

Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee
Monday, March 18, 2024
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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Minutes

Present: Senator Aric Putnam - Chair, Senator Robert J. Kupec - Vice Chair, Senator Bruce D. Anderson, Senator Gary H. Dahms, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Senator Judy Seeberger, Senator Torrey N. Westrom

Absent: Senator Heather Gustafson

Senator Aric Putnam called the meeting to order at 3:05pm

Call to Order

3:37pm Senator Putnam passed the gavel to Senator Kupec

3:53pm Senator Kupec passed the gavel to Senator Putnam

S.F. 4500: Senator Lieske: Food sampling and demonstration provisions modifications.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4500:

Kathy Zeman, Executive Director, Minnesota Farmers’ Market Association
Cindy VanDerPol, Pastures a plenty
Andrea Vaubel, Deputy Director of Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Jeff Luedeman, Assistant Director FFSD, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Senator Westrom moved the A-1 amendment
Senator Westrom withdrew the A-1 amendment

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 4500, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 3955: Senator Putnam: Agricultural growth, research and innovation program base funding increase.

The following individuals testified on S.F.3955:

Josh VanDerPol, Pastures a Plenty Farm
Loren Dauer, Public Policy Specialist, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
Andrea Vaubel, Deputy Director of Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Senator Putnam moved the A-1 amendment. **MOTION PREVAILED** by voice

Senator Kupec moved that S.F. 3955, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 3:54pm

Senator Aric Putnam, Chair

Nick Roth, Legislative Assistant