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Subject: Update H.F. 2624 House Action
Attachments: Brief Summary - March 15.pdf; HF2624 1st Engrossment - posted 2-16.pdf; HF2624 2nd Engrossment - posted 3-16.pdf

Dear LCCMR Members,

H.F. 2624 was heard on the House Floor on March 15, 2010 and adopted 91-39. During 3 hours of debate 13 amendments were offered and voted on. One amendment was adopted removing all fee title acquisition dollars from the appropriations – see amendment #11.

Attached you will find:

- (1) A brief summary of the House Floor amendments offered and discussed (this attachment can also be seen below);
- (2) H.F. 2624 1st Engrossment (click the following link if you have problems with attachment: <http://wdoc.house.leg.state.mn.us/leg/LS86/HF2624.1.pdf> ; and
- (3) H.F. 2624 2nd Engrossment as amended March 15 and posted March 16 (click the following link if you have problems with attachment: <http://wdoc.house.leg.state.mn.us/leg/LS86/HF2624.2.pdf>)

If you are interested in hearing the discussion you may click here:

http://www.house.leg.state.mn.us/htv/programa.asp?ls_year=86&event_id=2359 (Just a note: Windows Media Player is required).

The Senate has not scheduled S.F. 2462 in full Finance Committee yet.

As always, any questions please contact us.

Regards,
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ATTACHMENT #1 – A brief summary of the House Floor amendments offered and discussed

March 15, 2010

H.F. 2624 – Author Rep. Jean Wagenius

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The following amendments were offered in the order below. A copy of the House Journal for March 15 is attached as well as copies of H.F. 2624 (1st Engrossment and 2nd Engrossment as amended March 15 posted March 16).

1. Rep. McNamara offered an amendment for \$989,000 to be appropriated for grants to communities for no interest loans to private landowners for the removal of emerald ash borer infested ash trees on private lands.

The amendment deleted:

Subd. 5h – “Assessing Cumulative Impacts of Shoreline Development” (\$300,000), U of M

Subd. 7b – “Sustainable Biofuels: Impacts of Climate Change and Management” (\$221,000), UofM

Subd. 8b – “Engaging Students in Environmental Stewardship through Adventure Learning” (\$250,000), Will Steger Foundation

Subd. 8e – “Urban Woodland Como Regional Park” (\$218,000), City of St. Paul

Amendment Defeated 47-83

2. Rep. Seifert offered an amendment to delete all of the appropriations in H.F. 2624 and appropriate the dollars to the DNR and reduce the DNR budget by an equal amount to be deposited in the general fund.

Amendment Defeated 47-85

3. Rep. Westrom, Torkelson, Dean, Hamilton and Kelley offered an amendment to delete all the appropriations in H.F. 2624 and appropriate the dollars to the DNR, reduce the DNR budget by an equal amount, and deposit the dollars in the general fund for nursing home reimbursement.

This amendment had a point of order raised by Rep. Sertich because it dealt with a non-environmental appropriation. It was ruled that the point of order was “well taken” and the amendment was out of order. This was appealed and voted on 83-49 that the amendment was out of order.

4. Rep. Draskowski offered an amendment proposing \$3,950,000 to BWSR for feedlot grants.

The amendment deleted:

Subd. 4b – “Scientific and Natural Areas and Native Prairie Restoration, Enhancement and Acquisition” (\$1,750,000), DNR

Subd. 4c – “State Park Land Acquisition” (\$2,200,000), DNR

Amendment Defeated 51-81

5. Rep. Hoppe offered an amendment proposing \$1,800,000 to BWSR for easements around Camp Ripley along the Mississippi River.

This amendment deleted:

Subd. 4d – “Protection of Rare Granite Rock Outcrop Ecosystem” (\$1,800,000), BWSR

Amendment Defeated 51-80

6. Rep. McNamara moved to delete all of the appropriations in H.F. 2624 and appropriate all the dollars for conservation easements to BWSR.

Amendment Defeated 48-82

7. Rep. Drazkowski, Westrom, Eastlund and Dean offered an amendment that all land acquired by the SNA program and State Parks must be offset by the disposal of state land so there would be a no net gain of state land holdings.

Amendment Defeated 34-96

8. Rep. Anderson, S. moved to delete Subd. 7d – “Demonstrating Sustainable Energy Practices at Residential Environmental Learning Centers (RELCs) at \$1,500,000.

Amendment Defeated 41-90

9. Rep. McNamara moved to delete \$30,000 from Subd. 4a – “Ecological Restoration Training Cooperative for Habitat Restoration” and require seed drills for the project be rented or leased before a purchase is considered.

Amendment Defeated 62-69

10. Rep. Rukavina moved to require that the commission not award grants to acquire any land in fee title in the next funding cycle.

Amendment Defeated 63-68

11. Rep. Rukavina moved to amend by adding an appropriation of \$4,202,400 for Park Improvement for repairing and improving park buildings and park trails.

This was done by deleting or reducing as follows:

All Fee Title Acquisitions were removed from H.F. 2624. Funding for conservation easements was not reduced or deleted.

Subd. 4b – “Scientific and Natural Areas and Native Prairie Restoration, Enhancement and Acquisition” was reduced from \$1,750,000 to \$1,368,100 (reduced for SNA acquisition by \$381,900)

Subd. 4c – “State Park Land Acquisition” was reduced from \$2,200,000 to \$0

Subd. 4e – “Minnesota’s Habitat Conservation Partnership Supplemental (HCP)” was reduced from \$1,400,000 to \$1,044,500 (a reduction of \$355,500). All fee title was removed as follows:

- DNR Fisheries AMA and Professional Services for Acquisition appropriation was reduced from \$318,000 to \$208,000 (reduced by \$110,000).

- The Nature Conservancy appropriation was reduced from \$210,000 to \$164,500 (reduced \$45,500)

- Trust for Public Land appropriation was reduced from \$200,000 to \$0

Language regarding acquisitions was also removed from this section.

Subd. 4f – “Metropolitan Conservation Corridors Supplemental (MeCC)” was reduced from \$1,800,000 to \$535,000 (a reduction of \$1,265,000). All fee title was removed as follows:

- Trust for Public Land appropriation was reduced from \$915,000 to \$0

- Minnesota Valley National Wildlife Refuge Trust, Inc. appropriation was reduced from \$350,000 to \$0

Motion prevailed by a division of 57-52

12. Rep. Dettmer and Drazkowski moved to amend H.F. 2624 by adding \$5,100,000 to BWSR for conservation plans to provide assistance to farmers.

The proposed amendment deleted:

Subd. 3b – “Updating the Minnesota Wetlands Inventory: Phase 2” (\$1,100,000), DNR

Subd. 4c – “State Park Land Acquisition” (\$2,200,000), DNR – note already deleted and spent in Rukavina amendment above.

Subd. 4d – “Protection of Rare Granite Rock Outcrop Ecosystem” (\$1,800,000), BWSR

Amendment Defeated 53-78

13. Rep. Hackbarth moved to require Peer Review comments be placed on the Web.

There was a call of the House for the roll call.

Amendment Defeated 58-73

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Subject: Update on 2010 LCCMR Recommendations - Legislative Action
Attachments: HF2624 Senate Unofficial Engrossment - posted 3-23.pdf

Dear LCCMR Members,

On Tuesday, April 13 the Senate took up the LCCMR recommendations (Senate Version HF 2624, Unofficial Engrossment), for 2010 Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund Appropriations on General Orders.

The discussion of the recommendations began with an introduction by Senator Ellen Anderson (chief author) and her recognition of the work of the full LCCMR. In particular she recognized the LCCMR retiring Senate Members, Senators Vickerman, Frederickson and Pariseau. Each of them spoke to the process and the work of the LCCMR.

During the debate 6 amendments were offered. None of the amendments were adopted (outlined below) and the bill was passed (voice vote) on General Orders to be placed on the Calendar for final passage.

The amendments offered and discussed are outlined below:

1. **Amendment:** Senator Bakk moved to amend by adding an appropriation of \$4,202,400 for improvements to state parks.

This was done by deleting or reducing as follows:

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Subd. 4b – “Scientific and Natural Areas and Native Prairie Restoration, Enhancement and Acquisition” was reduced from \$1,750,000 to \$1,368,100 (reduced for SNA acquisition by \$381,900)

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After much discussion the Amendment was withdrawn.

2. **Amendment:** Senate Ortman moved to amend by adding on language to Subd. 4c State Park Acquisition a statement that “any land purchased with this appropriation must be acquired by direct purchase from the owner and may be not acquired by eminent domain.”

The amendment did not prevail by a vote of 32-34

3. **Amendment:** Senator Hann moved to amend by inserting an appropriation of \$2,677,000 for state park asset preservation.

This was done by deleting the following:

- Subd. 3i – “Farmland Conservation in Minnesota” - \$100,000
- Subd. 5e – “Assessing Septic System Discharge to Lakes” - \$594,000
- Subd. 5f – “Evaluation of Dioxins in Minnesota Lakes” - \$264,000
- Subd. 5h – “Assessing Cumulative Impacts of Shoreline Development” - \$300,000
- Subd. 7b – “Sustainable Biofuels” - \$221,000
- Subd. 8b – “Engaging Students in Environmental Stewardship through Adventure Learning” - \$250,000
- Subd. 8c – “Connecting Youth with Nature” - \$160,000
- Subd. 8e – “Get Outside – Urban Woodland for Kids” - \$218,000
- Subd. 8g – “Integrating Environmental and Outdoor Education in Grade 7-12” - \$300,000

There was a handout that accompanied the amendment with the above projects listed that also included Subd. 5(b) Managing Mineland Sulfate Release in St. Louis River Basin at \$270,000.

The actual amendment language did not list Subd. 5(b). However, the deletion of all of the 10 projects would have been necessary to total \$2,677,000.

The amendment did not prevail by a vote of 13-50 (Note: reductions are off by \$270,000)

4. **Amendment:** Sen. Jungbauer offered an amendment to delete Subd. 8b - “Engaging Students in Environmental Stewardship through Adventure Learning” - \$250,000.

The amendment did not prevail by a vote of 18-43

5. **Amendment:** Senator Murphy offered an amendment to repeal MS 2008, Section 116P.05, subdivision 1, 1a, 3 and MS 2009 Supplement section 116P.05, subdivision 2.

This eliminates the membership and duties of the LCCMR

The amendment did not prevail by a voice vote

6. **Amendment:** Senator Hann offered an amendment to require the peer review comments be posted on the web and be public information.

The amendment did not prevail by a vote of 22-37