

COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 3:31 PM on March 10, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

Members present:

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair
O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead
BAHR, Cal
CARLSON, Andrew
DAVNIE, Jim
ELKINS, Steve
HALEY, Barb
KOEDEL, Erin
LEE, Fue
LILLIE, Leon
LISLEGARD, Dave
LUCERO, Eric
OLSON, Liz
PFARR, Brian
RASMUSSEN, Jordan
RICHARDSON, Ruth
THEIS, Tama

A quorum was present.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to approve the minutes from the committee meeting on March 9, 2021. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF586 (Murphy); Volunteer drivers receiving funding from public transit participation program clarified as not for hire.

Representative Stephenson moved HF586 be recommended to be referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Stephenson moved the A21-0024 (Murphy) amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

The following testified on HF586:

John Dukich, Minnesota Department of Transportation

Representative Stephenson renewed the motion that HF586, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Transportation Finance and Policy Committee. The clerk took the roll.

AYES

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair
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THEIS, Tama

NOT VOTING
KOEGL, Erin

EXCUSED
LISLEGARD, Dave

With 16 AYES, 1 NOT VOTING, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF970 (Vang); Mental health service payment and denial of payment clarified, health professional education loan forgiveness program provisions modified, mental health professional licensing board requirements modified, mental health provider continuing education requirements modified, mental health practitioner requirements modified, and various other provisions modified; and money appropriated.

Representative Stephenson moved HF970 be recommended to be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

The following testified on HF970:
Pahoua Vang
Sue Abderholden, NAMI
Samuel Sands, Minnesota Board of Psychology

Representative Stephenson renewed the motion that HF970 be recommended to be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee. The clerk took the roll.

AYES
STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair
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THEIS, Tama

EXCUSED
LISLEGARD, Dave

With 17 AYES and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1576 (Bahner); Pharmacy benefit managers prohibited from contractually restricting pharmacies from discussing reimbursement amount to enrollees or health carriers.

Representative Stephenson moved HF1576 be recommended to be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee.

The following testified on HF1576:

Sarah Derr, Minnesota Pharmacy Association

Representative Stephenson renewed the motion that HF1576 be recommended to be referred to the Health Finance and Policy Committee. The clerk took the roll.

AYES

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NOT VOTING

O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead

EXCUSED

LISLEGARD, Dave

With 16 AYES, 1 NOT VOTING, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn assumed the gavel at 4:05 PM.

HF1493 (Stephenson); Student loan servicers licensure required, certain student loan servicing practices prohibited, and money appropriated.

Representative Stephenson moved HF1493 be recommended to be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Representative Stephenson moved the H1493A1 (Stephenson) amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Stephenson moved the H1493A3 (Stephenson) amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

The following testified on HF1493:

Ron Elwood, Legal Aid
Bethany Belmont, School Psychologist
Heather Bakke, Special Education Teacher
Maxwell Zappia, Department of Commerce

The committee recessed at 4:30 PM.

The committee reconvened at 6:02 PM.

A quorum was present.

Representative Stephenson renewed the motion that HF1493, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. The clerk took the roll.

AYES

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair

KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair
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NAYS

O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead
BAHR, Cal
HALEY, Barb
LUCERO, Eric
PFARR, Brian
RASMUSSEN, Jordan
THEIS, Tama

EXCUSED

LISLEGARD, Dave

With 10 AYES, 7 NAYS, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Stephenson assumed the gavel at 6:11 PM.

HF1067 (Davnie); Checking account requirements modified.

Representative Davnie moved that HF1067 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Davnie moved the H1067A1 (Davnie) amendment.

Representative Davnie renewed the motion that HF1067, as amended, be recommended to be placed on the General Register. The clerk took the roll.

AYES

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With 18 AYES, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1433 (Fredrickson); Biofuels education and marketing program provided, biofuel education and promotion council established, compatibility standard compliance required, minimum biofuel standard modified, technical changes made, and reports required.

Representative Stephenson moved HF1433 be laid over for further consideration.

The following testified on HF1433:

Commissioner Thom Petersen, Department of Agriculture
Bob Patton, Department of Agriculture
Brian Thalmann, MN Corn Growers' Association
Gary Wertish, Minnesota Farmers Union
Kevin Paap, Minnesota Farm Bureau

Public testimony:

Frank Orton, Minnesota Petroleum Marketers
Wade Carlson

The bill was laid over.

HF1165 (Wazlawik); Biodegradable or compostable item labeling requirements modified.

Representative Stephenson moved HF1165 be laid over for further consideration.

The following testified on HF1165:

Ginny Black, Minnesota Composting Council
Shannon Pinc, NatureWork

Public testimony:

Tony Kwilas, MN Chamber of Commerce
Chuck Joswiak, The Mulch Store
Emily Barker, Minnesota Association of Recycling Managers\
Vineet Dalal, Natur-Tec
Vicki O'Rourke, WinCup

The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair

Simon Brown,
Committee Legislative Assistant