

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 February 2nd, 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 26th, 2021, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Bills not introduced at the time of the meeting are indicated by the House Research or Revisor code.

Representative Long presented House Research BE161, A bill for an act relating to energy; creating a process regulated by the Public Utilities Commission allowing electric utilities to reduce the cost impacts on customers when generating plants are retired, through the sale of bonds; establishing an account; providing for transition services to workers at retiring electric generating plants; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

Testifying on House Research BE161:

- Harriet Moyer Aptekar, Crest Policy Consulting
- Thor Underdahl, Government Affairs, Minnesota Power
- Michael Byrne, CEO, Michigan Public Services Commission
- Tom Content, Executive Director, Wisconsin Citizens Utility Board
- Ashok Gupta, Energy Economist, National Resource Defense Council

Public Testimony:

- Jessica Tritsch, Senior Campaign Representative, Sierra Club
- Annie Levenson-Falk, Executive Director, Citizens Utility Board
- John Ferrell, Co-Director, Institute for Local Self Reliance
- Evan Mulholland, Attorney, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
- Rick Evans, Director of Regional Government Affairs, Xcel Energy
- Allen Gleckner, Lead Director, Fresh Energy

The meeting was adjourned at 11:54 AM.

Representative Jamie Long, Chair

Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant