

State and Local Government Operations

Minutes

Chair, Senator Linda Higgins called the meeting to order

Time: 12:11pm

Date: March 29, 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. Clair Robling
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
Sen. Dick Day

A quorum was present

SF3562 Sen. Tomassoni-Olympics bid task force

Manny Lagos, 1992 Olympian testified in support of SF3562

Rep. Melissa Hortman testified in support of SF3562

Sen. Tomassoni moved motion to pass SF3562 and re-referred the bill to the committee on Rules.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SF2974 Sen. Saxhaug-Game and fish provisions modification

Ed ~~Bojus~~, Department of Natural Resource provided an overview of the bill.

Sen. Tomassoni moved to pass SF2974 and re-referred the bill to the committee on Finance.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SF3141 Sen. Jungbauer-Ramsey port authority powers

Jim Norman, City of Ramsey, provided an overview of SF3141 and he was also available to answer questions from Members.

Sen. Robling moved to pass SF3141 and re-referred the bill to the committee on Taxes.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

1 handout Summary of Ramsey Town Center Project

SF2622 Sen. Kubly-Swift County rural development finance authority membership increase

John Chattin, Yellow Medicine County Administrator testified in favor of the bill

Susan Pirsig, Executive Director, Swift County Rural Development Authority testified in support of the bill

Sen. Kubly moved to pass the bill to general orders

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

SF2602 Sen. Robling-Town road construction and maintenance contracts without competitive bidding authority

Mark Kerr, State Auditor Counsel testified in support of the bill and was available for questions

Kent Sulem, Minnesota Association of Townships testified in support of the bill

Sen. Robling moved motion to pass SF2602 to general orders

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SF3359 Sen. Senjem-Public employee insurance provisions modifications

Kal Ludeman, Department of Employee Relations, provided a brief overview of the bill and was available for questions.

Dave Haugen, DOER, Insurance planner was available for questions.

Lee Johnson, Education Minnesota testified in support of the bill

Grace Schwab, Minnesota School Boards Association testified in support of the bill

Sen. Senjem moved oral amendments

Page 3, line 9, delete "5" insert "4"

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

Sen. Tomassoni moved to delete lines 19-21 on page 6 of SF3359.

Motion failed on a 6 to 6 division.

Sen. Senjem moved to pass SF3359 as amended and re-referred the bill to Health and Family Security.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

SF3183 Sen. Betzold-PERA postemployment benefits accounts establishment

Carla Heyl, Office of the State Auditor provided background information on the bill and was available to answer questions
Aaron Casper, National Insurance Services, Sale Representative testified in opposition to the bill and was available for questions
Steve Johnson, Minnesota Bankers Association testified in support of the A-3 amendment

Sen. Tomassoni moved the A-3 amendment

Motion prevailed on a 8 to 5 division

Sen. Tomassoni moved oral amendments to the A-1 amendment
Page 1, Amend Accordingly delete lines 8-11.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Sen. Wiger moved to pass SF3183 as amended and re-referred the bill to the committee on Finance.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

2 handouts Volunteer Fire Reliefs Investments vs. SBI Income Share Chart and Summary of Other Post-Employment Benefits

SF2985 Sen. Bachmann-Local government nonconforming lots requirements limitation
Stricken from the Agenda

Without objection committee adjourned at 2:16pm

Chair, Linda Higgins

Trayshana Thomas,
Legislative Assistant