

Minnesota State Senate

Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee
Thursday, March 7, 2024
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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Minutes

Present: Senator FOUNG Hawj - Chair, Senator Jennifer A. McEwen Vice Chair, Senator Justin D. Eichorn, Senator Steve Green, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator Mary K. Kunesch, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Kelly L. Morrison, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: Senator John A. Hoffman

Senator FOUNG Hawj called the meeting to order at 3:06pm, Senator Lang joined via virtual. Senator Morrison has gavel at 5:38pm

Call To Order

S.F. 4183: Senator Fateh: Environmental and public health considerations in comprehensive development guide requirement provision.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4183:
Peter Wagenius, Sierra Club North Star Chapter
Peggy Sue Imihy Bean, MN Chapter of the American Planning Association
Craig Johnson, League of MN Cities
Jack Perry, Environmental Lawyer
Jayda Pounds, North MPLS Resident and Environment Advocate
Becca Aarons, MPLS Resident and Environment Advocate
Kennedy Pounds, North MPLS Resident and Environment Advocate
Tim Keane, Land Use Attorney and Minneapolis, Resident
David Hartwell, Environmental Activist and Minneapolis Resident

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 4183, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 3480: Senator Kunesch: White Earth State Forest land transfer to the White Earth Band of Minnesota Chippewa Tribe requirement; tax-forfeited land disposition modification; White Earth State Forest Elimination.

Senator Kunesch offers the A-1 Author's Amendment, was pass by voice note,
Senator Green moved to recommend that the bill be re-referred to State and Local Gov.
Senator McEwen motion to be laid on the table (5-4 vote), bill was tabled

The following individuals testified on S.F.3480:

Chairman Michael Fairbanks, White Earth Band of Ojibwe
Dustin Roy, Director, White Earth Department of Natural Resources
Ray Higgins, MN Timber Producers Association
Rick Horton, MN Forest Industries
Sheriff Todd Glander, Becker County
Barry Nelson, Becker County Commissioner
Richard Varberg, Becker County Commissioner

David Geray, Mahnomen County Commissioner
Craig Hall, Becker County Businessman
Dave Vipond, Mahnomen County Farmer
Bruce Cox, Clearwater County Land Commissioner
Mark Titera, Clearwater County Commissioner
Greg Sherzer, Long Lost Lake Township Chair
Peter Eckhoff, Concerned Citizen
Leanna Goose, Forest Ecology Student
Lynn Lindow, Township Supervisor, Forest Township
Erica Jepson, Becker County Commissioner

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 3480, be laid on the table. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 4142: Senator Hawj: Aquatic farm licenses, taxidermy, game and fish possession, certain water designation, and elk management provisions modifications.

Senator Hawj offers A-3 Author's Amendment, was pass by voice vote
Senator Green offers the A-4 Amendment, was not adopted by voice vote

The following individuals testified on S.F.4142:
Pat Rivers, Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife, DNR
Tyler Winter, Native Fish for Tomorrow, Izaak Walton League of American-MN Division
Bruce Kleven, MN State Cattleman's Association
Kaitlyn Root, Executive Director, MN State Cattleman's Association

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 4142, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government and Veterans Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 4277: Senator Jasinski: French Lake water quality grant availability extension provision.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4277:
Had no testifiers

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 4277, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 3751: Senator Hauschild: International Wolf Center of Ely appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3751:
Grant Spieklmeier, Executive Director, International Wolf Center of Ely
Mayor of Heidi Omerza, City of Ely

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 3751, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 3887: Senator Hawj: Minnesota Aquatic Invasive Species Research Center previous appropriation for a grant terms modification.

Senator Hawj offers the A1 amendment, Senator Hawj moves to adopt amendment, pass by voice vote.

Senator Morrison moved that S.F. 3887, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:12pm

Senator Foug Hawj, Chair

Maikao Vue, Legislative Assistant