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The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources

February 19, 2007

By motion, recalled and re-referred to the Committee on Finance

1.1 A bill for an act
1.2 relating to natural resources; appropriating money for removal and replacement
1.3 of diseased shade trees.

1.4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA:

1.5 Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

1.6 \$..... in fiscal year 2008 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner
1.7 of natural resources for grants to municipalities and park and recreation boards in cities of
1.8 the first class for the identification, removal, disposal, and replacement of dead or dying
1.9 shade trees lost to forest pests or disease. For purposes of this section, "shade tree" means
1.10 a woody perennial grown primarily for aesthetic or environmental purposes with minimal
1.11 to residual timber value. The commissioner shall consult with municipalities; park and
1.12 recreation boards in cities of the first class; nonprofit organizations; and other interested
1.13 parties in developing eligibility criteria.