

Taxes Committee
Thursday, April 25th, 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 8:38 a.m.

Approval of the minutes from 4/18/24.

The minutes were approved as presented.

S.F. 5252: Senator Kunesch: Supplemental funding provision for prekindergarten through grade 12 education.

Testifiers:

Jenna Hoffer, SCRFA
Bjorn Arneson, SCRFA

Senator Matt D. Klein moved that S.F. 5252 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance. **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 5461: Senator Rarick: Fire protection and emergency medical services special taxing districts local aid program establishment and appropriation.

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

Testifiers:

Jesse Buhs, Fire Chief, Cloquet Area Fire District
Scott Vadnais, Minnesota Professional Firefighters

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 5461, as amended, be laid over.

S.F. 5139: Senator Kreun: Distribution of the state general levy provision to certain municipalities.

Testifiers:

Jesse Preiner, Mayor, City of Columbus
Janet Hegland, Council member, City of Columbus
Roz Peterson, Public Policy Director, NAIOP

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 5139 be laid over.

S.F. 3976: Senator Hauschild: Political subdivisions authority to impose and collect local lodging taxes provision.

Testifiers:

Joel Carlson, Legal Research, Government Affairs
Nathan Jesson, League of Minnesota Cities
Kaleb McCulloch, Government Relations Manager, Hospitality MN
Tim Zunker, Discover Shakopee Chamber of Commerce

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 3976 be laid over.

S.F. 4995: Senator Hauschild: School district seasonal tax base replacement aid establishment.

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

Testifiers:
Paul Peltier, Executive Director, Range Association of Municipalities and Schools
Aaron Riehle, 6th Grade Language Arts Teacher, Grand Rapids Area Schools

Senator Rest moved that S.F. 4995, as amended, be laid over.

S.F. 5444: Senator Rest: Moist snuff and tobacco products definition modification.

The gavel was passed to Senator Klein.

Testifier:
Ward Einess, Altria

Senator Klein moved that S.F. 5444 be laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a.m.

Senator Ann H. Rest, Chair

Mitch Berggren, Committee Administrator