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12:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order

2. S.F. 1787 – Xiong - Grant program establishment to upgrade electric panels in residential buildings

Testifiers:

- Andy Snope, Legislative and Political Director, IBEW Local 292
- Mike Robertson, Twin Cities Habitat for Humanity
- Mike Bull, Minnesota Power
- Eric Fowler, Fresh Energy

3. S.F. 2301 – Xiong - Minnesota Innovation Finance Authority establishment

Testifiers:

- Julia Nerbonne, MN Interfaith Power and Light
- Henry Litman, Coalition for Green Capital
- Jeremy Kalin, Avisen Legal

4. S.F. 2462 – Xiong - Microgrid research and application appropriation

Testifiers:

- Mahmoud Kabalan, PhD, Professor of Electrical Engineering, University of St. Thomas
- Don Weinkauff, PhD, Dean of Engineering, University of St. Thomas

5. S.F. 2201 – Dibble - Energy guidelines for state buildings to incorporate provisions that address resiliency with respect to climate change requirement

Testifiers:

- Richard Graves, FAIA, Director and Associate Professor, Center for Sustainable Building Research, College of Design, University of Minnesota

6. S.F. 2267 – Dibble - Supplemental energy assistance fund appropriation

Testifiers:

- Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board of Minnesota
- Rosa Tock, Executive Director, Minnesota Council on Latino Affairs

Remote Testifiers:

- Lisa Drew, Director of Planning, Evaluation & Agency Technology Operations, Tri-County Action Program

7. S.F. 2720 – Rasmusson - Definitions of gas and hazardous liquid addition.

Testifiers:

- Christy Brusven, Fredrikson and Byron