

Minnesota State Senate

Energy and Utilities Finance and Policy Committee
Tuesday, March 29, 2022
3:00 PMLivestream YouTube



Minutes

Present: Senator David H. Senjem - Chair, Senator Andrew Mathews - Vice Chair, Senator Roger C. Chamberlain, Senator Nick A. Frentz, Senator Jerry Newton, Senator Jason Rarick, Senator Patricia Torres Ray, Senator Paul J. Utke

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator David H. Senjem called the meeting to order at 3:05

S.F. 2878: Senator Newton: Geothermal energy demonstration project appropriation.

1. Call to Order
2. S.F. 2878 Newton - Geothermal energy demonstration project appropriation

Tony Poole, Steamfitters/Pipefitters Local 455

3. S.F. 4089 Senjem - Solar for schools program appropriation

Logan O'Grady, Executive Director, MnSEIA

Braden Solum Vice President, Business Development, IDEAL Energies

Rick Evans, Xcel Energy

4. S.F. 4119 Senjem - Solar energy production incentive program extension

Logan O'Grady, Executive Director, MnSEIA

Michael Allen, President, All Energy Solar

Rick Evans, Xcel Energy

5. S.F. 4262 Senjem - Process regulated by the Public Utilities Commission creation allowing natural gas utilities to sell bonds as a way to reduce economic impacts on costumers

Jason Ryan, Executive Vice President of Regulatory Services and Government Affairs, CenterPoint Energy

Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board

6. S.F. 3838 Tomassoni - Refundable tax credit permission for excess energy costs due to extreme cold weather in February 2021

Kent Sulem, Director of Government Relations and Senior Counsel, Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association

David Olson, Director of Finance and Administration

Owatonna Public Utilities

Luke Peterson, General Manager, Hibbing Public Utilities

Derrick Passe, City Councilor, Two Harbors

Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board

7. Adjourn

Senator Senjem moved that S.F. 2878, be recommended to pass and included in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 4089: Senator Senjem: Solar for schools program appropriation.

Senator Mathews moved that S.F. 4089, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 4119: Senator Senjem: Solar energy production incentive program extension.

Senator Mathews moved that S.F. 4119, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

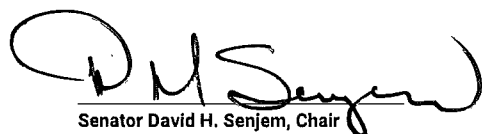
S.F. 4262: Senator Senjem: Process regulated by the Public Utilities Commission creation allowing natural gas utilities to sell bonds as a way to reduce economic impacts on costumers.

Senator Mathews moved that S.F. 4262, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 3838: Senator Tomassoni: Refundable tax credit permission for excess energy costs due to extreme cold weather in February 2021.

Senator Mathews moved that S.F. 3838, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Taxes Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at


Senator David H. Senjem, Chair


Beth Kleinboehl, Legislative Assistant