

MINUTES

Environment, Agriculture and Economic Development Budget Division
Tuesday, March 14, 2006
12:00 Room 107 Capitol

MEMBERS PRESENT

Anderson
Bakk
Cohen
Dibble
Dille
Frederickson
Jungbauer
Kubly
Metzen
Pariseau
Rosen
Sams
Vickerman

MEMBERS ABSENT

Bachmann

The meeting was called to order at 12:20 p.m.

Senator Tomassoni presented SF2399, appropriating money for transfer to the Minnesota minerals 21st century fund. Larry Lehtinen, President of Mesabi Nugget, L.L.C.; Margaret Hodnik, Director of Public Affairs, Minnesota Power; Frank Ongaro, President, Iron Mining Assn. of MN; Ernie Lehmann, Director of Franconia Minerals Corp testified in support of the bill. The bill was laid over in committee.

Senator Jungbauer passed out a wastewater treatment funding plan. The members discussed the plan.

Senator Higgins presented SF1644, appropriating money to fund summer youth employment in North Minneapolis. Jerrell Tate, Roosevelt High School student; Mark Stenglein, Hennepin County Commissioner; Kirk Pederson, representing the Minneapolis Park Board; Sherman Patterson, North Minneapolis Safety Coordinator; Barbara Johnson, President Minneapolis City Council all testified in support of the bill. An oral amendment was added: These funds are available in either year of the biennium and are available until expended. The bill was laid over in committee.

Senator Sams offered an amendment to Sen. Skoe's SF2665 which was previously heard by the committee. Page 1, line 16, delete "\$1,000,000" and insert "\$309,000. Page 2 line 11, delete "\$5,500,000" and insert "\$1,809,000". The amendment was adopted. The bill is laid over for possible recommendation to the Capital Investment Committee.

Dave Jensen, fiscal analyst passed out a list of bonding bills that were heard in committee. The members discussed recommendations from this list. The discussion will continue at the committee meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2006 at 12:00 p.m.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 p.m.

Respectively submitted.

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Chair: Senator Dallas Sams
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Agenda

Discussion of bonding recommendations to the Capital Investment Committee

S.F. 2399-Sen. Tomassoni: Minnesota Minerals 21st Century Fund

Testifiers: Ernie Lehmann, Director of Franconia Minerals Corp.
Larry Lehtinen, President of Mesabi Nugget, L.L.C.
Frank Ongaro, President, Iron Mining Assn. of MN
Margaret Hodnik, Director of Public Affairs, Minnesota Power

S.F. 1644-Sen. Higgins: Appropriation for summer youth employment in No. Mpls.

Testifiers: Mark Stenglein, Hennepin County Commissioner
Sherman Patterson, North Minneapolis Safety Coordinator
Kirk Pederson, representing Minneapolis Park Board
Jerrell Tate, Roosevelt High School