

Taxes Committee
Wednesday, February 8, 2023
8:30 AM, Room G-15, Capitol

Minutes

Present: Senator Ann H. Rest - Chair, Senator Matt D. Klein - Vice Chair, Senator D. Scott Dibble, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator Jeremy R. Miller, Senator Carla J. Nelson, Senator Aric Putnam, Senator Bill Weber

Absent: Senator Steve Drazkowski, Senator Kari Dziedzic

Senator Ann H. Rest called the meeting to order at 8:35 a.m.

Call to Order

Quorum Present.

Members Absent but Excused: Senator Drazkowski, Senator Dziedzic

Minutes from 2.7.23 were approved as presented.

S.F. 1139: Senator Weber: Exemptions provision for non-profit animal shelters.

Presentation:

SF 1139 (Weber) – Exemptions provision for non-profit animal shelters

Senator Weber moved the A2 Amendment. The motion prevailed and the A2 Amendment was adopted.

Testifiers:

Senator Weber

(zoom) - Karen Folkers, President, Martin County Humane Society

(zoom) - Suzy Kroon, Board President, Blue Earth Nicollet County Humane Society (BENCHS)

(zoom) - Vicki Beckendorf, Odin, MN

SF 1139 was laid over.

S.F. 1152: Senator Weber: Solar energy generating systems provisions modification.

Presentation:

SF 1152 (Weber) – Solar energy generating systems provisions modification

Senator Weber moved the A1 Amendment. The motion prevailed and the A1 Amendment was adopted.

Testifiers:

Senator Weber

Jeff Johnson, Retired Stearns County Property Tax Services Director

Joe Perske, Chair, Second District - Stearns County Commissioner

SF 1152 was laid over.

S.F. 1155: Senator Weber: Credit provision for railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures.

Presentation:

SF 1155 (Weber) – Credit provision for railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures

Testifiers:

Senator Weber

Dan Kippley, VP for Business Development, Ellis & Eastern Railroad

Tina Ryberg, VP of Administration & Operations, Twin Cities & Western Railroad

(zoom) - Ryan Pidde, VP, Mickelson & Company, LLC

SF 1155 was laid over.

S.F. 697: Senator Hauschild: Payment in lieu of taxes increase.

Presentation:

SF 697 (Hauschild) – Payment in lieu of taxes increase

Testifiers:

Senator Hauschild

Keith Carlson, Northern County Land Use & Coordinating Board

Paul McDonald, Northern St. Louis County Commissioner

Matt Hilgart, Association of Minnesota Counties

Matt Massman, Minnesota Inter-County Association

SF 697 was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:23 a.m.



Senator Ann H. Rest, Chair



Christie Blood, Legislative Assistant