



# Minnesota Senate

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

Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2025

3pm | Room 1150

### Agenda

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1. Call to Order by Chair Putnam
2. SF 568 (Hawj) Veteran definition expansion and advisory task force establishment
  - Jean Lee, President & Executive Director, Hope International
3. SF 2458 (Putnam) Department of Agriculture, the Board of Animal Health, and the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute budget establishment
  - Hunter Pederson, Public Policy Specialist, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
  - Stu Lourey, Government Relations, Minnesota Farmers Union
  - Peter LaFontaine, Agriculture Policy Manager, Friends of the Mississippi River (Remote)
  - Laura Schreiber, Government Relations Director, Land
  - Bruce Kleven, Representing Multiple Ag. Groups
  - Carly Griffith, Water Program Director, MCEA (Remote)
4. Adjournment

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