

State and Local Government Operations

Minutes

Chair, Senator Linda Higgins called the meeting to order

Time: 12:20 p.m.

Date: March 13, 2006

Location: Rm 123, State Capitol, 75 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd, St. Paul, MN 55155

Members present:

Sen. Linda Higgins
Sen. Chuck Wiger
Sen. Debbie Johnson
Sen. Clair Robling
Sen. Scott Dibble
Sen. David Senjem
Sen. Sharon Marko
Sen. Gary Kubly
Sen. Betsy Wergin
Sen. Yvonne Prettner Solon
Sen. Michelle Fischbach
Sen. David Tomassoni
Sen. Dick Day
Sen. Jim Vickerman

A quorum was present.

SF 2750 Sen. Bakk-Eminent Domain Procedures Modifications

Public Testimony in the affirmative:

Sharon Doffing, New Brighton City Council Member
Bjorn Skogquist, Mayor for the City of Anoka
Diana Longrie, Mayor for the City of Maplewood
Duane Reed, President of the Minneapolis Chapter of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People
Leroy Hanish, Private Citizen, St. Cloud
Curtis Hed, Private Citizen, Big Lake
Dan Biersdorf, General Counsel, Biersdorf and Associates, Minneapolis
Herb Bergson, Mayor for the City of Duluth

Informational Testimony:

Mike Avern

Mark Saither, Manager for the City of Whitebear Lake

Testimony in Opposition:

Bob Streetar, City of Columbia Heights

Lawrence Piepin, Building Official for the City of Columbia Heights

Tom Harmening, City of St. Louis Park Manager

Lorrie Louder, Director of Development, St. Paul Port Authority

Kristen Kidder, St. Paul Frogtown District 7 Planning Council

Rich Forschler, Counsel for Faegre and Benson NAIOP/ICSC/MSCA

Keith Carlson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Inter-County Association

Neutral Testimony:

Rick Packer, Minnesota Builders Association

Without objection the meeting was recessed at 2:55 p.m. and reconvened at 6:12 pm

Julie Perrus, Larkin Hoffman answered questions pertaining to the A-17 amendment

Keith Carlson, Metropolitan Inter-County Association testified in opposition to the A-17 amendment

Marc Manderschied, League of Minnesota Cities answered questions regarding the definition of Legal Nonconforming Use pertaining to the A-17 amendment, Mr. Manderschied testified in support of the A-20 amendment and in opposition of the A-29 amendment

Stephen Bubul, League of Minnesota Cities testified on behalf of the A-29 amendment and he was available to answer questions.

Sen. Vickerman moved the A-17 amendment

Motion prevailed on a 7 to 4 division

Sen. Senjem moved the A-20 amendment

Motion failed on a 5 to 6 division

Sen. Dibble moved the A-29 amendment

Sen. Dibble withdrew his motion

Sen. Day moved to pass SF 2750 as amended and re-referred to the Transportation Committee.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Committee adjourned at 7:15 pm

Sen. Linda Higgins, CHAIR

Trayshana Thomas
Committee Legislative Assistant