



Minnesota Senate
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Committee

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12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. S.F. 1968 – Kunesch – Department of Commerce authorization to assist any Tribal advocacy council on energy established by the 11 federally recognized Tribes in Minnesota.

Testifiers:

- Jon Kelly, Director of Government Affairs, Minnesota Department of Commerce

Remote Testifiers:

- President Robert L. Larsen, Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota

3. S.F. 2460 – Xiong - Provisions modifications providing for a participant's compensation in certain Public Utilities Commission proceedings.

Testifiers:

- Annie Levenson-Falk, Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota
- Catherine Fair, Energy CENTS Coalition
- Kevin Pranis, Marketing Manager, LIUNA MN & ND

4. S.F. 2166 – Xiong - Natural gas utilities authorization to sell extraordinary event bonds under certain circumstances.

Testifiers:

- Jason Ryan, EVP Regulatory Services & Government Affairs, Centerpoint Energy
- Jamie Fitzke, Director of Government Affairs, Centerpoint Energy

5. S.F. 2156 – Murphy - Buy Clean and Buy Fair Minnesota Act.

Testifiers:

- Bree Halverson, BlueGreen Alliance
- Craig McDonnell, Fresh Energy
- John Arbogart, United Steelworkers
- Brian McDaniel, Minnesota Asphalt Paving Association
- Darrin W. Lee, Flaherty & Hood, P.A.
- Laura Ziegler, Director of Government Affairs, Associated General Contractors of Minnesota

6. Adjournment