

**Agriculture Finance & Policy Committee Minutes**

Representative Samantha Vang, Chair of the Agriculture Finance and Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 1:00 PM on March 12, 2024, in the Basement Hearing Room of the State Office 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.

Presentation from the MN Turkey Growers Association.

Presenting:

- Ashley Kohls, Executive Director, MN Turkey Growers

Presentation from North Central Poultry Association.

Presenting:

- Kevin Stiles, Executive Director, North Central Poultry

Representative Pursell moved to approve the minutes from March 7, 2024. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF4659 (Berg) Safety standards for broadband industry installers required; and Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment Program implemented.

Chair Vang moved that HF4659 be recommended to pass and moved to the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy.

Representative Berg presented HF4659.

Chair Vang moved the H4659A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF4659 as amended:

- Adam Hutchens, Marketing Representative, LiUNA
- Jon Boesche, Director of Government & Public Affairs, Associated Builders and Contractors of Minnesota and North Dakota
- Brent J. Christensen, President and CEO, Minnesota Telecom Alliance
- Tony Mendoza, Counsel, Minnesota Cable
- Brian Cook, Director of Energy and Elections Policy, Minnesota Chamber of Commerce
- Justin Jahnz, President and CEO, East Central Energy

Chair Vang renewed the motion that HF4659 as amended be recommended to pass and moved to the Committee on Climate and Energy Finance and Policy.

Representative Anderson requested a roll call.

The clerk took the roll.

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.

HF3410 (Freiberg) Classification of commercial dog and cat breeder data collected and maintained by Board of Animal Health amended; kennel and dealer advertising requirements modified; and Board of Animal Health required to post kennel, dealer, and commercial breeder information.

Chair Vang moved that HF3410 be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Chair Vang moved the H3410A1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Representative Freiberg presented HF3410 as amended.

Testifying on HF3410 as amended:

- Kim LaBo, Animal Humane Society
- Andrew Willman, Board Secretary, Ruff Start Rescue
- Daryn McBeth, MN Pet Breeders Association

Chair Vang renewed the motion that HF3410 as amended be recommended to pass and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Pursell assumed the gavel at 1:55PM.

HF4655 (Vang) Bird hatching banned in schools.

Chair Vang moved that HF4655 be laid over for possible inclusion in an Agriculture Omnibus bill.

Chair Vang moved the H4655DE1 amendment. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Chair Vang presented HF4655 as amended.

Testifying on HF4655 as amended:

- Dr. Jamie Nalezny, Veterinarian, Avian & Exotic Veterinary Service
- Tom Appel, Executive Director, Minnesota Association of Agricultural Educators
- Riley Joyer, Student, Litchfield FFA

HF4655 as amended was laid over.

Chair Vang assumed the gavel at 2:26 PM.

HF3821 (Sencer-Mura) Food Safety and Defense Task Force provision expiration amended.

Representative Sencer-Mura moved that HF3821 be laid over for possible inclusion in an Agriculture Omnibus bill.

Representative Sencer-Mura presented HF3821.

Testifying on HF3821:

- Kim Carleton, Retail Food Program Manager, MDA

HF 3821 was laid over.

HF4699 (Pursell) Pesticide provisions amended.

Representative Pursell moved that HF4699 be laid over for possible inclusion in an Agriculture Omnibus bill.

Representative Pursell presented HF4699.

Testifying on HF 4699:

- Gurinderbir Chahal, Supervisor of Licensing and Certification, MDA

HF4699 was laid over.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

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Representative Samantha Vang, Chair

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Jared Margolis, Committee Legislative Assistant