

TRANSPORTATION FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Frank Hornstein, Chair of the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:00pm on March 2, 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:

HORNSTEIN, Frank, Chair
KOEGL, Erin, Vice-Chair
PETERSBURG, John, Lead
BAHR, Cal
BERNARDY, Connie
ELKINS, Steve
FREDERICK, Luke
HAUSMAN, Alice
HEINRICH, John
KOZNICK, Jon
MASIN, Sandra
MURPHY, Mary
NELSON, Michael
RICHARDSON, Ruth
OLSON, Bjorn
TORKELSON, Paul
WEST, Nolan

A quorum was present.

Rep. Petersburg moved to adopt the minutes from the February 25 and 26 meetings. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 9 (Greenman) Voter registration related provisions modified; absentee voting provisions modified; system of early voting established; restriction on the number of voters an individual may assist on election day eliminated; voting instructions, sample ballots, and election judges required to be multilingual; standards governing access to Help America Vote Act funds modified; intimidation, deceptive practices, and interference with voter registration and voting regulated; campaign finance provisions modified; small donor political committees and funds regulated; small donor state match program established; Democracy Dollar coupon program established; candidate expenditures exempted; political contribution refund program repealed; campaign public subsidy program repealed; principles and procedures related to redistricting of congressional and legislative districts provided; penalties provided; reports required; and money appropriated.

Chair Hornstein moved that HF 9 be rereferred to the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Hornstein moved that the H0009A13 amendment be adopted. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Hornstein moved that the H0009A14 amendment be adopted. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Greenman gave an overview of HF 9, as amended.

Public Testimony on HF 9, as amended

Sam Oliker-Friedland, Center for Secure and Modern Elections
Michael Dean, Lead MN
Sean Lim, MN Youth Climate Collaborative

Rep. Petersburg requested a roll call vote.

Chair Hornstein renewed the motion to rerefer HF 9, as amended, to the Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee. The results were as follows:

AYES:

HORNSTEIN, Frank
KOEGL, Erin
BERNARDY, Connie
ELKINS, Steve
HAUSMAN, Alice
MASIN, Sandra
MURPHY, Mary
NELSON, Michael
RICHARDSON, Ruth

NAYS:

PETERSBURG, John
BAHR, Cal
HEINRICH, John
KOZNICK, Jon
OLSON, Bjorn
TORKEKELSON, Paul
WEST, Nolan

There being 9 AYES and 7 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 607 (Bahner) Automatic voter registration system provided

Chair Hornstein moved that HF 607 be referred to the State Government Finance and Elections Committee.

Chair Hornstein moved that the H0607A2 amendment be adopted. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Bahner gave an overview of HF 607, as amended.

Rep. Petersburg request a roll call vote.

Chair Hornstein renewed the motion that HF 607, as amended, be referred to the State Government Finance and Elections Committee. The results were as follows:

AYES:

HORNSTEIN, Frank
KOEGL, Erin
BERNARDY, Connie
ELKINS, Steve
FREDERICK, Luke
HAUSMAN, Alice
MASIN, Sandra
MURPHY, Mary
NELSON, Michael
RICHARDSON, Ruth

NAYS:

PETERSBURG, John
BAHR, Cal
HEINRICH, John
KOZNICK, Jon
OLSON, Bjorn
TORKEKELSON, Paul
WEST, Nolan

There being 10 AYES and 7 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1379 (Koegel) Transportation; Indian employment preferences, highway turnbacks, escort vehicles, and trunk highway debt service forecast policy changes made.

Chair Hornstein moved to lay over HF 1379.

Vice Chair Koegel gave an overview of HF 1379.

Public Testimony on HF 1379

John Dukich, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Vice Chair Koegel moved that the H1379A1 amendment be adopted.

Vice Chair Koegel withdrew the H1379A1 amendment.

Chair Hornstein laid over HF 1379.

Vice Chair Koegel assumed the gavel at 2:25pm.

HF 964 (Hornstein) Motor vehicle title fee transfers, mileage disclosures, driver's license photograph variances, deputy registrar fees, and vehicle registration tax due date policies changed.

Chair Koegel moved to lay over HF 964.

Rep. Hornstein moved that the H0964A1 amendment be adopted.

Rep. Hornstein withdrew to the H0964A1 amendment.

Public Testimony on HF 964

Emma Corrie, Director, Department of Driver and Vehicle Services

Chair Koegel laid over HF 964.

Chair Koegel adjourned the meeting at 2:31pm.

Representative Frank Hornstein, Chair

Dan Dodge, Committee Legislative Assistant