



S.F. 958 Conference Committee - Agriculture and Broadband Budget and Policy Bill

HOUSE CHAIR: MIKE SUNDIN

May 6, 2021

Agenda:

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Gene Dornink

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Erin Murphy

House Conferees

Todd Lippert

Gene Pelowski

Samantha Vang

Nathan Nelson

I. Call to Order

II. Adoption of compromise language (if any is available)

III. Overview of House Emerging Farmers and Urban Ag/Senate Beginning Farmers - R7, R9 and R22 House, R12 Senate (discussion only)

- Rep. Samantha Vang
- Assistant Commissioner Patrice Bailey

IV. Overview of Food Access Differences: Farm to School/Healthy Eating - R9 and R18 (discussion only)

- Rep. Todd Lippert
- Commissioner Thom Petersen
- Kathy Zeman, Exec Director, MN Farmers' Market Association
- Paul Hugunin, Dept. of Agriculture (available for questions)

V. Overview of Meat Processing: House AURI meat specialist/Senate butchery program -R19 House/R17 Senate (discussion only)

- Rep. Mike Sundin
- Dan Skogen, AURI Director of Government and Industry Relations
- Keith Olander, Exec Director, AgCentric & Agricultural Partnerships
- Dave Endicott, Dean of Staples Campuses, Central Lakes College

VI. Overview of House/Senate Biofuels Infrastructure language - R40-43 (discussion only)

- Bob Patton, MN Dept. of Agriculture

VII. Overview of House Biofuels incentives reporting language - R39 (discussion only)

- Chair Mike Sundin

VIII. Riders: Overview House and Senate only provisions (discussion only)

- 1) Senate meat/poultry inspection rider encouraging MDA to seek waivers, etc. (R3)
- 2) House/MDA rewrite of dairy development rider (R4-R6)
- 3) House and Senate mental health riders require different activities (R6)

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Riders (continued)

- 4) Senate report required for AGREETT potato and wild rice money (R8)
- 5) Senate \$3m annual cap on bioincentive payments per producer (R10)
- 6) House equity report required for AGREETT and AGRI (R13)
- 7) Senate provides that Bioincentive tails may be used for the (so far unused) Siding Production Incentive Program (R13)
- 8) House Second Harvest rider reflects Rep. J. Hanson's bill (differences on R15)
- 9) Senate farm safety \$10k carveout for outreach (R17)