

Veterans and Military Affairs Division

MINUTES

Representative Bliss, Chair of the Veterans and Military Affairs Division, called the meeting to order 8:15 AM, on February 19, 2025, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

BLISS, Matt, Chair
OLSON, Bjorn, Vice Chair
BENNETT, Peggy
CLARDY, Mary Frances
DAVIS, Ben
DURAN, Bidal
FEIST, Sandra
HEMMINGSSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HILL, Josiah
REHRAUER, Kari
REPINSKI, Aaron

Non-voting member present:

XIONG, Jay, Lead

HF753 (Robbins) Licensed veterans organizations authorized to use gross profits from lawful gambling for repair, maintenance, or improvement of real property.

Chair Bliss moved to re-refer HF753 to the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee.

Testifiers:

Barry Henriksen, Adjutant, VFW, Department of Minnesota
Tim Engstrom, Bloomington Post 550

Chair Bliss renewed his motion to refer HF753 to the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF733 (Olson) Electronic gambling devices and games restrictions removed.

Representative Olson Moved HF733 be referred to the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee.

Testifiers:

Rachel Jenner, Executive Director, Allied Charities of Minnesota
Barry Henriksen, Adjutant, VFW, Department of Minnesota
Tim Engstrom, Bloomington Post 550
Rachel Keller, President, Bloomington Kennedy Activities Foundation
Jack Meeks, Chairman, Citizens Against Gambling Expansion
Andy Platto, Executive Director, MN Indian Gaming Association

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger requested a roll call on HF733.

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger moved to table HF 733.

Representative Hemmingsen-Jaeger requested a roll call vote. The results we as follows:

AYES:

CLARDY, Mary Frances

FEIST, Sandra
HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HILL, Josiah
REHRAUER, Kari

NAYS:

BLISS, Matt, Chair
OLSON, Bjorn, Vice Chair
BENNETT, Peggy
DAVIS, Ben
DURAN, Bidal
REPINSKI, Aaron

On a vote of 5 ayes and 6 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL. THE BILL WAS NOT TABLED.

Representative Olson renewed his motion to refer HF733 to the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee. The results were as follows:

AYES:

BLISS, Matt, Chair
OLSON, Bjorn, Vice Chair
BENNETT, Peggy
DAVIS, Ben
DURAN, Bidal
REPINSKI, Aaron

NAYS:

CLARDY, Mary Frances
FEIST, Sandra
HEMMINGSEN-JAEGER, Amanda
HILL, Josiah

On a vote of 6 ayes and 5 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:19 AM.



Representative Bliss, Chair



Alli Winter, Committee Legislative Assistant