

Minnesota State Senate

Commerce and Consumer Protection Committee
Thursday, March 14, 2024
12:30 PM, G-15 Capitol

Minutes

Present: Senator Matt D. Klein - Chair, Senator Judy Seeberger Vice Chair, Senator Gary H. Dahms, Senator Zach Duckworth, Senator Nick A. Frentz, Senator Jeff R. Howe, Senator Ron Latz, Senator Jordan Rasmusson, Senator Ann H. Rest, Senator Melissa H. Wiklund

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Matt D. Klein called the meeting to order at 12:36 pm.

S.F. 3537: Senator Port: Deceptive trade practices definition modification to include the failure to disclose mandatory fees in advertising.

Senator Port presented SF 3537.

Amendments:

Senator Port offered the A2. Amendment adopted on voice vote.

Senator Frentz offered the A7. Amdendment adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Frentz offered the A8. Amendment adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Rasmusson offered the A5. Amendment adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Rasmusson offered the A6. Amendment adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Duckworth offered an oral amendment. "Line 1.20 after the word taxes ad or fees." Amendment withdrawn.

Senator Seeberger offered an oral amendment. "Add an effective date of August 1st 2025" Amendment adopted on a voice vote.

Testifiers:

Azah Nde, Student, North Hennepin Community College

Mike Dean, North Star Prosperity

Matt Keliher, American Civil Liberties Project

Erik Lindseth, Life Time, Inc.

Andy Platto, MSP Small Business Concessions Alliance

Jill Sims, Hospitality Minnesota

Beth Kadoun, MN Chamber of Commerce

Judy Cook, Cook Strong Sellwood

Scott Lambert, MN Automobile Dealers Association

Sarah Psick, CTIA

Senator Klein laid over SF 3537.

Senator Klein moved that S.F. 3537, be laid over.

S.F. 3920: Senator Gustafson: Automatic renewal related terms definitions and regulation provisions.

Senator Klein moved that S.F. 3920, be removed from agenda.

S.F. 4218: Senator Dahms: Counties in which a township mutual fire insurance company may write business increase and permitting certain policies to avoid automatic cancellation in connection with the merger of township mutual fire insurance companies provisions.

Senator Dahms presented SF 4218.

Amendments:

Testifiers:

Adam Axvig, MN Association of Farm Mutual Insurance

Jon Kelly, Minnesota Department of Commerce

Senator Klein laid over SF 4218.

Senator Klein moved that S.F. 4218, be laid over.

S.F. 3358: Senator Latz: Bail bond agencies, surety bail bond producers and bail bond enforcement agents supervision authorization.

Senator Latz presented SF 3358.

Amendments:

Senator Latz offered the A1. Motion adopted on a voice vote.

Testifiers:

Joe Bagnoli, Winthrop & Weinstine. P.A.

Senator Seeberger moved that SF 3358 pass and be recommended to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Motion adopted on a voice vote.

Senator Seeberger moved that S.F. 3358, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.

S.F. 4139: Senator Seeberger: Various weights and measures provisions modifications and eliminations.

Senator Seeberger presented SF 4139.

Amendments:

Senator Seeberger offered the A1. Amendment adopted on a voice vote.

Testifiers:

Jon Kelly, Minnesota Department of Commerce

Senator Klein laid over SF 4139

Senator Klein moved that S.F. 4139, be laid over.

S.F. 4065: Senator Boldon: Various provisions modification governing debt collection, garnishment, and consumer finance.

Senator Bolden presented SF 4065.

Amendments:

Senator Wiklund offered the A3. Amendment adopted on a voice vote.

Testifiers:

Bennett Hartz, Minnesota Attorney General's Office

Walt Myers, Medical Debt Storyteller

Amy Lemer, Garnishment Storyteller

Andrew C. Walker, Walker & Walker Law Offices

Dana Bacon, Loukemia and Lymphoma Society

Dan Le, Minnesota Credit Union Network

Danny Ackert, Minnesota Hospital Association

Jessica Klander, Great Lakes Credit & Collections Association

Derrick Weber, Minnesota Creditor's Rights Association

Senator Seeberger moved that SF 4065 as amended pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.
Motion passed on voice vote.

Senator Seeberger moved that S.F. 4065, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 pm.

Senator Matt D. Klein, Chair

Tyler Kline, Legislative Assistant