

Senate Executive Departments and Administration Committee

Ben Mickens 271-1403

NONGERMANE AMENDMENT # 2026-1485s, relative to the membership of the agriculture in the classroom committee and repealing the repeal of the produce safety chapter. to HB 1511, relative to the membership of the agriculture in the classroom committee.

Hearing Date: April 22, 2026

Time Opened: 9:01 a.m.

Time Closed: 9:04 a.m.

Members of the Committee Present: Senators Pearl, Gannon and Reardon

Members of the Committee Absent : Senators Lang and Altschiller

Bill Analysis: This bill removes a representative of the Granite State Dairy Promotion from the agriculture in the classroom committee.

Sponsors:

Rep. Barbour

Rep. J. Aron

Rep. Bixby

Rep. Comtois

Rep. N. Germana

Rep. Kenny

Rep. Scully

Sen. Pearl

Who supports the amendment: Shawn Jasper (NHDAMF); Robert Johnson II (NH Farm Bureau); and Erick Sawtelle.

Who opposes the amendment: Steven Zeimetz and Tami Lanzillo Zeimetz.

Who is neutral on the amendment: No one.

Senator Pearl introduced the Nongermane amendment.

Summary of testimony presented in support:

Shawn Jasper, *Commissioner*, Department of Agriculture

- Commissioner Jasper state that this repeal had been delayed five years during COVID, which will come up this summer.
- Mr. Jasper stated that the department of agriculture has been under FISMA for over 10 years and has not had issues.

Robert Johnson, *Federation Policy Director*, NH Farm Bureau

- Mr. Johnson explained the Bureau was in favor of this amendment.
- Mr. Johnson gave the history of this program at the federal level.
- Mr. Johnson stated that this program is important to farmers across New Hampshire.

Senator Pearl asked if Mr. Johnson is comfortable with the changes proposed.

Mr. Johnson confirmed.

Summary of testimony presented in opposition: None.

Neutral Information Presented: None.

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Date Hearing Report completed: April 24, 2026