

STATE OF MINNESOTA
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
AGRICULTURE FINANCE AND POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

THIRTY-THIRD MEETING
NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:00 P.M. on Monday, February 28, 2022, 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
VANG, Samantha, Vice 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

Rep. Vang moved to approve adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion prevailed. The minutes from the February 23, 2022 meeting were adopted.

HF 2168 (Haley) Minnesota Grape and Wine Council established; wine promotion, education, and development grant program established; sales and use tax nexus for direct shippers established; revenues deposited; direct shipper's license for wine shipments to consumers required; direct shipper reporting requirements established; and money appropriated.

Rep. Anderson moved that HF 2168 be recommended to be referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy.

Rep. Haley introduced her bill and explained the A1 amendment to the committee.

Rep. Anderson moved the H2168A1 amendment. The motion prevailed. The A1 amendment was adopted.

Testifying:

Jenny and Scott Ellenbecker, President of MGGA and owners of Round Like Vineyards and Winery
John Howe, Board member, Minnesota Grape Growers Association
Thom Petersen, Commissioner, MDA

Paul Hugunin, Ag Marketing and Development Division, MDA

Rep. Anderson renewed his motion that HF 2168, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Committee on Commerce.

AYES:

SUNDIN

VANG

ANDERSON

BURKEL

ECKLUND

HANSEN, R.

HANSON, J.

KLEVORN

LIPPERT

LUECK

NELSON

NAYS:

MILLER

ABSENT/EXCUSED:

THOMPSON

There beings 11 ayes and 1 nay, the motion prevailed. HF 2168, as amended, was recommended to be referred to the Committee on Commerce Finance and Policy.

HF3077 (Morrison) Pollinator research account eligible uses modified, and money transferred.

Rep. Sundin moved that HF 3077 be laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Rep. Morrison presented HF 3077 and responded to member questions.

Testifying:

Elaine Evans, University of Minnesota

Dan Cariveau, University of Minnesota

Marla Spivak, University of Minnesota

Rep. Anderson moved the H3077A1 amendment. The motion did not prevail. The A1 amendment was not adopted.

Rep. Anderson moved the H3077A2 amendment. The motion did not prevail. The A2 amendment was not adopted.

Chair Sundin laid over HF 3077 for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

HF3625 (Klevorn) Appropriating money for the Forever Green Agriculture Initiative at the University of Minnesota

Rep. Klevorn moved that HF 3625 be laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Testifying:

Don Wyse, University of Minnesota Faculty

Ben Penner, Farmer

Richard Magnusson, Farmer

Dr. Nicole Atchison, Puris Foods

Hannah Stoll, Graduate student

Rep. Klevorn renewed her motion, and HF 3625 was laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

HF2720 (Lippert) Agricultural organization grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Rep. Lippert moved that HF 2720 be laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Rep. Lippert moved the H2720A2 amendment. The motion prevailed. The A2 amendment was adopted.

Testifying:

Colin Cureton, Director of Adoption and Scaling, Forever Green Initiative

Christopher Abbott, Perennial Pantry

Reginaldo Haslett-Marroquin, Regeneration Farms

Christopher Patton, Midwest Elderberry Cooperative

Rep. Lippert renewed his motion and HF 2720, as amended, and the bill was laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 2:27 P.M.

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant