

Minnesota State Senate

Transportation Committee
Wednesday, March 13, 2024
3:00 PM, 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator D. Scott Dibble - Chair, Senator Kelly L. Morrison Vice Chair, Senator Liz Boldon, Senator Jim Carlson, Senator Julia E. Coleman, Senator FOUNG Hawj, Senator Jeff R. Howe, Senator John R. Jasinski, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Jennifer A. McEwen

Absent: No Members Absent

Chair D. Scott Dibble called the meeting to order at 3:01pm. After each agenda item, time was allotted for discussion and amendments by the committee.

S.F. 4169: Senator Rasmusson: 180-hour training requirement for postsecondary institutions offering commercial motor vehicle instruction elimination.

Senator Jordan Rasmusson presented S.F. 4169 - 180-hour training requirement for postsecondary institutions offering commercial motor vehicle instruction elimination.

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Craig Beytien, MN State University
- John Hausladen, MN Trucking Assoc.

Senator Rasmusson offered the A1 amendment. Senator John R. Jasinski moved the A1 amendment. The motion prevailed via voice vote and the A1 amendment was adopted.

S.F. 4169 was laid over as amended.

S.F. 4072: Senator McEwen: Yardmasters hours of service required limitations establishment.

Senator Jennifer A. McEwen presented S.F. 4072 - Yardmasters hours of service required limitations establishment.

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Nicholas Katich, SMART
- Amber Backhaus, MN Regional Railroads Assoc.
- Travis Owsley, BNSF Railroad

S.F. 4072 was laid over.

S.F. 3639: Senator Kupec: Hazardous railroad incident notification requirements modification.

Senator Robert J. Kupec presented S.F. 3639 - Hazardous railroad incident notification requirements modification.

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- T. John Cunningham, MN Dept of Public Safety Assist. Commissioner

S.F. 3639 was laid over.

S.F. 3943: Senator Kupec: Wayside detector systems requirement establishment.

Senator Kupec presented S.F. 3943 - Wayside detector systems requirement establishment.

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Nicholas Katich, SMART
- Joel Mueller, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen
- Amber Backhaus, MN Regional Railroads Assoc.
- Mark Wagner, TC & Western Railroad
- Jason Taullie, Union Pacific Railroad
- Travis Owsley, BNSF Railroad
- Solange De Blois, CPKC Railroad

Senator Kupec offered the A1 amendment. Senator McEwen moved the A1 amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the amendment was adopted.

S.F. 3943 was laid over.

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

Senator Bill Weber presented S.F. 1155 - Credit provision for railroad reconstruction or replacement expenditures.

Senator John R. Jasinski moved that S.F. 1155 pass and be referred to the Taxes committee. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed.

S.F. 3857: Senator Howe: Clearance requirements clarification for certain carriers.

Senator Jeff R. Howe presented S.F. 3857 - Clearance requirements clarification for certain carriers

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Clark Meyer, Road to Rail/Ellis&Eastern Railroad

Senator Howe moved the A2 amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the amendment was adopted.

Senator Howe moved the A4 amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the amendment was adopted.

S.F. 3857 was laid over, as amended.

S.F. 3813: Senator Drazkowski: Diving rules for implements of husbandry modification.

Senator Steve Drazkowski presented S.F. 3813 - Driving rules for implements of husbandry modification

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Jon Huneke, Goodhue County Sheriff Chief Deputy
- Ryan Buck

Senator Drazkowski offered the A1 amendment. Senator Jasinski moved the A1 amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the amendment was adopted.

S.F. 3813 was laid over, as amended.

S.F. 843: Senator Lucero: Sewage septic tank trucks providing emergency pumping services exemption from certain vehicle weight limitations.

Senator Eric Lucero presented S.F. 843 – Sewage septic tank trucks providing emergency pumping services exemption from certain vehicle weight limitations

Senator Lucero offered the A5 amendment. Senator Jasinski moved the A5 amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the amendment was adopted.

S.F. 843 was laid over, as amended.

S.F. 4162: Senator Kupec: Motor carriers of railroad employees insurance coverage increase requirements and civil penalties created.

Senator Kupec presented S.F. 4162 - Motor carriers of railroad employees insurance coverage increase requirements and civil penalties created

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Nicholas Katich, SMART
- Amber Backhaus, MN Regional Railroads Assoc.

Senator McEwen moved that S.F. 4162 pass and be referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection. Via voice vote the motion prevailed.

S.F. 4161: Senator Kupec: Maximum train length establishment and penalties provision.

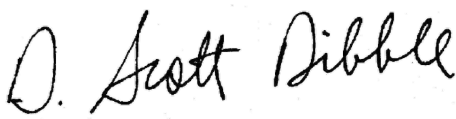
Senator Kupec presented S.F. 4161 - Maximum train length establishment and penalties provision

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Joel Mueller, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen
- Amber Backhaus, MN Regional Railroads Assoc.
- Jason Taullie, Union Pacific Railroad
- Travis Owsley, BNSF Railroad
- Larry Lloyd, CPKC Railroad

Vice Chair Kelly L. Morrison moved that S.F. 4161 pass and be referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Chair Dibble adjourned the meeting at 5:08pm.



Senator D. Scott Dibble, Chair



Alex Will, Legislative Assistant