

Minnesota State Senate

Labor Committee

Tuesday, February 14, 2023

12:30 PM, Room 1100, Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Jennifer A. McEwen - Chair, Senator Grant Hauschild - Vice Chair, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Glenn H. Gruenhagen, Senator Robert J. Kupec, Senator Bill Lieske, Senator John Marty, Senator Sandra L. Pappas, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: Senator Clare Oumou Verbeten

Senator Jennifer A. McEwen called the meeting to order at 12:36pm.

S.F. 207: Senator Putnam: Safe Workplaces for Meat and Poultry Processing Workers Act.

Senator Aric Putnam joined the witness stand and introduced Senate File 207.

The following witnesses joined the witness stand to testify on S.F. 207:

Tamara Nelsen, Executive Director of Minnesota AgriGrowth Council

Claudia Ambriz, UFCW Local 663 member from Austin, MN.

Dan Lenway, UFCW Local 663 member from Austin, MN.

Matt Karnes, UFCW Local 663 member from Austin, MN.

Jalysha Lopez, UFCW Local 663 member from Worthington, MN.

Phimpha Keomany, UFCW Local 663 member from Austin, MN.

Berhane Bekele, UFCW Local 663 member from Austin, MN.

Dan Barnes, UFCW Local 663 Shop Steward from Austin, MN.

Callie Martell, UFCW Local 663 member from Austin, MN.

Rena Wong, President of UFCW Local 663.

Mohamed Goni, Organizer for the Greater Minnesota Worker Center.

Maria Elena Gutiérrez, Organizer, Fe y Justicia.

Senator John Marty moved to adopt the A-9 author's amendment to S.F. 207.

The motion is adopted along a voice vote.


Rena Wong joined the witness stand to answer questions from member discussion.

Discussion.

Laura Zajac, Deputy General Counsel for the Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry joined the witness stand to answer technical questions from member discussion.

Senator McEwen moved that S.F. 207, be laid on the table. - **MOTION CARRIED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:41pm.


Senator Jennifer A. McEwen, Chair


Jack Fischer, Legislative Assistant