Rep. Lee Greenfield, Chairman of the Health and Human Services Division of the Committee on Appropriations, called the fifty-sixth meeting to order at 9:32 AM on Thursday, September 10, 1987, at the Mankato State University Student Union, Mankato, Minnesota.

Members present:
- Forsythe
- Greenfield
- Riveness
- Stanius

Members excused:
- Anderson, B.
- Anderson, C.
- Jennings
- Murphy
- Rodosovich

Rep. Greenfield introduced the members of the committee and reps. Clark, Cooper, Jefferson, and Segal, who were also present, to the audience.

Carol Kieker of the Minnesota Hospital Association presented an overview of the executive summary of their Small Rural Hospital Task Force findings.

Also testifying on rural hospitals were:
- Dennis Millay, Hospital Administrator, Waseca
- Frank LeWatesch, Blue Earth

Dr. James Krupp, Detroit Lakes, past president of the Minnesota Medical Association, presented the MMA's survey of rural medical doctors.

Dr. Jim Tiede, Willmar, explained the Rural Emergency Medical Services (REMS) program that operates in South Cen. Minnesota.

Mr. Russell Harding of the Rochester Association of Retired Persons expressed his organization's support of the federal catastrophic health bill.

The meeting adjourned at 10:30 AM.

LEE GREENFIELD, CHAIRMAN

Victor Thorstenson
Committee Administrator