

JUDICIARY FINANCE AND CIVIL LAW MINUTES

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law, called the virtual meeting to order at 8:30 AM on February 1, 2022 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

Becker-Finn, Jamie, Chair
Moller, Kelly, Vice Chair
Scott, Peggy, Republican Lead
Feist, Sandra
Frazier, Cedrick
Her, Kaohly
Hollins, Athena
Johnson, Brian
Liebling, Tina
Long, Jamie
Mortensen, Erik
Novotny, Paul
Pfarr, Brian
Robbins, Kristin
Vang, Samantha
Xiong, Tou

Members absent:

Grossell, Matt

A quorum was present.

Representative Vang moved that the minutes of April 14, 2021 be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF 726 be recommended to be re-referred to the State Government Finance and Elections Committee.

Representative Bahner presented HF 726, a bill for an act proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article I, by adding a section; providing for gender equality under the law.

Testifying on HF 726:

- Chayo Smith, Chief of Bioenvironmental Engineering and Public Health, Department of Defense
- Erin Maye Quade, Advocacy Director, Gender Justice
- Kristy Janigo
- Luna Allen-Bakerian, Public Policy Strategist, YWCA Minneapolis
- Betty Folliard, Founder, ERA Minnesota
- Suzann Willhite, President, ERA Minnesota
- Curtis Johnson, State Director, ERA Minnesota
- Amy Caucutt, League of Women Voters Minnesota
- Ann Treacy
- Elaine Treacy
- Lilly O'Donnell
- Christy Hall, Senior Staff Attorney, Gender Justice

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 726 be recommended to be re-referred to the State Government Finance and Elections Committee.

Chair Becker-Finn requested a roll call on HF 726.

AYES

Becker-Finn
Moller
Feist
Frazier
Her
Hollins
Liebling
Long
Vang
Xiong

NAYS

Scott
Johnson
Mortensen
Novotny
Pfarr
Robbins

ABSENT

Grossell

There being 10 ayes, 6 nays and 1 absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that HF 2026 be recommended to be re-referred to the State Government Finance and Elections Committee.

Chair Becker-Finn offered an oral amendment to HF 2026:

Page 2, line 18, delete “the Congress of”

Page 2, line 19, after “States” insert “Senate”

THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hornstein presented HF 2026 as amended, a bill for an act relating to ratification of the proposed Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution; memorializing Congress to remove the extra-textual time limit for ratification of the amendment by the states.

Testifying on HF 2026:

- Betty Folliard, Founder, ERA Minnesota

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 2026, as amended, be recommended to be re-referred to the State Government Finance and Elections Committee.

Chair Becker-Finn requested a roll call on HF 2026 as amended.

AYES

Becker-Finn
Moller
Feist
Frazier
Her
Hollins
Liebling
Long
Vang
Xiong

NAYS

Scott

Johnson

Mortensen

Novotny

Pfarr

Robbins

ABSENT

Grossell

There being 10 ayes, 6 nays and 1 absent, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Moran presented HF 2847, a bill for an act relating to human rights; requiring a review of Minnesota Statutes and Minnesota Rules for compliance with the Equal Rights Amendment to the United States Constitution.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:01 AM.

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair

Anna Borgerding, Committee Legislative Assistant