

State and Local Government Operations

Minutes

Chair, Senator Linda Higgins called the meeting to order

Time: 12:15pm

Date: March 15, 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. Jim Vickerman

A quorum was present.

Absent

Sen. Dick Day

SF2734-Sen. Higgins-Constitutional amendment for sales tax exemption

Testifiers

Greg Knopff, Minnesota Senate Analyst provided an overview of the SF2734 and was available to answer questions.

Senator Solon moved the A-4 amendment Motion

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

Sen. Dibble moved oral amendment

Page 4 line 28 delete "(b) Legislative members appointed under paragraph (a), clauses (1) and (2), serve as"

Page 4 line 29 delete "nonvoting members."

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Sen. Solon moved to pass the bill as amended and to be re-referred to Judiciary Committee

Motion prevailed on a 12-0 roll call vote at the request of Sen. Kubly
Roll Call Vote Sheet attached

Sen. Dibble moved to amend the roll call vote to include Sen. Marko

Motion prevailed on a 13-0 roll call vote.

SF2840 Sen. Schied- Paid organ donations leave for certain public employees

David Fricke, MN Association of Townships was available to answer questions

Jim McKane, MMA testified in support of the bill

Sen. Robling moved the A-1 amendment

Motion failed on a voice vote

Sen. Tomassoni moved to pass SF2840 and re-referred the bill to the committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

SF2933 Sen. Wergin-Municipal planning proposed developments land dedication standards

Remi Stone, Builders Association of the Twin Cities provided an overview of the bill and was available to answer questions

Tom Grundhoefer, League of Minnesota Cities addressed concerns relative to SF2933 on lines, 2.6, 2.10, 2.11, 2.14 and 2.28.

Sen. Wergin moved the A-1 amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

Sen. Wergin moved oral amendments

Page 2 line 11 delete "per-lot"

Page 2 line 14 delete "per-lot"

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

Sen. Wergin moved to pass SF2933 as amended to the floor.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

SF2295 Sen. Kubly-State motor vehicle purchasing preference

Cal Wick, Wick Ford testified in support of the bill

Steve Kleiber, Lee Motor Company testified in support of the bill

John Lee, Lee Motor Company testified in support of the bill

Kent Allen, Department of Administration testified in opposition of the bill

Brenda Willard, Department of Administration testified in opposition of the bill and was available to answer questions

Sen. Higgins moved to lay over SF 2295 to the 6pm meeting.

Motion prevailed

SF2648 Sen. Rest- Limited liability for joint ventures
Dan McElroy, State of Minnesota Finance Commissioner
Tom Grundhoefer, League of Minnesota Cities testified in opposition to the bill

Grace Schwabb, testified in favor of the bill

Scott Simmons, Association of Minnesota Counties

Rob Vanaseck, Minnesota Association of Townships

Paula Jossart, Attorney Yaeger, Jurgbauer and Barczack testified in opposition to the bill

Robert Reemer, testified in opposition to the bill

Will Fluegal, Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association testified

Joel Carlson, Minnesota Trial Lawyers Association testified

Sen. Tomassoni moved the A06-1195 delete all amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

Sen. Robling moved to pass the bill as amended and re-referred the bill to the Judiciary Committee.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

SF2735 Sen. Rest-Changes to the Legislative Audit Commission

Sen. Solon moved oral amendments

Page 2 delete line 33

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

Sen. Tomassoni moves to pass the bill as amended and re-referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Without objection the meeting recessed at 3:06pm and reconvened at 6:18 pm in room 15.

SF2616 Sen. Murphy-Emergency medical services special taxing districts alternative establishment method

O.J. Doyle, Minnesota Ambulance Association testified in support of the bill

Kent Sulem, Minnesota Association of Townships provided tax property value concerns

Sen. Solon moved motion to pass the bill and re-referred the bill to the Committee on Taxes

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SF 2295 Sen. Kubly-State motor vehicles purchase preference

Sen. Kubly moved to table SF 2295

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

SF2805 Sen. Kubly-County government options appointment and consolidation of offices provisions modifications

Gail Miller, Renville County Recorder testified in support of the bill

Paul Setzepfandt, Renville County testified in support of the bill

Sen. Kubly moved to pass the bill to the floor

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SF2420 Sen. Solon-State agencies appropriations continuation

Peter Wattson, Senate Counsel provided informational testimony and was available to answer questions

Jo Pels, AFSME Council 5 testified in favor of the bill

Christina Macklin, Minnesota Council of Nonprofits testified in support of the bill

Sen. Solon moved the A-2 amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

Sen. Solon moved to pass the bill as amended and re-referred the bill to the Committee on Finance.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

2 handouts provided

SF2650 Sen. Higgins- Legislative appropriations continuation

Peter Wattson, Senate Counsel was available to answer questions

Sen. Higgins moved to table the bill

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

SF 2929 Sen. Wiger-Metropolitan council school district capital improvements plans review requirement elimination

Judd Schetnan, Metropolitan Council provided informational testimony

Sen. Wiger moved to pass the bill to the Consent Calendar

Sen. Vickerman moved to amend Sen. Wiger's motion to pass the bill to the floor

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SF2705 Sen. Senjem-Employment and economic development department provisions modifications

Chuck Hamilton, Department of Employment and Economic Development provided informational testimony and was available for questions

Sen. Senjem moved the A-06-1184 amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

Sen. Senjem moved to pass the bill as amended and re-referred the bill to Finance

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

SF2934 Sen. Senjem-Municipal and county planning and zoning proposed developments preliminary plat approval provisions
Remi Stone, Builders Association of the Twin Cities provided informational testimony and testified in support of the bill and the A-3 amendment

Carol Lovro, Association of Minnesota Counties testified in support of the A-3 amendment

Kent Sulem, testified in support of the A-3 amendment

Anne Finn, League of Minnesota Cities testified in support of the A-3 amendment

Rick Packer, Builders Association of Twin Cities answered questions and provided informational testimony pertaining to preliminary plat.

Sen. Vickerman moved to lay the bill over until Monday, March 20, 2006

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

1 handout provided

SF2612 Sen. Robling-State Auditor political subdivision audits

Tony Sutton, State Auditor's Office provided an overview of the bill

Ray Boyn, Minnesota Watershed Districts answered questions and provided neutral testimony

Sen. Robling moved the A06-1207 amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

Sen. Robling moved to pass SF2612 as amended to the floor

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Adjourned at 7:54 pm without objections.

Sen. Linda Higgins, CHAIR

Trayshana Thomas
Committee Legislative Assistant