

Taxes Committee  
Wednesday, March 6, 2024  
8:30 AM, Room G-15, Capitol

## Minutes

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**Present:** Senator Ann H. Rest - Chair, Senator Matt D. Klein - Vice Chair, Senator D. Scott Dibble, Senator Steve Drazkowski, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator Jeremy R. Miller, Senator Carla J. Nelson, Senator Aric Putnam, Senator Bill Weber

**Excused:** Senator Kari Dziedzic

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Senator Ann H. Rest called the meeting to order at 8:39am.

Approval of the minutes from 3/5/24

Minutes from March 5, 2024, were approved as presented.

**S.F. 4247:** Senator Hauschild: Local government aid and county program aid annual inflation and population adjustments to appropriations provisions.

**Testifiers:**

Jason Sjobolom, Koochiching County Commissioner and Board Chair  
Annie Harala, St. Louis County Commissioner  
Bradley Peterson, Coalition of Greater Minnesota Cities  
Nathan Jesson, League of Minnesota Cities

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 4247 be laid over.

**S.F. 3757:** Senator Hauschild: Town aid amount increase and town aid calculation modification provisions.

**Testifiers:**

Gary Budof, President, Minnesota Association of Townships  
Daniel Gilbert, Township Supervisor, Harris Township

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 3757 be laid over.

**S.F. 4422:** Senator Hauschild: Soil and water conservation district aid appropriation increase provision.

**Testifiers:**

Shelia Vanney, Assistant Director, MN Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 4422 be laid over.

**S.F. 3886:** Senator Hauschild: Onetime aid program for certain licensed ambulance services establishment and appropriation.

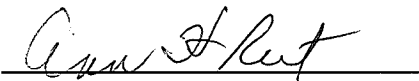
**Testifiers:**

Melanie Olmstead – EMS Director, Hoyt Lakes Fire and Ambulance  
Dena Suikonen – EMS Director, Tower Ambulance  
David Setterberg – Mayor of Tower  
Erik Jankila – Fire Chief, City of Hibbing  
Pete Hyduke – Mayor, City of Hibbing  
Heidi Omerza – Mayor, City of Ely  
Larry Cuffe – Mayor, City of Virginia  
Paul Peltier – Executive Director, RAMS  
Tony Chladek – City Administrator, City of Rushford  
Kevin Lee – North Memorial Hospital  
Michael Juntunen – In-coming President, MN Ambulance Association

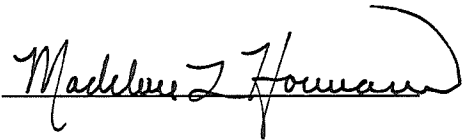
Senator Rest moved that S.F. 3886 be laid over.

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:45am.

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Senator Ann H. Rest, Chair

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Maddie Hormann, Legislative Assistant