

Energy Finance and Policy Committee

**MINUTES**

Representative Swedzinski, Chair of the Energy Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on February 25, 2025, in Room 123 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

Representative Mekeland moved the minutes of February 20, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Chair  
MURPHY, Tom, Vice Chair  
ACOMB, Patty, Lead  
ANDERSON, Paul  
BAKER, Dave  
CARROLL, Ned  
FRAZIER, Cedrick  
HOLLINS, Athena  
IGO, Spencer  
JONES, Katie  
KRAFT, Larry  
MAHAMOUD, Anquam  
MEKELAND, Shane  
SEXTON, Thomas  
WIENER, Mike

Non-voting member present:

TABKE, Brad

**HF249 (Igo)** Carbon-free definition amended.

Representative Igo moved HF249 be referred to the General Register.

Representative Igo moved to adopt the A1 authors amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

The following individuals testified on HF249:

Ray Higgins, Minnesota Timber Producers Association  
Tom McCabe, McCabe Forest Products  
Rod Enberg, Enberg Logging  
Rick Horton, Minnesota Forest Industries  
Sarah Mooradian, CURE

Representative Igo renewed the motion that HF249 be referred to the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF1311 (Mekeland)** Procedures governing cost recovery for public utility electric generation and transmission assets modified.

Representative Mekeland moved HF1311 be referred to the General Register.

The following individuals testified on HF1311:

Isaac Orr, Always On Energy Research  
Sam Smith, Department of Commerce

Veda Kanitz, DFL Environmental Caucus  
Sarah Montalbano, Center of the American Experiment

Representative Mekeland amended the motion that HF1311 be referred to the Ways and Means Committee **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Representative Mekeland renewed the motion that HF1311 be referred to the Ways and Means Committee.

Representative Acomb requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

**AYES:**

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Chair  
MURPHY, Tom, Vice Chair  
ANDERSON, Paul  
BAKER, Dave  
IGO, Spencer  
MEKELAND, Shane  
SEXTON, Thomas  
WIENER, Mike

**NAYS:**

ACOMB, Patty, Lead  
CARROLL, Ned  
FRAZIER, Cedrick  
HOLLINS, Athena  
JONES, Katie  
KRAFT, Larry  
MAHAMOUD, Anquam

On a vote of 8 Ayes and 7 Nays **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:21 PM.



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Representative Chris Swedzinski, Chair



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Sharon Gobisch, Committee Legislative Assistant