

**STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE & ELECTIONS COMMITTEE MINUTES**

Representative Michael V. Nelson, Chair of the Committee, called the virtual State Government Finance & Elections Committee meeting to order at 8:31 AM, March 15, 2022 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted over Zoom and broadcast via House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

**Members Present:**

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair  
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair  
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead  
BAHNER, Kristin  
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve  
ELKINS, Steve  
GREENMAN, Emma  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
KOZNICK, Jon  
MASIN, Sandra  
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne  
PELOWSKI, Gene  
QUAM, Duane

A quorum was present.

Representative Elkins moved that the minutes for March 11, 2022, be adopted. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Nelson moved that HF3696 be referred to the Committee on Health.

Testifying:

Helen Roberts, Fiscal Analyst

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF3696 Committee on Health.

The clerk noted the roll.

**AYES**

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair  
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair  
BAHNER, Kristin  
ELKINS, Steve  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
MASIN, Sandra  
PELOWSKI, Gene

**NAYS**

NASH, Jim - Minority Lead  
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve  
KOZNICK, Jon  
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne  
QUAM, Duane

**EXCUSED**

GREENMAN, Emma

With a vote of 7 AYES, 5 NAYS, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Nelson moved that HF2856 be referred to the General Register.

Representative Keeler presented HF2856, Holiday definition modified to rename Columbus Day as Indigenous Peoples Day.

Testifying:

Adosh Unni, Department of Education

Shelley Buck, Tribal Council Vice President, Prairie Island Indian Community

Robert "Deuce" Larsen, President, Lower Sioux Indian Community in the State of Minnesota;  
Chairman, Mn Indian Affairs Council

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF2856 be referred to the General Register.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair

CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair

BAHNER, Kristin

ELKINS, Steve

GREENMAN, Emma

KLEVORN, Ginny

MASIN, Sandra

PELOWSKI, Gene

NAYS

NASH, Jim - Minority Lead

DRAZKOWSKI, Steve

KOZNICK, Jon

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

QUAM, Duane

With a vote of 8 AYES and 5 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Nelson moved to reconsider HF3696. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Nelson moved that HF3696 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF3696 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair

CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair

BAHNER, Kristin

ELKINS, Steve

KLEVORN, Ginny

MASIN, Sandra

PELOWSKI, Gene

NAYS

NASH, Jim - Minority Lead

DRAZKOWSKI, Steve

KOZNICK, Jon

NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

QUAM, Duane

EXCUSED

GREENMAN, Emma

With a vote of 7 AYES, 5 NAYS, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Nelson moved HF3910.

Representative Richardson presented HF3910, Juneteenth, June 19 recognized as state holiday.

Testifying:

Helen Roberts, Fiscal Analyst

Meredith Weekes Moore, Leverette Weekes & Company

Lee Jordan, State and Regional Director for National Juneteenth

Edward Reynoso, Political Director, Teamsters Joint Council 32

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF3910 be laid over.

Chair Nelson moved that HF778 be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Representative Stephenson presented HF778, sports wagering commission created, licensing provided for sports pool operators and sports wagering premises, mobile and electronic sports pool licenses established, conduct of sports pools prescribed, local restrictions prohibited, participation in sports wagering restricted, excise tax imposed on sports wagers in lieu of the corporate tax, administration of tax provided, and report required.

Chair Nelson moved Amendment H778A7. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying:

Anne Krisnik, Joint Religious Legislative Coalition

Pat Gibbs, Sports Betting Alliance, Orrick Law Firm

Andy Platto, Executive Director, MN Indian Gaming Association

Sam Krueger, Executive Director, Electronic Gaming Group

Jake Grassel, Citizens Against Gambling Expansion

Chair Nelson moved that HF778, as amended, be laid over.

Chair Nelson moved that HF4169 be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Nelson moved Amendment H4169DE1. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Quam moved Amendment H4169A1. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Jordan presented HF4165, as amended, Russia; divestment of investments required, contracts with entities terminated, and report required.

Testifying:

Betsy Hayes, Chief Procurement Officer, Department of Administration

Luda Anastazievsky, Chair of the Minnesota Ukrainian American Advocacy Committee

Chair Nelson moved that HF4169, as amended, be laid over.

The committee recessed at 10:10 AM.

The committee reconvened at 5:01 PM.

Chair Nelson corrected the previous bill number from HF4169 to HF4165.

Chair Nelson corrected the previous amendment coding from H4169DE1 to H4165DE1 and H4169A1 to H4165A1.

Chair Nelson moved that HF4165 be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

Chair Nelson moved Amendment H4165DE1. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Quam moved Amendment H4165A1. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF4165, as amended, be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair  
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair  
NASH, Jim - Minority Lead  
BAHNER, Kristin  
ELKINS, Steve  
GREENMAN, Emma  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
KOZNICK, Jon  
MASIN, Sandra  
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne

EXCUSED

DRAZKOWSKI, Steve  
PELOWSKI, Gene  
QUAM, Duane

With a vote of 10 AYES and 3 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED

Chair Nelson moved that HF778, as amended, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Testifying:

Benita Fitzgerald Mosley, Vice President, LeagueApps

Chair Nelson renewed the motion that HF778, as amended, be referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

The clerk noted the roll.

AYES

NELSON, Michael V. - Chair  
CARLSON, Andrew - Vice Chair  
BAHNER, Kristin  
ELKINS, Steve  
GREENMAN, Emma  
KLEVORN, Ginny  
MASIN, Sandra

NAYS

NASH, Jim - Minority Lead  
DRAZKOWSKI, Steve  
KOZNICK, Jon  
NEU BRINDLEY, Anne  
QUAM, Duane

EXCUSED

PELOWSKI, Gene

With a vote of 7 AYES, 5 NAYS, and 1 EXCUSED, THE MOTION PREVAILED

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 PM.

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Representative Michael V. Nelson, Chair

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Benjamin Brinks, Committee Legislative Assistant