

Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee
Wednesday, February 19, 2025
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

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. Kunesh, Senator Judy Seeberger

Absent: Senator Torrey N. Westrom - **Ranking Minority Member**

Senator Aric Putnam called the meeting to order at 3:07pm

Call to Order

S.F. 629: Senator Kupec: Second Harvest Heartland farm to food shelf program appropriation.

Testifiers: Lindsey Ochmanek – Second Harvest Heartland, Virginia Witherspoon – Channel One Food Bank, Sophie Wallerstedt – Government Relations, Second Harvest Heartland

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 629, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 257: Senator Abeler: Second Harvest Heartland appropriation.

Testifiers: Lindsey Ochmanek – Second Harvest Heartland, Virginia Witherspoon – Channel One Food Bank, Sophie Wallerstedt – Government Relations, Second Harvest Heartland

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 257, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

MN Pork Producers Day on the Hill

Testifiers: Daryl Timmerman – MN Pork Producers Association

MN Soybean Growers Day on the Hill

Testifiers: Darin Johnson – President, MN Soybean Growers

S.F. 1552: Senator Kupec: Financial reporting requirements for grain buyers modification.

Testifiers: Jim Falk – Falk Seed Farm, Donovan Story, Laura Lemke – Executive Director, Minnesota Grain and Feed Association, Peder Kjeseth – Assistant Commissioner, Nicholas Milanowski – MDA Director of Plant Protection


Senator Gustafson moved that S.F. 1552, be recommended to pass. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1559: Senator Gustafson: Farm to school and early care programs appropriation.

Testifiers: Samantha Barthel – Snake River Farm, Becker, MN, Brenda Rudolph – Raising a Farmer, Little Falls, MN, Loriann L Landowski – Director of Child Nutrition, Foley Public Schools, Ashley Bress - Ag Marketing and Development, MDA

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 1559, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:58pm



Senator Aric Putnam, Chair



Keely Spens, Legislative Assistant