

COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Carlie Kotyza-Witthuhn, Vice-Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. on April 8, 2024, in Room 10 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

STEPHENSON, Zack (Chair)
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie (Vice Chair)
O'DRISCOLL, Tim (GOP Lead)
BIERMAN, Robert
CHA, Ethan
DOTSETH, Jeff
FREIBERG, Mike
KLEVORN, Ginny
KOEDEL, Erin
KRAFT, Larry
LIEBLING, Tina
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne
NISKA, Harry
PERRYMAN, Bernie
PFARR, Brian
SCHULTZ, Isaac
TABKE, Brad

A quorum was present.

Representative Klevorn moved to approve the minutes for April 3, 2024. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4461 (Hollins); License to sell copper metal required.

Vice Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved that HF4461 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

Vice Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved the A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hollins presented HF4461 as amended.

Testifying:

- Melvin Carter, Mayor, City of St. Paul
- Kurt Hallstrom, Deputy Chief of Police, City of Saint Paul
- Dan Niziolek, Dept. of Safety and Inspections, City of St. Paul
- Bryan Dodds, Deputy Director of Public Works, City of Minneapolis
- Jeremy Estenson, Scrap Dealers

Vice Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF4661 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3896 (Brand); Insurance coverage requirements increased for motor carriers of railroad employees, and civil penalties created.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF3896 be laid over.

Representative brand presented HF3896.

Testifying:

- Nicholas Katich, MN State Legislative Director, SMART Transportation
- Amber Backhaus, United Strategies, MN Regional Railroad Association
- Aaron Cocking, President and CEO, Insurance Federation of Minnesota
- Jaqueline Olson, Enforcement Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Commerce

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF3896 be laid over. The bill was laid over

HF4206 (Hanson, J.); Private equity companies and real estate investment trusts prohibited from acquiring or increasing control over providers of health care services.

Representative Hanson presented HF4206 on an informational basis.

Testifying:

- Hunter Cantrell, former Representative
- Ben Baglio, Minnesota Nurses Association
- Jean Forman, retired nurse
- Dr. Najaha Musse, Senior Resident Physician, DO
- Justin Stofferahn, Antimonopoly director, MFU

HF4151 (Cha); Automobile theft prevention surcharge increased.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF4151 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Cha presented HF4151.

Testifying:

- Mark Haase, Assistant County Attorney and Executive officer to the County Attorney, Ramsey County
- Tyrone Terrill, Ramsey County Auto-Theft Commission, African American Leadership Council
- Aaron Cocking, President and CEO, Insurance Federation of Minnesota

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF4151 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

HF5274 (Stephenson); Conduct of advance deposit wagering, card playing, and pari-mutuel betting provided; definitions provided; and clarifying and conforming changes made.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF5274 be re-referred to the State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Stephenson moved the A4 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Stephenson presented HF5274.

The meeting was recessed at 2:50 P.M.

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair

Morgan Durfee, Committee Legislative Assistant