

COMMERCE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE

MINUTES

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair of the Commerce Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 3:00 PM on March 2, 2021 pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

Members present:

STEPHENSON, Zack, Chair
KOTYZA-WITTHUHN, Carlie, Vice Chair
O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead
BAHR, Cal
CARLSON, Andrew
DAVNIE, Jim
ELKINS, Steve
HALEY, Barb
KOEGL, Erin
LEE, Fue
LILLIE, Leon
LISLEGARD, Dave
LUCERO, Eric
OLSON, Liz
PFARR, Brian
RASMUSSEN, Jordan
RICHARDSON, Ruth
THEIS, Tama

A quorum was present.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved to approve the minutes from the committee meeting on February 26, 2021. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF79 (Wazlawik); Food packaging chemical use regulated, rulemaking required, and money appropriated.

Representative Stephenson moved HF79 be recommended to be re-referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee.

The following testified on HF79:

Eileen Weber

Public testimony:

Tony Kwilas, MN Chamber of Commerce
Jason Culotta, Midwest Food Products Association
Doug Carnival, National Solid Wastes Management Association
Shawn Swearingen, Alliance for Telomer Chemistry Stewardship

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn assumed the gavel at 3:14 PM.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF79 be recommended to be re-referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy Committee. The clerk took the roll.

AYES

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NAYS

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NOT VOTING

LEE, Fue

With 10 AYES, 7 NAYS, and 1 NOT VOTING, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1269 (Wazlawik); COVID-19; government aid garnishment prohibited for financial hardship assistance.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved HF1269 be recommended to be placed on the General Register.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved the H1269A1 (Wazlawik) amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

The following testified on HF1269:

Ron Elwood, Legal Aid
Joel Carlson

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF1269, as amended, be recommended to be placed on the General Register. The clerk took the roll.

AYES

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NAYS

O'DRISCOLL, Tim, GOP Lead
BAHR, Cal
LUCERO, Eric
PFARR, Brian

NOT VOTING

LEE, Fue

With 13 AYES, 4 NAYS, and 1 NOT VOTING, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1205 (Agbaje); Self-storage rights for occupants amended, and self-storage sale of property notice requirements amended.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved HF1205 be laid over for further consideration.

The following testified on HF1205:
Ron Elwood, Legal Aid
Joe Doherty, Self-Storage Association

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF1205 be laid over for further consideration. The bill was laid over.

Representative Koegel assumed the gavel at 3:49 PM.

HF1292 (Kotyza-Witthuhn); Unsafe consumer product enforcement mechanism provided.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved HF1292 be recommended to be place on the General Register.

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn moved the H1292A1 (Kotyza-Witthuhn) amendment.

Representative Stephenson assumed the gavel at 3:51 PM.

THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

The following testified on HF1292:
Commissioner Grace Arnold, Department of Commerce

Representative Kotyza-Witthuhn renewed the motion that HF1292, as amended, be recommended to be placed on the General Register. The clerk took the roll.

AYES
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RASMUSSEN, Jordan
RICHARDSON, Ruth

NOT VOTING
LEE, Fue
THEIS, Tama

With 16 AYES and 2 NOT VOTING, THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Stephenson provided a short overview of the rest of the legislative session in the Commerce Committee.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 PM.

Representative Zack Stephenson, Chair

Simon Brown,
Committee Legislative Assistant