

Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee
Monday, April 15, 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 Torrey N. Westrom, Senator Gary H. Dahms, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Heather Gustafson, Senator Mary K. Kunesch, Senator Judy Seeberger

Absent: Senator Bruce D. Anderson

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

Call to Order

S.F. 5365: Senator Putnam: Agricultural provisions modifications and appropriation.

Senator Putnam passed the gavel to Senator Kupec: 3:05pm

The following individuals testified on S.F.5365:

Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Michelle Medina, Government Relations Director, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Senator Kupec moved that S.F. 5365, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 5366: Senator Putnam: Broadband supplemental appropriations and transfers.

The following individuals testified on S.F.5366:

Bree Maki, Executive Director, DEED Office of Broadband Development

Senator Kupec moved that S.F. 5366, 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:

Thom Pedersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
Margaret Wagner, Manager of Fertilizer Non-Point section, MN Department of Agriculture
Alex Trunnell, Public Policy Manager, MN Corn Growers Association
Gary Wertish, President, MN Farmers Union
Loren Dauer, Public Policy Specialist, MN Farm Bureau Federation
Paul Hugunin, Director of Ag. Marketing and Development, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Senator Kupec moved that S.F. 3955, be laid on the table. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:06pm

Senator Aric Putnam, Chair

Nick Roth, Legislative Assistant