

Minnesota State Senate

Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee
Thursday, March 16, 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. Kunes, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Kelly L. Morrison, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Foung Hawj called the meeting to order at 3:10p Senator McEwen takes gavel at 7:35p

Call to Order

S.F. 368: Senator Champion: Minnesota African American Heritage Museum and Gallery appropriation.

Testifier: Coventry Cowens (MAAHMG, Cofounder and Museum Operations Director)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1916: Senator Kunes: Indigenous culture heritage exhibits and programming appropriation.

Testifier: Winona LaDuke (International Anishinaabe Leader)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2546: Senator Mann: Comunidades Latinas Unidas EN Servicio (CLUES) appropriation.

Testifiers: Ruby Lee (President, CLUES); Hannah Novillo Erickson (Associate Director of Arts and Cultural Engagement, CLUES)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2605: Senator Boldon: George Stoppel historic site rehabilitation appropriation.

Testifier: Wayne Gannaway (Executive Director, History Center of Olmsted Co)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 726: Senator Nelson: Children's Museum of Rochester appropriation.

Testifier: Heather Nessler (Exec Director, Children's Museum of Rochester)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2938: Senator Mitchell: Hong De Wu Guan appropriation.

Testifiers: Caiyun Zhou (Executive Director, Hong De Wu Guan, Inc); Adrian Stockman (volunteer, instructor with Hong De Wu Guan, Inc)

(In the video record at 47:40 there is a demonstration by the testifiers of the lion dance prop they brought to committee)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1195: Senator McEwen: Wilderness programs appropriation.

Testifiers: Willy Tully (Development Director, Wilderness Inquiry); Sinthang Has (Teacher, Harding High School)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1882: Senator Putnam: Fanka arts programs appropriations.

Testifier: Nasro Mohamed (parent, St. Cloud resident); Mohamed Farah (Executive Director, Ka Joog)

Senator Wesenberg offers A1 - withdrawn

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2737: Senator Putnam: St. Cloud Beaver Island Regional Trail construction and restoration project grant extension.

Testifier: Renee Mattson (Executive Director, Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1817: Senator McEwen: Lake Superior Zoological Society appropriation.

Testifier: Haley Hedstrom (Legacy Zoo)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 963: Senator McEwen: Great Lakes Aquarium appropriation.

Testifier: Jay Walker (Executive Director, Great Lakes Aquarium)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2194: Senator Klein: Dakota County Historical Society Lawshe Memorial Museum appropriation.

Testifier: Joe Atkins (Dakota County Commissioner)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 996: Senator Frentz: County fairs appropriation.

Testifiers: Tiffany Gustin (Executive Secretary, Minnesota Federation of County Fairs); Andrew Duerr (Minnesota Federation of County Fairs)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 876: Senator Green: Red River of the North river watch program appropriation.

Testifiers: Asher Kingery (International Water Institute); Hunter Schow (Norman County East High School)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1977: Senator Rarick: Sandstone prior appropriations from parks and trails fund extension.

Testifier: Kathy George (City Administrator, Sandstone)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2501: Senator Hoffman: Minnesota Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities appropriation.

Testifiers: Colleen Wieck (Executive Director, Governor's Council on Developmental Disabilities)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 446: Senator Maye Quade: Minnesota Zoological Garden appropriation.

***Senator Morrison presenting as a co-author on the bill, as Senator Maye Quade was unable to attend.

Testifier: John Frawley (Director, MN Zoo);

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2870: Senator Dibble: Bakken Museum appropriation.

Testifiers: Alissa Light (President and CEO, Bakken Museum); Alex Askew (Director of Development, Bakken Museum)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

SF XXXX (Mohamed) Somali Artifact and Cultural Museum

Testifier: Osman Ali (Executive Director, Somali Artifact and Cultural Museum)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1581: Senator Oumou Verbeten: Como Park Zoo and Conservatory appropriation.

Testifier: Michelle Furrer (Director, Como Zoo)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 143: Senator Koran: Wyoming Veterans Memorial Plaza appropriation.

Testifier: Robb Linwood (City Administrator, City of Wyoming)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2582: Senator McEwen: Minnesota Public Radio appropriation.

Testifier: Drew Duschesne, (President, Minnesota Public Radio)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1418: Senator McEwen: Children's museums appropriation.

Testifier: Cameron Krueger (Director, Duluth Children's Museum)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1007: Senator Pappas: Minnesota Children's Museum appropriation.

Testifier: Bob Ingrassia (VP of External Relations, Minnesota Children's Museum)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 533: Senator Pappas: Hmong Cultural Center Museum appropriation.

Testifier: Txongpao Lee (Executive Director, Hmong Cultural Center)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 575: Senator Lang: Litchfield Opera House appropriation.

***Senator Eichorn presents the bill on behalf of Senator Lang

Testifier: Connie Lies

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1170: Senator Lang: Minnesota State Band appropriation.

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Testifier: Craig Allen (Member, Board of Directors for Minnesota State Band); Keith Liuzzi (Conductor, Minnesota State Band)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 775: Senator Kunesh: Appetite for Change for Community Cooks appropriation.

Testifier: Nicole Powell (Community Cook Program Manager, Appetite for Change)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1912: Senator Kunesh: Public educational radio stations appropriations.

Testifier: Joel Glaser (President and CEO, Ampers)

At around 4:10:30 a video is played

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2426: Senator Kunesch: Minnesota Museum of Art appropriation.

Testifier: Kate Beane (Minnesota Museum of Art); Xavier Travera (Artist; Collaborator w/Minnesota Museum of Art)

Senator Kunesch offers A1 - adopted by voice

As amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 641: Senator Hawj: Nonprofit organization 30,000 Feet appropriation.

Testifier: Vanessa Young (Director of Programs and Policy, 30,000 Feet)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 2777: Senator Hawj: Siengkane Lao MN grant appropriation.

Testifier: Apichart Klaysingha (President, Siengkane Lao Organization)


Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

SF XXXX (Hawj) Sepak Takraw appropriation

Testifier: Tzianeng Vang (Chair, Sepak Takraw of USA)

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:59p



Senator Fong Hawj, Chair

Maikao Vue, Legislative Assistant