

**2025 SENATE AGRICULTURE AND VETERANS AFFAIRS**

**SB 2085**

# 2025 SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee Fort Union Room, State Capitol

SB 2085  
1/9/2025

Swine health improvement plan participation
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9:44 a.m. Chairman Luick opened the meeting.

Members present: Chairman Luick, Vice Chairman Myrdal, Senators Lemm, Weber, Weston, Marcellais.

### Discussion Topics:

- Swine flu

9:45 a.m. Dr. Ethan Address, ND State Veterinarian, testified in favor and submitted testimony #28251.

9:51 a.m. Chairman Luick closed the hearing.

9:52 a.m. Senator Weber moved a Do Pass.

9:52 a.m. Senator Lemm seconded the motion.

Senators	Vote
Senator Larry Luick	Y
Senator Janne Myrdal	AB
Senator Randy D. Lemm	Y
Senator Richard Marcellais	Y
Senator Mark F. Weber	Y
Senator Kent Weston	Y

Motion Passed 5-0-1.

Senator Weston will carry the bill.

9:55 a.m. Chairman Luick closed the meeting.

*Audrey Oswald by Carol Thompson, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**SB 2085 ([25.8116.01000](#))**

**Agriculture and Veterans Affairs Committee (Sen. Luick, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (5 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 1 ABSENT AND NOT VOTING). SB 2085 was placed on the Eleventh order on the calendar. This bill does not affect workforce development.

COMMISSIONER  
DOUG GOEHRING



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**SB 2085 Testimony**  
**Dr. Ethan Andress**  
**North Dakota State Veterinarian**  
**Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs**  
**Fort Union**  
**January 9, 2025**

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Chairman Luick and members of the Senate Agriculture and Veterans Affairs, I am Dr. Ethan Andress, North Dakota State Veterinarian. I am here on behalf of Agriculture Commissioner Doug Goehring, and the State Board of Animal Health. I will testify on SB 2085.

SB 2085 is a bill to grant the Agriculture Commissioner authority as the Official State Agency (OSA) for the United States Swine Health Improvement Plan (US SHIP). US SHIP is modeled after the National Poultry Improvement Plan (NPIP).

The intent of US SHIP is to create an organized infrastructure in preparation for an African Swine Fever Virus (ASF) or Classical Swine Fever Virus (CSF) incursion. These diseases have been devastating on the world stage and any diagnosis in this country has the potential to devastate the US's ability to sell pork on the world market.

US SHIP is an industry driven, private entity, funded by the federal government, that coordinates with the state animal health officials

(SAHO) and state industry leaders. US SHIP is governed by a House of Delegates (HOD) with representation from all participating states and in association with the state OSA.

Our office, the North Dakota Pork Council (NDPC), and other industry members participate at the HOD meetings. Our pork industry, through the NDPC, has indicated they would like the Agriculture Commissioner to serve as the OSA, in a similar manner to NPIP.

I would encourage supporting the bill granting us the authority to assist with this industry driven program.

Thank you, and I will stand for any questions.

**2025 HOUSE AGRICULTURE**

**SB 2085**

# 2025 HOUSE STANDING COMMITTEE MINUTES

## Agriculture Committee Room JW327C, State Capitol

SB 2085  
3/6/2025

A BILL for an Act to create and enact a new chapter to title 4.1 of the North Dakota Century Code, relating to participation in the United States swine health improvement plan by the agriculture commissioner.

8:29 a.m. Chairman Beltz opened the meeting.

Members Present: Chairman Beltz, Vice Chairman Hauck, Representatives K. Anderson, Dobervich, Henderson, Hoverson, Kiefert, Nehring, S. Olson, Rios, Schreiber-Beck, Tveit, Vollmer

Member Absent: Representative: Holle

### Discussion Topics:

- African Swine Fever Virus (ASF)
- Classical Swine Fever Virus (CSF)
- ND Pork Council
- Ferral Swine Fever

8:30 a.m. Ethan Andress, State Veterinarian, ND Department of Agriculture, testified in favor and submitted testimony #38862.

8:58 a.m. Representative Dobervich moved Do Pass

8:58 a.m. Representative Schreiber-Beck seconded the motion.

Representatives	Vote
Representative Mike Beltz	Y
Representative Dori Hauck	Y
Representative Karen A. Anderson	Y
Representative Gretchen Dobervich	Y
Representative Donna Henderson	Y
Representative Dawson Holle	AB
Representative Jeff Hoverson	Y
Representative Dwight Kiefert	Y
Representative Dennis Nehring	Y
Representative SuAnn Olson	Y
Representative Nico Rios	Y
Representative Cynthia Schreiber-Beck	Y
Representative Bill Tveit	AB
Representative Daniel R. Vollmer	Y

Motion passed 12-0-2.

8:59 a.m. Representative Dobervich will carry the bill.

8:59 a.m. Chairman Beltz closed the meeting.

*Diane Lillis, Committee Clerk*

**REPORT OF STANDING COMMITTEE**  
**SB 2085 ([25.8116.01000](#))**

**Agriculture Committee (Rep. Beltz, Chairman)** recommends **DO PASS** (12 YEAS, 0 NAYS, 2 ABSENT OR EXCUSED AND NOT VOTING). SB 2085 was placed on the Fourteenth order on the calendar.

COMMISSIONER  
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**SB 2085 Testimony**  
**Dr. Ethan Andress**  
**North Dakota State Veterinarian**  
**House Agriculture**  
**J-Wing 327C**  
**March 6, 2025**

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