

Minnesota State Senate

Labor Committee

Thursday, January 19, 2023

12:30 PM or 15 Minutes After Session [Livestream](#) [YouTube](#)

Minutes

Present: Senator Jennifer A. McEwen - Chair, Senator Grant Hauschild - Vice Chair, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Glenn H. Gruenhagen, Senator Robert J. Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator John Marty, Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten, Senator Sandra L. Pappas, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Jennifer A. McEwen called the meeting to order at 12:34 pm.

S.F. 58: Senator Murphy: Worker safety requirements establishment and appropriation.

Senator Erin Murphy presented S.F. 58

Senator Murphy offers A-1 author amendment.

Senator Grant Hauschild moved A-1 amendment.

The A-1 amendment is adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Murphy walks through S.F. 58

The following witnesses testified in favor of passing S.F. 58 as amended:

Irene Tung, Sr. Research & Policy Director, National Employment Law Project (New York City, NY via Zoom)

Khali Jama, employee at Amazon Fulfillment Center in Shakopee, MN

Mohamed Hassan, employee at Amazon Fulfillment Center in Shakopee, MN, translation provided by Sabah Yusuf.

Rikki Schreiner, member of Teamsters Local 638 & employee at United Parcel Service.

Nicole Blissenbach, Commissioner of Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry

Kyle Makarios, Awood Center representing Teamsters Joint Council 32.

There were no witnesses signed up to testify against passing S.F. 58 as amended.

Discussion.

Commissioner Blissenbach & Mr. Makarios joined Senator Murphy at the witness stand to answer questions during discussion.

Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 58 be recommended for passage and re-referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

The motion carried on a voice vote, and when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 58, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - MOTION CARRIED.

S.F. 2: Senator Mann: Paid family and medical leave establishment and appropriation.

Senator Alice Mann presented S.F. 2

Senator Mann offered A-8 authors amendment.

Senator John Marty moved the A-8 amendment.

The A-8 amendment was adopted on a voice vote.

Chair Jennifer McEwen passed the gavel to Vice Chair Grant Hauschild - 1:48pm.

Carlton Doyle Fontaine, Senate Council walked through S.F. 2.

The following witnesses testified in favor of passing S.F. 2 as amended:

Deb Fitzpatrick, Policy & Legislative Affairs Director at Children's Defense Fund.

Nicole Blissenbach, Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry.

Hannah Lichtstinn, M.D., Minnesota Chapter of the American Academy of Pediatrics.

Andrea Rubesch, Oncology Hospice Nurse (Duluth, MN via Zoom).

Christina Eichorn, Chief Steward at AFSCME (Minneapolis, MN via Zoom).

Andrew Kopplin, Co-Owner of Kopplin Coffee (Saint Paul, MN via Zoom).

Adam Duinick, Director of Government Affairs, North Central States Regional Council of Carpenters.

The following witnesses testified in opposition to passing S.F. 2 as amended:

John Reynolds, State Director, National Federation of Independent Business.

Lauryn Schothorst, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce.

Justine Henry, Chair of Laurentian Chamber of Commerce (Virginia, MN via Zoom).

Laura Ziegler, Association of General Contractors.

Discussion.

Senator Glenn Gruenhagen offers the A-9 amendment.

Senator Gruenhagen requests a roll call vote.

Ms. Schothorst & Mr. Reynolds return to the witness stand to answer questions regarding the A-9 amendment.

Lieske requests the vote be recorded in the Senate Journal.

Vice Chair Hauschild passed the gavel to Chair McEwen - 2:31pm.

The following Senators voted in favor of the A-9 amendment:

Senators Dornink, Gruenhagen, Lieske & Wesenberg.

The following Senators voted against the A-9 amendment:

Senators McEwen, Hauschild, Kupec, Marty, Oumou Verbeten & Pappas.

The A-9 amendment fails on a vote of 4 in favor, and 6 opposed.

Chair McEwen declared the Senate Committee on Labor in recess at 2:36pm; the committee will reconvene at 5:15pm.

Chair McEwen called the Senate Committee on Labor back to order at 5:23pm. A quorum is present.

Ms. Fitzpatrick joined the witness stand to answer questions related to S.F. 2.

Senator Gruenhagen offered the A-10 amendment.

Senator Gruenhagen requested a roll call vote, and that it be recorded in the journal.

The following Senators voted in favor of the A-10 amendment:

Senators Dornink, Gruenhagen & Wesenberg.

The following Senators voted in opposition of the A-10 amendment:

Senators McEwen, Hauschild, Kupec, Oumou Verbeten & Pappas.

The A-10 amendment fails on a vote of 3 in favor, 5 opposed. Senators Lieske & Marty absent.

Senator Gruenhagen offered the A-15 amendment.

Senator Gruenhagen requested a roll call vote, and that it be recorded in the journal.

The following Senators voted in favor of the A-15 amendment:

Senators Dornink, Gruenhagen, Kupec & Wesenberg.

The following Senators voted in opposition of the A-15 amendment:

Senators McEwen, Hauschild, Oumou Verbeten & Pappas.

The A-15 amendment fails on a vote of 4 in favor, 4 opposed. Senators Lieske & Marty absent.

Senator Nathan Wesenberg introduced the A-16 amendment.

Senator Wesenberg requested a roll call vote, and that it be recorded in the journal.

The following Senators voted in favor of the A-16 amendment:

Senators Dornink, Gruenhagen & Wesenberg.

The following Senators voted in opposition of the A-16 amendment:

Senators McEwen, Hauschild, Kupec, Marty, Oumou Verbeten & Pappas.

The A-16 amendment fails on a vote of 3 in favor, 6 opposed. Senator Lieske absent.

Senator Wesenberg offered the A-13 amendment.

Senator Wesenberg requested a roll call vote, and that it be recorded in the journal.

The following Senators voted in favor of the A-13 amendment:

Senators Dornink, Gruenhagen & Wesenberg.

The following Senators voted in opposition of the A-13 amendment:

Senators McEwen, Hauschild, Kupec, Marty, Oumou Verbeten & Pappas.

The A-13 amendment fails on a vote of 3 in favor, 6 opposed. Senator Lieske absent.

Senator Gene Dornink introduces the A-17 amendment.

Senator Dornink requested a roll call vote and that it be recorded in the journal.

The following Senators voted in favor of the A-17 amendment:

Senators Dornink, Gruenhagen & Wesenberg.

**The following Senators voted in opposition of the A-17 amendment:
Senators McEwen, Hauschild, Kupec, Marty, Oumou Verbeten & Pappas.**

The A-17 amendment fails on a vote of 3 in favor, 6 opposed. Senator Lieske absent.

Discussion.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 2 as amended be recommended to pass and be re-referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

The motion carried on a voice vote, and when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Senate Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 2, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Health and Human Services Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19pm.


Senator Jennifer A. McEwen, Chair


Jack Fischer/ Legislative Assistant