

Minnesota State Senate

Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee
Thursday, March 2, 2023
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Foung Hawj - Chair, Senator Jennifer A. McEwen Vice Chair, Senator Justin D. Eichorn, Senator Steve Green, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator John A. Hoffman, Senator Mary K. Kunesch, Senator Kelly L. Morrison, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: Senator Andrew R. Lang

Senator Foung Hawj called the meeting to order at 3:10p

The History and Effects of PFAS Pollution and Strategies to Address It

Note: Testifiers are in order of appearance, and are speaking to any number of bills on the agenda today. All the bills on the agenda are regarding PFAS, thus the format for testimony.

Testifiers: Amara Strande (former student, Tartan High School, affected by PFAS); Michael Strande (Amara's father); Jeffrey Munter (former student, Tartan High School, friend of Amara); Avonna Starck (Clean Water Action); Shawn Krizaj (Fire Chief, City of Duluth); Scott Vadnais (Fire Captain, City of Edina; President, Firefighters' Association); Anna Mulhern (Campus Program Manager, MN Youth Collective); Andrea Lovoll (MCEA); Tony Kwilas (MN Chamber of Commerce); Anna Reade (Senior Scientist, NRDC); Linda Birnbaum (Former Director, Former Director of NIEHS and NTP); Josh Fisher (Alliance for Automotive Innovation); Roxy Kozyckyj (AdvaMed); John Keane (Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers); Shawn Swearingen (Alliance for Telomer Chemistry Stewardship); Tom Johnson (MPCA)

S.F. 776: Senator Seeberger: Firefighting foam use prohibition.

A1 moved - adopted by voice

Senator McEwen moved that S.F. 776, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 834: Senator Morrison: PFAS in certain products prohibition.

Testifier: Tom Johnson (MPCA)

Senator Morrison offers A1 - adopted by voice

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. 834, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 450: Senator Gustafson: Products containing PFAS notice requirement.

Senator McEwen moved that S.F. 450, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2222: Senator Maye Quade: PFAS in juvenile products prohibition.

Note: A2 amendment is included in documents, but was not offered to the bill. Senator Maye Quade said that the previous bill (SF450) already addressed the change she was going to make with the A2.

Senator Hauschild moved that S.F. 2222, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20p



Senator Fong Hawj, Chair

Maikao Vue, Legislative Assistant