

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

NINETEENTH MEETING  
NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:37 P.M. on Wednesday, March 17, 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  
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 March 15, 2021 meeting were adopted.

Chair Sundin passed the gavel and Vice Chair Vang assumed the Chair at 1:39 P.M.

HF 356 (Sundin) Temporary custom processors exempted from licensure and inspection requirements.

Rep. Sundin moved that HF 356 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Agriculture Finance bill.

Rep. Sundin moved the DE1 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Testifying:

Dan Larson, Executive Director, MN Rural Counties  
Kevin George, independent wild game processor  
Brian Schatz, MN Association of Meat Producers

Rep. Sundin renewed his motion that HF 356, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Agriculture Finance bill.

Rep. Sundin reassumed the Chair at 1:53 P.M.

HF 1727 (Ecklund) Farmed Cervidae additional fencing requirement established, whitetailed deer possession moratorium provided, and farmed Cervidae regulatory duties and powers transferred from Board of Animal Health to Department of Natural Resources.

Rep. Ecklund moved that HF 1727, First Engrossment, be recommended to be referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy committee.

Rep. Ecklund moved the A3 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Rep. Ecklund presented the bill, as amended.

Testifying:

Tony Kwilas, MN Elk Breeders Association

Craig Engwall, Executive Director, Minnesota Deer Hunter Association

John Zanmiller, Bluffland Whitetails Assn.

Tim Spreck, MN Deer Farmers

Rep. Ecklund renewed his motion that HF 1727, First Engrossment as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy committee.

AYES:

SUNDIN

VANG

ECKLUND

HANSEN, R.

HANSON, J.

KLEVORN

LIPPERT

THOMPSON

NAYS:

ANDERSON

BURKEL

LUECK

MILLER

NELSON

There being 8 ayes and 5 nays, the motion prevailed.

HF 718 (Vang) Cities authorized to adopt pesticide control ordinances.

Rep. Vang moved that HF 718, First Engrossment, be recommended to be referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy committee.

Rep. Vang moved the A21 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Testifying:

Laurie Schneider, Executive Director, Pollinator Friendly Alliance

Erin C. Rupp, Founder, Pollinate Minnesota

Rob Greer, Rove Pest Control & MN Pest Management Association

Vice Chair Vang assumed the Chair at 2:37 P.M.

Continuing testimony:

Jon Gaeta, RISE

Tim Malooly, MN Nursery & Landscape Association

Daryn McBeth, CropLife America

Rep. Sundin reassumed the Chair at 2:41 P.M.

Rep. Vang renewed her motion that HF 718, First Engrossment as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy committee.

AYES:

SUNDIN

VANG

ECKLUND

HANSEN, R.

HANSON, J.

KLEVORN

LIPPERT

THOMPSON

NAYS:

ANDERSON

BURKEL

LUECK

MILLER

NELSON

There being 8 ayes and 5 nays, the motion prevailed.

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 2:49 P.M.

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Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

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Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant