

Minnesota State Senate

Judiciary and Public Safety Committee

Thursday, March 23, 2023

8:30 AM or Immediately Following Session, Room 1200, Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

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

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Ron Latz called the meeting to order at 8:52a Oumou Verbeten took gavel at 8:56a Recess at 12:13p Resume at 12:53p (Oumou Verbeten has the gavel)

Testimony is limited to 2 minutes/speaker and will be divided as equitably as possible between pro and con positions on each bill.

Requests for testimony must be submitted through the form here:

<https://forms.gle/gaUXVY82M9dGdtsN7>

This form will close to requests at 11 a.m. on Wednesday March 22. Individuals/representatives of organizations which receive allocated time to testify will be notified by 1 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22. Late requests may not be accommodated.

Written testimony must meet the following requirements to be included in member and staff packets:

1 page, single sided PDF. Word documents will not be accepted.

File names must include the bill number and a pro or con position – IE: SF0000 Position Organization.pdf

If the letter is submitted on behalf of an organization, that must be disclosed in the file's name as well.

Documents which fail to meet the above criteria or are submitted after the deadline will not be included.

No handouts will be accepted or duplicated by staff during the hearing.

S.F. 1116: Senator Latz: Criminal background checks requirement for firearms transfers.

A-3 Latz offers as amended – adopted by voice

Oral amendment to A-3: Line 6.23: reinstate the stricken language and delete “firearm”

Line 6.26: reinstate the stricken language and delete “firearm”

Line 6.29: reinstate the stricken language and delete “firearm”

Line 6.31: delete “firearms” and insert “a pistol or semiautomatic military-style assault weapon

A-6: Seeberger offers – adopted by voice

Roll call vote for passage out of committee: 6/4 (Ayes: Latz, Oumou Verbeten, Carlson, Pappas, Seeberger, Westlin; Nays: Limmer, Eichorn, Howe, Kreun)

Senator Latz moved that S.F. 1116, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 2827: Senator Latz: Machine guns regulation modifications.

Testifiers: Brian Gosch (State Director, NRA); Karl Kaufman (NRA member); Ben Dorr (Director, Minnesota Gun Rights)

Senator Latz moved that S.F. 2827, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1117: Senator Latz: Law enforcement and family members permission to petition a court to prohibit people from possessing firearms if they pose a significant danger to themselves or others by possessing a firearm.

Testifiers: Chief Jay Henthorne (Richfield, MN Chiefs of Police Association); Robert Small; Dr. Laurel Ries (President-elect, MN Medical Association); Bob Jacobson (Commissioner, Dept of Public Safety); Melissa Kennedy (Family medicine provider, Wright County; gun violence survivor); Dick Davis (Giffords Gun Owners for Safety); Sue Abderholden (Exec Director, NAMI Minnesota); Sami Rahamin (Director of Communications and Community Affairs, Jewish Community Relations Council); Gretchen Damon (Moms Demand Action); Megan Walsh; Leah Kondes (Moms Demand Action); Maggie Salman (Students Demand Action (virtual)); Kelly Roskam (Director of Law and Policy, Johns Hopkins Center for Gun Violence Solutions (virtual)); Ramya Swami (State Policy Manager – Brady (virtual)); Ben Dorr (Executive Director, Minnesota Gun Rights); Brian Gosch (State Director, NRA); Karl Kaufman (NRA member); Rob Doar (VP, MN Gun Owners Caucus);

A-2: Latz offers as amended, adopted by voice

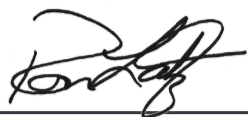
Oral amendment to A-2: line 13.10 – 13.12 delete the sentence “If the law enforcement agency does not receive written notice from the respondent within three business days, the agency may charge a reasonable fee to store the respondent’s firearms.”

Oral amendment to A-2: 9.27 delete “624.7144” and insert “624.7174” – Latz moves, adopted by voice

Senator Latz moved that S.F. 1117, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

All letters are available here in order to host letters addressing more than one Senate file.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:10p (Oumou Verbeten adjourned)



Senator Ron Latz, Chair

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