

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, Patty, 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