

Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Subcommittee on Veterans
Monday, February 10, 2025
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

Present: Senator Aric Putnam - **Chair**, Senator Gene Dornink, Senator Zach Duckworth, Senator Heather Gustafson, Senator Mary K. Kunesh, Senator Robert J. Kupec, Senator Judy Seeberger, Senator Nathan Wesenberg

Absent: Senator Bruce D. Anderson

Senator Aric Putnam called the meeting to order at 3:04pm

Call to Order

S.F. 586: Senator Hauschild: Veterans on the Lake appropriation.

Testifiers: Valerie & Howard Rasmussen – Vets R Us, Inc, Andy Berkenpas – General Manager, Veterans on the Lake

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 586, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 613: Senator Hauschild: Veterans on the Lake grant appropriation.

Testifiers: Nathan Burr – Board Members, Veterans on the Lake, Eric Mayranen, Board Chair, Veterans on the Lake, Andy Berkenpas – General Manager, Veterans on the Lake

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 613, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION ADOPTED.**

S.F. 674: Senator Seeberger: Mental health services and outdoor activities for currently serving military personnel and veterans appropriation.

Testifiers: Christopher Tetrault - President Hometown Hero Outdoors, Jason Kuehn – US Army Veteran, Matthew Deitner – US Army Major (Retired)

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 674, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 388: Senator Lieske: State veterans cemetery burial fee removal for spouses and dependents of eligible veterans.

Testifiers: Jack Schlichting – Advocate, Kevin Millage – Advocate, Jon Kelly – Director of Government Affairs for MDVA

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 388, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm

Senator Aric Putnam, Chair

Keely Spens, Legislative Assistant