

Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture and Rural Development Finance and Policy Committee
Wednesday, March 2, 2022
3:00 PM, Room 1150, Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Torrey N. Westrom - Chair, Senator Gary H. Dahms - Vice Chair, Senator Bruce D. Anderson, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Kent Eken, Senator Nick A. Frentz, Senator Michael P. Goggin, Senator Erin P. Murphy

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Torrey N. Westrom called the meeting to order at 3:06

Call to order

Presentation from State FFA Officers

WYATT HALVORSON, STATE VP, THIEF RIVER FALLS FFA

NICOLE KOZIOLEK, STATE SECRETARY, RANDOLPH FFA

ANNA RIDENOUR, STATE REPORTER, TRITON FFA

S.F. 3585: Senator Mathews: Data protection about individuals connected to farming or agriculture who seek mental or behavioral health assistance or who contact the Minnesota Farm and Rural helpline.

CHRIS MCNULTY, DEPUTY GENERAL COUNSEL, MDA

MEG MOYNIHAN, STRATEGY AND INNOVATION SENIOR ADVISOR, MDA

SEN MATHIEWS

SF3585 WAS RECOMMENDED TO PASS AS AMENDED AND RE-REFERRED TO CIVIL LAW AND DATA PRWCTICES COMMITTEE.

AMENDMENT A1 -

- 1. Page 1, lines 10 and 16, delete the first "and" and insert a comma and after "Universities"
- 1. insert", and any other pass-through recipients"

- 1. Page 1, line 11, delete "connected to farming or agriculture"

1. Page 1, after line 18, insert:

1. "EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment."

1. Amend the title as follows:

1. Page 1, line 2, delete "connected to farming or"

1. Page 1, line 3, delete "agriculture"

Senator Westrom moved that S. F. 3585, as amended, be recommended to pass. - MOTION PREVAILED.

S. F. 3476: Senator Johnson: Financial assistance program to extend broadband service to unserved areas establishment; process to allow existing easements to be used for broadband service establishment.

SEN MARK JOHNSON

ANNA BOROFF, EXEC DIR, MN CABLE COMMUNICATIONS ASSOC (MCCA)

TONY MENDOZA, OUTSIDE COUNSEL, MCCA

JOHN APITZ, EXEC DIR, MN REGIONAL RAILROADS ASSOCIATION (MRRRA)

SARAH ERICKSON (MRRRA)

SF3476 WAS RECOMMENDED TO PASS AS AMENDED AND REDERRED TO CIVIL LAW AND DATA PRACTICES COMMITTEE.

AMEND A3 -

1.8 "Subd. 5. Line extension agreement. The department must enter into a line extension

1.9 agreement with each winning bidder identified under subdivision 4, except that the

1.10 department may not enter into a line extension agreement to serve any customer located

1.11 within an area that will be served by a grant already awarded by the department under section

1.14 116J.395.

1.15 Subd. 6. Contents of agreement. A line extension agreement under subdivision 5 must

1.16 contain the following terms:

1.17 (1) the broadband service provider agrees to extend broadband infrastructure to support

1.18 broadband service scalable to speeds of at least 100 megabits per second download and 100

- 1.19 megabits per second upload to each address included in the broadband service providers
- 1.20 winning bid;
- 1.21 (2) the department agrees to pay the state's portion of the line extension cost in a grant
- 1.22 issued to the broadband service provider upon the completion of the broadband infrastructure
- 1.23 extension to each address in the broadband service provider's winning bid; arid
- 1.24 (3) the winning bidder has an exclusive right to apply the grant to the cost of the
- 1.25 broadband infrastructure extension for a period of one year after the date the agreement is
- 1.26 executed."
- 1.27 Page 4, line 14, delete everything after "provider"
- 1.28 Page 4, line 15, delete everything before "must" and delete "a notice" and insert "two
- 1.29 written notices"
- 1.30 Page 4, line 29, delete everything after the colon and insert ""It is important to make
- 1.31 any challenge by the deadline to preserve any legal rights you may have."
- 1.32 Page 4, delete lines 30 and 31
- 1.33 And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Civil

Law and Data Practices Policy Amendments adopted. Report adopted

Senator Dahms moved that S.F. 3476, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Civil Law and Data Practices Policy Committee.

S.F. 3479: Senator Westrom: Rural Finance Authority revolving loan account for drought relief appropriation.

SEN WESTROM

THOM PETERSON, COMMISSIONER, MDA

MILES KUSCHEL, CASS COUNTY RANCHER AND BOARD MEMBER - MN FARM BUREAU

CAROL ANDERSON, EXEC COMMITTEE CHAIR, MN FARMERS UNION

EDWARD UHLENKAMP, FARM BUSINESS MANAGEMENT INSTRUCTOR, CENTRAL LAKES COLLEGE

LIZ DWYER, DANCING THE LAND FARM AND LAND STEWARDSHIP PROJECT

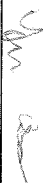
BRUCE KLEVEN, MN STATE CATTLEMEN'S ASSOCIATION

Senator Goggin moved that S.F. 3479, be laid on the table.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:53PM.



Senator Torrey N. Westrom, Chair



Ben Abrahamson, Legislative Assistant