STATE OF MINNESOTA EIGHTEENTH MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-THIRD SESSION

**COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM on March 14, 2023 in Room 10 of the State Office Building. It was broadcast via House Public Information Services.

Members Present:

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair

O’DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead

BIERMAN, Robert

CHA, Ethan

DOTSETH, Jeff

FREIBERG, Mike

KLEVORN, Ginny

KOEGEL, Erin

KRAFT, Larry

LIEBLING, Tina

NISKA, Harry

PERRYMAN, Bernie

PFARR, Brian

TABKE, Brad

Members Excused:

DAUDT, Kurt

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

A quorum was present.

Vice Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved approval of the minutes from March 8, 2023. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1315 (Pursell); Biodegradable or compostable item labeling requirements modified.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF1315 be recommended to be referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Pursell presented HF1315.

The following testified on HF1315:

Kellie Kish, Chair, Minnesota Composting Council

Chuck Joswiak, Sales and Market Development Director, Specialized Environmental Technologies

Tony Kwilas, Director of Environmental Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce

Tom Johnson, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA)

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF1315 be recommended to be referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1176 (Reyer); Third-party payer and dental provider provisions specified.

Representative Liebling moved that HF1176 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Liebling moved the H1176A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Liebling presented HF1176 as amended.

The following testified on HF1176 as amended:

Dr. Tim Holland, President, Minnesota Dental Association

Patrick Hynes, Lobbyist, Association of Dental Support Organizations

Representative Liebling renewed the motion that HF1176, as amended, be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1532 (Reyer); Insurers prohibited from discriminating based on breed of dog owned.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF1532 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Commerce Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Representative Lee, F. presented HF1532.

The following testified on HF1532:

Shannon Glenn, Executive Director, My Pit Bull is Family

Aaron Cocking, President, Insurance Federation of Minnesota

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF1532 be laid over. The bill was laid over.

Representative Liebling assumed the gavel at 7:33 PM

HF2249 (Stephenson); Insurance; Coverage exclusions regulated.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF2249 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Commerce Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Chair Stephenson moved the H2249A23 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Stephenson presented HF2249 as amended.

The following testified on HF2249 as amended:

Courtney Godfrey

Joel Carlson, Chief Lobbyist, Minnesota Association for Justice

Jed Chronic, Legislative Chair, Minnesota Association for Justice

Aaron Cocking, President, Insurance Federation of Minnesota

Jean Sudloff, East Metro Regional Director, Big I Minnesota

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF2249, as amended, be laid over. The bill was laid over.

Chair Stephenson assumed the gavel at 7:58 PM.

HF2064 (Tabke); Telecommunications; state government pricing plans modified.

Representative Tabke moved that HF2064 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Tabke presented HF2064.

The following testified on HF2064:

Jon Kelly, Director of Government Affairs, Minnesota Department of Commerce

Representative Tabke renewed the motion that HF2064 be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1650 (Davis); Commerce; reporting dates modified.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF1650 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Davis presented HF1650.

The following testified on HF1650:

Jon Kelly, Director of Government Affairs, Minnesota Department of Commerce

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF1650 be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:04 PM.

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 Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair

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 Jack Dockendorf, Committee Legislative Assistant