

Minnesota State Senate

Jobs and Economic Development Committee
Monday, February 17, 2025
12:30 PM, 1100 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Senator Rich Draheim, Senator Heather Gustafson, Senator FOUNG Hawj, Senator Zaynab Mohamed, Senator Carla J. Nelson, Senator Susan Pha, Senator Eric R. Pratt

Absent: Senator Karin Housley

Senator Bobby Joe Champion called the meeting to order at 12:32pm

Call To Order

S.F. 1151: Senator Oumou Verbeten: FilmNorth grant appropriation

Testifier:

Robert Ndong-Lay, FilmNorth.

S.F. 1151 - Oumou Verbeten: FilmNorth program appropriation presentation begins at 12:52 PM by Senator Oumou Verbeten and ends at 12:54 PM.

S.F. 1151 - Oumou Verbeten: FilmNorth program appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Robert Ndong-Lay starting at 12:55PM and ending at 12:56PM.

Questions Begin at 12:56 PM and ends at 1:01PM

Senator Champion laid over SF 1151 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

S.F. 1278: Senator Oumou Verbeten: Ujamaa Place appropriation

Testifiers:

Michael Belton, Interim CEO, Ujamaa Place
Josh Thomas, Ujamaa Man.

S.F. 1278 - Oumou Verbeten: Ujamaa Place program appropriation presentation begins at 12:35 PM by Senator Oumou Verbeten

and ends at 12:38 PM.

S.F. 1278 - Oumou Verbeten: Ujamaa Place program appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Michael Belton starting at 12:39PM and ending at 12:41 PM.

S.F. 1278 - Oumou Verbeten: Ujamaa Place program appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Joshua Thomas starting at 12:41PM and ending at 12:43 PM.

Questions Begin at 12:43 PM and ends at 12:51PM

Senator Champion laid over SF 1278 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

S.F. 1325: Senator Kupec: Grants for dental assisting and hygiene education programs creation

Testifier:

Dan Murphy, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Dental Association.

S.F. 1325 - Kupec: Grants for dental assisting and hygiene education programs creation appropriation presentation begins at 1:02 PM by Senator Kupec and ends at 1:04 PM.

S.F. 1325 - Kupec: Grants for dental assisting and hygiene education programs creation appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Dan Murphy starting at 1:04PM and ending at 1:06PM.

Questions Begin at 1:06 PM and ends at 1:13PM

Senator Champion laid over SF 1325 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

S.F. 775: Senator Putnam: Ombudsperson for safety, health, and well-being of agricultural and food processing workers establishment

Ron Elwood, Supervising Attorney, Legal Services Advocacy.

S.F. 775 - Putnam: Grants for dental assisting and hygiene education programs creation appropriation presentation begins at 1:15PM by Senator Putnam and ends at 1:19PM.

Senator Putnam moves the A1 amendment. Senator Draheim offers the A1 amendment. The motion prevails, and the amendment is adopted.

Questions Begin at 1:22 PM and ends at 1:26PM

Senator Champion passed and re-referred SF 775 to the Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee as amended

S.F. 1335: Senator Pappas: Centers for independent living appropriation

Testifiers:

Jesse Bethke Gomez, Director, MCIL

Carol LeFleur, Former client of MCIL.

S.F. 1335 - Pappas: Centers for independent living appropriation presentation begins at 1:29 PM by Senator Pappas and ends at 1:30 PM.

S.F. 1335 - Pappas: Centers for independent living appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Jesse Bethke Gomez starting at 1:30PM and ending at 1:32PM.

S.F. 1335 - Pappas: Centers for independent living appropriation presentation continues with a testimony by Carol LeFleur starting at 1:30PM and ending at 1:32PM.

Questions Begin at 1:34 PM and ends at 1:37PM

Senator Champion laid over SF 1335 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

S.F. 1145: Senator Mohamed: GroundBreak capital access and innovation fund appropriation

Testifiers:

Adair Mosley, CEO, African American Leadership Forum

R.T. Rybak, President & CEO, Minneapolis Foundation.

S.F. 1145 - Mohamed: GroundBreak capital access and innovation fund presentation begins at 1:39PM by Senator Mohamed and ends at 1:41PM.

Senator Mohamed moves the A1 amendment. The motion prevails, and the amendment is adopted.

S.F. 1145 - Mohamed: GroundBreak capital access and innovation fund presentation continues with a testimony by Adair Mosely, starting at 1:42 PM and ending at 1:44PM.

S.F. 1145 - Mohamed: Minnesota youth program modification presentation continues with a testimony by R.T Rybak starting at 1:44PM and ending at 12:46 PM.

Questions were asked throughout the presentation starting at 1:47PM and ends at 2:00PM

Senator Champion laid over SF 1145 for possible inclusion as amended in the omnibus bill

S.F. 1187: Senator Pha: Brooklyn Park workforce development programming grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Hollies Winston, Mayor, City of Brooklyn Park

Tim Gladhill, Community Development Director/EDA Executive Director, City of Brooklyn Park

Jude Nnadi, Executive Director, Paadio Consulting and Equitable Development Action (BrookLynk Employer Partner).

S.F. 1187 - Pha: Brooklyn Park workforce development programming grant presentation begins at 2:03 PM by Senator Pha and ends at 2:06 PM.

S.F. 1187 - Pha: Brooklyn Park workforce development programming grant presentation continues with a testimony by Mayor Hollies Winston starting at 2:06 PM and ending at 2:08 PM.

S.F. 1187 - Pha: Brooklyn Park workforce development programming grant presentation continues with a testimony Tim Gladhill starting at 2:08 PM and ending at 2:10 PM.

S.F. 1187 - Pha: Brooklyn Park workforce development programming grant presentation continues with a testimony Jude Nnadi starting at 2:10 PM and ending at 2:12 PM.

Questions begin at 2:12 PM and ends at 2:14 PM

Senator Champion laid over SF 1187 for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill

S.F. 1276: Senator Pha: Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation Carts to Careers initiative grant appropriation

Testifiers:

Steve Barthel, Director of Government Relations, MGA

Kendra Nathe, Assistant Manager/Grocery Manager, Teal's Market.

S.F. 1276 - Pha: Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation Carts to Careers initiative grant presentation begins at 2:15 PM by Senator Pha and ends at 2:16 PM.

Senator Mohamed moves the A1 amendment. The motion prevails, and the amendment is adopted.

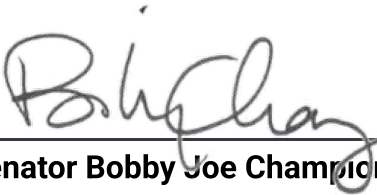
S.F. 1276 - Pha: Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation Carts to Careers initiative grant presentation continues with a testimony by Steve Barthel at 2:20 PM and ending at 2:22 PM.

S.F. 1276 - Pha: Minnesota Grocers Association Foundation Carts to Careers initiative grant presentation continues with a testimony Kendra Nathe starting at 2:22 PM and ending at 2:23 PM.

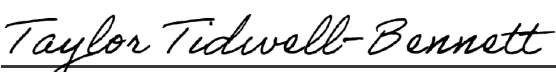
Questions begin at 2:23 PM and ends at 2:26 PM

Senator Champion laid over SF 1187 for possible inclusion as amended in the omnibus bill

The meeting was adjourned at 2:28



Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Chair



Taylor Tidwell-Bennett, Legislative Assistant