

# Minnesota State Senate

## Labor Committee

Wednesday, March 8, 2023

5:15 PM, Room G-3, Capitol

### 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 5:18pm.

#### Call to Order

**S.F. 2476: Senator Mohamed: Employer prohibition from forcing employees to attend political or religious meetings or otherwise listen to speech about politics and religion.**

Senator Zaynab Mohamed joined the witness stand and presented Senate File 2476.

A quorum is present - 5:18pm.

The following witnesses testified in favor of S.F. 2476:

Bernie Burnham, President, Minnesota AFL-CIO

Nate Krantz, SEIU Healthcare Minnesota & Iowa

Kip Hedges, retired Teamster

Patrick Kennedy, OPEIU Local 12

Khali Jama, Amazon fulfillment center employee

Dave Smith, member, United Steel Workers

Letter from Mr. Smith read by Travis Lohman

Michaela Arellano, member, Communications Workers of America

Ladell Robert, member, Teamsters Local 120

Rachel Beaver-Scott, member, UFCW Local 663

No witnesses testified in opposition to S.F. 2476.

#### Discussion.

Melissa Hysing, Legislative Director for Minnesota AFL-CIO, joined the witness stand to answer member questions.


Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten moved to recommend S.F. 2476 for passage and that it be re-referred to the Senate Committee on Judiciary & Public Safety

The motion carried on a voice vote.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that S.F. 2476, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee. - MOTION CARRIED.

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The meeting was adjourned at 6:08pm.

  
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Senator Jennifer A. McEwen, Chair

  
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Jack Fischer, Legislative Assistant