

COMMITTEE MINUTES for JUDICIARY

Date: **February 17, 2026**

Location: **RM 103**

Convened: **11:15 AM**

Adjourned: **11:55 AM**

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Representatives Holt-CH, Lawler-VC, Wilburn-RM, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, Thompson, M., Thomson, C., Watkins, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, Wills, J.

Absent:

Excused: Representative Olson

Chairman Holt called the Judiciary Committee meeting to order at 11:15 a.m., after both parties returned from caucus. Roll call was taken with twenty members present and one excused (Representative Olson).

The previous meeting minutes were approved.

Chairman Holt read the electronically assigned bills:

[HSB 738](#) – Holt-CH, Wheeler, Wichtendahl

[HSB 741](#) – Stone-CH, Williams, Ramirez

[HF 2427](#) – Watkins-CH, Stone, Ramirez

[HF 2436](#) – Fett-CH, Williams, Bagniewski

Chairman Holt assigned the following bills:

[HF 2554](#) – C. Thomson-CH, M. Thompson, Srinivas

[HF 2560](#) – C. Thomson-CH, Lawler, Ramirez

Chairman Holt recognized Representative C. Thomson for opening comments on [HSB 663](#). There was discussion.

With no further discussion, Rep. C. Williams was recognized for closing comments and he moved [HSB 663](#).

Chairman Holt moved [HSB 663](#) as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 15 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Stone, M. Thompson, C. Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Williams, and Wills), 5 nays (Representatives Wilburn, Ramirez, Srinivas, Wessel-Kroeschell, and Wichtendahl), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Gustoff for opening comments on [HSB 571](#). Rep. Gustoff indicated there was Amendment 2408 and was recognized for opening comments. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Gustoff moved the amendment short form and it passed. There was discussion on [HSB 571](#), as amended. Rep. Gustoff was recognized for closing remarks and then moved [HSB 571](#), as amended. Chairman Holt moved [HSB 571](#), as amended as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 14 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, M. Thompson, Watkins, Wheeler, and Williams), 6 nays (Representatives Wilburn, Ramirez, C. Thomson, Wessel-Kroeschell, Wichtendahl, and Wills), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Gustoff for opening comments on [HF 2274](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Gustoff was recognized for closing remarks and then moved [HF 2274](#). Chairman Holt moved [HF 2274](#) as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 17 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, M. Thompson, C. Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, and Wills), 3 nays (Representatives Wilburn, Ramirez, and Wessel-Kroeschell), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Stone for opening comments on [HF 981](#) and Rep. Stone indicated there was Amendment 2505. Rep. Stone was recognized for opening comments on the amendment. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Stone moved the amendment short form and the amendment passed. There was discussion on [HF 981](#), as amended. With no further discussion, Rep. Stone moved [HF 981](#), as amended. Chairman Holt moved [HF 981](#), as amended as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Fett for opening comments on [HF 2135](#) and Rep. Fett indicated there was Amendment 2395. Rep. Fett was recognized for opening comments on the amendment. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Fett moved the amendment and it passed. There was discussion on [HF 2135](#), as amended.

With no further discussion, Rep. Fett was recognized for closing remarks and then moved [HF 2135](#), as amended. Chairman Holt moved [HF 2135](#), as amended as a committee bill on a roll call vote of 18 ayes (Representatives Holt, Lawler, Bagniewski, Dunwell, Fett, Gustoff, Nordman, Ramirez, Shipley, Srinivas, Stone, M. Thompson, C. Thomson, Watkins, Wheeler, Wichtendahl, Williams, and Wills), 2 nays (Representatives Wilburn and Wessel-Kroeschell), and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Williams for opening comments on [HSB 613](#) and then Rep. Williams indicated there was Amendment 2542. Rep. Williams was recognized for opening comments on the amendment. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Williams moved the amendment short form and the amendment passed. There was discussion on [HSB 613](#), as amended. With no further discussion, Rep. Williams moved [HSB 613](#), as amended. Chairman Holt moved [HSB 613](#), as amended as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative M. Thompson for opening comments on [HF 2128](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. M. Thompson moved [HF 2128](#). Chairman Holt moved [HF 2128](#) as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Dunwell for opening comments on [HF 2277](#) and then Rep. Dunwell indicated there was Amendment 2540. Rep. Dunwell was recognized for opening comments on the amendment. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Dunwell moved the amendment short form and the amendment passed. With no further discussion, Rep. Dunwell moved [HF 2277](#), as amended. Chairman Holt moved [HF 2277](#), as amended as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Gustoff for opening comments on [HF 817](#) and then Rep. Gustoff indicated there was Amendment 2454. Rep. Gustoff was recognized for opening comments on the amendment. There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Gustoff moved the amendment short form and the amendment passed. With no further discussion, Rep. Gustoff moved [HF 817](#), as amended. Chairman Holt moved [HF 817](#), as amended as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Fett for opening comments on [HF 2333](#). With no discussion, Rep. Fett moved [HF 2333](#). Chairman Holt moved [HF 2333](#) as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative C. Thomson for opening comments on [HF 2289](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. C. Thomson moved [HF 2289](#). Chairman Holt moved [HF 2289](#) as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson).

Chairman Holt recognized Representative Lawler for opening comments on [HSB 665](#). There was discussion. With no further discussion, Rep. Lawler moved [HSB 665](#). Chairman Holt moved [HSB 665](#) as a committee bill on a unanimous roll call vote of 20 ayes, 0 nays, and 1 excused (Representative Olson)

Committee members were notified of bills to caucus on for the next meeting.

With no further business to come before the Committee, Representative Ramirez moved we arise at 11:55 a.m.

Representative Steven C. Holt

Angie Heartsill, Committee Secretary