

The Senate Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming Committee met on Wednesday, March 15, 2006 at 3:00 p.m. in Room 112, Capitol. The following members were present:

Vickerman, Chair
Skoe, Vice Chair
Dille
Hann
Koering
Lourey
Murphy
Nienow
Rest
Sams
Solon
Wergin

Senator Vickerman called the meeting to order at 3:09 p.m. and called on Senator Betzold for S.F. 2734. This bill eliminates the requirement that a humane or peace officer must post a written notice in three public places when a dog is impounded for being unlicensed and the owner is not known. He stated this has been law since 1939 and the requirement is not workable any longer.

William Forbes, Bloomington Animal Control Officer, testified in support.

Quorum present at 3:17 p.m.

Senator Dille moved on Page 1, line 17, strike "five days" and insert "the time period prescribed in 35.71, subd.3"

Page 1, line 18, strike "shall" and insert "may"

AMENDMENT PASSED.

Senator Dille moved S.F. 2374, as amended be passed. BILL PASSED.

Senator Betzold presented S.F. 2373, a bill related to exotic animal control. Senator Betzold stated he wanted to delete section 2.

Senator Skoe moved on Page 2, delete Section 2 and on page 5, line 35, delete "property" and insert "properly"

Page 6, delete lines 18 to 19 and insert:

"Sec.6. EFFECTIVE DATE.

Sections 1 to 5 are effective August 1, 2006 and apply to crimes committed on or after that date."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title accordingly

AMENDMENT PASSED.

Senator Skoe moved S.F. 2373, as amended, be recommended to pass and re-referred to Crime Prevention. BILL PASSED.

Senator Reiter presented S.F. 2553, a resolution supporting members of armed forces to transfer unused education assistance to their dependents. She stated there would be no entitlement after the age of 26.

Senator Dille moved S.F. 2553 be recommended to pass. BILL PASSED.

Senator Koering presented S.F. 3096, a bill authorizing the Veterans Homes' Board to have electronic meeting authority.

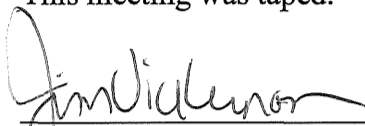
Steve Musser, Executive Director, MN Veterans Homes Board, stated this would help for some of their out state members, whether it is due to weather, or some other hardship, that they could participate by teleconferencing.

Senator Koering moved on Page 2, line 1, delete "such"
Page 2, line 2, before "documented" insert "the" and delete "marginal costs" and insert "additional cost"

Senator Koering moved that S.F. 3096, as amended, be passed. BILL PASSED.

Meeting adjourned at 3:50 p.m.

This meeting was taped.



Senator Jim Vickerman, Chair

by 

Sandi Brown

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AGENDA

S.F. 2373-Betzold: Exotic animal control penalties.

Steve Strachan, Chief of Police, Lakeville

S.F. 2374-Betzold: Animal control notification requirements for dogs.

S.F. 2553-Reiter: Resolution for armed forces or veterans to transfer unused educational assistance to dependents.

S.F. 3096-Koering: Veterans homes board electronic meetings authority.