

\*Senate Committee\*

## **COMMITTEE MINUTES for NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENT**

Date: **March 5, 2019**

Location: **RM 22**

Convened: **3:00 PM**

Adjourned: **4:40 PM**

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Rozenboom-CH, Shipley-VC, Hogg-RM, Behn, Boulton, Celsi, Cournoyer, Kapucian, Lykam, Segebart, Smith, J., Sweeney, Zumbach

Absent:

Excused:

The meeting came to order at 3:03pm.

Roll call was taken silently by the committee secretary. All Senators present.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom stated the minutes from the last meeting were distributed electronically. Chairman Senator Rozenboom asked the committee members if there are any needed changes to the minutes. Seeing none, the minutes from the previous meeting were approved as distributed.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom announced bills for consideration: [SSB 1120](#), [SF 385](#), [SSB 1221](#), [SF 374](#), [SF 290](#), and [SF 59](#).

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Hogg who asked for clarification on which bills had amendments. Chairman Senator Rozenboom responded.

Republicans and Democrats briefly caucused.

The meeting reconvened at 3:49 pm.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Kapucian for [SSB 1120](#).

Senator Kapucian introduced [SSB 1120](#), provided the subcommittee report, and gave opening comments on the bill.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Boulton who thought this bill is a good solution to some water management problems.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Sweeney who expressed support for the bill.

Seeing no further discussion, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Kapucian for closing comments on the bill. Senator Kapucian moved the bill.

[SSB 1120](#) passed unanimously on a short form voice vote.

Senate Study Bill 1120 moves to the Calendar as a Committee Bill, waiving the requirement of Rule 40

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Behn for [SF 385](#).

Senator Behn introduced [SF 385](#), provided the subcommittee report, and gave opening comments on the bill. Senator Behn stated there is an amendment.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Behn for opening comments on Amendment 625. Senator Behn gave opening comments on the amendment.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Seeing none, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Behn for closing comments on Amendment 625. Senator Behn moved the amendment.

Senate Amendment 385.625 passed unanimously on a short form voice vote.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Behn for [SF 385](#), as amended. Senator Behn gave a synopsis of the bill.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Hogg who asked Behn to yield. Senator Hogg states he is in favor of the bill but asked for an educational component. Senator Behn responded.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Shipley who expressed support this bill. Senator Shipley commended the DNR for working with consumers who are not in close proximity.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Behn for closing comments on [SF 385](#). Senator Behn moved the bill.

[SF 385](#) passed unanimously on a short form voice vote.

Senate File 385, as amended, moves to the Calendar as a Committee Bill waiving the requirement of Rule 40.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Zumbach for [SSB 1221](#).

Senator Zumbach introduced [SSB 1221](#), provided the subcommittee report, and gave opening comments on the bill. Senator Zumbach stated there is an amendment.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Zumbach for opening comments on Amendment 671. Senator Zumbach gave comments on the amendment.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Seeing none, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Zumbach for closing comments on Amendment 671. Senator Zumbach moved the amendment.

Senate Amendment [SSB 1221](#).671 passed unanimously on a short form voice vote.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom asked if there was another amendment. Senator Zumbach announced amendment 626 and gave opening comments on the amendment.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Seeing none, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Zumbach for closing comments on Amendment 626. Senator Zumbach provided closing comments and moved the amendment.

Senate Amendment 1221.626 passed unanimously on a short form voice vote.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Zumbach for [SSB 1221](#), as amended.

Senator Zumbach gave a synopsis of the bill.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Boulton who expressed support for changes regarding restoration of tax credits as it does not spoil agreements that have already taken place, but thinks it could place more stress on existing problems.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Celsi who called attention to constituent emails and statements from the Polk County Conservation.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom provided responses to Senators Celsi and Boulton, understanding their perspective but brought forward the other side of the story highlighting two main components: The current policy is uncompetitive as only some have advantage of low interest rates for land purchases, and also, these funds might be better used for community water projects instead of dollars for land acquisition.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Boulton who agreed of the unfair situation, but urged legislation to find ways to assist those young farmers.

Seeing no further discussion, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Zumbach for closing comments on [SSB 1221](#), as amended. Senator Zumbach provided comments, bringing clarity to the intention of the bill. Senator Zumbach states the most difficult things are to sort out misinformation and lack of understanding. This bill creates an avenue for young farmers to have a level playing field for access to farmland. He also emphasized that it's hard to do what's right when the subject matter is misunderstood and unpopular.

Senator Zumbach moves the bill.

Senate Study Bill 1221 passes 8-5 through a record roll call vote. Senators Rozenboom, Shipley, Behn, Cournoyer, Kapucian, Segebart, Sweeney, and Zumbach voting yes. Senators Hogg, Boulton, Celsi, Lykam, and J. Smith voting no.

Senate Study Bill 1221, as amended, moves to the Senate Calendar as a Committee Bill waiving the requirement of Rule 40.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart for [SF 374](#).

Senator Segebart introduced [SF 374](#), provided the subcommittee report, and gave opening comments on the bill. Senator Segebart stated there is an amendment.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart for opening comments on Amendment 495. Senator Segebart gave opening comments on the amendment.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Boulton who announced Amendment 647 which would amend Amendment 495. Senator Boulton gave opening comments on Amendment 647.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart who urged the committee to resist Amendment 647.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Boulton who provided further comments.

Ranking Member Senator Hogg requested a roll call vote on the Amendment 647.

Amendment 647 failed passage 5-8 with Senators Hogg, Boulton, Celsi, Lykam, and J. Smith voting yes. Senators Rozenboom, Shipley, Behn, Cournoyer, Kapucian, Segebart, Sweeney, and Zumbach voting no.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart for closing comments on Amendment 495. Senator Segebart provided an extended summary and moved the amendment. Senate Amendment [SF 374](#).495 passed unanimously on a short form voice vote.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart for [SF 374](#), as amended. Senator Segebart gave a synopsis of the bill.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Seeing no discussion, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart for closing comments on [SF 374](#). Senator Segebart provided closing comments and moved the bill, as amended.

[SF 374](#) passed on a voice vote with Senators Hogg, Boulton, Celsi, Lykam, and J. Smith voting no.

Senate File 374, as amended, moves to the Senate Calendar as a Committee Bill waiving the requirement of Rule 40.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Cournoyer for [SF 290](#).

Senator Cournoyer introduced [SF 290](#), provided the subcommittee report, and gave opening comments on the bill. Senator Cournoyer stated there is an amendment.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Cournoyer for opening comments on Amendment 658. Senator Cournoyer gave opening comments on the amendment.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Seeing no discussion, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Cournoyer for closing comments on Amendment 658. Senator Cournoyer moved the amendment.

Senate Amendment 290.658 passed unanimously on a short form voice vote.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Cournoyer for [SF 290](#), as amended. Senator Cournoyer gave a synopsis of the bill.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Boulton who provided further comments on the bill.

Seeing no further discussion, Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Cournoyer for closing comments on [SF 290](#). Senator Cournoyer moved the bill, as amended.

Senate File 290 passed on a voice vote with Senators Hogg, Boulton, Celsi, Lykam, and J. Smith voting no.

Senate File 290, as amended, moves to the Calendar as a Committee Bill waiving the requirement of Rule 40.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart for [SF 59](#).

Senator Segebart introduced [SF 59](#), provided the subcommittee report, and gave opening comments on the bill. Senator Segebart stated there is a strike-after amendment.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart for opening comments on Amendment 391. Senator Segebart gave opening comments on the amendment.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Hogg who asked for clarification on the strike-all amendment. Chairman Senator Rozenboom responded.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart for closing comments on Amendment 391. Senator Segebart provided closing comments and moved the amendment. Senate Amendment 59.391 passed on a voice vote with Senators Hogg, Boulton, Celsi, Lykam, and J. Smith voting no.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart for [SF 59](#), as amended. Senator Segebart gave a synopsis of the bill, as amended.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom opened the floor to discussion.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Celsi who thinks this bill might help but it also might hinder recycling efforts.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Kapucian who thanked Senator Segebart for bringing up this “bottle bill”. Senator Kapucian states this bill might help redemption centers stay in business.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Hogg who also appreciates this may help redemption centers, but doesn’t want consumers to opt out of making returns.

Chairman Senator Rozenboom recognized Senator Segebart for closing comments on [SF 59](#). Senator Segebart gave closing comments and moved the bill.

Senate File 59, as amended, passed 7-6 on a record roll call vote with Senators Rozenboom, Behn, Cournoyer, Kapucian, Segebart, Sweeney, and Zumbach voting yes. Senators Shipley, Hogg, Boulton, Celsi, Lykam, and J. Smith voting no.

Senate File 59, as amended, moves to the Calendar as a Committee Bill waiving the requirement of Rule 40.

The committee adjourned at 4:42pm

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Senator Ken Rozenboom

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Gina Ten Pas, Committee Secretary