

STATE OF MINNESOTA  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

SEVENTH MEETING  
NINETY-FOURTH SESSION

Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee

**MINUTES**

Representative Anderson, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM, on March 5, 2025, in Room G3 of the Capitol Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

ANDERSON, Paul, Chair  
HARDER, Bobbie, Vice Chair  
HANSEN, Rick, DFL Lead  
AGBAJE, Esther  
BURKEL, John  
FREDERICK, Luke  
GANDER, Steve  
JACOB, Steve  
LAWRENCE, Bryan  
LEE, Fue  
NELSON, Nathan  
SMITH, Andy  
VANG, Samantha

Representative Hansen moved the minutes of February 26, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

**HF 47 (Schultz) Provisions governing the certification of underground telecommunications installers modified.**

Chair Anderson moved HF47 be placed on the General Register.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Melissa Wolf, Executive Director, Minnesota Cable Communications Association  
Nick Anderson, Anderson Underground  
Brent Christensen, President and CEO, Minnesota Telecom Alliance  
Michelle Benson, Energy and Commerce Policy Director, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce  
Joel Hanson, Director of Government & Public Affairs, Associated Builders and Contractors  
Kevin Pranis, LiUNA  
Jake Schweitzer, Executive Director, North Star Policy Action  
Crystal Gorres, Center Point Energy

Chair Anderson moved the A1 Amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Chair Anderson renewed the motion that HF47, as amended, be placed on the General Register.

Representative Hansen requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYE**

ANDERSON, Paul, Chair  
HARDER, Bobbie, Vice Chair  
BURKEL, John  
GANDER, Steve  
JACOB, Steve  
LAWRENCE, Bryan  
NELSON, Nathan

**NAY**  
HANSEN, Rick  
AGBAJE, Esther  
FREDERICK, Luke  
LEE, Fue  
SMITH, Andy  
VANG, Samantha

On a vote of 7 Ayes and 6 Nays, **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

Vice-Chair Harder assumed the gavel at 2:02 PM.

**HF 434 (Franson) Live Cervidae importation to certain accredited facilities allowed.**

Chair Anderson moved HF434 before the committee.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Joan Hemker, Hemker Park & Zoo (testifying remotely)  
Pat Rivers, Deputy Director, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Vice Chair Harder laid over HF434.

**HF 1702 (Anderson) Funding provided for mental health outreach and support and farm safety grant and outreach programs, and money appropriated.**

Chair Anderson moved HF1702 before the committee.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Hunter Pederson, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation  
Gail Donkers, Minnesota Farmer's Union

Representative Hansen moved the A1 Amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Vice-Chair Harder laid over HF1702, as amended.

Chair Anderson assumed the gavel at 2:25 PM.

**HF 1503 (Burkel) Program established to provide grants to prevent the spread of avian influenza, and money appropriated**

Representative Burkel moved HF1503 before the committee.

The following individuals testified on the bill:

Ashley Kohls, Executive Director, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association  
Bruce Klaven, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association  
Thom Petersen, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture  
Michelle Mediana, Director of Government Relations, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Representative Burkel moved the A1 amendment. **THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.**

Representative Hansen moved the A2 amendment and requested a roll call vote. The results were as follows:

**AYE**  
HANSEN, Rick  
AGBAJE, Esther  
FREDERICK, Luke  
LEE, Fue  
SMITH, Andy  
VANG, Samantha

NAY

ANDERSON, Paul, Chair  
HARDER, Bobbie, Vice Chair  
BURKEL, John  
GANDER, Steve  
JACOB, Steve  
LAWRENCE, Bryan  
NELSON, Nathan

On a vote of 6 Ayes and 7 Nays THE AMEDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.

Representative Hansen moved the A3 amendment.

Representative Hansen withdrew the A3 amendment.

Chair Anderson laid over HF1503, as amended.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:46 PM.

  
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Representative Paul Anderson, Chair

  
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Connie Edwards, Committee Legislative Assistant

