

2014 Senate Votes

Senate Vote 1

S.F. 1915: Electioneering Communications

Committee: Rules and Administration

S.F. 1915, authored by Sen. Katie Sieben, DFL-Newport, was a campaign finance bill that contained many provisions. Included in this complicated bill were three main provisions, each of which was of concern to MCCL:

1) “Express advocacy” definition change: The bill sought to expand the definition of express advocacy. Currently, express advocacy has a clear legal definition in Minnesota. The change would have created a subjective definition, allowing the Campaign Finance and Campaign Disclosure Board to decide which expenditures fit within the definition.

2) Underlying source disclosure: This provision would have changed the way that reporting entities would allocate donations subject to public disclosure. Because the new allocation method would be based on a ratio of expenditures to donations (numbers which change on a daily basis), it would make reporting extremely complex and difficult to do accurately.

3) Electioneering communications: This provision declares many non-election communications as “electioneering communications” merely because they are disseminated within a specified time frame prior to an election. It additionally places cumbersome and chilling reporting requirements on these communications. This is the provision to which MCCL most strongly objected.

MCCL strongly opposed S.F. 1915, which passed out of committee 7-6 (pro-life loss).

Senate Vote 2

S.F. 1915: Electioneering Communications

Committee: Judiciary

After passing out of Rules and Administration, S.F. 1915 was sent to Judiciary. The bill received its last vote in this committee, where it passed 4-3 (pro-life loss).

Senate Vote 3

Taxpayer Funded Abortion

Floor: Amendment

Originally introduced as a bill (S.F. 753) by Sen. Lyle Koenen, DFL-Clara City, a provision to ban taxpayer funded abortions was offered as an amendment by Sen. Carrie Ruud, R-Breezy Point, to a supplemental budget bill. Because MCCL has always believed that taxpayers should not be forced to pay for abortions, MCCL supported the amendment, which failed 31-35 (pro-life loss).

Senator	Dist #	% #1	% #2	1	2	3
Anderson, Bruce	29	100%	100%	-	-	x
Bakk, Thomas (Tom)	3	0%	0%	o	-	o
Benson, Michelle	31	100%	100%	-	-	x
Bonoff, Terri	44	0%	0%	-	-	o
Brown, Dave	15	100%	100%	-	-	x
Carlson, Jim	51	0%	0%	-	-	o
Chamberlain, Roger	38	100%	100%	-	-	x
Champion, Bobby Joe	59	0%	0%	-	o	o
Clausen, Greg	57	0%	0%	-	-	o
Cohen, Dick	64	0%	0%	o	-	o
Dahle, Kevin	20	0%	0%	-	-	o
Dahms, Gary	16	100%	100%	-	-	x
Dibble, Scott	61	0%	0%	-	-	o
Dziedzic, Kari	60	0%	0%	-	o	o
Eaton, Chris	40	0%	0%	-	-	o
Eken, Kent	4	100%	100%	-	-	x
Fischbach, Michelle	13	100%	100%	x	-	x
Franzen, Melisa	49	0%	0%	-	-	o
Gazelka, Paul	9	100%	100%	x	-	x
Goodwin, Barb	41	0%	0%	-	e	o
Hall, Dan	56	100%	100%	-	x	x
Hann, David	48	100%	100%	x	-	x

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Hawj, Founj	67	0%	0%	-	-	o
Hayden, Jeff	62	0%	0%	-	-	o
Hoffman, John	36	0%	0%	-	-	o
Housley, Karin	39	100%	100%	-	-	x
Ingebrigtsen, Bill	8	100%	100%	-	-	x
Jensen, Vicki	24	0%	0%	-	-	o
Johnson, Alice	37	0%	0%	-	-	o
Kent, Susan	53	0%	0%	-	-	o
Kiffmeyer, Mary	30	100%	100%	-	-	x
Koenen, Lyle	17	100%	100%	-	-	x
Latz, Ron	46	0%	0%	-	o	o
Limmer, Warren	34	100%	100%	x	x	x
Lourey, Tony	11	0%	0%	-	-	o
Marty, John	66	0%	0%	o	-	o
Metzen, James	52	0%	0%	o	-	o
Miller, Jeremy	28	100%	100%	-	-	x
Nelson, Carla	26	100%	100%	-	-	x
Newman, Scott	18	100%	100%	x	x	x
Nienow, Sean	32	100%	100%	-	-	x
Ortman, Julianne	47	100%	100%	-	-	x
Osmeck, David	33	100%	100%	-	-	x
Pappas, Sandy	65	0%	0%	o	-	o
Pederson, John	14	100%	100%	-	-	x
Petersen, Branden	35	100%	100%	-	-	x
Pratt, Eric	55	100%	100%	-	-	x
Reinert, Roger	7	0%	0%	-	-	o
Rest, Ann	45	0%	0%	-	-	o
Rosen, Julie	23	100%	100%	-	-	x
Ruud, Carrie	10	100%	100%	-	-	x
Saxhaug, Tom	5	0%	0%	-	-	o
Scalze, Bev	42	0%	0%	-	-	o
Schmit, Matt	21	0%	0%	-	-	e
Senjem, David	25	100%	100%	-	-	x
Sheran, Kathy	19	0%	0%	-	o	o
Sieben, Katie	54	0%	0%	o	-	o
Skoe, Rod	2	0%	0%	o	-	o
Sparks, Dan	27	0%	0%	-	-	o
Stumpf, LeRoy	1	100%	100%	x	-	x
Thompson, Dave	58	100%	100%	-	-	x
Tomassoni, David	6	0%	0%	-	-	o
Torres Ray, Patricia	63	0%	0%	-	-	o
Weber, Bill	22	100%	100%	-	-	x
Westrom, Torrey	12	100%	100%	-	-	x
Wiger, Chuck	43	0%	0%	-	-	o
Wiklund, Melissa	50	0%	0%	-	-	o



