

**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 January 26th, 2021 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.

Vice Chair Acomb moved that the minutes of January 21, 2021, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

**HF 164 (Stephenson) Energy Conservation and Optimization Act of 2021**

Rep. Stephenson moved that HF 164 be placed on the general register.

Rep Stephenson moved the H0164A5 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 164:

- Bob Eleff, House Research

- Grace Arnold, Temporary Commissioner of Commerce
- Greg Ridderbusch, CEO of Connexus Energy
- Roger Warehime, Owatonna Public Utilities
- Tina Koecher, Minnesota Power
- Annie Levenson-Falk, Citizens Utility Board
- Mike Bull, Minnesota Center for Energy and Environment
- Dave Wager, Minnesota Propane Association

Representative Boe moved the HF0164A7 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL .  
THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF0164A1 amendment.

Representative Swedzinski requested a roll call on the HF0164A1 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski  
Boe  
Franson  
Gruenhagen  
Igo  
Mekeland  
Munson

NAYS:

Long  
Acomb  
Bierman  
Christensen  
Hollins  
Hornstein  
Lee  
Lippert  
Lislegard  
Stephenson

There being 7 ayes and 10 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.THE AMENDMENT  
WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF0164A2 amendment.

Representative Swedzinski requested a roll call on the HF0164A2 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski  
Boe  
Franson  
Gruenhagen  
Igo  
Mekeland  
Munson

NAYS:

Long,  
Acomb  
Bierman  
Christensen  
Hollins  
Hornstein  
Lee  
Lippert  
Lislegard  
Stephenson

There being 7 ayes and 10 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF0164A3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Rep. Stephenson renewed his motion that HF 164, as amended, be placed on the general register.

Rep. Stephenson requested a roll call on HF 164 as amended.

AYES:

Long  
Acomb  
Bierman  
Christensen  
Hollins  
Hornstein  
Lee  
Lippert  
Lislegard  
Stephenson

NAYS:

Swedzinski

Boe

Franson

Gruenhagen

Igo

Mekeland

Munson

There being 10 ayes and 7 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55 AM.

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Representative Jamie Long, Chair

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Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant