

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

THIRTEENTH MEETING
NINETY-SECOND SESSION

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the virtual meeting to order at 1:01 P.M. on Wednesday, February 24, 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 February 22, 2021 meeting were adopted.

HF 1433 (Frederick) Providing a biofuels education and marketing program; establishing a council on biofuels education and promotion; requiring compliance with certain compatibility standards; modifying minimum biofuel standard

Chair Sundin announced his intention to lay over HF 1433.

Rep. Vang moved that HF 1433 be recommended to be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Agriculture Finance bill.

Rep. Frederick presented HF 1433.

Testifying:

Deputy Commissioner Andrea Vaubel, MDA
Bob Patton, Energy and Environment Supervisor, MDA
Brian Thalmann, Board Director, Minnesota Corn Growers Association
Joel Bordewyk, Plant Manager, Poet Refinery, Bingham Lake
Gary Wertish, Minnesota Farmers Union
Kevin Paap, Minnesota Farm Bureau

Timothy Gross, Executive Director, Minnesota Petroleum Marketers Association
Tim Rudnicki, Executive Director, Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association, Inc.

Chair Sundin laid over HF 1433.

HF 354 (P. Anderson) Spark ignition motor fuel wholesalers and retailers grant for technical assistance and appropriate technology and promotional program implementation funding provided, reports required, and money appropriated.

Rep. Anderson moved that HF 354 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Agriculture Finance bill.

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

Rep. Anderson presented HF 354, as amended.

Testifying:

Tim Rudnicki, Executive Director, Minnesota Bio-Fuels Association, Inc.
Timothy Gross, Executive Director, Minnesota Petroleum Marketers Association

Rep. Anderson renewed his motion that HF 354, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in omnibus Agriculture Finance bill. Chair Sundin laid over HF 354, as amended.

Overview of MDA Bioincentives report

- Bob Patton, Energy and Environment Supervisor, MDA

Chair Sundin passed the gavel and Vice Chair Vang assumed the Chair at 2:04 P.M.

HF 804 (Sundin) Bioincentive program modified, and money appropriated.

Rep. Sundin moved that HF 804 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Agriculture Finance bill.

Rep. Sundin presented HF 804.

Testifying:

Brigid Tuck, U of MN
Brendan Jordan, Great Plains Institute

Rep. Sundin amended his motion and moved that HF 804 be recommended to be referred to the Climate and Energy Finance and Policy Committee.

AYES:
SUNDIN
VANG

ANDERSON
BURKEL
ECKLUND
HANSON, J.
LIPPERT
LUECK
MILLER
NELSON
THOMPSON

NAYS:
HANSEN, R.

PASS/ABSTAINED:
KLEVORN

There being 11 ayes and 1 nay, the motion prevailed. HF 804 was recommended to be referred to the Energy and Climate Finance and Policy Committee.

Vice Chair Vang adjourned the meeting at 2:20 P.M.

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant