

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

THIRTY-FIRST MEETING
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

Ways and Means Committee

MINUTES

Representative Torkelson, Chair of the Ways and Means Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:15am on April 20th, 2026, in Room 120 of the Capitol. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

TORKELSON, Paul, GOP Chair
FRAZIER, Cedrick, DFL Chair
SCOTT, Peggy, GOP Vice Chair
AGBAJE, Esther, DFL Vice Chair
ACOMB, Patty
BACKER, Jeff
BAKER, Dave
BIERMAN, Robert
GOMEZ, Aisha
HEINTZEMAN, Josh
IGO, Spencer
KLEVORN, Ginny
KOEDEL, Erin
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie
KOZNICK, Jon
KRESHA, Ron
LILLIE, Leon
MOLLER, Kelly
NASH, Jim
NOOR, Mohamud
NOVOTNY, Paul
OLSON, Bjorn
PINTO, Dave
SCHOMACKER, Joe
SWEDZINSKI, Chris
VANG, Samantha
WEST, Nolan
YOUAKIM, Cheryl

Vice-Chair Agbaje moved the minutes of April 13th, 2026, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF3489 (Bennett)– Field trip policy established, reporting to licensing boards required, and criminal offense of grooming established.

Chair Torkelson moved that HF3489 be placed on the General Register.

Chair Torkelson moved the HF3489A6 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Hannah LoPresto, Survivor
Chad Clausen, Detective, Eagan Police Department

Chair Torkelson renewed the motion that HF3489, as amended, be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF3393 (Igo) – Additional benefits for certain iron ore mining employees adopted.

Representative Igo moved that HF3393 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Igo moved the HF3393A3 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Evan Rowe, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Employment and Economic Development, testified.

Representative Torkelson renewed the motion that HF3393, as amended, be placed on the General Register and requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:

TORKELSON, Paul, GOP Chair
FRAZIER, Cedrick, DFL Chair
SCOTT, Peggy, GOP Vice Chair
AGBAJE, Esther, DFL Vice Chair
ACOMB, Patty
BACKER, Jeff
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NAYS:

On a vote of 28 ayes and 0 nays, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF3785 (Dippel) – Definitions and registration requirements for motorized bicycles and motorcycles powered by electric motors modified, sellers required to have a dealer license, and certain vehicles prohibited from using public roads.

Chair Torkelson moved that HF3785 be placed on the General Register.

Chair Torkelson moved the HF3785A11 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Torkelson renewed the motion that HF3785, as amended, be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

SF856 (Norris) – Office of the Inspector General created, advisory committee created, conforming and technical changes made, interagency agreements provided, reports required, and money appropriated.

SF856 was heard informationally.

Testifiers:

Christian Larson, Director, Legislative Budget Office
Joel Enders, Legislative Budget Office

HF4006 (Warwas) – Eveleth; Progress Parkway construction project prior appropriation modified.

Chair Torkelson moved that HF4006 be placed on the General Register.

Chair Torkelson renewed the motion that HF4006 be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF4615 (Olson) – Amount of pay for commissioned officers and enlisted members engaged in state active service modified.

Representative Olson moved that HF4615 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Olson renewed the motion that HF4615 be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF3919 (Cha) – Benefits available to veterans of the Secret War in Laos modified, commissioner of veterans affairs directed to establish an eligibility process, technical changes made, and money appropriated.

Chair Torkelson moved that HF3919 be placed on the General Register.

Chair Torkelson moved the HF3919A5 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Jon Kelly, Director of Government Affairs, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs testified.

Chair Torkelson renewed the motion that HF3919, as amended, be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF4591 (Nash) – Noncommercial radio station grants eligibility modified, and money appropriated.

Representative Nash moved that HF4591 be placed on the General Register.

Joel Glaser, President and CEO of Association of Minnesota Public Radio Stations testified.

Representative Nash renewed the motion that HF4591 be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF3682 (Nash) – Grantee fraud risk rating system and corresponding grants management required.

Representative Nash moved that HF3682 be placed on the General Register.

Representative Nash moved the HF3682A2 amendment. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Representative Nash renewed the motion that HF3682, as amended, be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF4240 (Freiberg) – Elections; various changes made related to election administration, absentee voting, timelines, and technical and clarifying changes; and money appropriated.

Chair Torkelson moved that HF4240 be placed on the General Register.

Chair Torkelson renewed the motion that HF4240 be placed on the General Register. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 12:00PM.



Representative Torkelson, Chair



Allie Spellman, Committee Legislative Assistant