

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

FIRST MEETING

SELECT COMMITTEE ON HOUSING

MINUTES

Representative Richard Jefferson, Chair of the Select Committee on Housing called the first meeting to order at 8:45 a.m. on Friday, September 11, 1987 in Room 203 of the Student Union, Mankato State University, Mankato, Minnesota.

Members present at the meeting were: Richard Jefferson, Alice Johnson, Todd Otis, and Chris Tjornhom. The Committee met to hear local public testimony regarding housing issues faced by greater Minnesota and to discuss special housing needs populations.

Stephanie Suttles, Housing Director for the City of Mankato, discussed public housing cutbacks and the need for assistance as well as major housing problems faced by the City of Mankato.

Dean Doyscher, Professional Planning and Development, discussed the impact of property taxes on low income housing, tax increment financing, and the Tax Reform Act. Mr. Doyscher then responded to questions by committee members.

Curtis Fisher, Fisher Commercial Real Estate, discussed mid to upper income housing and how it is effected by the 1986 Federal Tax Reform. He then responded to questions by committee members.

Korby Peltola, Pres-elect of the Mankato Area Board of Realtors, discussed the impact of the Tax Reform Act of 1986 on income-producing real estate. Dick Norland, Mankato Area Board of Realtors, also had comments on the same topic.

The Committee then heard testimony from those with special populations housing concerns. Those testifying and responding to questions by Committee members were as follows:

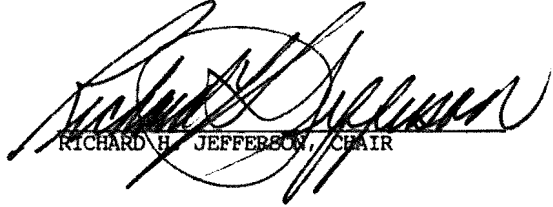
Mac Aalid, The Home- board and lodging facility for the mentally disabled, discussed the possibility of having guidelines for such facilities be standard state-wide rather than county by county. He also discussed the licensing process for these facilities.

Keith Luebke, The Welcome Inn, Mankato Regional Vice-chair of the Coalition for the Homeless, KADA House- battered women's shelter. Mr. Luebke discussed the transition of an industrial economy to a service economy and the effects of that shift on lower-income housing needs. He also discussed regional differentiaion of the homeless populations and the need for a larger state-wide network.

Don Borham, Minnesota Valley Action Council Inc., discussed housing rehabilitation projects and problems with long waiting periods as well as funding problems.

The Chair then announced that the next meeting of the Select Committee on Housing would be during the October Mini-Session in St. Paul.

The meeting adjourned at 11:15 a.m.



RICHARD H. JEFFERSON, CHAIR



Jill Gebhardt, Clerk