



Minnesota Senate Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee

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AGENDA

1. Call to Order
2. SF 2128 (Putnam) Restricted species provisions modifications (as amended by the A-1 delete everything amendment)
3. SF 2315 (Putnam) Nonnative Phragmites addition to noxious weeds provisions
4. SF 2763 (Putnam) Grants appropriation to Minnesota dairy farmers
5. SF 2513 (Putnam) Green fertilizer production using renewable energy investment support appropriation
 - Mike Reese; Director of Operations, Renewable Hydrogen and Ammonia Lead; University of Minnesota College of Food, Agricultural and Natural Resource Sciences West Central Research & Outreach Center
 - Gary Wertish, President, Minnesota Farmers Union
 - Tom Traen, Former General Manager, Glacial Plains Cooperative
 - Margaret Cherne-Hendrick, Fresh Energy
6. SF 2169 (Seeberger) Border-to-border broadband grant program modification
 - Nathan Zacharias, Technology Policy Analyst, Association of Minnesota Counties
 - Tarryl Clark, Stearns County Commissioner, First District
 - Brent Christensen, President/CEO, Minnesota Telecom Alliance
 - Cap O'Rourke, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Small Cities
 - Steve Giorgi, Range Association of Municipalities and Schools

7. SF 2786 (Kupec) Northern Crops Institute grant appropriation

- Bruce Kleven, Minnesota Association of Wheat Growers
- Cory Bennett, Minnesota Soybean Growers Association

8. SF 2465 (Kunesh) Industrial hemp processing facility appropriation

- Esther Ames, Anishanaabe Agriculture Institute
- Angela Dawson; Co-Founder, President/CEO; 40 Acre Co-op
- Dan Skogen, Director of Government and Industry Relations, Agricultural Utilization Research Institute (AURI)

9. SF 2900 (Kunesh) Farmers' markets support appropriation

- Sina Pleggenkuhle, Director of Communications, Minnesota Farmers' Market Association
- Erica Lanning, Farmers' Market Manager, Neighborhood Roots
- Morgan LaSalle, ForageScape Farm

10. Adjournment