

Energy Finance and Policy Committee

**MINUTES**

Representative Swedzinski, Chair of the Energy Finance and Policy Committee called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on March 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  
WIENER, Mike

Non-voting member present:

TABKE, Brad

Representative Mekeland moved the minutes of March 6, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF 252 (Igo) - Minnesota Public Utilities; small natural gas utilities eligibility amended to be exempt from regulation.**

Representative Igo moved HF252 be re-referred to the General Register.

Testifiers:

Rachel Sorrentino, Northwest Gas

Representative Igo renewed the motion that HF252 be re-referred to the General Register Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF 787 (Anderson) - Electricity generated outside the state exempted from the requirement that a proportion of retail electricity be carbon-free by certain dates.**

Representative Anderson moved HF787 be re-referred to the General Register.

Representative Anderson moved to adopt the DE1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Jonathan Fortner, Lignite Energy Council  
Veda Kanitz, Minnesota DFL Environment Caucus  
Sam Smith, Department of Commerce

Representative Kraft 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  
WIENER, Mike

**NAYS:**

ACOMB, Paty, 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.**

Representative Anderson renewed the motion that HF787 as amended be re-referred to the General Register Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:56 PM.



Representative Chris Swedzinski, Chair



Sharon Goblisch, Committee Legislative Assistant