

# Minnesota State Senate

Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee  
Tuesday, March 26, 2024  
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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## Minutes

**Present:** Senator Fount Hawj - Chair, Senator Jennifer A. McEwen Vice Chair, Senator Justin D. Eichorn, Senator Steve Green, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator John A. Hoffman, Senator Mary K. Kunesch, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

**Absent:** Senator Kelly L. Morrison

Senator Fount Hawj called the meeting to order at 3:10pm. Quorum present. Senators McEwen, Hauschild, Lang and Wesenberg joined via Virtual. Senator Kunesch has gavel at 3:49pm, Senator Hawj has gavel back at 3:54.

### Call To Order

**S.F. 3444:** Senator Gustafson: Nonlethal beaver management grant program establishment and appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3444:  
Mark Herwig, Citizen, Conservationist (REMOTE)  
Pat Rivers, Deputy Director, DNR Fish and Wildlife  
Graham Berg-Moberg, Staff Attorney, MN Association of Townships (MAT)

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 3444, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 3527:** Senator Gustafson: Manure management grants appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3527:  
Carly Griffith, MN Center for Environmental Advocacy  
John Lenczewski, MN Trout Unlimited  
Justin Hanson, BWSR, Director

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 3527, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 4850:** Senator Morrison: State agency salt purchases report and reduction goal requirement.

Senator Hawj presenting as co-author of the bill in Senator Morrison's absence

No Testifiers

Senator Kunesch moved that S.F. 4850, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**S.F. 3869:** Senator Eichorn: Installation of permeable synthetic turf added to best management practices to control stormwater runoff provision.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3869:  
Troy Johnson, VP, ForeverLawn  
Tom Johnson, MPCA

Avonna Starck, State Director, Clean Water Action (REMOTE)  
Becky Wardell Gaertner, Coalition for Plastic Reduction

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 3869, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill.

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:18pm.**

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**Senator Foung Hawj, Chair**

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**Maikao Vue, Legislative Assistant**