepin County Commissioner

(12) Peg Heglund, MACSSA, *Yellow Medicine County*

(13) Barbara Flanagan, League of Women Voters

(14) Mark McAfee, AFSCME Council 5

passed as amended to Finance

IV. (19) S.F. 2535-Lourey: Human services case management report requirement expansion

Mark McAfee, AFSCME Council 5

(20) Jim Voytilla

(21) Cliff Robinson

passed as amended to Finance

V. S.F. 979-Lourey: Healthy Minnesotans Biomonitoring Program

Samuel Yamin, MN Center for Environmental Advocacy

Twila Brase, Citizens Council on Health Care

heard 3-27-06

VI. S.F. 641-Marty: Dental mercury removal and amalgam separator requirements

Dick Diercks, MN Dental Association

Mark Waterston, President, Cremation Society of MN

Pat Patton, Director, Patton-Schad Funeral and Cremation Services

heard 3-27-06

VII. Adjournment