

AGRICULTURE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Kristi Pursell, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on March 23, 2023, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

VANG, Samantha, Chair
PURSELL, Kristi, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul, Republican Lead
BURKEL, John
CHA, Ethan
FREDERICK, Luke
HANSEN, Rick
HARDER, Bobbie
JACOB, Steven
NELSON, Nathan
REHM, Lucy
SENCER-MURA, Samantha

Members Excused:

TABKE, Brad

A quorum was present.

Representative Nelson moved to adopt the March 21st, 2023, minutes. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 2773 (Vang); Hemp fibers processing equipment grant program established, research and equipment grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Vang moved that HF 2773 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Vang presented HF 2773.

Representative 2773 renewed the motion that HF 2773 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

HF 2946 (Vang); Hemp provisions amended.

Representative Vang moved that HF 2946 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Vang presented HF 2946.

The following testified on HF 2946:

- Tony Cortilet, Plant Protection Division, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Representative Vang renewed the motion that HF 2946 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

HF 2861 (Vang); Minnesota dairy farmers grants funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Vang moved that HF 2861 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Representative Vang presented HF 2861.

The following testified on HF 2861:

- Lucas Sjostrom, Executive Director, Minnesota Milk Producers Association
- Eunie Biel, Farmer, Biel Family Dairy Farm
- Jeff Pagle, District 1 Director, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation

Representative Vang renewed the motion that HF 2861 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

HF 1587, as amended (Vang); Nonnative Phragmites added to noxious weed provisions.

Representative Vang presented HF 1587, as amended.

Representative Vang renewed the motion that HF 1587, as amended, be re-referred to the general register. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Vang assumed the gavel at 1:31 PM.

HF 2784 (Sencer-Mura); Farming incubator project funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Sencer-Mura moved that HF 2784 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Sencer-Mura moved the A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT IS ADOPTED.

Representative Sencer-Mura presented HF 2784, as amended.

The following testified on HF 2784, as amended:

- Karen Clark, Executive Director, Women's Environment Institute
- Farhio Khalif, Owner, Somali American Farming Institute

Representative Sencer-Mura renewed the motion that HF2784, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:51 P.M.

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair

Matthew Sauser, Committee Legislative Assistant