

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

THIRTY-SECOND 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 Wednesday, February 23, 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. Hanson, J. moved to approve adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion prevailed. The minutes from the February 21, 2022 meeting were adopted.

Rep. Sundin passed the virtual gavel and Vice Chair Vang assumed the Chair at 1:02 P.M.

HF 2341 (Sundin) Agricultural Utilization Research Institute office and research laboratory construction funding provided, and money appropriated.

Rep. Sundin moved HF 2341 to get the bill before the committee.

Rep. Sundin moved the H2341A1 amendment. The motion prevailed. The A1 amendment was adopted.

Testifying:

Shannon Schlecht, Executive Director, AURI

HF 2341, as amended, was laid over.

AURI (Agricultural Utilization Research Institute) provided an informational overview on their supplemental budget requests contained in the following bills: HF 3679, HF 3680, HF 3681, HF 3687

Testifying:
Shannon Schlecht, Executive Director, AURI

Vice Chair Vang passed the virtual gavel and Chair Sundin reassumed the Chair at 1:31 P.M.

HF 3264 (Vang) Micro farm premium assistance program established, grant and technical use funding provided, and money appropriated.

Rep. Vang moved that HF 3264 be laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Testifying:
Aaron Blyth, Latino Economic Development Center, Program Manager
Lori D. Cox, Roots Return Heritage Farm

HF 3264 was laid over.

HF 2712 (P. Anderson) Drought relief grant funding provided to eligible farmers, and money appropriated.

Rep. Anderson moved that HF 2712 be laid over for possible inclusion in the supplemental finance bill.

Rep. Anderson moved the H2712DE1 amendment. The motion prevailed. The DE1 amendment was adopted.

Testifying:
Howard Olson, AgCountry Farm Credit Services

Chair Sundin laid over HF 2712, as amended, for possible inclusion.

Kyle Thomas, MN FFA State Treasurer, provided a greeting and responded to member questions as a part of FFA Week.

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 2:10 P.M.

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant