

# Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Committee  
Friday, April 4, 2025  
10:30 AM, 1100 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 11:12am

### Call to Order

**S.F. 908: Senator Kupec: Provisions governing the certification of underground telecommunications installers modification.**

Testifiers: Melissa Wolf – Executive Director, MN Cable Association, Kevin Pranis – Marketing Manager, LIUNA MN & ND

Senator Gustafson moved that S.F. 908, be recommended to pass. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

**S.F. 1959: Senator Putnam: Department of Military Affairs and the Department of Veterans Affairs budget establishment provision, veterans benefits services accreditation disclosure requirements to veterans and veterans' family modifications provision, Gold and Blue Star families honor plaque on State Capitol grounds placed by the commissioner of administration requirement provision, and appropriation.**

Senator Kupec moves to adopt subcommittee report. Motion prevailed.

Senator Kupec moves A-6 amendment. Motion adopted.

Senator Seeberger moved that S.F. 1959, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

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

Testifiers: Thom Petersen – Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, Andrea Vaubel - Deputy Commissioner, MDA, Katherine Simon – MDA, Jennifer Carriveau – MN Cottage Food Producers Association

Senator Seeberger moves A-3 amendment, motion prevails  
Senator Putnam moves A-18 amendment, amendment adopted  
Senator Putnam moves A-19 amendment, amendment adopted  
Senator Dornink moves A-11 amendment, amendment adopted  
Senator Dornink moves A-12 amendment, amendment adopted

Senator Kupec moves A-29 amendment, amendment adopted  
Senator Putnam moves A-24 amendment, amendment adopted  
Senator Anderson moves A-10 amendment, amendment fails  
Senator Anderson moves A-20 amendment, amendment fails  
Senator Westrom moves A-26 amendment, amendment adopted  
Senator Kupec moves A-27 amendment, amendment adopted  
Senator Kupec moves A-16 amendment, amendment adopted  
Senator Westrom moves A-30 amendment, moves to withdraw A-30 amendment  
Senator Westrom moves A-28 amendment, amendment adopted  
Senator Dornink moves A-13 amendment, amendment adopted  
\*\*\* Recess at 12:15pm\*\*\*  
\*\*\*Committee resumes at 12:18pm\*\*\*  
Senator Westrom moves A-30 amendment, amendment adopted  
Senator Westrom moves A-31 amendment, amendment adopted

Senator Gustafson moved that S.F. 2458, as amended, recommended to pass and re-referred to the Finance Committee. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

### Adjournment

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The meeting was adjourned at 12:21pm

  
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Senator Aric Putnam, Chair

  
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Keely Spens, Legislative Assistant