

AGRICULTURE FINANCE & POLICY COMMITTEE MINUTES

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair of the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on March 14, 2023, in Room 120 of the State Capitol Building.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members Present:

VANG, Samantha, Chair
PURSELL, Kristi, Vice Chair
ANDERSON, Paul, Republican Lead
BURKEL, John
CHA, Ethan
FREDERICK, Luke
HANSEN, Rick
HARDER, Bobbie
JACOB, Steven
NELSON, Nathan
REHM, Lucy
SENCER-MURA, Samantha
TABKE, Brad

A quorum was present.

Representative Cha moved to adopt the March 9, 2023, minutes. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF 1747 (Pursell); Next generation farmer development program established, report required, and money appropriated.

Representative Pursell moved that HF 1747 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Anderson moved the A2 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Anderson requested a roll-call vote.

The clerk took the roll on the A2 amendment:

AYES

Anderson

Burkel
Harder
Jacob
Nelson

NAYS

Vang
Pursell
Cha
Frederick
Hansen
Rehm
Tabke

EXCUSED

Sencer-Mura

There being 5 ayes, 7 nays, and 1 excused, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Pursell presented HF 1747.

The following testified on HF 1747:

- Maddie Hyde, Farm Worker & Member, Land Stewardship Project
- Matthew Fitzgerald, Member & Farmer, Land Stewardship Project
- John Beaton, Owner, Fairhaven Farm

Representative Vang renewed the motion that HF 1747 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Representative Pursell assumed the gavel at 1:20 PM.

HF 1057 (Vang); Agriculture; down payment assistance grant funding provided, and money appropriated.

Representative Vang moved that HF 1057 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Vang moved the A1 amendment.

Representative Anderson requested a roll call vote.

The clerk took the roll on the A3 amendment:

AYES

Vang
Pursell

Cha
Frederick
Hansen
Rehm
Sencer-Mura
Tabke

NAYS

Anderson
Burkel
Harder
Jacob
Nelson

There being 8 ayes and 5 nays, THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Anderson moved the A2 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Harder moved the A3 amendment.

Representative Harder requested a roll call vote.

The clerk took the roll on the A3 amendment:

AYES

Anderson
Burkel
Harder
Jacob
Nelson

NAYS

Vang
Pursell
Cha
Frederick
Hansen
Rehm
Sencer-Mura
Tabke

There being 5 ayes and 8 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Anderson moved the A6 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Vang presented HF 1057, as amended.

The following testified on HF 1057, as amended:

- Zoe Holloman, Farmer, Midwest Farmer of Color Cooperative
- Naima Dhore, Steering Committee Member & Farmer, Land Stewardship Project Land Access
- Matt McDevitt, Finance Supervisor, Rural Finance Authority

Representative Vang renewed the motion that HF 1057, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill. The bill was laid over.

Representative Vang assumed the gavel at 1:50 PM.

HF 2718 (Cha); Grain Indemnity account established, and money appropriated.

Representative Vang moved that HF 2718 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee omnibus bill.

Representative Cha presented HF 2718.

Representative Anderson moved the A2 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Anderson requested a roll call vote.

The clerk took the roll on the A3 amendment:

AYES

Anderson
Burkel
Harder
Jacob
Nelson

NAYS

Vang
Pursell
Cha
Frederick
Hansen
Rehm
Sencer-Mura
Tabke

There being 5 ayes and 8 nays, THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Harder moved the A3 amendment. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Harder requested a roll call vote.

The clerk took the roll on the A3 amendment:

AYES

Anderson
Burkel
Harder
Jacob
Nelson

NAYS

Vang
Pursell
Cha
Frederick
Hansen
Rehm
Sencer-Mura
Tabke

There being 5 ayes, 8 nays. THE MOTION DID NOT PREVAIL.

Representative Jacob moved the A4 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Burkel moved the A5 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Anderson moved the A6 amendment THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

The following testified on HF 2718:

- Bruce Kleven, President, Minnesota Turkey Growers Association and the North Central Poultry Association
- Thom Peterson, Commissioner, Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Nick Milanowski, Fruit, Vegetable and Grain Section Manager , Minnesota Department of Agriculture
- Gary Wertish, President, Minnesota Farmers Union
- Martin Phillips, Owner & Farmer, Blue Sky Farms
- Matt Ashton, CEO, New Vision Cooperative
- Chad , Grain Merchandiser, (New Hope, MN)
- Brian Herbst, Owner & Farmer, Herbst Farms
- Jim Falk, President, Falk Seed Farm
- Nicholes, Manager, Minnesota Department of Agriculture

Representative Cha amended and renewed the motion that HF 2718 be re-referred to the Judiciary Finance and Policy Committee. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M.

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair

Matthew Sauser, Committee Legislative Assistant