

Minnesota State Senate

Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance Committee

Wednesday, February 16, 2022

1:00 PMLivestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Carrie Ruud - Chair, Senator Bill Weber Vice Chair, Senator Steve Cwodzinski, Senator Foug Hawj, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Jennifer A. McEwen, Senator David H. Senjem

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Carrie Ruud called the meeting to order at 1:10pm

S.F. 2768: Senator Ruud: Certified salt applicator program establishment.

Senator Ruud presented SF2768 Certified Salt Applicator Program. Senator Ruud offered & moved the A-4 amendment, the amendment passed by voice vote.

The following people testified:

- Sue Nissen, Stop Over Salting
- Connie Fortin, Bolton and Menck (remote)
- Abby Moore, Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
- Nadia Alsadi, MN Center for Environmental Advocacy
- Sara Sietsema, Environmental Specialist, City of Willmar
- Dave Benke, MPCA

SF2768 Passed as amended by voice vote and referred to the Senate Environment Finance Committee

Senator Ruud moved that S.F. 2768, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 2769: Senator Ruud: Tourism industry recovery grant program appropriation.

Senator Ruud presented SF2769 Tourism Grant Program.

The following people testified:

- Sarah Psick, Minnesota Tourism Growth Coalition
- Rachel Thompson, Visit Greater St. Cloud (remote)
- Terry Mattson, Visit St. Paul
- Mike Schwieters, Boyd Lodge; Crosslake, MN
- Lauren Bennett McGinty, Explore MN

SF2769 Passed Committee and was referred to Senate Environment Finance Committee

Senator Ruud moved that S.F. 2769, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee. - MOTION ADOPTED.

S.F. 908: Senator Weber: County boards authorization to spend net proceeds from the sale of tax- forfeited land for certain purposes establishment.

Senator Weber presented SF908 County Boards Authorization

The following people testified: Greg Bernu, Carlton County (remote)

Senator Weber moved the bill and it passed by voice vote and sent directly to the Senate Floor.

Senator Weber moved that S.F. 908, be recommended to pass. - MOTION ADOPTED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30pm

Senator Carrie Ruud, Chair

Lisa Handrick, Legislative Assistant