

STATE OF MINNESOTA SIXTEENTH MEETING
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy

MINUTES

Representative Wazlawik, Vice-Chair of the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. on March 2nd, 2021, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was conducted over Zoom and broadcast via House Public Information Services, Facebook Live, and YouTube live streaming.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

HANSEN, Rick (Chair)
WAZLAWIK, Ami (Vice Chair)
HEINTZEMAN, Josh (Lead)
ACOMB, Patty
AKLAND, Susan
BACKER, Jeff
BECKER-FINN, Jamie
ECKLUND, Rob
FISCHER, Peter
GREEN, Steve
IGO, Spencer
JORDAN, Sydney
KEELER, Heather
LEE, Fue
LIPPERT, Todd
LUECK, Dale
MORRISON, Kelly
NELSON, Nathan
THEIS, Tama

Chair Hansen called the meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. A quorum was present.

Rep. Lippert moved that the minutes from February 26th, 2021 be approved. MOTION PREVAILED.

HF75 (MOLLER) Vehicles and property subject to forfeiture limited, property recovery by innocent owners provided, federal equitable sharing program participation modified, reports required, and money appropriated.

Rep. Hansen moved that HF75 be recommended to be re-referred to the House Ways and Means Committee

Rep. Hansen moved the H0075A6 to amend HF75, and the amendment WAS ADOPTED.

Rep. Moller presented the bill, as amended.

Rep. Hansen renewed the motion that HF75, as amended, be recommended to be re-referred to the House Ways and Means Committee and a roll was taken:

AYES:

HANSEN, Rick (Chair)
WAZLAWIK, Ami (Vice Chair)
HEINTZEMAN, Josh (Lead)
ACOMB, Patty
AKLAND, Susan
BACKER, Jeff
BECKER-FINN, Jamie
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NELSON, Nathan
THEIS, Tama

By a vote of 19 Ayes the MOTION PREVAILED.

Testifiers:

Julie Blaha, State Auditor
Bob Small, ED MCAA
Julia Decker, Policy Director ACLU MN

HF1210 (JORDAN) Insecticide use in wildlife management areas prohibited.

Rep. Jordan moved that HF1210 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Jordan moved H1210DE1 to amend HF1210, and the amendment was ADOPTED.

Rep. Jordan presented the bill, as amended.

Rep. Hansen renewed her motion that HF1210, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Testifiers:

Dan MacSwain, Natural Resources Coordinator Washington County

Lori Cox, Owner and Operator, Roots Return Heritage Farm

Margot Monson, private citizen

Pat Rivers, Deputy Director Division of Fish and Wildlife, Department of Natural Resources

Chris Cowen, MN Environmental Partnership

Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner DNR

Rep. Wazlawik assumed the gavel at 1:52 P.M.

HF1563 (HANSEN) Certifiable fish disease provisions modified, school trust land reporting requirements modified, snowmobile transportation provisions modified, ATV definition modified, and various other natural resources provisions modified.

Rep. Hansen moved that HF1563 be recommended to be re-referred to the House Ways and Means Committee.

Rep. Hansen moved H1563A3 to amend HF1563 and the amendment was ADOPTED.

Rep. Hansen renewed his motion that HF1563, as amended, be recommended to be re-referred to the House Ways and Means Committee and a roll was taken:

AYES:

HANSEN, Rick (Chair)

WAZLAWIK, Ami (Vice Chair)

ACOMB, Patty

BECKER-FINN, Jamie

ECKLUND, Rob

FISCHER, Peter

JORDAN, Sydney

KEELER, Heather

LIPPERT, Todd

MORRISON, Kelly

NAYS:

HEINTZEMAN, Josh (Lead)
AKLAND, Susan
BACKER, Jeff
GREEN, Steve
IGO, Spencer
LUECK, Dale
NELSON, Nathan
THEIS, Tama

EXCUSED:

LEE, Fue

With a vote of 10 Ayes, 8 Nays, and 1 Excused the MOTION PREVAILED.

Testifiers:

Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner DNR
Tim Spreck, MN Deer Farmers
Tony Kwilas, MN Elk Breeders Association

Rep. Hansen resumed the gavel at 2:20 P.M.

HF1621 (BOE) Minnesota River dredge spoil 2019 appropriation modified.

Rep. Hansen moved that HF1621 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Rep. Boe presented the bill.

Rep. Hansen renewed the motion that HF1621 be laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill, and the bill was laid over.

Testifiers:

Linda Loomis, Administrator Lower MN Watershed District

Rep. Hansen adjourned the meeting at 2:27 P.M.

Rick Hansen
Vice-Chair of Environment Finance and Policy

Adam Kopel
Committee Legislative Assistant