

Minnesota State Senate

Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Friday, March 3, 2023

9:00 AM, Room 1200, Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Ron Latz - Chair, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten Vice Chair, Senator Jim Carlson, Senator Michael E. Kreun, Senator Warren Limmer, Senator Sandra L. Pappas, Senator Judy Seeberger, Senator Bonnie S. Westlin

Absent: Senator Justin D. Eichorn, Senator Jeff R. Howe

Senator Ron Latz called the meeting to order at 9:20a Senator Oumou Verbeten takes gavel at 11am Recess: 11:57a-12:34p (Latz chair at resume) Oumou Verbeten takes gavel at 4:34p Latz takes gavel at 3:37p Limmer takes gavel at 4:41p Latz takes gavel at 5:03p

S.F. 6: Senator Port: Price gouging prohibition.

Testifiers: Bruce Nustad (President, MN Retailers Association); Tyler Blackmon (student, UMN Law School)

A-7 – Kreun offers, passed by voice vote

Amendment to A7 amendment: Page 1, line 4, after the period, insert “A notice issued by the attorney general notifying the seller that an investigation has closed is not a determination on the merits of an investigation.” passed by voice

A-3 – Seeberger offers, passed as amended, see below

Amendment to A3: page 3, line 17, delete “, together”, ; - Seeberger incorporates into amendment

A-3 is divided –

Page 3, line 17, after “recover” insert “up to”

Page 3, line 17, delete “, together”

Page 3, line 18, delete everything before the period– passed by voice

Page 3, line 17, delete “shall” and insert “may” – passed by voice

Oral amendment offered by Carlson, failed on voice vote

Page 2, line 14, after the period insert: "Unconscionably excessive price includes a price that represents a gross disparity between the seller's price of the essential good or service compared to the average price of the good or service in the current market."

Oral amendment offered by Limmer – passed by voice vote

Page 2, line 27, after Governor, insert "under chapter 12"

Senator Pappas moved that S.F. 6, as amended, be recommended to pass. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 997: Senator Latz: Survival of certain causes of action modification.

Testifiers: Joel Carlson (MN Association for Justice); Chuck Slane (President, MN Association for Justice); Heather Meyer (Nisswa, MN); Jackie Hennessy; Kay Bromelkamp; Toby Pearson (Care Providers of MN, on behalf of LTC Imperative); Erin Huppert (LeadingAge MN, on behalf of LTC Imperative); Amie Penny-Sayler (MHA and Allina Health)

A-1 – Latz moves, passed by voice vote

S.F. 36: Senator Kunesh: Missing and murdered Indigenous relatives information reward fund establishment and appropriation.

Testifier: Juliet Rudie (DPS)

A-3 Oumou Verbeten moves, adopted by voice

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 36, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 37: Senator Kunesh: Constitutional amendment providing for equality under the law.

Testifiers: ***testimony was taken on SF37 and SF47 simultaneously***Elaine Treacy (Women's March MN, Systems Analyst); Ann Treacy (Board Member, Women's March MN); Curtis Johnson (State Director, ERA MN); Trista Matascastillo (Ramsey Co Board of Commissioners, Chair); Teresa Collett (Professor of Law, University of St Thomas); Joan Wittman (over Zoom, St Paul resident); Betty Folliard (Founder, ERA MN); Suzann Willhite (President, ERA MN)

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 37, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Rules and Administration Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 47: Senator Pappas: A resolution memorializing Congress to resolve that the requirements have been met to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

Testifiers: ***testimony was taken in conjunction with SF37, see SF37 entry for testimony list***

A-1 – Pappas moves, adopted by voice

A-3 – Limmer moves, fails 2-6 roll call (Ayes: Limmer, Kreun; Nays: Latz, Oumou Verbeten, Carlson, Pappas, Seeberger, Westlin)

Senator Pappas moved that S.F. 47, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Rules and Administration Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 2019: Senator Gustafson: Time limit provision for forensic laboratory testing of sexual assault examination kits.

Testifiers: Artika Roller (Exec Director, MNCASA); Mary Faulkner (Criminal Justice Services Coordinator, PAVSA)

Senator Limmer moved that S.F. 2019, be recommended to pass. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1475: Senator Gustafson: Crime victims services funding increase; organizations that provide direct services to crime victims grant establishment; appropriating money.

Testifiers: Artika Roller (Exec Director, MNCASA); Guadalupe Lopez (Exec Director, VFMN)

S.F. 1249: Senator Seeberger: State requirement to pay medical examination costs for criminal sexual conduct victim.

Testifiers: Em Westerlund (Statewide Medical Forensic Policy Program Coordinator, MNCASA); Breanna Heisterkamp (Clinical Care Supervisor, Hennepin Healthcare)

A-2 Seeberger moves, passes by voice vote

Senator Seeberger moved that S.F. 1249, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Health and Human Services Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 10: Senator Seeberger: Skilled and trained contractor workforce use at petroleum refineries authorization.

Testifiers: Brendan Cummins (MN Building and Construction Trades Council); Rick Heller

A-12 Seeberger offers, passed by voice vote

Senator Seeberger moved that S.F. 10, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Labor Committee. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S.F. 1019: Senator Seeberger: Eligibility expansion for soft body armor reimbursement grants.

Testifiers: Buck McAlpin (MN Ambulance Association)

S.F. 1595: Senator Seeberger: Burglary crimes following a trespass notice modification.

Be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

S.F. 1258: Senator Seeberger: Payment prohibition of certain sexual harassment or abuse settlements as severance.

Testifiers: Julie Riser; Artika Roller (Exec Dir, MNCASA)

Oral amendment: Line 1.13, before the period insert: "and applies to settlements entered into on or after that date" – Seeberger considers friendly, passed by voice

Senator Seeberger moved that S.F. 1258, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Taxes Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 225: Senator Hoffman: Carbon monoxide alarm requirement modification for hotels and lodging houses.

Testifiers: Leslie Linneman (affected citizen); Tony Kwilas (Hospitality MN); Jill Sims (Hospitality MN)

A-2 – Oumou Verbeten moves, passed by voice

Senator Pappas moved that S.F. 225, as amended, be recommended to pass.

S.F. 1448: Senator Latz: Retrieval of towed vehicle contents requirements modification; aggrieved vehicle owners cause of action authorization.

Testifiers: Ron Elwood (Legal Aid)

S.F. 1478: Senator Oumou Verbeten: Liability for felony murder committed by another person limitation; task force on aiding and abetting felony murder extension.

Testifiers: Perry Moriearty (University of MN Law professor); Clare Diegel (Lawyer, ACLU); Toni Cater (Co-founder, FMLR)

A-5 – Oumou Verbeten moves, passed by voice vote

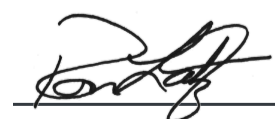
S.F. 1950: Senator Oumou Verbeten: Limit of five years on length of probation in most felony cases establishment.

Testifiers: Jennifer Schroeder (impacted person); Will Cooley (MN Justice Research Center); Carli Stark (MACCAC); Paul Schnell (Commissioner DOC); Robert Small (MCAA)

A-3 Oumou Verbeten moves – passed by voice

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

The meeting was adjourned at 5:54p



Senator Ron Latz, Chair



Diana Rico, Legislative Assistant