

Agriculture Finance & Policy Committee Minutes

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:01 PM on March 7, 2024, in the Basement Hearing Room of the State Office 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
TABKE, Brad

Members excused

SENCER-MURA, Samantha

A quorum was present.

Representative Tabke moved that the minutes from March 5, 2024, be approved. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Presentation from Minnesota Milk Producers.

Presenting:

- Shelley DePestel, Dairy Farmer, MN Milk Producers

HF3809 (Tabke) Elk provisions modified.

Rep. Tabke moved that HF3809 be laid over for possible inclusion in an Agriculture Omnibus bill.

Representative Tabke presented HF3809.

Testifying on HF3809:

- Mark Abrahamson, Plant Protection Director, Minnesota Department of Agriculture (MDA)

HF3809 was laid over.

HF3763 (Vang) Base funding for agricultural growth, research, and innovation program increased.

Representative Vang moved to reconsider the motion to send HF3763 to the Committee on Ways and Means. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF3763 was laid over.

HF4035 (Cha) Food handler license provisions amended.

Representative Cha moved that HF4035 be laid over for possible inclusion in an Agriculture Omnibus bill.

Representative Cha presented HF4035.

HF4035 was laid over.

HF3815 (Cha) Grain indemnity provisions modified.

Representative Cha moved that HF3815 be laid over for possible inclusion in an Agriculture Omnibus bill.

Representative Cha presented HF3815.

Representative Hansen moved the H3815A1 amendment.

Representative Nelson requested a roll call on the H3815 amendment.

The clerk took the roll.

AYES:

Anderson
Burkel
Harder
Jacob
Nelson

NAYS:

Vang
Pursell
Cha
Frederick
Hansen
Rehm
Tabke

EXCUSED:

Sencer-Mura

There being 7 ayes, 5 nays, and 1 excused, THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF3815 as amended:

- Peter Kjeseth, Assistant Commissioner, MDA
- Nick Milanowski, Program Manager for the Fruit, Vegetable, and Grain Section, MDA
- Laura Lemke, Executive director, Minnesota Grain and Feed Association

HF3815 as amended was laid over.

HF3823 (Hansen) Fertilizer definitions amended.

Representative Hansen moved that HF3823 be laid over for possible inclusion in an Agriculture Omnibus bill.

Representative Hansen presented HF3823.

Representative Hansen moved the H3823A1 amendment.

Testifying on the H3823A1 amendment:

- Peder Kjeseth, Assistant Commissioner, MDA

THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

HF3823 as amended was laid over.

HF4082 (Hansen) Pesticide product discontinuing and canceling provisions modified.

Representative Hansen moved that HF4082 be laid over for possible inclusion in an Agriculture Omnibus bill.

Representative Hansen presented HF4082.

Representative Hansen moved the H4082A1 amendment.

Testifying on the H4082A1 amendment.

- Peder Kjeseth, Assistant Commissioner, MDA
- Raj Mann, Program Manager, MDA

THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

HF4082 as amended was laid over.

Representative Pursell assumed the gavel at 2:03 PM.

HF4322 (Vang) Sustainable Aviation Fuel definitions modified.

Chair Vang moved that HF4322 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Chair Vang presented HF4322.

Testifying:

- Megan Lennon, Energy and Environment Section Supervisor, MDA

Chair Vang renewed the motion that HF4322 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4323 (Vang) Minnesota Rural Finance Authority provisions modified.

Chair Vang moved that HF4323 be laid over for possible inclusion in an Agriculture Omnibus bill.

Chair Vang presented HF4323.

The bill was laid over.

Vang assumed the gavel at 2:09 PM

HF4164 (Rehm) Pest control provisions modified.

Representative Rehm moved that HF4164 be laid over for possible inclusion in an Agriculture Omnibus bill.

Rehm presented HF4164.

Testifying

- Gurinderbir Chahal, Supervisor of Licensing and Certification, MDA

The bill was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:16 PM.

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair

Jared Margolis, Committee Legislative Assistant