

COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on March 8, 2023 in Room 10 of the State Office Building. It was broadcast via House Public Information Services.

Members Present:

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

A quorum was present.

HF817 (Feist); Definition of representative acting on behalf of residents modified, and residents provided an opportunity to purchase manufactured home parks.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF817 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Chair Stephenson moved the H0817DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Feist presented HF817 as amended.

The following testified on HF817 as amended:

Dave Anderson, Executive Director, All Parks Alliance for Change (APAC)
Mark Brunner, President, Manufactured and Modular Homes Association (MMHA)
Matt Spellman, Director of Governmental Affairs, Minnesota Realtors Association

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF817, as amended, be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Kotyza-Witthuhn moved approval of the minutes from March 7, 2023. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF295 (Elkins); Covenants not to compete are void and unenforceable provided, and protection of substantive provisions of Minnesota law to apply to matters arising in Minnesota provided.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF295 be recommended to be referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee.

Chair Stephenson moved the H0295A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Elkins presented HF295 as amended.

The following testified on HF295 as amended:

Gavin Hanson, Fiscal and Economic Policy Director, Minnesota Business Partnership (MBP)

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF295, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF2084 (Hemmingsen-Jaeger); Homeowners' associations; attorney fees and assessments governing provisions modified.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF2084 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Chair Stephenson moved the H2084DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger presented HF2084 as amended.

The following testified on HF2084 as amended:

Ron Elwood, Supervising Attorney, Legal Aid

Dena Sonbol, Dean of Academic Excellence, Mitchell Hamline School of Law

Patrick Hynes, Lobbyist, Community Association Institute (CAI)

Jennifer Dejournett

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF2084, as amended, be recommended to be placed on the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1804 (Kotzya-Witthuhn); Consumer protection; sale of motor vehicles governing provisions modified and added.

Vice Chair Kotzya-Witthuhn moved that HF1804 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Commerce Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Vice Chair Kotzya-Witthuhn moved the H1804DE2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Vice Chair Kotzya-Witthuhn presented HF1804 as amended.

The following testified on HF1804 as amended:

Todd Murray, Consumer Rights Attorney, Friedman Murray

Amber Backhaus, Vice President of Public Affairs, Minnesota Auto Dealers Association (MADA)

Vice Chair Kotzya-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF1804, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in a Commerce Finance and Policy omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Vice Chair Kotzya-Witthuhn assumed the gavel at 2:09 PM.

HF2300 (Stephenson); Premium discounts and rate reductions provided, strengthen Minnesota homes program established, account established, and rulemaking authorized.

Chair Stephenson moved that HF2300 be laid over for possible inclusion in a Commerce Finance and Policy omnibus bill.

Chair Stephenson moved the H2300A2 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED AND THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Stephenson presented HF2300 as amended.

The following testified on HF2300 as amended:

Peter Brickwedde, Assistant Commissioner, Department of Commerce

Aaron Cocking, President, Insurance Federation of Minnesota.

Chair Stephenson renewed the motion that HF2300, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in a Commerce Finance and Policy Omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:37 PM.

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair

Jack Dockendorf, Committee Legislative Assistant