

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 February 26, 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 Burkel moved the minutes of February 24, 2025 be approved. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

The following individuals presented on the state of the poultry industry:
Ashley Kohls, Executive Director, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association
Erica Sawatzke, Poultry Farmer, Kensington, MN, Board of Animal Health President

Dr. Brian Hoefs, Executive Director, Board of Animal Health, presented an update on the status of livestock and poultry disease and presented the Board of Animal Health Budget.

Representative Harder assumed the gavel at 1:50 PM.

HF979 (Anderson) Board of Animal Health Funding provided and money appropriated

Chair Anderson moved HF979 before the committee.

The following individuals testified on HF979:

Hunter Pederson, Minnesota Farm Bureau Federation
Stu Lourey, Minnesota Farmers Union

Representative Hansen moved to adopt the A1 Amendment and requested a roll call vote.

The results were as follows:

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

NAYS

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

On a vote of 6 AYES and 7 NAYS **THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

Chair Anderson moved HF979 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF1101 (Anderson) Money transferred to the Ag Emergency Account

Chair Anderson moved HF1101 before the committee.

Representative Hansen moved to adopt the A-1 Amendment and requested a roll call vote.

The results were as follows:

AYES

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

NAYS

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

On a vote of 6 AYES and 7 NAYS **THE AMENDMENT WAS NOT ADOPTED.**

HF1101 was laid over.

Chair Anderson assumed the gavel at 2:10 PM.

Mark Abrahamson, Minnesota Department of Agriculture, presented a report on depredation.

HF601 (Burkel) Depredation compensation funding provided and money appropriated

Representative Burkel moved HF601 before the committee.

The following individuals testified on HF601:
Jake Thompson, President, Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association
Stu Lourey, Minnesota Farmers Union

Chair Anderson moved HF601 be re-referred to the Ways and Means Committee. **THE MOTION PREVAILED.**

HF271 (Burkel) Depredation compensation payments funding provided and money appropriated

Representative Burkel moved HF271 before the committee.

Chair Anderson laid HF271 over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 PM.

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Representative Paul Anderson, Chair

A stylized, cursive handwritten signature of Connie Edwards in black ink.

Connie Edwards, Committee Legislative Assistant

