

Energy Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Swedzinski, Chair of the Energy Finance and Policy Committee, began the meeting at 1:00 PM, on February 11, 2025, in Room 123 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Chair
MURPHY, Tom, Vice Chair
ACOMB, Patty, Lead
ANDERSON, Paul
BAKER, Dave
CARROLL, Ned
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HOLLINS, Athena
IGO, Spencer
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WEINER, Mike

Non-voting member present:

TABKE, Brad

Representative Murphy assumed the gavel at 1:04 PM.

HF9 (Swedzinski) Hydroelectric capacity that qualifies as an eligible energy technology under the renewable energy standard modified; electric utility requirements relating to energy, solar, or carbon-free standards delayed under certain conditions; and sales tax exemption for residential heating fuels and electricity expanded.

Chair Swedzinski moved HF9 be re-referred to the Taxes Committee.

The following individuals testified on HF9:

Mark Jacobson, Stanford University
M.V. Ramana, University of British Columbia, Vancouver
Kent Sulem, Minnesota Municipal Utilities Association
Aurora Vautrin, 100%
Noelle Cirisan, MN350 Action
Julia Frost Nerbonne, Minnesota Interfaith Power & Light
Daniel Trajano, Health Professionals for a Healthy Climate
Kevin Pranis, LIUNA
Veda Kanitz, DFL Environmental Caucus
Ian Hedberg “The future of our State”
Blake Johnson, Prairie Island Indian Community
Mike Rollin Isiah Member/Leader
Michelle Benson, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
Jenny Glumack, Minnesota Rural Electric Association
Geroge Crocker, North American Water Office
Annie Levenson-Falk, Citizens Utility Board
Chelsea DeArmond, Unidos MN
Allen Gleckner, Fresh Energy

Lindsay Potter, Coalition for a Nuclear-Free Mississippi River
Jean Comstock Unidos St. Paul
Rick Evans, Xcel Energy
Mike Hirabayashi Unidos
Sarah Mooradian, CURE MN
Deputy Commissioner Pete Wyckoff, Department of Commerce
Peter Wagenius, Sierra Club North Star Chapter
Tina Clarke Self Consulting
Eric Meyer, Generation Atomic
Rachel Stuckey Conservative Energy Forum

Representative Kraft moved to adopt the A2 amendment. Representative Kraft requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES:

ACOMB, Patty, Lead
CARROLL, Ned
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HOLLINS, Athena
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry
MAHAMOUD, Anquam

NAYS:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Chair
MURPHY, Tom Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
BAKER, Dave
IGO, Spencer
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WEINER, Mike

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 8 Nays **THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Representative Acomb moved to adopt the A5 amendment. Representative Acomb requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES:

ACOMB, Patty, Lead
CARROLL, Ned
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HOLLINS, Athena
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry
MAHAMOUD, Anquam

NAYS:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Chair
MURPHY, Tom Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
BAKER, Dave
IGO, Spencer
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WEINER, Mike

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 8 Nays **THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Representative Acomb moved to adopt the A7 amendment. Representative Acomb requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES:

ACOMB, Patty, Lead

CARROLL, Ned
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HOLLINS, Athena
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry
MAHAMOUD, Anquam

NAYS:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Chair
MURPHY, Tom, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
BAKER, Dave
IGO, Spencer
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WEINER, Mike

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 8 Nays **THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Representative Murphy moved to recess at 2:47 PM. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The Committee reconvened at 5:00 PM in G23 in the Capitol Building.

Representative Acomb moved to adopt the A8 amendment. Representative Acomb requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES:

ACOMB, Patty, Lead
KRAFT, Larry
CARROLL, Ned
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HOLLINS, Athena
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry
MAHAMOUD, Anquam

NAYS:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Chair
MURPHY, Tom, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
BAKER, Dave
IGO, Spencer
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WEINER, Mike

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 8 Nays **THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Representative Kraft moved to adopt the A9 amendment.

Representative Kraft requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES:

ACOMB, Patty, Lead
CARROLL, Ned
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HOLLINS, Athena
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry
MAHAMOUD, Anquam

NAYS:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris Chair
MURPHY, Tom, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul

BAKER, Dave
IGO, Spencer
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WEINER, Mike

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 8 Nays **THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Chair Swedzinski renewed the motion that HF9 be re-referred to the Tax Committee.
Representative Acomb requested a roll call vote. The result is as follows:

AYES:

SWEDZINSKI, Chris, Chair
MURPHY, Tom, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
BAKER, Dave
IGO, Spencer
MEKELAND, Shane
SEXTON, Thomas
WEINER, Mike

NAYS:

ACOMB, Patty, Lead
CARROLL, Ned
FRAZIER, Cedrick
HOLLINS, Athena
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry
MAHAMOUD, Anquam

On a vote of 8 Ayes and 7 Nays **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:17 PM.

Representative Chris Swedzinski, Chair

Sharon Goblisch, Committee Legislative Assistant