

CLIMATE AND ENERGY FINANCE AND POLICY MINUTES

Representative Jamie Long, Chair of the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy, called the virtual meeting to order at 10:30 AM on March 2nd, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

Long, Jamie, Chair
Acomb, Patty, Vice Chair
Swedzinski, Chris, Republican Lead
Bierman, Robert
Boe, Greg
Christensen, Shelly
Franson, Mary
Gruenhagen, Glenn
Hollins, Athena
Hornstein, Frank
Igo, Spencer
Lee, Fue
Lippert, Todd
Lislegard, Dave
Mekeland, Shane
Munson, Jeremy
Stephenson, Zack

A quorum was present.

Bills not introduced at the time of the meeting are indicated by the House Research, Revisor, or Counsel code.

Representative Hansen presented HF 1255, A bill for an act relating to energy; authorizing a power purchase agreement for certain electric cogeneration activities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, section 216B.2424, by adding subdivisions.

Representative Long moved that HF 1255 be placed on the general register.

Representative Long moved the HF1255A4 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF 1225:

- Ken Smith, President, District Energy
- Rick Evans, Director of Regional Government Affairs, Xcel Energy

Representative Swedzinski moved the HF1255A1 amendment.

Representative Swedzinski requested a roll call on the HF12551A1 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski
Boe
Franson
Gruenhagen
Igo
Mekeland
Munson

NAYS:

Long
Acomb
Bierman
Christensen
Hollins
Lee
Lippert
Lislegard

ABSTAINED:

Hornstein
Stephenson

There being 7 ayes, 8 nays, and 2 abstentions, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Franson moved the HF1255A2 amendment.

Representative Franson requested a roll call on HF1255A2 amendment.

AYES:

Swedzinski
Boe
Franson
Gruenhagen
Igo
Mekeland
Munson

NAYS:

Long
Acomb
Bierman
Christensen
Hollins
Hornstein
Lee
Lippert
Lislegard
Stephenson

There being 7 ayes and 10 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Long renewed his motion that HF 1255, as amended, be placed on the general register.

Representative Long requested a roll call on his motion to place HF 1255, as amended, on the general register.

AYES:

Long
Acomb
Bierman
Boe
Christensen
Hollins
Hornstein
Lee
Lippert
Lislegard
Munson

NAYS:

Swedzinski
Franson
Gruenhagen
Igo
Mekeland

ABSTAIN:

Stephenson

There being 11 ayes , 5 nays, and one abstention, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Richardson presented HF 1592, A bill for an act relating to energy; requiring certain grantees to submit an annual diversity report; requiring utilities to submit an annual diversity report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2020, sections 116C.779, subdivision 1; 216B.1641; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

Representative Long moved that HF 1592 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Testifying on HF 1592:

- Jamez Staples, Principal, Renewable Energy Partners
- Ben Passer, Lead director energy access and equity, Fresh Energy
- Jose Perez, President & CEO, Hispanics in Energy

Representative Long renewed his motion that HF 1592 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Representative Lippert presented House Research BE062, A bill for an act relating to energy; establishing a nonprofit corporation to provide financing and leverage private investment for clean energy and other projects; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

Testifying on House Research BE062:

- Peter Klein, Vice President of Finance Saint Paul Port Authority
- Jeremy Kalin, Attorney, Avisen Legal

The meeting was adjourned at 11:56 AM.

Representative Jamie Long, Chair

Mike Hermanson, Committee Legislative Assistant