

Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee

MINUTES

Representative Quam, Chair of the Elections Finance and Government Operations Committee, began the meeting at 12:59 PM, on March 3, 2025, in Room G23 of the State Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

QUAM, Duane, Chair
ALTENDORF, Pam, Vice Chair
ACOMB, Patty
COULTER, Nathan
DAVIS, Ben
GORDON, Jimmy
GREENMAN, Emma
LEE, Liz
McDONALD, Joe
ROACH, Drew
VIRNIG, Bianca

Non-Voting member present:

FREIBERG, Mike

Members excused:

Representative Altendorf moved the minutes of February 26, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 484 (MEKELAND) NATURAL GAS HOOKUP BAN PROHIBITED IN RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION.

Representative Davis moved HF484 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Mark Foster, Vice President, Legislative and Political Affairs, Housing First Minnesota
Dave Wagner, Executive Director, Minnesota Propane Association

Representative Quam requested a roll call. The results were:

AYES

QUAM, Duane
ALTENDORF, Pam
DAVIS, Ben
GORDON, Jimmy
McDONALD, Joe
ROACH, Drew

NAYS

ACOMB, Patty
COULTER, Nathan
GREENMAN, Emma
LEE, Liz
VIRNIG, Bianca

On a vote of 6 AYES and 5 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Davis moved HF484 be rereferred to the Housing Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 483 (LAWRENCE) POLITICALSUBDIVISION BAN PROHIBITED ON NATURAL GAS OR PROPANE SERVICE TO ANY BUILDING.

Representative Gordon moved the bill before the committee.

Testifiers:

Dave Wagner, Executive Director, Minnesota Propane Association

Representative Davis requested a roll call vote. The results were:

AYES

QUAM, Duane

ALTENDORF, Pam

DAVIS, Ben

GORDON, Jimmy

MCDONALD, Joe

ROACH, Drew

NAYS

ACOMB, Patty

COULTER, Nathan

GREENMAN, Emma

LEE, Liz

VIRNIG, Bianca

On a vote of 6 AYES and 5 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Gordon moved HF483 be rereferred to the Housing Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Vice Chair Altendorf assumed the gavel at 1:33 PM.

HF 1447 (QUAM) DISCLOSURE OF CONTRIBUTORS WHO CONTRIBUTE LESS THAN \$200 WHO LIVE OUTSIDE THE AREA REPRESENTED BY THE CANDIDATE REQUIRED.

Vice Chair Altendorf moved HF 1447 before the committee.

Chair Quam moved the DE1 amendment. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifiers:

Jeff Sigurdson, Executive Director, Campaign Finance Board.

Representative Lee moved the A1 amendment.

Representative Lee asked for a roll call vote. The results were:

AYES

ACOMB, Patty

COULTER, Nathan

GREENMAN, Emma

LEE, Liz

VIRNIG, Bianca

NAYS

QUAM, Duane

ALTENDORF, Pam

DAVIS, Ben

GORDON, Jimmy

McDONALD, Joe
ROACH, Drew

On a vote of 5 AYES and 6 NAYS, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Greenman moved the A3 amendment. THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Greenman moved the following oral amendment to the H1447DE1 amendment, page 1, line 21, delete "area to be represented by the candidate" and insert "state". THE ORAL AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Vice Chair Altendorf laid HF 1447, as amended, over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

HF 1496 (QUAM) VOTER VERIFICATION REQUIRED BEFORE MAIL DELIVERY OF AN ABSENTEE BALLOT.

Chair Quam moved HF 1496 before the committee.

Testifiers:

Nicole Freeman, Government Relations Director, Office of the Secretary of State

Chair Quam moved HF1496 be referred to the General Register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 554 (QUAM) COUNTIES AND CITIES REQUIRED TO HAVE WRITTEN PROCEDURES THAT ARE AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.

Chair Quam moved HF 554 before the committee.

Chair Quam moved the A1 amendment. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Chair Quam moved the A2 amendment. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifier:

Pierre Willette, League of Minnesota Cities

Chair Quam moved that HF 554, as amended, be rereferred to the Judiciary Committee.

Representative Lee asked for a roll call vote. The results were:

AYES

QUAM, Duane
ALTENDORF, Pam
DAVIS, Ben
GORDON, Jimmy
McDONALD, Joe
ROACH, Drew

NAYS

ACOMB, Patty
COULTER, Nathan
GREENMAN, Emma
LEE, Liz
VIRNIG, Bianca

On a vote of 6 AYES and 5 NAYS, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 PM.



Representative Duane Quam, Chair



Rebecca Reiners, Committee Legislative Assistant

