



# Minnesota Senate

## Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband and Rural Development

Friday, March 21st, 2025

10:30 am | Room 1150

### Agenda

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1. Call to Order by Chair Putnam
2. SF 1172 (Kupec) Agricultural growth, research, and innovation program account creation in the agricultural fund authorization; appropriating money
  - Gary Wertish, President, Minnesota Farmers Union
3. SF 1706 (Kupec) Human services data and veterans data provisions modifications
4. SF 1183 (Gustafson) Nitrate private well mitigation appropriation
  - Jay Eidsness, Senior Staff Attorney, Minnesota Center for Environmental Advocacy
  - David Henrich, Legislative Chair, Minnesota Water Well Association
5. SF 1428 (Weber) Beginning farmer tax credits eligibility expansion provision
  - Hunter Pederson, Public Policy Specialist, MN Farm Bureau
6. SF 1419 (Putnam) Agricultural assets owners available credit cap elimination provision
  - Brad Kluver, Family Farmer, Northfield
  - Tessa Sadae Parks, W.T. Farms, Northfield
7. SF 1540 (Putnam) Board of Animal Health appropriation
  - Hunter Pederson, Public Policy Specialist, MN Farm Bureau
  - Bruce Kleven, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association and North Central Poultry Association
8. SF 2259 (Kunesh) Native American United States Veterans memorial appropriation
9. SF 2430 (Kunesh) Local food purchasing assistance program appropriation
  - Jane Windsperger, GEDEF Organic Farm, Minnesota Farmers Union

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Monday & Wednesday  
MSB 1150  
3:00pm – 5:00pm

10. SF 239 (Draheim) Cell-cultured meat and cell-cultured poultry definition

- Kaitlyn Root, Executive Director, Minnesota Cattlemen’s association
- Tessa Sadae Parks, W.T. Farms, Northfield
- Daniel Gertner, Lead Economic and Industry Analyst, The Good Food Institute (Remote)

11. SF 1029 (Westlin) Board of Animal Health commercial dog and cat breeder data collection classification modification, kennel and dealer advertising requirements modifications, and certain kennel, dealer and commercial breeder information posting requirement by the Board of Animal Health provision

- Andrew William, Board Secretary, Ruff Start Rescue (Remote)
- Kimberly LaBo, Public Policy Specialist, Animal Humane Society

12. SF 2788 (Dahms) Restricted pesticide handler definition addition provision and restricted pesticide license requirements for handlers modifications

- Bruce Kleven, Agricultural Groups

13. SF 2045 (Rest) Equal Access to Broadband Act establishment provision

- Mike Bradley, Partner, Bradley Werner, LLC
- Dave Callister, City Manager, Plymouth
- Brent Christensen, President, Minnesota Telecom Alliance
- Melissa Wolf, Executive Director, MN Cable Association

14. Adjournment