

Minnesota State Senate

Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee
Tuesday, February 11, 2025
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Founj Hawj - **Chair**, Senator Jennifer A. McEwen - **Vice Chair**, Senator Justin D. Eichorn - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Steve Green, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator John A. Hoffman, Senator Ann M. Johnson Stewart, Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Founj Hawj called the meeting to order at 3:05pm. Senator Johnson Stewart joined by Remote.

Call To Order

Minnesota Public Television Association Annual Report

The following individuals testified on Minnesota Public Television Association Annual Report:
Les Heen, MN Public Television Association
Patty Mester, President MN Public Television Assoc

Senator Hawj moved that Minnesota Public Television Association Annual Report, discussion only.

S.F. 453: Senator Dibble: Bakken Museum appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.0861:
Stu Silberman, The Bakken Museum
Annika Taylor, The Bakken Museum

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 453, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 861: Senator Frentz: County fairs appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.0861:
Andrew Duerr, MN Federation of County Fairs
Don Merkens, President, MN Federation of County Fairs - Remote
Hunter Pederson, Public Policy Specialist, MN Farm Bureau

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 861, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 374: Senator Xiong: History Theater appropriation to perform a play.

The following individuals testified on S.F.0374:
Rob Thomas, Development Director, History Theater

Karen Miller, Managing Director, MN History Theater

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 374, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 1039: Senator Hauschild: Parks and trails fund appropriation.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1039:

Renee Mattson, Executive Director, Greater MN Parks and Trails Commission

Gina Hugo, Sherborn County Parks Coordinator, Greater MN Parks and Trails, Chair

John Waters, DNR

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 1039, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:17PM



Senator Fong Hawj, Chair



Maikao Vue, Legislative Assistant