

# Minnesota State Senate

**Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee**  
**Wednesday, April 2, 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. Kunesh, Senator Judy Seeberger

**Absent:** No Members Absent

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

### Call to Order

\*\*\* Gavel changed to Senator Kupec at 3:11pm \*\*\*

**S.F. 2458: Senator Putnam: Department of Agriculture, the Board of Animal Health, and the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute budget establishment.**

Testifiers: Andrea Vaubel – Minnesota Department of Agriculture, 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, Laura Schreiber – Government Relations Director, Land Stewardship Project, Bruce Kleven – Representing multiple ag. groups, Carly Griffith – Water Program Director, MCEA, Nicole Neeser – MDA

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 2458, be laid on the table. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 568: Senator Hawj: Veteran definition expansion and advisory task force establishment.**

\*\*\* Gavel changed to Senator Putnam 4:14pm \*\*\*

Testifiers: Jean Lee – President & Executive Director, Hope International

Senator Kupec moved that S.F. 568, be recommended to pass and re-referred to the State and Local Government Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**The meeting was adjourned at 4:23pm**

  
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Senator Aric Putnam, Chair

  
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Keely Spens, Legislative Assistant