

RULES AND LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

MINUTES

Majority Leader Niska, Chair of the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee, called the meeting to order at 5:20 P.M. on March 10th, 2025, in Room 123 of the State Capitol. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

NISKA, Harry, Chair
ENGEN, Elliott, Vice Chair
LONG, Jamie, DFL Floor Leader
COUTLER, Nathan
FREDERICK, Luke
HOLLINS, Athena
HOWARD, Michael
JACOB, Steven
KOEGL, Erin
NASH, Jim
SCHULTZ, Isaac
SCOTT, Peggy
STIER, Terry
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

Non-Voting Member Present:

JORDAN, Sydney

Members excused:

PURSELL, Kristi

Representative Jordan moved that the minutes of March 6th, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Niska moved the Calendar for the Day, March 12th, 2025, to be adopted pursuant to rule 1.21.

DFL Floor Lead Long requested a roll call vote on Chair Niska's motion to adopt the Calendar for the Day, March 12th, 2025. The results were as follows:

AYES:

NISKA, Harry Chair
ENGEN, Elliott, Vice Chair
JACOB, Steven
NASH, Jim
SCHULTZ, Isaac
SCOTT, Peggy
STIER, Terry

ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

NAYS:

LONG, Jamie DFL Floor Leader
COUTLER, Nathan
FREDERICK, Luke
HOLLINS, Athena
HOWARD, Michael
KOEGL, Erin

On a vote of 8 AYES and 6 NAYS, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Chair Niska moved the Calendar for the Day, March 13th, 2025, to be adopted pursuant to rules 1.21 and 3.33 and established a pre-filing requirement for amendments offered to House File 24 and House File 25.

DFL Floor Lead Long requested a roll call vote on Chair Niska's motion to adopt the Calendar for the Day, March 13th, 2025. The results were as follows:

AYES:

NISKA, Harry Chair
ENGEN, Elliott, Vice Chair
JACOB, Steven
NASH, Jim
SCHULTZ, Isaac
SCOTT, Peggy
STIER, Terry
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

NAYS:

LONG, Jamie DFL Floor Leader
COUTLER, Nathan
FREDERICK, Luke
HOLLINS, Athena
HOWARD, Michael
KOEGL, Erin

On a vote of 8 AYES and 6 NAYS, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

House File 550 (Torkelson) Bipartisan Redistricting Commission established, principles to be used in adopting legislative and congressional districts established, and constitutional amendment proposed.

Chair Niska moved that House File 550 be placed on the General Register.

The following individuals testified on House File 550:

Tom Wissen, Resident of Mahtomedi
Paul Huffman, Election and Redistricting Policy Coordinator, League of Women Voters of Minnesota
Annastacia Belladonna-Carrera, Executive Director, Common Cause Minnesota
May Yang, Senior Manager of Policy and Partnerships, Minnesota Council of Foundations
Mary Hartnett, Executive Director, Clean Elections Minnesota

Walter Fromm, Political Manager, Take Action Minnesota
Rich Tru, Chair, Forward Party of Minnesota

DFL Floor Lead Long moved to adopt the DE2 Amendment. DFL Floor Lead Long requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:

LONG, Jamie DFL Floor Leader
COUTLER, Nathan
FREDERICK, Luke
HOLLINS, Athena
KOEDEL, Erin

NAYS:

NISKA, Harry Chair
ENGEN, Elliott, Vice Chair
JACOB, Steven
NASH, Jim
SCHULTZ, Isaac
SCOTT, Peggy
STIER, Terry
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

On a vote of 5 AYES and 8 NAYS, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

DFL Floor Lead Long moved that House File 550 be laid on the table and requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:

LONG, Jamie DFL Floor Leader
COUTLER, Nathan
FREDERICK, Luke
HOLLINS, Athena
HOWARDS, Michael
KOEDEL, Erin

NAYS:

NISKA, Harry Chair
ENGEN, Elliott, Vice Chair
JACOB, Steven
NASH, Jim
SCHULTZ, Isaac
SCOTT, Peggy
STIER, Terry
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

On a vote of 6 AYES and 8 NAYS, **THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.**

Chair Niska renewed the motion that House File 550 be placed on the General Register.

DFL Floor Lead Long requested a roll call vote on Chair Niska's renewed motion to move House File 550 to the General Register. The results were as follows:

AYES:

NISKA, Harry Chair
ENGEN, Elliott, Vice Chair
JACOB, Steven
NASH, Jim
SCHULTZ, Isaac
SCOTT, Peggy
STIER, Terry
ZELEZNIKAR, Natalie

NAYS:

LONG, Jamie DFL Floor Leader
COUTLER, Nathan
FREDERICK, Luke
HOLLINS, Athena
HOWARD, Michael
KOEGL, Erin

On a vote of 8 AYES and 6 NAYS, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 6:19 P.M.



Majority Leader Harry Niska, Chair



Cole Dressen, Committee Legislative Assistant