

State and Local Government Operations

Minutes

Chair, Senator Linda Higgins called the meeting to order

Time: 12:10 pm

Date: April 5, 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
Sen. Scott Dibble
Sen. Debbie Johnson

A quorum was present.

SF2061 Sen. Betzold- Anoka county professional football stadium construction

Testimony in the affirmative:

Lester Bagley, provide a power point presentation of the Vikings Stadium

Margaret Langfeld, Anoka County Commissioner

Zygi Wilf, Woner, Minnesota Vikings

Steve Novak, Anoka County Division Manager answered questions relating to development and financing agreement.

Bill McCarthy, Minneapolis Central Labor Union Council answered questions relating to community benefits

Larry Spooner, Vikings Fan

Larry Peterson, Chair of Anoka County Partners

James Hafner, Financial Analyst, Coon Rapids, MN testified in opposition to the new stadium without a referendum.

Sen. Wiger moved the Delete Everything Amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

Sen. Johnson moved to oral amendment

Page 12, delete lines 6-8.

Sen. Johnson withdrew her motion

Sen. Higgins moved the A-1 Amendment

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Sen. Day moved an oral amendment

Page 6, line 11, delete "and"

Page 6, after line 16 insert "(3) ensure that, to the greatest extent practicable, the stadium is constructed of American-made steel."

Motion prevailed on a voice vote

Sen. Marko moved oral amendment

Page 2, line 21, after state insert "or local"

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

Sen. Tomassoni moved to pass SF2061 as amended and re-referred the bill to the committee on Taxes.

Motion prevailed on a voice vote.

7 handouts provided by the Vikings

Anoka County and Vikings Overview, Northern Lights, Minnesota Sports, Retail & Entertainment Center, Vikings Project Fact Sheet, Vikings Stadium Fact Sheet, Retail Entertainment Center, Stadium Development Site Map.

1 handout provided by James Hafner-Star Tribune Column dated April 5, 2006

Adjourned at 2:15pm without objections.

Sen. Linda Higgins, CHAIR

Trayshana Thomas
Committee Legislative Assistant

Senate State and Local Government Operations

Wednesday, April 5, 2006

12:00 PM

Room 123 Capitol

Chair: Senator Linda Higgins

AGENDA

SF 2061 – Betzold: Anoka county professional football stadium construction

Proponent Testifiers:

Zygi Wilf, Owner, Minnesota Vikings
Anoka County Commissioner Margaret Langfeld
Steve Novak, Anoka County Division Manager
Lester Bagley, Vice President for Public Affairs, MN Vikings
Bill McCarthy, Minneapolis Central Labor Union Council
Larry Spooner, MN Vikings Fan
Larry Peterson, Connexus Energy

Opponent Testifiers:

James Hafner, Financial Analyst

Others who wish to testify should contact the Committee Administrator,
Karl Haddeland, to be placed on the list.