

COMMERCE COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative John Sarna, Chairman of the Commerce Committee, called the twenty-third meeting to order at 10 a.m., on October 14 in the Basement Hearing Room of the State Office Building, St. Paul, Minnesota.

The clerk noted the roll.

Members present:

Sarna, Chair	Milbert, Vice Chr.
Bennett	Bishop
Burger	Forsythe
Hartle	Jacobs
Murphy	Nelson, C.
O'Connor	Pelowski
Peterson	Richter
Jaros	

Members excused were:

Anderson, R.	Beard
Kinkel	McDonald
McEachern	McKasy
Price	Solberg
Sparby	

John Sem, Director of the University of Minnesota's Tourism Center gave an overview of the responsibilities and programs to the committee.

Al Brodie, Executive Vice President of the Minnesota Association of Campground Operators, addressed the committee regarding the charges for campsites with electricity in state parks vs. the private campground operator's charge for a campsite with electricity.

Kal Kiesler, owner and operator of Kiesler's Campground in Waseca, gave a presentation to the committee regarding the capacity of his campground this past summer and how he feels the state park campground charges have hurt his business.

Also testifying regarding campground charges was Don Kottke from Brainerd area.

Bill Morrisey from the Dept. of Natural Resources told the committee how the DNR and the private campground association cooperate on some projects. He also said there is a study of competition regarding who for campgrounds and who pays just for the state park fee.

Meeting adjourned.

JOHN SARNA, CHAIR

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Clerk