

STATE GOVERNMENT FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Nash, Chair of the State Government Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:15 AM, on February 13, 2025, in Room G23 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

NASH, Jim, Chair
DAVIS, Ben, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
BAHNER, Kristin
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FRIEBERG, Mike
HOWARD, Michael
JOY, Jim
KOZNICK, Jon
KRAFT, Larry
QUAM, Duane
SEXTON, Thomas

Non-voting member present:

KLEVORN, Ginny, Lead

Representative Davis moved the minutes of February 11, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF289 (Quam) Establishing the SAVI program for state agencies to encourage innovation and cost savings.

Representative Quam moved HF289 be referred to the General Register.

Representative Quam moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Quam renewed the motion that HF289 be referred to the General Register.

HF21 (Robbins) Supermajority approval by each house of the legislature required to extend a peacetime emergency beyond 14 days.

Chair Nash moved HF21 be referred to the General Register.

Testifiers:

Angie Whitcomb, President & CEO, Hospitality Minnesota
Ray Herrington, Operations Director, Lentes Restaurants
Erik Mortenson, President, Action for Liberty
Rachel Gowdy, Citizen
Troy Reding, Ally Restaurants

Chair Nash renewed the motion that HF21 be referred to the General Register.

Representative Klevorn requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:

NASH, Jim, Chair
DAVIS, Ben, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
JOY, Jim
KOZNICK, Jon
QUAM, Duane
SEXTON, Tom

NAYS:

BAHNER, Kristin
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FREIBERG, Mike
HOWARD, Michael
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 6 Nays, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF26 (Roach) relating to emergency management; repealing governor's power to declare emergency; establishing a legislative emergency declaration and extension process; repealing governor's authority to adopt orders and expedited rules that have the effect of law during an emergency; protecting citizen rights.

Chair Nash moved that HF26 be re-referred to Health Finance and Policy Committee.

Representative Bahner moved to adopt the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Freiberg moved to adopt the A2 amendment.

Representative Freiburg requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:

BAHNER, Kristin
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FREIBERG, Mike
HOWARD, Michael
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry

NAYS:

NASH, Jim, Chair
DAVIS, Ben, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul
JOY, Jim
KOZNICK, Jon
QUAM, Duane
SEXTON, Tom

On a vote of 6 Ayes and 7 Nays, **THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Representative Howard moved to adopt the A3 amendment.

Representative Howard requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

AYES:

BAHNER, Kristin
CLARDY, Mary Frances
FREIBERG, Mike
HOWARD, Michael
JONES, Katie
KRAFT, Larry

NAYS:

NASH, Jim, Chair
DAVIS, Ben, Vice Chair

ANDERSON, Paul
JOY, Jim
KOZNICK, Jon
QUAM, Duane
SEXTON, Tom

On a vote of 6 Ayes and 7 Nays, **THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Testifiers:

Lisa Monet Zarza, Owner of Outpost Bar and Grill
Nicole Riggs, Covid Justice Minnesota

The committee went into recess at 9:59 AM.

The committee reconvened at 8:00 PM.

Testifiers:

Mary Manders, Covid Justice Minnesota
Jana Kangas, Covid Justice Minnesota
Joseph Schuth, Citizen

Chair Nash withdrew the motion that HF26 be re-referred to Health Finance and Policy Committee.

Chair Nash laid the bill over to be referred to the Veterans and Military Affairs Committee pursuant to House Rule 6.05.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 PM.

Representative Nash, Chair

Allison Winter, Committee Legislative Assistant