

Taxes Committee  
Thursday, February 20, 2025  
09:00 AM, G-15 Capitol

**Minutes**

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**Present:** Senator Ann H. Rest – Chair, Senator Matt D. Klein - Vice Chair, Senator Bill Weber, Senator D. Scott Dibble, Senator Steve Drazkowski, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator Jeremy R. Miller, Senator Carla J. Nelson, Senator Aric Putnam

**Absent:** None

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Senator Ann H. Rest called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

A quorum is present

Adoption of the minutes from 2/19/25

The minutes from February 19, 2025, were approved as presented

**S.F. 13: Senator Mitchell – Woodbury refundable exemption provision for construction materials for certain projects**

**Testifier:**

Mary Van Milligen – Public Works Director, Woodbury

Senator Rest laid over S.F. 13

**S.F. 945: Senator Dahms – Redwood Independent School District refundable exemption for construction materials provision for certain projects**

**Testifiers:**

Becky Cselovski – Superintendent, Redwood Area School District

Tom Anderson – Finance Director, Redwood Area School District

Senator Rest laid over S.F. 945

**S.F. 67: Senator Mathews – City of Becker refundable exemption for certain construction materials provision and appropriation**

**Testifier:**

Matt Kolbinger – Mayor, Becker

Senator Rest laid over S.F. 67

**S.F. 69: Senator Mathews – Big Lake Public School District refundable construction exemption provision and appropriation**

**Testifier:**

Tim Truebenbach – Superintendent, Big Lake School District

Senator Rest laid over S.F. 69

**S.F. 70: Senator Mathews – Becker Public School District refundable construction exemption provision and appropriation**

Senator Weber moved the A-1 amendment. The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.

**Testifier:**

Jeremy Schmidt – Superintendent, Becker Public Schools

**Senator Rest laid over S.F. 70 as amended**

**S.F. 220: Senator Draheim – Fairmont sales and use tax exemption for construction materials**

**Senator Miller moved the A-1 amendment. The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.**

**Testifier:**

Matthew York – Director of Public Works, Fairmont

**Senator Rest laid over S.F. 220 as amended**

**S.F. 957: Senator Wesenberg – Benton County government center refundable exemption for certain construction materials provision**

**Testifier:**

Montgomery Headley – Benton County Administrator

**Senator Rest laid over S.F. 957**

**S.F. 1155: Senator Anderson – City of Delano construction materials for an ice rink refundable tax exemption provision and appropriation**

**Testifier:**

Phil Kern – City Administrator, Delano

**S.F. 10: Senator Nelson – Rochester refundable exemption provision for construction materials for a regional exhibition center**

**Senator Nelson moved the A-1 amendment. The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.**

**Testifiers:**

Randy Schubring – City Council President, Rochester

Aaron Luckstein – Deputy Public Works Director, Rochester

**Senator Rest laid over S.F. 10 as amended**

**S.F. 344: Senator Coleman - Chanhassen sales and use tax exemption for construction materials authorization**

**Senator Weber moved the A-1 amendment. The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.**

**Testifier:**

Elise Ryan – Mayor, Chanhassen

**Senator Rest laid over S.F. 344 as amended**

**S.F. 782: Senator Nelson – Olmsted County refundable exemption provision for construction materials for a regional exhibition center**

**Senator Nelson moved the A-1 amendment. The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.**

**Testifiers:**

Dave Senjem – Olmsted County Commissioner

Mat Miller – Facilities and Building Operations Director, Olmsted County

**Senator Rest laid over S.F. 782 as amended**



**S.F. 1077: Senator Putnam – Refundable exemption for certain materials and equipment used in construction of the Stearns County Justice Center**

**Senator Putnam moved the A-2 amendment. The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.**

**Testifiers:**

Jeff Bertram – County Board Chair, Stearns County  
Randy Schreifels – Auditor/Treasurer, Stearns County

**Senator Rest laid over S.F. 1077 as amended**

**S.F. 1089: Senator Hauschild – Appropriation increase for soil and water conservation district aid**

**Senator Hauschild moved the A-2 amendment. The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.**

**Testifier:**

Sheila Vanney – Assistant Director, MASWCD

**Senator Rest laid over S.F. 1089 as amended**

**The gavel was transferred to Senator Klein**

**S.F. 1184: Senator Rest – MSP renovation refundable tax exemption provision for construction materials**

**Senator Rest moved the A-1 amendment. The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.**

**Testifier:**

Mitch Kilian – VP of Government Affairs, Metropolitan Airports Commission

**Senator Klein laid over S.F. 1184 as amended**

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:30 a.m.



Senator Ann H. Rest, Chair



Kevin Montresor, Legislative Assistant