

Taxes Committee  
Wednesday, March 5, 2025  
09:00 AM, G-15 Capitol

### Minutes

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**Present:** Senator Ann H. Rest – Chair, Senator Matt D. Klein - Vice Chair, Senator Bill Weber, Senator D. Scott Dibble, Senator Steve Drazkowski, Senator Grant Hauschild, Senator Jeremy R. Miller, Senator Carla J. Nelson, Senator Aric Putnam

**Absent:** None

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Senator Ann H. Rest called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

A quorum is present

Adoption of the minutes from 2/27/25

The minutes from February 27, 2025, were approved as presented

**S.F. 1028: Senator Rarick – Fire protection and Emergency Medical Services special taxing district establishment, fire protection and EMS aid provision and appropriation**

Senator Weber moved the A-2 amendment. The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted

**Testifier:**

Jesse Buhs – Fire Chief, Cloquet Area Fire Department

Senator Rest laid over S.F. 1028 as amended

**S.F. 1587: Senator Wiklund – Property tax exemption for property held for economic development**

**Testifier:**

Holly Masek – Port Authority Administrator, Bloomington

Senator Rest laid over S.F. 1587

**S.F. 1579: Senator Mohamed – Certain Indian Tribe owned property tax exemption establishment provision**

**Testifier:**

Leonard Fineday – Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe

Senator Rest laid over S.F. 1579

**S.F. 755: Senator Anderson – Shareholder limit increase for entity owned agricultural homestead property**

**Testifiers:**

Don Schiefelbien – Citizen

Hunter Pederson – Public Policy Specialist, Minnesota Farm Bureau

Senator Rest laid over S.F. 755

**S.F. 1269: Senator Drazkowski – Minnesota agricultural water quality certification program credit for certain acres establishment and appropriation**

Senator Drazkowski moved an oral amendment. On line 2.18 strike “general” and insert “clean water”. The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted

**Senator Drazkowski moved an oral amendment. On line 2.19 strike “general” and insert “clean water”. The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted**

**Testifiers:**

Hunter Pederson – Public Policy Specialist, Minnesota Farm Bureau  
Stu Lourey - Public Policy Specialist, Minnesota Farmers Union

**Senator Drazkowski moved that S.F. 1269 as amended, be referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate and Legacy without recommendation. The motion prevailed**

**S.F. 1419: Senator Putnam – Agricultural assets owners available credit cap elimination provision**

**Senator Putnam moved the A-2 amendment. The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted**

**Testifiers:**

Brad Kluver – Family Farmer, Northfield  
Tess Parks – W.T. Farms, Northfield

**Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 1419 as amended be passed and referred to the Committee on Agriculture. The motion prevailed**

**S.F. 1498: Senator Putnam – Definition modification of agricultural land for agricultural property classification**

**Senator Putnam moved the A-1 amendment. The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted**

**Testifier:**

Kelsey Zaavedra – Herloomista, North Branch

**Senator Rest laid over S.F. 1498 as amended**

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The meeting was adjourned at 10:27 a.m.



Senator Ann H. Rest, Chair

Kevin Montresor, Legislative Assistant