Energy Finance and Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Swedzinski, Chair of the Energy Finance and Policy Committee called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM, on March 6, 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 4, 2025, be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF 1852 (Murphy) - Solar energy generating systems setbacks from parks and wildlife management areas established.

Representative Murphy moved HF1852 be re-referred to the General Register.

Testifiers:
Erik Simonson, Minnesota Deer Hunters Association
Madelyn Smerillo, American Clean Power Association
George Damian, Clean Energy Economy MN

Representative Acomb 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 Murphy renewed the motion that HF1852 be re-referred to the General Register Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Department of Commerce Budget Overview:
Commissioner Grace Arnold, Department of Commerce
Deputy Commissioner Pete Wyckoff, Department of Commerce
Assistant Commissioner Lissa Pawlisch, Department of Commerce

Public Utilities Commission Budget Overview:
Will Seuffert, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission
Mike Bull, Minnesota Public Utilities Commission

The meeting was adjourned at 2:38 PM.

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Representative Chris Swedzinski, Chair

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Sharon Goblisch, Committee Legislative Assistant