

# Minnesota State Senate

Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee  
Tuesday, April 8, 2025  
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

## Minutes

**Present:** Senator FOUNG Hawj - **Chair**, Senator Jennifer A. McEwen - **Vice Chair**, Senator Steve Green - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Steve Drazkowski, 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 FOUNG Hawj called the meeting to order at 3:07pm. A quorum is present.

### Call To Order

**S.F. 2077: Senator Hawj: Environment and natural resources appropriations and provisions modifications.**

Senator Hawj offers the A-4 amendment. Passed by voice vote.

The following individuals testified on S.F.2077:

- a. Sarah Strommen, Commissioner, DNR
- b. MPCA Commissioner Katrina Kessler
- c. John Jaschke, Director, BWSR
- d. LisaBeth Barajas - Executive Director of Community Development at the Metropolitan Council
- e. John Frawley, Minnesota Zoo Director
- f. Jesse McArdell, Senior Manager - Midwest Government Relations, National Marine Manufacturers Association (NMMA)
- g. Jessica Intermill, Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light
- h. Jeff Forester, Executive Director, MN Lakes and Rivers
- i. JR Burke, Director, Government Relations & Legal - On-Road
- j. Andrew Morley, MN Chamber of Commerce
- k. Evan Mulholland, MCEA
- l. Jeff Anderson, ATV Minnesota
- m. Kyle Makarios, MN Building & Construction Trades; Recreational Off-Highway Vehicle Association
- n. Leanna Goose, Rise and Repair Alliance
- o. Don Pietrick, Cook County resident near the CJ Ramstad Trail
- p. Veda Kanitz, DFL Environmental Caucus
- q. Michael Lane, Indigenous Environmental Network (REMOTE)
- r. Gina Peltier
- s. Nick Amunrud
- t. David Johnson
- u. Robert Justen

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 2077, be laid on the table. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

**S.F. 1393: Senator Mathews: Data center energy generation redundancy establishment.**

Senator McEwen offers the A-8 amendment. Division vote, 4yay/6/nay, does not pass.

The following individuals testified on S.F.1393:

- a. Patty O'Keefe, Midwest Regional Director, Vote Solar
- b. Avonna Stark, State Director, Clean Water Action
- c. Aaron Klemz, MCEA
- d. Sarah Mooradian, CURE, Government Relations & Policy Director
- e. Peter Wagenius, Legislative Director, Sierra Club North Star Chapter
- f. Rick Hendersen, Becker City Council Member (REMOTE)

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. 1393, as amended, be laid over.

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**The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm**



**Senator Fong Hawj, Chair**



**Maikao Vue, Legislative Assistant**