

ENERGY FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES

Representative Patty Acomb, Co-Chair of the Committee on Energy Finance and Policy, called the meeting to order at 1:01P.M. on Tuesday, March 24, 2026, in Room 123 of the State Capitol.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

ACOMB, Patty, DFL Co-Chair
SWEDZINSKI, Chris, GOP Co-Chair
KRAFT, Larry, DFL Co-Vice Chair
MURPHY, Tom, GOP Co-Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
BUCK, Shelley
CARROLL, Ned
HOLLINS, Athena
IGO, Spencer
JONES, Katie
LUGER-NIKOLAI, Meg
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WIENER, Mike

Members Excused:

BAKER, Dave

A quorum was present.

Representative Kraft moved that the minutes from March 17, 2026 be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4236 (Buck) Public utility interim rate amounts limited.

Representative Buck moved that HF4236 be laid over.

Representative Buck presented HF4236.

Presenters for HF4236:

- Pete Wyckoff, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Commerce
- Mike Bull, Deputy Executive Secretary, Public Utilities Commission
- Eric Lipman, Utility Reform Now!
- Joe Hoppe, Otter Tail Power Company, Manager Legislative Affairs
- Jennifer Cady, ALLETE/MN Power, Vice President of Public Policy and External Affairs
- Al Krug, Xcel Energy, Assistant Vice President of State Regulatory Policy
- Eric Swanson, Attorney, Winthrop & Weinstein

Representative Buck renewed their motion that HF4236 be laid over.

The bill is laid over.

HF4122 (Hollins) Thermal energy network plan requirements established

Representative Hollins moved that HF4122 be laid over.

Representative Hollins moved the DE 3 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

Representative Hollins presented HF4122 as amended.

Presenters for HF4122 as amended:

- Aurora Vautrin, 100% Campaign
- Jamie Fitzke, Director of Government Affairs, CenterPoint Energy
- Kevin Pranis, Marketing Manager, LiUNA
- Paolo Speim, Cooperative Energy Futures

Representative Hollins renewed their motion that HF4122, as amended, be laid over.

The bill was laid over.

HF4377 (Jones) Required elements in an application to the Public Utilities Commission for a certificate of need for a petroleum pipeline specified.

Representative Jones moved that HF4377 be laid over.

Representative Jones moved the A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

Representative Jones presented HF4377 as amended.

Presenters on HF4377:

- Andy Pearson, Senior Organizer, CURE
- Ben Olson, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy

Representative Jones renewed their motion that HF4377 be laid over.

The bill is laid over.

The meeting adjourned at 2:29 P.M.


Representative Patty Acomb, Chair


Andrew Jones, Committee Legislative Assistant