

CLIMATE AND ENERGY FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES

Representative Jamie Long, Chair of the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy, called the virtual meeting to order at 10:30 AM on March 1st, 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:

Long, Jamie, Chair
Acomb, Patty, Vice Chair
Swedzinski, Chris, Republican Lead
Bierman, Robert
Boe, Greg
Christensen, Shelly
Franson, Mary
Gruenhagen, Glenn
Hollins, Athena
Hornstein, Frank
Igo, Spencer
Lee, Fue
Lippert, Todd
Lislegard, Dave
Mekeland, Shane
Munson, Jeremy
Stephenson, Zack

A quorum was present.

Representative Long handed the gavel to Representative Acomb at 10:32am.

Representative Long presented HF 3614, a bill for an act relating to utilities; increasing an acquisition cost limit requiring Public Utilities Commission approval; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216B.50, subdivision 1.

Representative Long moved that HF 3614 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Long moved the HF3614A1 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF3614:

- Rick Evans, Director of Regional Government Affairs, Xcel Energy

- Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
- Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board

Representative Long renewed motion that HF3614, as amended, be laid over

Representative Acomb handed the gavel to Representative Long at 10:45am.

Representative Stephenson presented HF3151, a bill for an act relating to public utilities; providing a procedure for the resolution of disputes between public utilities and residential customers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216B.17, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

Representative Stephenson moved the HF3151DE1 amendment, THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF3151:

- Ron Elwood, Supervising Attorney, Legal Aid
- Will Seuffert, Executive Secretary, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

Representative Stephenson moved that HF3151, as amended, be re-referred to Judiciary and Civil Law.

Representative Stephenson renewed his motion that HF3151, as amended, be re-referred to Judiciary and Civil Law.

Representative Stephenson requested a roll call on his motion that HF3151, as amended, be re-referred to Judiciary and Civil Law.

AYES:

Long
Acomb
Bierman
Boe
Christensen
Hollins
Hornstein
Lee
Lippert
Stephenson

NAYS:

Swedzinski
Franson
Gruenhagen
Igo
Mekeland

ABSTENSIONS:

Lislegard

Munson

There being 10 ayes, 5 nays, and 2 abstentions, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Long presented HF3337, a bill for an act relating to utilities; modifying submission dates for certain reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 216B.096, subdivision 11; 237.55.

Representative Long moved that HF3337 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Testifying on 3337:

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

Representative Long renewed his motion that HF3337 be laid over.

Representative Acomb presented HF3431, a bill for an act relating to climate change; appropriating money for a report on greenhouse gas emissions reductions strategies.

Representative Acomb moved that HF3431 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Testifying on HF3431:

- Tom Johnson, Government Relations Director, Pollution Control Agency
- Jamie Alexander, Director, Project Drawdown
- Chris Conry, Campaign Director, 100% campaign

Representative Acomb renewed her motion that HF3431 be laid over for possible inclusion.

Representative Boe presented HF2234, a bill for an act relating to electric vehicles; requiring installation of electric vehicle charging stations at county government centers; appropriating money.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:57 AM.

Representative Jamie Long, Chair

Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant