

Minnesota State Senate

Transportation Committee
Wednesday, April 2, 2025
3:00 PM, 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Jim Carlson, Senator D. Scott Dibble, Senator Robert D. Farnsworth, Senator FOUNG Hawj, Senator Jeff R. Howe, Senator John R. Jasinski, Senator Ann M. Johnson Stewart, Senator Andrew R. Lang, Senator Jennifer A. McEwen, Senator Carla J. Nelson, Senator Susan Pha

Absent: No Members Absent

Chair D. Scott Dibble called the meeting to order at 3:09pm. After every agenda item, time was allowed for committee discussion, questions, and potential amendments if applicable.

S.F. 3101: Senator McEwen: Reintegration driver's license requirements modification.

Senator Jen McEwen presented SF 3101 - Reintegration driver's license requirements modification

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Anna Odegaard, Fines and Fees Justice Center
- Erin Palmer, Bro Bono Institute / Collaborative Justice Project (REMOTE)
- Carrie Warren, Reintegration Driver's License Program Participant

SF3101 was laid over.

S.F. 817: Senator Fateh: Highway project development and highway purposes requirements modifications.

Senator Omar Fateh presented SF 817 - Highway project development and highway purposes requirements modifications

Senator Fateh offered the A1 amendment. Senator Pha moved the A1 amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the amendment was adopted.

Senator Pha continued the presentation on Senator Fateh's behalf

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Nancy Daubenberger, MnDOT Commissioner
- April Graves, Brooklyn Center Mayor
- Jim Erkel, Alliance for Metropolitan Stability
- Joe Harrington, OurStreets
- Nahid Kahn, Brooklyn Center Resident
- Nura Muhammad, Osseo High School Student
- Michael Wojcik, BikeMN Executive Director
- Greg Pratt, University of Minnesota School of Public Health

Senator Pha moved that SF 817 pass without recommendation and be referred to the committee on state and local government.

Senator John R. Jasinski requested a roll call on SF 817's final passage. A roll call was granted.

- Yes: Dibble, Johnson Stewart, Carlson, Hawj, McEwen, Pha
- No: Jasinski, Farnsworth, Howe, Lang, Nelson

With six 'yes' votes and five 'no' votes, the motion prevailed.

S.F. 1972: Senator Fateh: Permissible uses of certain highway funds specification.

On behalf of Senator Fateh, Senator Pha presented SF 1972 - Permissible uses of certain highway funds specification

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Peter Wagenius, Sierra Club North Star Chapter
- Michael Wojcik, BikeMN Executive Director

SF1972 was laid over.

S.F. 2886: Senator Johnson Stewart: Metropolitan Council transportation services financial reporting requirements consolidation and modification.

Vice Chair Ann M. Johnson Stewart presented SF 2886 - Metropolitan Council transportation services financial reporting requirements consolidation and modification

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Ned Smith, Met Council Chief Financial Officer
- Judd Schetnan, Met Council Government Affairs Director

SF 2886 was laid over.

S.F. 1872: Senator Jasinski: Department of Transportation efficiency requirements provisions modifications.

Senator John R. Jasinski presented SF 1872 - Department of Transportation efficiency requirements provisions modifications

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Josh Knatterud-Hubinger, MnDOT Chief Financial Officer
- Bentley Graves, MN Chamber of Commerce

SF 1872 was laid over.

S.F. 485: Senator Marty: PREVIOUSLY TABLED: New billboards statewide moratorium establishment and existing billboards nonconforming uses declaration provision.

SF485 was taken off the table, as previously amended by the A1 amendment.

Senator John R. Marty presented SF 485 - New billboards statewide moratorium establishment and existing billboards nonconforming uses declaration provision

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Andrew Carlson, MN Outdoor Advertising Association

SF 485 passed as amended and referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

S.F. 1179: Senator Jasinski: PREVIOUSLY TABLED: Fines increase for failure to provide vehicle insurance.

SF 1179 was taken from the table.

Senator Jasinski presented SF 1179 - Fines increase for failure to provide vehicle insurance

Senator Jasinski moved the A1 amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed, and the amendment was adopted

Testimony was heard from the following individuals:

- Aaron Cocking, Insurance Federation of MN
- Anna Odegaard, Fines and Fees Justice Center

SF 1179 was laid over

S.F. 2161: Senator Howe: PREVIOUSLY TABLED: Requirements modification of photographs on drivers' licenses and identification cards for certain individuals with medical devices.

SF2161 was taken off the table.

Senator Jeff R. Howe presented SF 2161 - Requirements modification of photographs on drivers' licenses and identification cards for certain individuals with medical devices

Senator Howe moved the A1 amendment. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.

Senator Howe moved that SF2161 pass and be placed on general orders. Via voice vote, the motion prevailed.

Chair Dibble adjourned the meeting at 5:10pm



Senator D. Scott Dibble, Chair



Alex Will, Legislative Assistant