

Taxes Committee
Wednesday, April 3rd, 2024
08:30 AM, G-15 Capitol

Minutes

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

Excused: Senator Kari Dziedzic

Senator Ann H. Rest called the meeting to order at 8:31am.

Approval of the minutes from 3/26/24.

The minutes from March 26, 2024, were approved as presented.

S.F. 3475: Senator Kunesh: Columbia Heights refundable tax exemption for construction materials establishment.

Testifier:

Kevin Hansen, City Manager, Columbia Heights

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 3475 be laid over.

S.F. 3470: Senator Kunesh: Spring Lake Park city hall facility construction materials tax exemption provision and appropriation.

Testifier:

Dan Buchholtz, City Manager, Spring Lake Park

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 3470 be laid over.

S.F. 3392: Senator Dahms: Canby Independent School District refundable exemption provision for construction materials for certain projects.

Testifier:

Chad Anderson, Superintendent, Tracy Public Schools

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 3392 be laid over.

S.F. 4978: Senator Draheim: Le Sueur-Henderson School District sales and use tax on construction materials refundable exemption authorization.

Testifier:

Jim Wagner, Superintendent, Le Sueur-Henderson School District

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 4978 be laid over.

S.F. 4977: Senator Draheim: St. Clair School District refundable exemption for sales and use taxes on construction materials authorization.

Testifier:

Tim Collins, Superintendent, St. Clair School District

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 4977 be laid over.

S.F. 4350: Senator Green: Cass Lake-Bena Independent School District refundable exemption provision for construction materials for certain projects.

Senator Hauschild moved the A-1 Amendment. The motion prevailed and the A-1 amendment was adopted.

Testifier:

Sue Chase, Superintendent, Cass Lake-Bena School District

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 4350, as amended, be laid over.

S.F. 3618: Senator Gruenhagen: Watertown construction materials refundable tax exemption provision.

Senator Weber moved the A-1 amendment. The motion prevailed and the A-1 amendment was adopted.

Testifier:

Michael Walters, Mayor, Watertown

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 3618, as amended, be laid over.

S.F. 3170: Senator Nelson: Rochester exemption provision for construction materials for a sports and recreation complex.

Senator Nelson moved the A-1 amendment. The motion prevailed and the A-1 amendment was adopted.

Testifier:

Shaun Palmer, City Councilmember, Rochester

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 3170, as amended, be laid over.

S.F. 3752: Senator Hauschild: Lake Superior School District construction project sales and use tax exemption provision and appropriation.

Testifier:

Tanner Spawn, Business Manager, Lake Superior School District

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 3752 be laid over.

S.F. 4868: Senator Hauschild: St. Louis County housing development projects sales and use tax exemption for certain construction materials.

Senator Hauschild moved the A-5 amendment. The motion prevailed and the A-5 amendment was adopted.

Testifier:

Annie Harala, Commissioner, St. Louis County

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 4868, as amended, be laid over.

S.F. 1289: Senator Hauschild: Property tax exemption modification for certain airport property.

Senator Hauschild moved the A-1 amendment. The motion prevailed and the A-1 amendment was adopted.

Testifiers:

Dante Tomassoni, Director of Corporate Affairs, Cirrus Aircraft
Tom Werner, Executive Director, Duluth International Airport

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 1289, as amended, be laid over.

S.F. 2365: Senator Hauschild: Graduates of aerospace and aviation-related educational programs and employers of program graduates income tax credit authorization.

Senator Hauschild moved the A-2 amendment. The motion prevailed and the A-2 amendment was adopted.

Testifiers:

Vance Oakstadd, Director of Talent Acquisition, Cirrus Aircraft
Rachel Johnson, President, Area Partnership for Economic Development

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 2365, as amended, be laid over.

S.F. 4918: Senator Putnam: City of St. Cloud refundable sales and use tax exemption for construction projects in a redevelopment district provision and appropriation.

Senator Putman moved the A-2 amendment. The motion prevailed and the A-2 amendment was adopted.

Testifier:

Dave Kleis, Mayor, St. Cloud

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 4918, as amended, be laid over.

S.F. 4803: Senator Weber: Various independent school district construction projects sales and use tax exemption provision and appropriation.

Senator Weber moved the A-5 amendment.

Senator Weber moved an oral amendment to the A-5 amendment: line 1.12: delete "September" and insert "January" and delete "2025" and insert "2026". The motion prevailed and the A-5 amendment, as amended, was adopted.

Testifier:

Todd Holthaus, Superintendent, Hills-Beaver Creek Schools

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 4803, as amended, be laid over.

S.F. 3228: Senator Mathews: Becker Public School District refundable construction exemption provision.

Sen. Klein moved an oral amendment: on lines 1.14 and 1.22: delete "2025" and insert "2026" and on line 1.18: delete "2023" and insert "2024". The motion prevailed and the oral amendment was adopted.

Testifier:

Jeremy Schmidt, Superintendent, Becker School District

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 3228, as amended, be laid over.

The gavel was transferred to Senator Klein.

S.F. 4591: Senator Port: Construction material used in the city of Burnsville refundable sales and use tax exemption authorization.

Senator Rest presented the bill for Senator Port.


Senator Rest moved the A-1 amendment. The motion prevailed and the A-1 amendment was adopted.

Testifier:

Elizabeth Kautz, Mayor, Burnsville

Senator Klein moved that S.F. 4591, as amended, be laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:54am.



Senator Ann H. Rest, Chair



Mitch Berggren, Committee Administrator