

ENERGY FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES

Representative Larry Kraft, Vice Chair of the Committee on Energy Finance and Policy, called the meeting to order at 1:00P.M. on Tuesday, March 10, 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
BAKER, Dave
BUCK, Shelley
CARROLL, Ned
HOLLINS, Athena
IGO, Spencer
LUGER-NIKOLAI, Meg
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WIENER, Mike

Members Excused:

JONES, Katie

A quorum was present.

Representative Carrol moved that the minutes for March 5, 2026, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3458 (Acomb) Tribal lands exempted from provisions governing exclusive service areas for electric utilities.

Chair Acomb moves that HF3458 be referred to the General Register.

Chair Acomb moved the H3448A1 Amendment THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE BILL WAS AMENDED.

Chair Acomb presented HF3458 as amended.

Testifiers on HF3458 as amended:

- Kevin Jensvold, Tribal Chairman, Upper Sioux Community
- Darrick Moe, CEO, Minnesota Rural Electric Association (Virtual)
- Justin Jahnz, CEO, East Central Energy (Virtual)

Representative Luger-Nikolai moved for a roll call.

Chair Acomb renewed her motion that HF3458, as amended, be re-referred to the General Register

The Clerk noted the roll:

AYES

ACOMB, Patty (DFL Chair)
KRAFT, Larry (DFL Vice-Chair)
BUCK, Shelley
CARROL, Ned

HOLLINS, Athena
LUGER-NIKOLAI, Meg
MAHAMOUD, Anquam

NAYES

SWEDZINKSI, Chris (GOP Chair)
MURPHY, Tom (GOP Vice-Chair)
ANDERSON, Paul
BAKER, Dave
IGO, Spencer
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WIENER, Mike

There being 7 AYES and 8 NAYES, THE MOTION DOES NOT PREVAIL.

HF3777 (Mahamoud) Commission required to promote affordable service and consider customers' ability to pay rates.

Representative Mahamoud moved that HF3777 be laid over.

Representative Mahamoud presented HF3777.

Chair Acomb assumed the gavel at 1:36 P.M.

Testifiers for HF3777:

- Annie Levenson-Falk, Citizens Utility Board
- Jim Pearson, Director, Regional Government Affairs, Xcel Energy
- Zach Martin, Manager, Government Affairs, ALLETE/ MN Power

Representative Mahamoud renewed her motion that HF3777 be laid over.

HF3778 (Mahamoud) Public utilities and cooperative electric associations required to report revenue authorized and collected.

Representative Mahamoud moved that HF3778 be laid over.

Representative Mahamoud presented HF3778

Testifiers on HF3778:

- Annie Levenson-Falk, Citizens Utility Board
- Jason Loos, Regulatory General Counsel, CenterPoint Energy

Representative Mahmoud renewed her motion that HF3778 be laid over.

HF3912 (Hollins) Utility allowed to charge a fee to a customer who has entered into a payment agreement and whose household income is 50 percent of state median income, utility allowed to charge a reconnection fee, and utility allowed to charge a late payment charge subject to conditions.

Representative Hollins moved that HF3912 be laid over.

Representative Hollins moved that the A1 amendment be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILD,
THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hollins presented HF3912 as amended.

Testifiers on HF3912:

- Annie Levenson-Falk, Citizens Utility Board
- Nick Martin, Director, Strategic Outreach and Advocacy, Xcel Energy
- Catherine (Marti) O'Donnell, District Director, CenterPoint Energy

Representative Hollins renewed her motion that HF3912 be laid over.

2:20 P.M.