STATE OF MINNESOTA TWENTIETH MEETING
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETY-SECOND SESSION

AGRICULTURE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, March 22, 2021, pursuant to House rule 10.01. The meeting was broadcast via Zoom and House Public Information Services.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll. A quorum was present.

Members present:

SUNDIN, Mike, CHAIR

ANDERSON, Paul, Minority Lead

BURKEL, John

ECKLUND, Rob

HANSEN, Rick

HANSON, Jessica

KLEVORN, Ginny

LIPPERT, Todd

LUECK, Dale

MILLER, Tim

NELSON, Nathan

THOMPSON, John

Excused:

VANG, Samantha

Rep. Anderson moved to approve adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion prevailed. The minutes from the March 17, 2021 meeting were adopted.

HF 1450 (Hansen, R.) Dicamba herbicide gross sale fee increased, and dicamba compensation program established.

Rep. Hansen, R. moved that HF 1450 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Agriculture Finance bill.

Rep. Hansen, R. moved the DE1 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Testifying:

Daryn McBeth, CropLife America

Erin Rupp, Pollinate Minnesota

Bill Bond, Minnesota Crop Production Retailers Association Executive Director

Tristan Wilmes, CFS Cooperative and Minnesota Crop Production Retailers Association Board of Directors

Rep. Hansen, R. renewed his motion that HF 1450, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion. HF 1450, as amended, was laid over.

HF 766 (Hansen) Additional seed label information required, certain seed uses prohibited, and product stewardship required for corn and soybean seed coated or treated with neonicotinoid pesticide.

Rep. Hansen, R. moved that HF 766 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Agriculture Finance bill.

Rep. Hansen, R. moved the A1 Amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Testimony:

Mac Ehrhardt, President, Albert Lea Seed

Tristan Wilmes, CFS Cooperative and Minnesota Crop Production Retailers Association Board of Directors

Dr. Judy Wu-Smart

Bill Bond, Minnesota Crop Production Retailers Association Executive Director

Sarah Hoyle, Pesticide Program Specialist, Xerces Society for Invertebrate Conservation

Daryn McBeth, CropLife America

Rep. Hansen, R. renewed his motion that HF 766, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Agriculture Finance bill. HF 766, as amended was laid over.

HF 408 (Hansen) Pollinator lethal insecticide fee increased, and fee revenue allocated to pollinator research.

Rep. Hansen, R. moved the DE2 amendment.

Rep. Hansen, R. moved the A1 amendment to the DE2 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment to the amendment was adopted.

The motion on the DE2 amendment, as amended, was before the committee. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Testifying:

Margot Monson¸ Entomologist, Beekeeper

Jon Gaeta from RISE

Tristan Wilmes, CFS Cooperative and Minnesota Crop Production Retailers Association Board of Directors

Chris Cowen, Pesticide Action Network

Daryn McBeth, CropLife America

Bill Bond, Minnesota Crop Production Retailers Association Executive Director

Rep. Hansen, R. renewed his motion that HF 408, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion. HF 408, as amended, was laid over.

HF 670 (Morrison) Chlorpyrifos sale, use, and application banned; product recall and collection efforts required; and money transferred.

Rep. Lippert moved that HF 670 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Agriculture Finance bill.

Rep. Lippert presented HF 670 on behalf of Rep. Morrison.

Testifying:

Bonnie Wirtz

Daryn McBeth, CropLife America

Emily Marquez, Ph.D., Staff Scientist, Pesticide Action Network North America

Bill Bond, Minnesota Crop Production Retailers Association Executive Director

Debbie Bennett, Professor, UC Davis in the Department of Public Health Science

Tristan Wilmes, CFS Cooperative and Minnesota Crop Production Retailers Association Board of Directors

Rep. Morrison gave closing remarks to HF 670.

Rep. Lippert renewed the motion that HF 670 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Agriculture Finance bill. HF 670 was laid over.

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 2:18 P.M.

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Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

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Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant