

# Minnesota State Senate

Finance Committee  
Thursday, April 10, 2025  
8:30 AM, 1200 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

## Minutes

**Present:** Senator John Marty - **Chair**, Senator Nick A. Frentz - **Vice Chair**, Senator Eric R. Pratt - **Ranking Minority Member**, Senator Bobby Joe Champion, Senator Gary H. Dahms, Senator Rich Draheim, Senator Jeff R. Howe, Senator John R. Jasinski, Senator Zaynab Mohamed, Senator Erin P. Murphy, Senator Sandra L. Pappas

**Absent:** Senator Melissa H. Wiklund

Senator John Marty called the meeting to order at 8:44AM

### Call to Order

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

Erik Olaphson, Senate Fiscal Analyst, spoke to the bill

Testifier: Commissioner Thom Petersen, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Senator Frentz moved the A37 amendment  
Motion prevailed

Senator Frentz moved the A39 amendment  
Motion prevailed

Senator Frentz moved the A42 amendment  
Motion prevailed

Senator Draheim moved the A41 amendment  
Motion prevailed

Senator Draheim moved the A40 amendment  
Motion did not prevail

Senator Dahms moved the A34 amendment  
Senator Dahms withdrew the A34 amendment

Senator Frentz moved that S.F. 2458, as amended, 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.**

Tom Watson, Senate Counsel, spoke to the bill  
Andrew Erickson, Senate Fiscal Analyst, spoke to the bill

- Testifiers:
- Ben Johnson, Deputy Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs
  - Lieutenant Colonel Eric Athman, Director of Operations, Minnesota Department of Military Affairs

Senator Mohamed moved the A12 amendment with an oral amendment to the A12 amendment incorporated to:

- Delete "13" and insert "9" on line 2.10
- Insert "and" on line 2.21 after the semi-colon
- Delete "; and" and insert a period on line 2.23
- Delete lines 24 and 25 on page 2

Motion prevailed

Senator Howe moved the A8 amendment  
Motion prevailed

Senator Frentz moved that S.F. 1959, as amended, be recommended to pass. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 10:23AM**

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**Senator John Marty, Chair**

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**Killian Becker, Legislative Assistant**