

Minnesota State Senate

Environment and Natural Resources Policy and Legacy Finance Committee

Wednesday, March 9, 2022

1:00 PMLivestream YouTube

Minutes

Present: Senator Carrie Ruud - Chair, Senator Bill Weber Vice Chair, Senator Steve Cwudzinski, Senator Fong 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 1:00pm

S.F. 3544: Senator Rarick: County lease restrictions on tax-forfeited land modification.

SF3544 Rarick- County lease restrictions on tax-forfeited land modification. The following people testified:

- Gregory J Bernu, Carlton County Land Commissioner
- Nate Eide, Lake County
- Julie Marinucci, St. Louis County

The bill was laid over.

Be laid over.

S.F. 1860: Senator Tomassoni: Tax-forfeited land county lease for conservation easements authorization.

SF1860 Tomassoni- Tax-forfeited land county lease for conservation easements authorization

The following people testified:

- Gregory J Bernu, Carlton County Land Commissioner
- Nate Eide, Lake County
- Julie Marinucci, St. Louis County

Be laid over.

S.F. 3005: Senator Tomassoni: St. Louis County land exchange authorization and land acquisition trust fund provision.

SF3005 Tomassoni- St. Louis County land exchange authorization and land acquisition trust fund provision

The following people testified:

- Julie Marinucci, Director St. Louis County Lands and Minerals

The bill was laid over.

Be laid over.

S.F. 3006: Senator Tomassoni: St. Louis County certain tax-forfeited land private sale authorization.

SF3006 Tomassoni- St. Louis County certain tax-forfeited land private sale authorization

The following people testified:

- Julie Marinucci, Director St. Louis County Lands and Minerals

The bill was laid over

Be laid over.

S.F. 3122: Senator Tomassoni: St. Louis County sunset elimination for authority to sell leased lakeshore lots.

SF3122 Tomassoni- St. Louis County sunset elimination for authority to sell leased lakeshore lots

The following people testified:

- Julie Marinucci, Director St. Louis County Lands and Minerals

The bill was laid over.

Be laid over.

S.F. 3065: Senator Mathews: Consumer Choice of Fuel Act.

SF3065 Mathews- Consumer Choice of Fuel Act. Sen Matthew's offered the A-1 amendment; the amendment passed via voice vote. The following people testified:

- Dr. Ellen Wald, Atlantic Council's Global Energy Center Senior Fellow (Remote)
- Karolyn Zurn, Agri-Women (Remote)
- Eric Zurn, Vice President of Becker/Mahnomen Soybean and Corn Growers, resident of Calloway, MN (Remote)
- Isaac Orr, Center of the American Experiment
- Craig McDonnell, MPCA Assistant Commissioner for Air Policy
- John Reynolds, National Federation of Small Businesses
- Frank Kohlatch, MPCA

Sen McEwen requested a roll call vote. Sen Weber moved that SF3065 pass as amended. The roll call vote was 4-3; the final bill as amended passed and rereferred to State Government Policy/Finance Committee.

Senator Weber moved that S.F. 3065, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the State Government Finance and Policy and Elections Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:00pm

Senator Carrie Ruud, Chair

Lisa Handrick, Legislative Assistant