

Minnesota State Senate

Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development Subcommittee on Veterans
Monday, February 24, 2025
3:00 PM, 1150 Minnesota Senate Bldg.

Minutes

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

Absent: Senator Bruce D. Anderson, Senator Zach Duckworth

Senator Aric Putnam called the meeting to order at 3:03pm. Senator Judy Seeberger took gavel at 3:36pm

Call to Order

Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs Presentation on Suicide Prevention Efforts.

Testifiers: Rachel Johnson – Director of Veterans Community Based Services, Minnesota Department of Veterans Affairs, Jon Kelly – Director of Government Affairs, MDVA

S.F. 1706: Senator Kupec: Human services data and veterans data provisions modifications.

Testifiers: Jon Kelly – Director of Government Affairs, MDVA

Senator Kupec moves A-2 amendment, amendment adopted.

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 1706, as amended, laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1705: Senator Kupec: Veterans burial provisions modifications.

Testifiers: Jon Kelly – Director of Government Affairs, MDVA

Senator Putnam moved that S.F. 1705, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

S.F. 1704: Senator Putnam: State Armory Building Commission maximum bonded indebtedness allowed increase provision.

Testifiers: Donald Kerr - Executive Director, Minnesota Department of Military Affairs, Major General Shawn Manke, Adjutant General, Minnesota National Guard

Senator Seeberger moved that S.F. 1704, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus bill. - **MOTION PREVAILED.**

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 3:42pm



Senator Aric Putnam, Chair



Keely Spens, Legislative Assistant