STATE OF MINNESOTA SEVENTH MEETING

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-THIRD SESSION

**HOUSING FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE**

Representative Esther Agbaje, Vice Chair of the Housing Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 3:00 PM on January 25, 2023, in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

HOWARD, Michael (Chair)

AGBAJE, Esther (Vice Chair)

JOHNSON, Brian (GOP Lead)

CHA, Ethan

DOTSETH, Jeff

HASSAN, Hodan

HUSSEIN, Samakab

KOZLOWSKI, Alicia

MYERS, Andrew

NASH, Jim

NORRIS, Matt

PEREZ- VEGA, Maria Isa

PETERSBURG, John

A quorum was present.

Representative Johnson moved that the minutes of January 24th, 2023, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

A presentation was given on challenges in Greater Minnesota Housing.

Testifying:

* Dan Fabian, Mayor, Roseau
* Mary Thompson, Executive Director, Heartland Lakes Development Commission

HF 125 (Hassan) Right to counsel in public housing eviction actions provided.

Representative Hassan moved to refer HF 125 to the committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Testifying:

* Bryan Lake, Minnesota Bar Association

Representative Hassan renewed her motion to refer HF 125 to the committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.THE MOTION PREVAILED

HF 319 (Hassan) Termination of tenancy at will modified, and residential tenant notice of grounds for eviction required before action may be brought.

Representative Hassan moved to refer HF 319 to the committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Testifying:

* Rachael Sterling, Housing Attorney, HOME Line
* Maria Kruger, Housing Program Manager, Volunteer Lawyers Network
* Bernadette Horning, Horning Companies
* Stephanie Saji, Housing and Economic Justice Program Manager, Violence Free Minnesota

Representative Hassan renewed her motion to refer HF 319 to the committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. THE MOTION PREVAILED

HF 602 (Perez-Vega) Eviction prohibited for nonpayment of rent when application for rental assistance for tenant is pending.

Chair Howard moved to lay over HF 602 for possible inclusion in this committee’s omnibus bill.

Testifying:

* Mary Kaczorek, Managing Attorney, Legal Aid
* Bernadette Horning, Horning Companies

Representative Johnson moved the H0602A1 amendment.

Representative Perez- Vega offered an oral amendment to HF0602A1 amendment as follows:

On line 1.2, after “tenant” insert “and the landlord.” THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS INCORPORATED.

Representative Johnson renewed his motion to move HF0602A1 amendment as amended. THE MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Howard renewed his motion to lay over HF 602 for possible inclusion in this committee’s omnibus bill.

The meeting adjourned at 4:33 PM

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| Representative Michael Howard, Chair |

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|  Abdullahi Abdullahi, Committee Legislative Assistant |