

# Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee  
Monday, February 3, 2025  
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

## Minutes

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

**Absent:** No Members Absent

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

Call to Order

Greet FFA Representatives

Testifiers: Lauren Stoel, Minnesota FFA State President, Murray County Central FFA, Cole Sundeen, Minnesota State Treasure, Rockford FFA

**S.F. 296: Senator Dahms: Minnesota Agricultural Education and Leadership Council grants appropriation.**

Testifiers: Sara Dornink - Executive Director MN Agricultural Educational Leadership Council, Andrew Duerr - Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators, Hunter Pederson - Public Policy Specialist Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation

Senator Westrom moved that S.F. 296, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED. S.F. 391:**

**Senator Lieske: Cottage foods exemption amendment.**

Testifiers: Kathy Zeman - Executive Director Minnesota Farmers Market Association, Jennifer Carriveau - Vice President Minnesota Cottage Food Producer’s Association, Meagan Forbes, Director of Legislation Institute for Justice, Steve Barthel – Director for Government Relations Minnesota Grocers Association

Senator Westrom moved that S.F. 391, be laid on the table. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 310: Senator Dornink: Employee definition modified for the purposes of earned sick and safe time.**

Testifiers: Darin Broton, Executive Director Agrigrowth, Bruce Kleven – MN association of wheat growers, MN turkey growers association, MN Cattlemen’s Association, Red River, (Three Sugar Beets) (GO BACK AND LOOK) , Hunter Pederson – Public Policy Specialist Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation, Jon Boesche – State Director National Federation of Independent Businesses, Josiah Moore – Legislative Director Minnesota Department of Labor and Industry, Stu Lourey – Government Relations Director for Minnesota Farmers Union

Senator Westrom moved that S.F. 310, be reported to the Senate without recommendation. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:02pm



Senator Torrey N. Westrom



Keely Spens, Legislative Assistant