

Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee

MINUTES

Representative Scott, Chair of the Judiciary Finance and Civil Law Committee, called the meeting to order at 10:17 AM, on February 27th, 2025, in Room G3 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SCOTT, Peggy, Chair
HUDSON, Walter, Vice Chair
BLISS, Matt
CURRAN, Brion
DURAN, Bidal
ENGEN, Elliott
FEIST, Sandra
FINKE, Leigh
FRAZIER, Cedrick
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
MOLLER, Kelly
RARICK, Marion
STIER, Terry

Non-Voting member present:

LIEBLING, Tina, Lead

Vice Chair Hudson moved the minutes of February 25th, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 1 (Anderson, P.E.): Office of the Inspector General established, powers provided, duties specified, fraud reporting tools required, grant oversight duties and powers transferred, executive Offices of Inspector General modified or repealed, and money appropriated.

Chair Scott moved HF 1 before the committee.

Chair Scott moved that HF 1 be re-referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy.

Chair Scott moved the A15 amendment before the committee. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Scott moved the A14 amendment before the committee. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Scott moved the A13 amendment before the committee. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Britta Reitan, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Management and Budget, testified on HF 1 as amended.

Chair Scott renewed the motion that HF 1, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Children and Families Finance and Policy. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 25 (Zeleznikar): Women's pregnancy centers and maternity homes grant program established, appropriations reduced, and money appropriated.

Chair Scott moved HF 25 before the committee.

Chair Scott moved that HF 25 be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Scott moved the A4 amendment before the committee. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Finke moved the A3 amendment before the committee. Lead Liebbling requested a roll call. The result is as follows:

AYES

CURRAN, Brion
FEIST, Sandra
FINKE, Leigh
FRAZIER, Cedrick
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
MOLLER, Kelly

NAYS

SCOTT, Peggy
HUDSON, Walter
BLISS, Matt
DURAN, Bidal
ENGEN, Elliott
RARICK, Marion
STIER, Terry

On a vote of 6 ayes to 7 Nays. **THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Lynessa Caron, Pregnancy Choices, testified in favor of HF 25, as amended.

Jay Belisito, Constituent, Minneapolis, testified in opposition of HF 25, as amended.

Jacinta Lagasse, Women's Life Care Center, testified in favor of HF 25, as amended.

Samantha Nagler, Equal Justice Works Fellow, Gender Justice, testified in opposition of HF 25, as amended.

Sue McClermon, Executive Director, Star of the North Maternity Home, testified in favor of HF 25, as amended.

Chair Scott renewed the motion that HF 25, as amended, be re-referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. Lead Liebbling requested a roll call. The result is as follows:

NAYS

CURRAN, Brion
FEIST, Sandra
FINKE, Leigh
FRAZIER, Cedrick
MAHAMOUD, Anquam
MOLLER, Kelly

AYES

SCOTT, Peggy
HUDSON, Walter
BLISS, Matt
DURAN, Bidal
ENGEN, Elliott
RARICK, Marion
STIER, Terry

On a vote of 7 Ayes to 6 Nays. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 428 (Scott): Correspondence in government record retention law defined, and minimum three-year retention period for correspondence provided.

Vice Chair Hudson assumed the gavel at 11:33 AM.

Chair Scott moved HF 428 before the committee.

Vice Chair Hudson moved that HF 428 be laid over for consideration at a later date.

Chair Scott moved the DE1 amendment before the committee. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

Matt Ehling, Board Member, Minnesotans for Open Government, testified in favor of HF 428, as amended.

Judy Randall, Legislative Auditor, Office of the Legislative Auditor, testified in favor of HF 428, as amended.

Rebecca Holschuh, Senior Assistant Attorney, Hennepin County, testified in opposition to HF 428, as amended.

Joy Anderson, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy, testified in favor of HF 428, as amended.

Kathleen Doran-Norton, Volunteer, League of Women Voters Minnesota, testified in favor of HF 428, as amended.

Don Arnosii, Board Member, Water Legacy, testified in favor of HF 428, as amended.

Rich Neumeister, Citizen Advocate, testified in favor of HF 428, as amended.

Chair Scott laid over HF 428, as amended, to be considered at a later date.

Chair Scott re-assumed the gavel at 12:06 PM

The meeting was adjourned at 12:06 PM.



Representative Scott, Chair



Liam Edgar, Committee Legislative Assistant

