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### Lawmakers fault state regulators for tru Shrimp's move to South Dakota

From **WORTHINGTON GLOBE**: Minnesota lawmakers on Wednesday, Jan. 16, faulted state pollution control agents with setting up regulatory burdens that prevented a shrimp farming company from building its first facility in Luverne. State legislators asked Minnesota Pollution Control Agency officials about the interactions they'd had with tru Shrimp, an indoor shrimp farming company, and pressed them to relax burdensome regulations that they felt derailed a \$48 million project in Luverne. Pollution control agents, meanwhile, said they'd worked to get the project off the ground and were surprised when tru Shrimp officials said they'd build elsewhere.

<https://www.dglobe.com/news/government-and-politics/4557784-lawmakers-fault-state-regulators-tr%5C%AB-shrimps-move-south-dakota>

### Why even the most ambitious broadband bill at the Legislature still won't bring speedy internet to all Minnesotans

From **MINNPOST**: While cities and towns in Koochiching County might have fast and reliable internet service, large parts of the northern Minnesota region currently have no good options. Paul Nevanen, director of the county's Economic Development Authority, says that translates to headaches for the area's economy. Just miles from International Falls, where broadband access has attracted a significant data storage business, Nevanen said resorts and recreation outfits that rely on tourism to Rainy Lake and Voyageurs National Park have struggled to cope with poor internet connections.

<https://www.minnpost.com/good-jobs/2019/01/why-even-the-most-ambitious-broadband-bill-at-the-legislature-still-wont-bring-speedy-internet-to-all-minnesotans/>

### Minnesota Diversified CEO: Disabilities belong in the diversity discussion

From **MINNEAPOLIS/ST. PAUL BUSINESS JOURNAL**: Peter McDermott has been president and CEO of Minneapolis-based nonprofit Minnesota Diversified Industries for about a decade. During that time, he's helped the manufacturer grow to over 500 employees while keeping the company centered on its mission of providing jobs for people with disabilities. He's also leading a diversification push to expand its offerings beyond its primary product: plastic totes for the U.S. Postal Service. The Business Journal recently sat down with McDermott to discuss that mission and how he's realized success.

<https://www.bizjournals.com/twincities/news/2019/01/15/minnesota-diversified-ceo-disabilities-belong-in.html>