

Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee
Wednesday, February 26, 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 Gary H. Dahms, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Heather Gustafson, Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Senator Judy Seeberger

Absent: Senator Bruce D. Anderson

Senator Aric Putnam called the meeting to order at 3:07pm. Gavel changed to Senator Kupec at 3:40pm. Gavel changed back to Senator Putnam at 3:48pm.

Call to Order

S.F. 469: Senator Johnson: Wolf and elk depredation payments appropriation.

Testifiers: Jake Thompson – President, MN State Cattlemen’s Association, Hunter Pederson – Public Policy Specialist, Minnesota Farm Bureau, Stu Lourey – Government Relations, Minnesota Farmers Union, Mark Abrahamson – Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Plant Protection

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 469, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Poultry Day on the Hill Presentation

Testifiers: Ashley Kohls – Executive Director, MN Turkey Growers Association, Erica Sawatzke – Board Director for Board of Animal Health, Dr. Brian Hoefs – State veterinarian with Board of Animal Health

S.F. 1839: Senator Putnam: Program establishment to provide grants to prevent the spread of avian influenza.

Testifiers: Ashley Kohls – Executive Director, MN Turkey Growers Association
Motions/Amendments: Senator Putnam moves A-1 amendment, amendment adopted.

Senator Kupec moved that S.F. 1839, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Presentation from Cellucomp

Testifiers: Christan Kemp-Griffin – CEO, Cellucomp, Chris Plotz – President, Cellucomp, Avonna Stark – State Director, Clean Water Action

S.F. 304: Senator Lang: Minnesota Made Per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances (PFAS) alternative grants appropriation.

Testifiers: Christan Kemp-Griffin – CEO, Cellucomp, Chris Plotz – President, Cellucomp, Avonna Stark – State Director, Clean Water Action

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 304, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 302: Senator Lang: CelluComp grant appropriation.

Testifiers: Christan Kemp-Griffin – CEO, Cellucomp, Chris Plotz – President, Cellucomp, Avonna Stark – State Director, Clean Water Action. Senator Kupec moves A-2 amendment, amendment adopted.

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 302, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4.27pm



Senator Aric Putnam, Chair



Keely Spens, Legislative Assistant