

# Minnesota State Senate

Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee  
Thursday, March 6, 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 3:06pm. Quorum present. Senator Hauschild joined by remote.

### Call To Order

**S.F. 1690: Senator Kupec: Stewardship program establishment for circuit boards, batteries, and electrical products.**

Senator Kupec offers the A-2 amendment, was passed by voice vote 5-4.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1690:

- a. Maria Jensen, Recycling Electronics for Climate Action
- b. Kirk Koudelka, Assistant Commissioner, MPCA
- c. Commissioner Debbie Goettel, Hennepin County (REMOTE)
- d. Commissioner John Johnson, Itasca County
- e. Aaron Klemz, MCEA
- f. Lucy Mullany, Director of Policy & Advocacy, Eureka Recycling
- g. Avonna Stark, State Director, Clean Water Action
- h. Katie Reilly, Vice President, Environmental Affairs and Industry Sustainability, Consumer Technology Association (CTA)
- i. Tim Dunn, Director of Sustainability, Best Buy
- j. Bruce Nustad, President, Minnesota Retailers
- k. Andrew Morley, Environmental Policy Director, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- l. Mark Ourada, National Electrical Manufactures Association
- m. George Kerchner, Executive Director, PRBA - The Rechargeable Battery Association (REMOTE)
- n. Susan Bernard, Battery Council International (REMOTE)
- o. Jacob Cassady; Director, Government Relations; Association of Home Appliance Manufacturers (REMOTE)
- p. Ashley Seaward, Manager of State Policy & Government Relations, Redwood Materials, Inc. (REMOTE)
- q. Tammy Walhoff, Lutheran Adovacy

Senator Kunesh moved that S.F. 1690, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government Committee. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

**S.F. 1346: Senator Boldon: Brady Aune and Joseph Anderson Safety Act.**

Senator McEwen offers the A-15 amendment. Adopted by voice vote

Senator Wesenberg offers the A-16 amendment. Adopted by voice vote  
Senator McEwen offers the A-10 amendment. Withdrawal

The following individuals testified on S.F.1346:

Dina Aune, Mother of Brady Aune

Bill Aune, Father of Brady Aune

Laurie Anderson, Mother of Joe Anderson

David Anderson, Father of Joe Anderson (REMOTE)

John Waters, Government Relations Unit Supervisor, MN Department of Natural Resources

Senator McEwen moved that S.F. 1346, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

**S.F. 1751: Senator Johnson Stewart: Recommendations of Aggregate Resources Task Force implementation.**

Not heard.

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**The meeting was adjourned at 5pm**



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**Senator Fong Hawj, Chair**



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**Maikao Vue, Legislative Assistant**