

# Minnesota State Senate

## Labor Committee

Tuesday, March 7, 2023

12:30 PMLivestream YouTube

### Minutes

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**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

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Senator Jennifer A. McEwen called the meeting to order at 12:38pm.

#### Call to Order

**S.F. 1939: Senator Xiong: Limitation of use of certain designated refrigerants prohibition.**

Senator Tou Xiong joined the witness stand to present Senate File 1939.

Chair Jennifer McEwen moved to adopt the A-2 authors amendment.  
The motion passed on a voice vote and the amendment adopted.

Chair McEwen moved to adopt the A-1 authors amendment.  
The motion passed on a voice vote and the amendment adopted.

The following witnesses testified in favor of S.F. 1939:  
Philip Johnston, Dakin Applied Americas Inc.  
Chris Bresee, Air-Conditioning, Heating & Refrigeration Institute

No witnesses offered testimony in opposition to S.F. 1939.

#### Discussion.

Senator Bill Lieske moved to recommend the bill as amended, and that it be re-referred to the Senate Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment & Climate.  
The motion carries on a voice vote.

Senator Lieske moved that S.F. 1939, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate Committee. - **MOTION CARRIED.**

**S.F. 116: Senator Rarick: Exemption clarification from inspections for load control allowed for electrical utilities.**

Senator Jason Rarick joined the witness stand to present Senate File 116.

Senator Lieske moved to adopt the A-1 authors amendment.

The motion passed on a voice vote and the amendment adopted.

No witnesses offered testimony on S.F. 116.

Discussion.

Senator Gene Dornink moved to recommend the bill as amended, and that it be placed on General Orders.

The motion passed on a voice vote.

The Senate Labor Committee stands in recess for a brief break, 12:58pm.

Senator Dornink moved that S.F. 116, be recommended to pass and placed on the Consent Calendar. - **MOTION CARRIED.**

**S.F. 2319: Senator Fateh: Protections establishment for transportation network company drivers.**

The Senate Labor Committee is called back to order, 1:13pm.

Senator Omar Fateh joined the witness stand to present Senate File 2319.

Senator Glenn Gruenhagen moved to adopt the A-1 authors amendment.

The motion passed on a voice vote and the amendment adopted.

The following witnesses testified in favor of S.F. 2319:

Eid Ali, Chair, Minnesota Uber & Lyft Drivers' Association

Stephen Cooper, Cooper Law

Fe Clardy, Uber Driver

Abdulahi Adbi, Uber Driver

Translation services provided by Eid Ali

Marcia R. Cassaneda, Uber Driver

Marianna Brown, Uber & Lyft Driver

Qays Clay, Uber Driver

Abdulahi Yusuf, Uber Driver

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Shueb Mohamed, Minnesota Rideshare Drivers Association

The following witnesses testified in opposition to S.F. 2319, as amended:

Jill Sims, Hospitality Minnesota

Joel Carlson, Government Affairs Representative, Uber Technology

Abdul Yusef, Community Engagement Consultant, Uber Technology

Discussion.

Stephen Cooper and Joel Carlson return to the witness stand to answer member questions.

Senator Gruenhagen offered the A-2 amendment.

The A-2 amendment fails along a voice vote, and the amendment is not adopted.


Senator John Marty moved that S.F. 2319 as amended be recommended for passage and re-referred to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

The motion was adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Marty moved that S.F. 2319, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee. - MOTION CARRIED.

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The meeting was adjourned at 2:46pm.

  
Senator Jennifer A. McEwen, Chair

  
Jack Fischer, Legislative Assistant