

Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee
Wednesday, January 29, 2025
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

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

Absent: No Members Absent

Senator Torrey N. Westrom called the meeting to order at 3:06p

Call to Order

Presentation from the Office of Broadband Development

Testifiers: Bree Maki, Executive Director Office of Broadband Development

Presentations from broadband providers on changes to broadband statutes enacted last session

Testifiers: Brent Christensen, CEO Minnesota Telecom Alliance, Melissa Wolf, Executive Director Minnesota Cable Association **S.F. 553:**

Senator Wesenberg: Farmed Cervidae fencing requirements provisions modifications.

Testifiers: Scott Fier – President of Minnesota Deer Farmers Association, Erick Kardal – Attorney for MN Deer Farmers, Dr. James Kroll – Professor Emeritus of Forest Wildlife Management, Steve Porter – Secretary Minnesota Deer Farmers Association, Deb Holtaus – Board of Directors of Minnesota Deer Farmers Association, Mark Volk – Treasurer Minnesota Deer Farmers Association Senator Westrom offered the A2 amendment. Adopted by voice.

Senator Anderson moved that S.F. 553, as amended and referred to the Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee without recommendation. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 659: Senator Wesenberg: Certain duties transferal from the commissioner of natural resources to the Board of Animal Health.

Testifiers: Scott Fier – President of Minnesota Deer Farmers Association, Erick Kardal – Attorney for MN Deer Farmers, Dr. James Kroll – Professor Emeritus of Forest Wildlife Management, Steve Porter – Secretary Minnesota Deer Farmers Association, Deb Holtaus – Board of Directors of Minnesota Deer Farmers Association, Mark Volk – Treasurer Minnesota Deer Farmers Association

Senator Weber moved that S.F. 659, be referred to the Environment, Climate, and Legacy Committee without recommendation. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**


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The meeting was adjourned at 4:59p



Senator Torrey N. Westrom



Keely Spens, Legislative Assistant

