

# Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee  
Wednesday, March 20, 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 Heather Gustafson, Senator Mary K. Kunesch, Senator Judy Seeberger, Senator Torrey N. Westrom

**Absent:** No Members Absent

Senator Aric Putnam called the meeting to order at 3:15pm

### Call to Order

**S.F. 4152:** Senator Westrom: Live Cervidae importation authorization to certain accredited facilities.

The following individuals testified on S.F.4152:

Joan Hemker, Owner, Hemker Park & Zoo  
Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources  
Jill Fritz, Senior Director of Wildlife Protection, Humane Society of the U.S.

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

**S.F. 4225:** Senator Putnam: Minnesota Rural Finance Authority provisions modifications.

3:51pm Senator Putnam passed the gavel to Senator Kupec

The following individuals testified on S.F.4225:  
Chris McNulty, Data Practices Manager, Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
Nick Milanowski, Section Manager for Fruit, Vegetable, and Grain, Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
Thom Peterson, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Senator Putnam moved the A-3 amendment. **MOTION PREVAILED** by voice vote.  
Senator Putnam moved the A-9 amendment. **MOTION PREVAILED** by voice vote.

4:02pm Recess called  
4:22pm Call to Order

Senator Dahms moved the A-7 amendment. **MOTION PREVAILED** by voice vote.

Senator Westrom moved the A-10 amendment.  
Senator Westrom moved an oral amendment to the A-10.  
Page 1, line 8 after “back” insert “with recommendations”  
**MOTION PREVAILED** by voice vote  
A-10 Adopted, as amended, by voice vote.

Senator Westrom moved the A-11 amendment. **MOTION PREVAILED** by voice vote.

Senator Westrom offered the A-6 amendment. **MOTION FAILED** by voice vote.  
Senator Anderson requested a division vote for the adoption of A-6 amendment.

4 yays and 4 nays  
**MOTION FAILED**

Senator Kupec moved that S.F. 4225, as amended, be recommended to pass. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm**

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**Senator Aric Putnam, Chair**

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**Nick Roth, Legislative Assistant**