

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EIGHTY-FOURTH SESSION — 2006

 NINETY-FIRST DAY

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA, WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19, 2006

The House of Representatives convened at 12:00 noon and was called to order by Gregory M. Davids, Speaker pro tempore.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Robyn Murphy, All God's Children Metropolitan Community Church, Minneapolis, Minnesota.

The members of the House gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Abeler	Dittrich	Hilstrom	Latz	Paulsen	Smith
Abrams	Dorman	Hilty	Lenczewski	Paymar	Soderstrom
Anderson, B.	Dorn	Holberg	Lesch	Pelowski	Solberg
Anderson, I.	Eastlund	Hoppe	Liebling	Penas	Sykora
Atkins	Eken	Hornstein	Lieder	Peppin	Thao
Bernardy	Ellison	Hortman	Lillie	Peterson, A.	Thissen
Bradley	Emmer	Hosch	Loeffler	Peterson, N.	Tingelstad
Brod	Entenza	Howes	Magnus	Peterson, S.	Urdahl
Buesgens	Erhardt	Huntley	Mahoney	Poppe	Vandever
Carlson	Erickson	Jaros	Marquart	Powell	Wagenius
Charron	Finstad	Johnson, R.	McNamara	Rukavina	Walker
Clark	Fritz	Johnson, S.	Meslow	Ruth	Wardlow
Cornish	Garofalo	Juhnke	Moe	Ruud	Welti
Cox	Goodwin	Kahn	Mullery	Sailer	Westerberg
Cybart	Greiling	Kelliher	Murphy	Samuelson	Westrom
Davids	Gunther	Klinzing	Nelson, M.	Seifert	Wilkin
Davnie	Hackbarth	Knoblach	Nelson, P.	Sertich	Zellers
Dean	Hamilton	Koenen	Newman	Severson	Spk. Sviggum
DeLaForest	Hansen	Kohls	Nornes	Sieben	
Demmer	Hausman	Krinkie	Olson	Simon	
Dempsey	Haws	Lanning	Otremba	Simpson	
Dill	Heidgerken	Larson	Ozment	Slawik	

A quorum was present.

Beard; Blaine; Gazelka; Johnson, J.; Mariani and Scalze were excused.

The Chief Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the preceding day. Nelson, M., moved that further reading of the Journal be suspended and that the Journal be approved as corrected by the Chief Clerk. The motion prevailed.

REPORTS OF CHIEF CLERK

S. F. No. 2646 and H. F. No. 3401, which had been referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison, were examined and found to be identical with certain exceptions.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Paymar moved that the rules be so far suspended that S. F. No. 2646 be substituted for H. F. No. 3401 and that the House File be indefinitely postponed. The motion prevailed.

S. F. No. 3216 and H. F. No. 3631, which had been referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison, were examined and found to be identical with certain exceptions.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Hornstein moved that the rules be so far suspended that S. F. No. 3216 be substituted for H. F. No. 3631 and that the House File be indefinitely postponed. The motion prevailed.

S. F. No. 3246 and H. F. No. 3656, which had been referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison, were examined and found to be identical with certain exceptions.

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Tingelstad moved that the rules be so far suspended that S. F. No. 3246 be substituted for H. F. No. 3656 and that the House File be indefinitely postponed. The motion prevailed.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Seifert from the Committee on State Government Finance to which was referred:

H. F. No. 2847, A bill for an act relating to retirement; merging the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association and the Teachers Retirement Association; modifying the postretirement adjustment amount calculation; adjusting contribution rates; making technical changes; providing a benefit increase; making state aid adjustment; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 11A.18, subdivision 9; 127A.50, subdivision 1; 128D.10; 352.116, subdivision 1a; 352.72, subdivision 2; 352B.30, subdivision 2; 353.30, subdivision 5; 353.71, subdivision 2; 354.05, subdivisions 2, 13; 354.42, subdivisions 2, 3; 354.55, subdivision 11; 354A.011, subdivisions 15a, 27; 354A.021, subdivision 1; 354A.092; 354A.093, subdivision 1; 354A.095; 354A.096; 354A.12, subdivisions 1, 2, 2a, 3a, 3b, 3c, 3d; 354A.30; 354A.31, subdivision 7; 354A.32, subdivision 1; 354A.37, subdivision 2; 354A.39; 354A.40, subdivision 1; 354A.41; 356.20, subdivision 2; 356.214, subdivision 1; 356.215, subdivision 11; 356.30, subdivisions 1, 3; 356.302, subdivision 7; 356.303, subdivision 4; 356.315, by adding subdivisions; 356.42, subdivision 3; 356.465, subdivision 3; 423A.02, subdivision 1b; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, sections 354.44, subdivision 6; 354A.31, subdivision 4; 356.215, subdivision 8; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 128D; 354; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 354A.051; 354A.105; 354A.23, subdivision 1; 354A.28.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 4, after line 11, insert:

"Sec. 2. **[354A.42] ST. PAUL TEACHER INCREASE LIMIT.**

Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, the St. Paul Teachers Retirement Fund Association may not pay a postretirement adjustment of more than five percent in any year, effective July 1, 2010."

Page 18, line 6, delete everything after the comma

Page 18, line 7, delete everything before "and"

Page 22, line 7, delete "2007" and insert "2006"

Page 22, line 8, delete "effect a transfer of" and insert "transfer"

Page 22, line 11, delete everything after the period

Page 22, delete lines 12 to 13

Page 22, line 29, delete everything after "(b)"

Page 22, delete lines 30 to 32

Page 22, line 33, delete "Fund Association." and insert "As of June 30, 2006, assets of the special retirement fund of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association are assets of the Teachers Retirement Association to be invested by the State Board of Investment pursuant to the provisions of section 354.07, subdivision 4."

Page 24, delete subdivision 7 and insert:

"Subd. 7. **Termination of Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association special retirement fund.** (a) As of June 30, 2006, the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association ceases to exist.

(b) Contracts, records, and obligations of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association special retirement fund existing at the time of consolidation with the Teachers Retirement Association are transferred to the Teachers Retirement Association pursuant to the provisions of section 15.039, subdivisions 5 and 5a, except that contracts, records, and obligations of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association special retirement fund related to investment and safekeeping of assets are transferred to the State Board of Investment pursuant to the provisions of section 15.039, subdivisions 5 and 5a. The State Board of Investment has the authority to pay the investment-related liabilities and obligations from the assets transferred from the Minnesota Teachers Retirement Fund Association incurred by the Teachers Retirement Association. Between the date of enactment of this section and June 30, 2006, the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Fund Association cannot incur an enforceable contractual liability or obligation without approval of the Teachers Retirement Association."

Page 57, delete lines 2 to 6

Page 57, line 7, delete "(b)" and insert "(a)"

Page 57, line 8, delete "and remained so employed on"

Page 57, line 9, delete "June 30, 2007,"

Page 57, line 10, delete "as of July 1, 2007" and insert "until at least July 1, 2007"

Page 57, line 12, after the period, insert "For purposes of the Minneapolis Teachers Retirement Association Personnel handbook, the "last day of employment" for these employees shall mean their last day of employment with the Teachers Retirement Association."

Page 57, line 13, delete "(c)" and insert "(b)" and delete "(b)" and insert "(a)"

Page 57, line 31, before the period, insert ", except that section 9, subdivision 7, is effective the day following final enactment"

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, after line 4, insert "limiting certain postretirement adjustments;"

Correct the title numbers accordingly

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

The report was adopted.

Seifert from the Committee on State Government Finance to which was referred:

H. F. No. 2916, A bill for an act relating to public safety; establishing the fire safety account from revenues on fire premiums and assessments; abolishing the fire insurance tax; establishing a fire insurance policyholder surcharge; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299F; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 297I.05, subdivision 6.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[297I.06] SURCHARGES ON FIRE SAFETY PREMIUMS.**

Subdivision 1. **Insurance policies surcharge.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in subdivision 2, each insurer engaged in writing policies of homeowner's insurance authorized in section 60A.06, subdivision 1, clause (1)(c), or commercial fire policies shall collect a surcharge equal to 0.75 percent of the gross premiums and assessments, less return premiums, on direct business received by the company, or by its agents for it, for homeowner's insurance policies and commercial fire insurance policies in this state.

(b) The surcharge amount collected under paragraph (a) may not be considered premium for any purpose, including the computation of premium tax or agents' commissions. The surcharge amount must be separately stated on either a billing or policy declaration sent to an insured.

(c) Amounts collected by the commissioner under this section must be deposited in the fire safety account established pursuant to subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. **Exemptions.** (a) This section does not apply to a farmers' mutual fire insurance company or township mutual fire insurance company in Minnesota organized under chapter 67A.

(b) An insurer described in section 297I.05, subdivisions 3 and 4, authorized to transact business in Minnesota shall elect to remit to the Department of Revenue for deposit in the fire safety account either (1) the surcharge amount collected under this section, or (2) a tax of one-half of one percent on the gross fire premiums and assessments, less return premiums, on all direct business received by the insurer or agents of the insurer in Minnesota, in cash or otherwise, during the year.

(c) For purposes of this subdivision, "gross fire premiums and assessments" includes premiums on policies covering fire risks only on automobiles, whether written or under floater form or otherwise.

Subd. 3. **Fire safety account, annual transfers, allocation.** A special account, to be known as the fire safety account, is created in the state treasury. The account consists of the proceeds under subdivision 1.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 297I.30, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. **Fire insurance surcharge.** On or before May 15, August 15, November 15, and February 15 of each year, every insurer required to pay the surcharge under section 297I.06, subdivision 1, shall file a return with the commissioner for the preceding three-month period ending March 31, June 30, September 30, and December 31, setting forth any information the commissioner reasonably requires on forms prescribed by the commissioner.

Sec. 3. **[299F.012] FIRE SAFETY ACCOUNT.**

Subdivision 1. **Authorized programs within department.** From the revenues appropriated from the fire safety account, established under section 297I.06, subdivision 3, the commissioner of public safety shall expend funds for the activities and programs identified by the advisory committee established under subdivision 2 and recommended to the commissioner of public safety. These funds are to be used to provide resources needed for identified activities and programs of the Minnesota fire service and to ensure the State Fire Marshal Division responsibilities are fulfilled.

Subd. 2. **Fire Service Advisory Committee.** The Fire Service Advisory Committee shall provide recommendations to the commissioner of public safety on fire service related issues and shall consist of representatives of each of the following organizations: two appointed by the president of the Minnesota State Fire Chiefs Association, two appointed by the president of the Minnesota State Fire Department Association, two appointed by the president of the Minnesota Professional Fire Fighters, two appointed by the president of the League of Minnesota Cities, one appointed by the president of the Minnesota Association of Townships, one appointed by the president of the Insurance Federation of Minnesota, one appointed jointly by the presidents of the Minnesota Chapter of the International Association of Arson Investigators and the Fire Marshals Association of Minnesota, and the commissioner of public safety or the commissioner's designee. The commissioner of public safety must ensure that at least three of the members of the advisory committee work and reside in counties outside of the seven-county metropolitan area. The committee shall provide funding recommendations to the commissioner of public safety from the fire safety fund for the following purposes:

(1) for the Minnesota Board of Firefighter Training and Education;

(2) for programs and staffing for the State Fire Marshal Division; and

(3) for fire-related regional response team programs and any other fire service programs that have the potential for statewide impact.

Subd. 3. **Report; accounting; carryover.** The commissioner of public safety shall, by December 1 of each year, (1) provide an accounting of how the funds in the fire safety account were spent in the preceding fiscal year and (2) report any funds not spent in a fiscal year to the chairs of the committees of the house of representatives and the senate having jurisdiction over public safety finance. Money in the account does not cancel but remains available for expenditures for the programs identified in subdivisions 1 and 2.

Sec. 4. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 297I.05, subdivision 6, is repealed.

Sec. 5. **EFFECTIVE DATE; APPLICATION.**

Sections 1 to 4 are effective July 1, 2007, and apply to policies written or renewed on or after that date."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to public safety; establishing the fire safety account from revenues on fire premiums and assessments; modifying the fire insurance tax; establishing a fire insurance policyholder surcharge; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 297I.30, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 297I; 299F; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 297I.05, subdivision 6."

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

The report was adopted.

Knoblach from the Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred:

H. F. No. 3810, A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money and supplementing and reducing appropriations for agriculture; modifying certain programs; establishing the Minnesota Agricultural Fertilizer Research and Education Council and grant program; providing for apiary inspections; modifying State Fair camping provisions; creating the Personal Responsibility in Food Consumption Act; requiring studies; repealing regulation of beekeeping; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 3.737, subdivision 1; 3.7371, subdivision 3; 18C.305, by adding a subdivision; 28A.15, subdivision 4; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, sections 35.05; 327.201; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 17; 18C; 604; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 17.10; 19.50, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12a, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18; 19.51, subdivisions 1, 2; 19.52; 19.53; 19.55; 19.56; 19.561; 19.57; 19.58, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 9; 19.59; 19.61, subdivision 1; 19.63; 19.65; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 19.64, subdivision 1.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 9, line 23, before "\$500" insert "at least" and delete "up to 100 cows per producer."

Page 9, line 24, after the period, insert "The commissioners shall recommend an appropriate limit on the number of cows per producer to be covered by this program."

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill pass.

The report was adopted.

Knoblach from the Committee on Ways and Means to which was referred:

H. F. No. 4062, A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money and supplementing or reducing appropriations for various economic development, labor and industry, and human services programs and activities; establishing and modifying certain programs; providing for regulation of certain activities and practices; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 16B.61, subdivision 1a; 16B.65, subdivisions 1, 5a; 16B.70, subdivision 2; 43A.08, subdivision 1a; 116J.421, by adding a subdivision; 116J.431, by adding a subdivision; 116J.8731, subdivisions 1, 4; 116L.04, subdivisions 1, 1a; 116L.12, subdivision 4; 119B.03, subdivision 4; 178.02, subdivision 2; 181.032; 245A.023; 245A.14, by adding a subdivision; 256J.021; 256J.626, subdivision 2; 259.87; 298.22, subdivisions 1, 8, by adding a subdivision; 298.2213, subdivision 4; 298.223, subdivisions 2, 3; 326.01, by adding subdivisions; 326.105; 326.242, subdivisions 3c, 5, 6a, 6b, 6c, 7, 8, by adding a subdivision; 326.992; 327.33, subdivisions 2, 6; 327B.04, subdivision 7; 446A.03, subdivision 5; 446A.12, subdivision 1; 469.334, subdivisions 1, 4; 471.471, subdivision 4; 518.551, subdivision 7; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, sections 115C.09, subdivision 3j; 116J.551, subdivision 1; 116J.575, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 119B.13, subdivision 7; 245A.146, subdivision 3; 298.296, subdivision 1; 298.298; 446A.073; Laws 2004, chapter 188, section 1, as amended; Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 17; Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 4, article 7, section 59; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 116J; 216B; 256K; 259; 299F; 341; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 326B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 16B.747, subdivision 4; 183.375, subdivision 5; 326.241, subdivision 3; 326.44; 326.52; 326.64; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 183.545, subdivision 9.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 4, after line 8, insert:

"\$120,000 in fiscal year 2007 is appropriated from the general fund for the purpose of creating and maintaining one salaried position for a federal procurement assistance specialist based out of Washington, D.C. This amount shall be added to the agency's base. The base appropriation for fiscal year 2008 and after is \$60,000."

Page 5, line 9, delete "64" and insert "66"

Page 5, after line 11, insert:

"\$100,000 in fiscal year 2007 is appropriated from the general fund for grants to the learn to earn summer youth employment program established under Laws 1995, chapter 224, sections 5 and 39. Grants made under this section are available until spent. The base appropriation for fiscal year 2008 and after is \$50,000."

\$401,000 in fiscal year 2007 is appropriated from the general fund for the Minnesota youth program under Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.56 to 116L.561. The base appropriation for fiscal year 2008 and after is \$200,000.

\$150,000 in fiscal year 2007 is appropriated from the general fund for the youthbuild program under Minnesota Statutes, sections 116L.361 to 116L.366. The base appropriation for fiscal year 2008 and after is \$75,000."

Page 7, line 5, delete "37 to 52" and insert "36 to 51"

Page 10, line 20, reinstate the stricken "for four years" and delete "until spent"

Page 15, after line 16, insert:

"Sec. 23. **[178.031] DETERMINATION OF APPRENTICE WAGES.**

Subdivision 1. **Procedure.** Determination of the graduated schedule of wages for an apprenticeship agreement will be determined by the percentage rate used in the majority of individual apprenticeship agreements on file with the apprenticeship unit in any particular trade. The beginning rate must be at least the federal or state minimum wage rate, whichever is higher.

Subd. 2. **Journeyman wage rates.** (a) The journeyman wage rate for work other than construction on public works projects funded in whole or in part by state funds in apprenticeship agreements where no bargaining agreement exists shall be determined by areas for all trades. The areas used to make the journeyman wage rate determinations shall be the most current Occupational Employment Statistics (OES) Economic Development Regions utilized by the Department of Employment and Economic Development. In making the determination of the journeyman wage rate, the director of labor standards and apprenticeship shall consider existing wage rates in the employer's area for the trade including the current OES all-industry median wage rate, the current prevailing wages rates for the trade in the area certified pursuant to sections 177.41 to 177.44, and existing apprenticeship agreements for the trade in the area. The journeyman wage rate determination by the director shall not alter existing wage rates for apprentices or journeymen in a collective bargaining agreement and shall not have a beginning wage rate for an apprentice that is below the state or federal minimum wage.

(b) The journeyman wage rate for construction work on public works projects funded in whole or in part by state funds in apprenticeship agreements where no bargaining agreement exists is the prevailing wage base rate, pursuant to sections 177.41 to 177.44, for the trade on the project."

Page 16, after line 35, insert:

"Sec. 26. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 216C.41, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Payment period.** (a) A facility may receive payments under this section for a ten-year period. No payment under this section may be made for electricity generated:

- (1) by a qualified hydroelectric facility after December 31, ~~2017~~ 2019;
- (2) by a qualified wind energy conversion facility after December 31, ~~2017~~ 2018; or
- (3) by a qualified on-farm biogas recovery facility after December 31, 2015.

(b) The payment period begins and runs consecutively from the date the facility begins generating electricity or, in the case of refurbishment of a hydropower facility, after substantial repairs to the hydropower facility dam funded by the incentive payments are initiated."

Pages 20 to 22, delete sections 33 to 35

Page 28, after line 5, insert:

"All fees collected by the Minnesota Boxing Commission must be deposited in an account in the special revenue fund. Other than initial startup costs, the commission must be funded only from proceeds of these fees."

Page 35, line 25, delete "64" and insert "63"

Page 38, line 23, delete "DEPOSIT OF FEES" and insert "MINNESOTA BOXING COMMISSION"

Page 38, delete lines 24 and 25

Page 38, line 26, delete "from proceeds of these fees."

Pages 40 to 45, delete sections 5 to 14

Page 51, line 12, delete "\$2,317,000" and insert "\$2,273,000"

Page 51, line 13, delete "\$1,027,000" and insert "\$983,000"

Page 53, line 2, delete "(22,444,000)" and insert "(22,400,000)"

Page 53, line 3, delete "22,444,000" and insert "22,400,000"

Page 53, line 5, delete "\$22,444,000" and insert "\$22,400,000"

Page 53, line 23, delete "\$22,444,000" and insert "\$22,400,000"

Page 53, line 26, delete "\$22,444,000" and insert "\$22,400,000"

Page 53, line 27, delete "\$22,444,000" and insert "\$22,400,000"

Page 54, after line 5, insert:

<u>"General</u>	<u>(370,000)</u>	<u>(461,000)"</u>
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Page 54, after line 6, insert:

"MINNESOTA FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM. The general fund appropriations for the Minnesota food assistance program under Minnesota Statutes, section 256D.053, are reduced by \$370,000 in fiscal year 2006 and \$491,000 in fiscal year 2007.

The general fund appropriation for the Minnesota food assistance program is increased by \$30,000 in fiscal year 2007 for the added program cost of the food stamp asset limit changes under Minnesota Statutes, section 256D.0515. The general fund base for the Minnesota food assistance program is increased by \$31,000 in fiscal year 2008 and \$31,000 in fiscal year 2009."

Page 54, after line 17, insert:

"Subd. 3. **Children and Economic Assistance Management**

Summary by Fund

<u>General</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>29,000</u>
<u>Federal TANF</u>	<u>-0-</u>	<u>44,000</u>

FOOD STAMP ASSET LIMIT. \$29,000 in fiscal year 2007 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the systems cost of implementing the food stamp asset limit changes included under Minnesota Statutes, section 256D.0515. This is a onetime appropriation.

DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INFORMATION BROCHURE. \$44,000 in fiscal year 2007 is appropriated from federal TANF funds to the commissioner of human services for producing the domestic violence information brochure under Minnesota Statutes, section 256.029. This appropriation is added to the agency's base."

Page 59, after line 7, insert:

"Sec. 6. **[256.029] DOMESTIC VIOLENCE INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE.**

(a) The commissioner shall provide a domestic violence informational brochure that provides information about the existence of domestic violence waivers for eligible public assistance applicants to all applicants of general assistance, general assistance medical care, Minnesota family investment program, medical assistance, and MinnesotaCare. The brochure must explain that eligible applicants may be temporarily waived from certain program requirements due to domestic violence. The brochure must provide information about services and other programs to help victims of domestic violence.

(b) The brochure must be funded with TANF funds.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective upon federal approval.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 256.9862, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Transaction fee.** The commissioner ~~may~~ must charge transaction fees in accordance with this subdivision ~~up to a maximum of \$10 in transaction fees per cardholder per month. In a given month, the first four cash withdrawals made by an individual cardholder are free. For subsequent cash withdrawals, \$1 may be charged to cardholders.~~ No transaction fee can be charged if the card is used to purchase goods or services on a point of sale basis. A transaction fee subsequently set by the federal government may supersede a fee established under this subdivision. The fees shall be appropriated to the commissioner and used for electronic benefit purposes.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2007.

Sec. 8. **[256D.0515] ASSET LIMITATIONS FOR FOOD STAMP HOUSEHOLDS.**

All food stamp households must be determined eligible for the benefit discussed under section 256.029. Food stamp households must demonstrate that:

(1) their gross income meets the federal Food Stamp requirements under United States Code, title 7, section 2014(c); and

(2) they have financial resources, excluding vehicles, of less than \$7,000.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective upon federal approval."

Page 59, after line 25, insert:

"Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 256J.39, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. **Prohibited purchases.** MFIP recipients are prohibited from using MFIP monthly cash assistance payments issued in the form of an electronic benefits transfer to purchase tobacco products or alcohol.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2007."

Page 65, delete section 12

Correct fund totals accordingly

Adjust amounts accordingly

Renumber the sections in sequence

Correct the title numbers accordingly

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill pass.

The report was adopted.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

H. F. Nos. 3810 and 4062 were read for the second time.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S. F. Nos. 2646, 3216 and 3246 were read for the second time.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Files were introduced:

Atkins introduced:

H. F. No. 4154, A bill for an act relating to taxes; modifying the treatment of certain income from foreign operations under the corporate franchise tax; increasing local government aid; providing a property tax rebate; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 290.34, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, sections 290.01, subdivisions 6b, 19c, 19d; 477A.03, subdivision 2a.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Vandev eer, Krinkie, Abrams, Thissen, Marquart and Dean introduced:

H. F. No. 4155, A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; modifying the format of the proposed tax notice; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 275.065, by adding subdivisions; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 275.065, subdivision 3.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Bernardy; Peterson, S.; Atkins; Latz and Hansen introduced:

H. F. No. 4156, A bill for an act relating to taxes; changing the city local government aid program; changing taxation of foreign operating corporations and dedicating the additional revenue for property tax relief; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 290.17, subdivision 4; 290.62; 477A.013, subdivision 9; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, sections 477A.011, subdivision 36; 477A.013, subdivision 8; 477A.03, subdivision 2a.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Meslow and Simon introduced:

H. F. No. 4157, A bill for an act relating to legislative enactments; correcting miscellaneous oversights; inconsistencies; ambiguities; unintended results; and technical errors; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 325F.665, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Financial Institutions.

CALENDAR FOR THE DAY

Abrams moved that the Calendar for the Day be continued. The motion prevailed.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Dean moved that his name be stricken as an author on H. F. No. 3911. The motion prevailed.

Peterson, N., moved that the name of Loeffler be added as an author on H. F. No. 4147. The motion prevailed.

Heidgerken moved that the name of Tingelstad be added as an author on H. F. No. 4149. The motion prevailed.

Abeler moved that the names of Tingelstad and Hansen be added as authors on H. F. No. 4152. The motion prevailed.

FISCAL CALENDAR ANNOUNCEMENT

Pursuant to rule 1.22, Knobloch announced his intention to place H. F. No. 3810 on the Fiscal Calendar for Thursday, April 20, 2006.

ADJOURNMENT

Paulsen moved that when the House adjourns today it adjourn until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, April 20, 2006. The motion prevailed.

Paulsen moved that the House adjourn. The motion prevailed, and Speaker pro tempore Davids declared the House stands adjourned until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, April 20, 2006.

ALBIN A. MATHIOWETZ, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

