

JUDICIARY FINANCE AND CIVIL LAW MINUTES

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair of the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law, called the meeting to order at 8:30 AM on January 10, 2023 in Room 5 of the State Office Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

BECKER-FINN, Jamie, Chair
FRAZIER, Cedrick, Vice Chair
SCOTT, Peggy, Minority Lead
CARROLL, Ned
CURRAN, Brion
FEIST, Sandra
FINKE, Leigh
FREDERICK, Luke
GROSSELL, Matt
JOHNSON, Brian
MOLLER, Kelly
NISKA, Harry
WIENS, Mark

A quorum was present.

Representative Moller moved that the minutes of January 5, 2023, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation from the Minnesota Board of Public Defense.

Presenting:

- Kevin Kajer, Chief Administrator, Minnesota Board of Public Defense
- William Ward, State Public Defender, Minnesota Board of Public Defense

HF90 (Becker-Finn) Relating to public defenders; appropriating money for the Board of Public Defense.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that House File 90 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Becker-Finn presented HF 90.

Testifying on HF 90:

- William Ward, State Public Defender, Minnesota Board of Public Defense
- Brian Aldes, Secretary Treasurer, Teamsters Local 320
- Erik Sandvik, Assistant Public Defender, Second Judicial District
- Cara Gilbert, Assistant Public Defender, Second Judicial District
- RaeAnna Buchholz, Legislative and Coalitions Director, Americans for Prosperity Minnesota
- Erick Kaardal

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 90 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1 (Kotzya-Witthuhn) Relating to health; establishing a fundamental right to reproductive health; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

Chair Becker-Finn moved that House File 1 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn presented HF 1.

Testifying on HF 1:

- Professor Mike Steenson, Bell Distinguished Professor of Law, Mitchell Hamline School of Law
- Brian Gibson, Executive Director, Pro-Life Action Ministries
- Dr. Paul Post, Family Physician, American Academy of Medical Ethics
- Christy Hall, Senior Staff Attorney, Gender Justice
- Dr. Teresa Collett, Director of the Prolife Center, University of St. Thomas
- Brenda Mannarchiquette
- Monali Bhakta, Law Student and Member, Young Women's Initiative Cabinet
- Rae Parker, Retired Registered Diagnostic Cardiac Sonographer
- Munira Mohamed, Policy Associate, American Civil Liberties Union Minnesota
- Rebecca Messall
- Elena Niehoff
- Erick Kaardal
- Faith Fry
- Christine Wheely

Minority Lead Scott moved the H0001A6-1 amendment.

Representative Johnson requested a roll call on H0001A6-1.

The clerk took the roll on HF0001A6-1:

AYES

Scott
Grossell
Johnson
Niska
Wiens

NAYS

Becker-Finn
Frazier
Carroll
Curran
Feist
Finke
Frederick
Moller

There being 5 ayes and 8 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Niska moved the H0001A7 amendment.

Representative Niska requested a roll call on H0001A7.

The clerk took the roll on H0001A7:

AYES

Scott
Grossell
Johnson
Niska
Wiens

NAYS
Becker-Finn
Frazier
Carroll
Curran
Feist
Finke
Frederick
Moller

There being 5 ayes and 8 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair Becker-Finn renewed the motion that HF 1 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government Finance and Policy Committee.

Minority Lead Scott requested a roll call on HF 1.

The clerk took the roll on HF 1:

AYES
Becker-Finn
Frazier
Carroll
Curran
Feist
Finke
Frederick
Moller

NAYS
Scott
Grossell
Johnson
Niska
Wiens

There being 8 ayes and 5 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:21 AM.

Representative Jamie Becker-Finn, Chair

Ella Schultz, Committee Legislative Assistant