

Minnesota State Senate

Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee
Tuesday, April 9, 2024
15 Minutes After Session, 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 John A. Hoffman, Senator Mary K. Kunesch, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Kelly L. Morrison, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator FOUNG Hawj called the meeting to order at 3:05pm. Quorum present. Senator McEwen has gavel at 4:44pm.

Call To Order

Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Supplemental Budget Presentation

Discussion only.

Pollution Control Agency (PCA) Supplemental Budget Presentation

Discussion only.

S.F. 4944: Senator Gustafson: Management of wasted food provision.

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

The following individuals testified on S.F.4944:
Andrea Lovoll, MN Environmental Justice Table
Kirk Koudelka, Assistant Commissioner, MPCA
Steven Jorissen, Northeast Metro Climate Action
Jill Sims, Hospitality Minnesota
Bruce Nustad, MN Retailers Association
Jamie Pfuhl, MN Grocers Association
Bill Foussard, White Bear Country Inn

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 4944, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 4969: Senator McEwen: Lawn and snow removal equipment electrification grant program establishment and appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4969:
Brenda Cassellius, Executive Director, Fresh Energy
Metric Giles, Executive Director, Community Stabilization Project

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 4969, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 5258: Senator McEwen: Grant program establishment for pilot projects to encourage and increase composting in multifamily buildings.

The following individuals testified on S.F.5258:

Krystle D'Alencar, Minnesota Environmental Justice Table

Lucy Mullany, Director of Public Advocacy, Eureka Recycling

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 5258, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 4534: Senator Wesenberg: Eagles and Loons impact study requirement.

Senator Wesenberg offers an oral amendment, Senator Hawj moves to adopt the oral amendment, pass by voice vote.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4534:

Katie Smith, Director, Ecological and Water Resources, DNR

Dr. Dale Gentry, Audubon Conservation Manager (REMOTE)

S.F. 3347: Senator Hauschild: Creating Outdoor School for All grant program and appropriations.

Senator Hauschild moves the A-1 Author's Amendment, passed by voice vote

The following individuals testified on S.F.3347:

Peter Smerud, Executive Director, Wolf Ridge Environmental Learning Center

Sandy Timmerman, Outdoor School Coordinator, Prior Lake Savage Schools

Michael Rapatz, Former School Teacher, Hastings Middle School

Colleen Foehrenbacher, Ex. Dir., Eagle Bluff Environmental Learning Center

Jessica Prenzlów-Morgan, 6th grade Teacher, Harambee Elementary School

S.F. 4897: Senator Hawj: Fur farm provisions modifications and appropriation.

Senator Hawj offers the DE-A1- author's amendment, Senator Hawj moves to adopt the amendment, passed by voice vote.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4897:

AJ Duerr, MN Pork Producers

Pat Rivers, Deputy Director, Fish and Wildlife, DNR

The meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm

Senator Fong Hawj, Chair

Maikao Vue, Legislative Assistant