

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

SIXTEENTH 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 Monday, March 8, 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
NELSON, Nathan
THOMPSON, John

Excused:

MILLER, Tim

Rep. Vang moved to approve adoption of the minutes of the previous meeting. The motion prevailed. The minutes from the March 3, 2021 meeting were adopted.

Chair Sundin passed the gavel and Vice Chair Vang assumed the Chair at 1:03 P.M.

HF 1898 (Sundin) MDA Policy Bill

Rep. Sundin moved HF 1898 and presented the bill.

Testifying:

Peder Kjeseth, MDA, Director of Government Relations
Ashley Bress, MDA

Rep. Sundin renewed his motion that HF 1898 be laid over until the next meeting. HF 1898 was laid over.

Chair Sundin reassumed the Chair at 1:10 P.M.

HF 1433 (Frederick) Biofuels education and marketing program provided, biofuel education and promotion council established, compatibility standard compliance required, minimum biofuel standard modified, technical changes made, and reports required.

Chair Sundin brought back HF 1433 before the committee and moved that it be referred to the Commerce Committee.

Rep. Lippert moved the HF1433DE1 amendment and Rep. Hansen, R. explained the amendment.

Testifying:
Deputy Commissioner Andrea Vaubel, MDA

Chair Sundin requested a roll call on the DE1 amendment.

AYES:
VANG
BURKEL
ECKLUND
HANSEN, R.
HANSON, J.
KLEVORN
LIPPERT
NELSON
THOMPSON

NAYS:
SUNDIN
ANDERSON
LUECK

Absent/Excused:
MILLER

There being 9 ayes and 3 nays, the motion prevailed. The DE1 amendment was adopted.

Rep. Anderson moved the A1 amendment and incorporated the following oral amendments
Page 1, line 1, after "1433" insert ", the H1433DE1 amendment,"
Page 1, line 2, delete "Page 4" and insert "Page 1" and delete "line 32" and insert "line 21"

Rep. Anderson moved the A6 Amendment to the A1 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment to the amendment was adopted.

Chair Sundin moved the A1 amendment, as amended. The motion prevailed. The amendment, as amended, was adopted.

Chair Sundin moved that HF 1433, as amended, be recommended to be referred to the Commerce Committee.

AYES:

SUNDIN

VANG

ANDERSON

BURKEL

ECKLUND

HANSEN, R.

HANSON, J.

KLEVORN

LIPPERT

LUECK

NELSON

Absent/Excused:

MILLER

THOMPSON

There being 11 ayes and 0 nays, the motion prevailed. HF 1433, as amended, was recommended to be referred to the Commerce Committee.

HF 433 (Munson) Minnesota Food Freedom Act established, homemade food sellers exempted from statutes, and local ordinance application to homemade food sellers preempted.

Rep. Vang moved that HF 433 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Agriculture Finance bill.

Rep. Vang moved the A21-0069 amendment.

Rep. Munson explained the amendment and the bill.

The motion prevailed, the A21 amendment was adopted.

Testimony:

Patrice Bailey, Assistant Commissioner, MDA

Katherine Simon, MDA

Rep. Vang renewed her motion that HF 433, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Agriculture Finance bill. HF 433, as amended, was laid over.

HF 1430 (Vang) Cottage food producer requirements modified.

Rep. Vang moved that HF 1430 be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Agriculture Finance bill.

Rep. Vang moved the A21-0072 amendment. The motion prevailed. The amendment was adopted.

Testifying:

Shelley Erickson, President of the Minnesota Cottage Food Producers' Association

Kathy Zeman, Executive Director of the Minnesota Farmers' Market Association

Matt Rosen, The Bakerz Dozen

Jennifer Carriveau, Zella Mae's by Jennifer

Austin Maile, Austin's Acres

Rep. Vang renewed her motion that HF 1430, as amended, be laid over for possible inclusion in the omnibus Agriculture Finance bill. HF 1430, as amended, was laid over.

Chair Sundin adjourned the meeting at 2:14 P.M.

Representative Mike Sundin, Chair

Kyle Smith, Committee Legislative Assistant