

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EIGHTY-FIFTH SESSION — 2007

 TWENTY-THIRD DAY

SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA, THURSDAY, MARCH 1, 2007

The House of Representatives convened at 10:00 a.m. and was called to order by Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Speaker of the House.

Prayer was offered by the Reverend Paul Rogers, House Chaplain.

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	Dill	Hilstrom	Lieder	Paulsen	Sviggum
Anderson, B.	Dittrich	Hilty	Lillie	Paymar	Swails
Anderson, S.	Dominguez	Holberg	Loeffler	Pelowski	Thao
Anzelc	Doty	Hoppe	Madore	Peppin	Thissen
Atkins	Eastlund	Hornstein	Mahoney	Peterson, A.	Tillberry
Benson	Eken	Hortman	Mariani	Peterson, N.	Tingelstad
Berns	Emmer	Hosch	Marquart	Peterson, S.	Tschumper
Bigham	Erickson	Howes	Masin	Poppe	Urdahl
Bly	Faust	Huntley	McFarlane	Rukavina	Wagenius
Brod	Finstad	Jaros	McNamara	Ruth	Walker
Brown	Fritz	Johnson	Moe	Ruud	Ward
Brynaert	Gardner	Juhnke	Morgan	Sailer	Welti
Buesgens	Garofalo	Kahn	Morrow	Scalze	Westrom
Bunn	Gottwalt	Kalin	Mullery	Seifert	Winkler
Carlson	Greiling	Knuth	Murphy, E.	Sertich	Wollschlager
Clark	Gunther	Koenen	Murphy, M.	Severson	Zellers
Cornish	Hackbarth	Kohls	Nelson	Shimanski	Spk. Kelliher
Davnie	Hamilton	Kranz	Norton	Simon	
Dean	Hansen	Laine	Olin	Simpson	
DeLaForest	Hausman	Lanning	Olson	Slawik	
Demmer	Haws	Lesch	Otremba	Slocum	
Dettmer	Heidgerken	Liebling	Ozment	Solberg	

A quorum was present.

Beard, Erhardt, Magnus, Nornes, Smith and Wardlow were excused.

Lenczewski was excused until 10:50 a.m.

The Chief Clerk proceeded to read the Journals of the preceding days. Madore moved that further reading of the Journals be suspended and that the Journals be approved as corrected by the Chief Clerk. The motion prevailed.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was received:

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF STATE
ST. PAUL 55155

The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

I have the honor to inform you that the following enrolled Act of the 2007 Session of the State Legislature has been received from the Office of the Governor and is deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State for preservation, pursuant to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 23:

<i>S. F. No.</i>	<i>H. F. No.</i>	<i>Session Laws Chapter No.</i>	<i>Time and Date Approved 2007</i>	<i>Date Filed 2007</i>
4		3	10:59 a.m. February 22	February 22

Sincerely,

MARK RITCHIE
Secretary of State

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES

Rukavina from the Higher Education and Work Force Development Policy and Finance Division to which was referred:

H. F. No. 34, A bill for an act relating to health; establishing state policy for stem cell research; providing criminal penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 137; 145.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 2, line 4, after "tissue" insert "; cloning of human being"

Page 2, line 12, delete "this subdivision" and insert "paragraph (a)"

Page 2, after line 12, insert:

"(c) A person who knowingly engages or assists, directly or indirectly, in the cloning of a human being is guilty of a felony.

As used in this section, "cloning of a human being" means the replication of a human individual by cultivating a cell with genetic material through the egg, embryo, fetal, and newborn stages into a new human individual."

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice.

The report was adopted.

Atkins from the Committee on Commerce and Labor to which was referred:

H. F. No. 131, A bill for an act relating to consumer protection; restricting the use of Social Security numbers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 325E.59, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 325E.59, subdivision 2.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 325E.59, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) A person or entity, not including a government entity, may not do any of the following:

(1) publicly post or publicly display in any manner an individual's Social Security number. "Publicly post" or "publicly display" means to intentionally communicate or otherwise make available to the general public;

(2) print an individual's Social Security number on any card required for the individual to access products or services provided by the person or entity;

(3) require an individual to transmit the individual's Social Security number over the Internet, unless;

(i) the connection is secure or the Social Security number is encrypted; and

(ii) the Social Security number is necessary to the transaction,

except as required by titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and by Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 483.20;

(4) require an individual to use the individual's Social Security number to access an Internet Web site, unless a password or unique personal identification number or other authentication device is also required to access the Internet Web site;

~~(5) print a number that the person or entity knows to be an individual's Social Security number on any materials that are mailed to the individual, unless state or federal law requires the Social Security number to be on the document to be mailed. If, in connection with a transaction involving or otherwise relating to an individual, a person or entity receives a number from a third party, that person or entity is under no duty to inquire or otherwise determine whether the number is or includes that individual's Social Security number and may print that number on materials mailed to the individual, unless the person or entity receiving the number has actual knowledge that the number is or includes the individual's Social Security number;~~ (5) send or cause to be sent or delivered any letter,

envelope, or package that displays a Social Security number on the face of the mailing envelope or package, or from which a Social Security number is visible, whether on the outside or inside of the mailing envelope or package. A person is further prohibited from printing a number that the person or entity knows to be an individual's Social Security number on any materials that are mailed to the individual, unless state or federal law requires the Social Security number to be on the document to be mailed or as part of applications and forms sent by mail, including documents sent as part of an application or enrollment process, or to establish, amend, administer, or terminate an account, contract, or policy, or to confirm the accuracy of the Social Security number;

(6) assign or use a number as the primary account identifier that is identical to or incorporates an individual's complete Social Security number;~~or~~

(7) sell Social Security numbers obtained from individuals in the course of business. Nothing in this clause prohibits the sale, transfer, or disclosure of an individual's Social Security number to a third party if the sale, transfer, or disclosure (i) has no independent economic value and is incidental to a larger transaction and (ii) is necessary for the purpose of verifying the identity of the individual;

(8) sell, lease, loan, trade, or rent an individual's Social Security number to a nonaffiliated third party, unless (i) the person or entity has the written consent to the disclosure from the individual, or (ii) the disclosure is required or authorized by federal or state law. Nothing in this clause prohibits the sale, transfer, or disclosure of an individual's Social Security number to a third party if the sale, transfer, or disclosure has no independent economic value and is incidental to a larger transaction and is necessary for the purpose of verifying the identity of the individual; or

(9) refuse to do business with an individual because the individual will not consent to the disclosure of, or provide, the individual's Social Security number, unless in connection with the transaction:

(i) the person or entity has a permissible purpose to obtain the individual's credit report under section 604 of the federal Fair Credit Reporting Act, United States Code, title 15, section 1681(b);

(ii) the person or entity is expressly required or authorized by federal or state law to obtain the individual's Social Security number;

(iii) the person or entity has a reasonable basis to believe that the individual is using a false identity or false documents; or

(iv) the business transaction cannot otherwise be completed without the individual's Social Security number.

~~Notwithstanding clauses (1) to (5), Social Security numbers may be included in applications and forms sent by mail, including documents sent as part of an application or enrollment process, or to establish, amend, or terminate an account, contract, or policy, or to confirm the accuracy of the Social Security number. Nothing in this paragraph authorizes inclusion of a Social Security number on the outside of a mailing or in the bulk mailing of a credit card solicitation offer.~~

(b) A person or entity, not including a government entity, must restrict access to individual Social Security numbers it holds so that only employees who require the numbers in order to perform their job duties have access to the numbers, except as required by titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and by Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 483.20.

~~(e) Except as provided in subdivision 2, this section applies only to the use of Social Security numbers on or after July 1, 2007.~~

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 325E.59, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. **Penalties and remedies.** A person violating this section is subject to the penalties and remedies in section 8.31.

Sec. 3. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 325E.59, subdivision 2, is repealed.

Sec. 4. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Sections 1 to 3 are effective July 1, 2007."

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice.

The report was adopted.

Otremba from the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs to which was referred:

H. F. No. 142, A bill for an act relating to property tax refunds; exempting from the definition of household income the amount of any military disability pay received by a veteran from the federal government; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 290A.03, subdivision 3.

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes.

The report was adopted.

Otremba from the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs to which was referred:

H. F. No. 162, A bill for an act relating to veterans; establishing the Minnesota GI Bill program for veterans; assigning responsibilities; determining eligibility; defining the assistance amount; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 136A.01, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 2, line 15, before the period, insert ", multiplied by 1.2"

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

The report was adopted.

Atkins from the Committee on Commerce and Labor to which was referred:

H. F. No. 219, A bill for an act relating to employment; modifying use of personal sick leave benefits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 181.9413.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 181.9413, is amended to read:

181.9413 SICK-OR-INJURED-CHILD-CARE LEAVE BENEFITS; USE TO CARE FOR CERTAIN RELATIVES.

(a) An employee may use personal sick leave benefits provided by the employer for absences due to an illness or injury to the employee's child, spouse, sibling, parent, grandparent, stepparent, or domestic partner for such reasonable periods as the employee's attendance with the child may be necessary, on the same terms upon which the employee is able to use sick leave benefits for the employee's own illness or injury. This section applies only to personal sick leave benefits payable to the employee from the employer's general assets.

(b) For purposes of this section, "personal sick leave benefits" means time accrued and available to an employee to be used as a result of absence from work due to personal illness or injury, but does not include short-term or long-term disability or other salary continuation benefits.

(c) For purposes of this section, "domestic partner" means a person who has entered into a committed interdependent relationship with another adult, where the partners:

- (1) are responsible for each other's basic common welfare;
- (2) share a common residence and intend to do so indefinitely;
- (3) are not related by blood or adoption to an extent that would prohibit marriage in this state; and
- (4) are legally competent and qualified to enter into a contract.

For purposes of this section, domestic partners may share a common residence even if they do not have a legal right to possess the residence or one or both domestic partners possess additional real property.

If one domestic partner temporarily leaves the common residence with the intention to return, the domestic partners continue to share a common residence for the purposes of this section.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2007, and applies to sick leave used on or after that date."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to employment; modifying use of personal sick leave benefits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 181.9413."

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

The report was adopted.

Atkins from the Committee on Commerce and Labor to which was referred:

H. F. No. 282, A bill for an act relating to commerce; providing an exception for pharmaceutical products to a law prohibiting sales below cost where competition exists; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 325D.04.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 1, lines 14 to 16, delete the new language and insert:

"(b) Paragraph (a) does not apply to two or more competitors that price a prescription drug within ten percent of the lowest of the prices charged by these competitors, even if one or more of the prices is below cost, but only with respect to sales made in: (1) a statutory or home rule charter city that has a population of at least 50,000 individuals as measured by the most recent decennial census conducted by the United States Bureau of the Census; or (2) the metropolitan area, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2. This paragraph expires one year after the day following its final enactment."

Page 1, line 17, delete "(b)" and insert "(c)"

Page 2, line 4, delete "(c)" and insert "(d)"

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

The report was adopted.

Otremba from the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs to which was referred:

H. F. No. 284, A bill for an act relating to the military; authorizing deferment of special assessments for certain members of the armed forces; clarifying that grants from the Support Our Troops account may be made to eligible individuals to pay special assessments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 190.19, subdivision 2; 435.193.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 435.193, is amended to read:

435.193 HARDSHIP ASSESSMENT DEFERRAL FOR SENIORS OR DISABLED.

(a) Notwithstanding the provisions of any law to the contrary, any county, statutory or home rule charter city, or town, making a special assessment may, at its discretion, defer the payment of that assessment for any homestead property:

(1) owned by a person 65 years of age or older or retired by virtue of a permanent and total disability for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments; or

(2) owned by a person who is a member of the Minnesota National Guard or other military reserves who is ordered into active military service, as defined in section 190.05, subdivision 5b or 5c, as stated in the person's military orders, for whom it would be a hardship to make the payments.

(b) Any county, statutory or home rule charter city, or town electing to defer special assessments shall adopt an ordinance or resolution establishing standards and guidelines for determining the existence of a hardship and for determining the existence of a disability, but nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit the determination of hardship on the basis of exceptional and unusual circumstances not covered by the standards and guidelines where the determination is made in a nondiscriminatory manner and does not give the applicant an unreasonable preference or advantage over other applicants.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment, and applies to any special assessment for which payment is due on or after that date."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to the military; authorizing deferment of special assessments for certain members of the armed forces; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 435.193."

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs.

The report was adopted.

Mariani from the Committee on E-12 Education to which was referred:

H. F. No. 302, A bill for an act relating to early childhood education; proposing grant programs; expanding the kindergarten developmental assessment; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[124D.1625] EXPANDING MDE DEVELOPMENTAL ASSESSMENT ADMINISTERED TO ENTERING KINDERGARTNERS.**

(a) The commissioner of education shall encourage school districts to implement the voluntary school readiness kindergarten assessment initiative as follows:

- (1) in the 2008-2009 school year, assess up to 30 percent of children;
- (2) in the 2009-2010 school year, assess up to 50 percent of children;
- (3) in the 2010-2011 school year, assess up to 75 percent of children; and
- (4) in the 2011-2012 school year, assess up to 100 percent of children.

(b) The commissioner must report the assessment results for the current school year to the legislature by January 1 of the next year.

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

Sec. 2. **EARLY CHILDHOOD COMMUNITY HUB PLANNING AND IMPLEMENTATION GRANTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** A two-year grant program is established to increase children's school readiness using early childhood community hubs. An early childhood community hub must promote children's school readiness from before birth to kindergarten by coordinating and improving families' access to:

(1) community early care and education services;

(2) school;

(3) health services; and

(4) other family support services that stabilize, support, and assist families in meeting their children's health and developmental needs.

Subd. 2. **Eligibility; application.** (a) An applicant for a grant must be a school district, a consortium of school districts, or a tribal school interested in collaborating with community-based early childhood care and education providers to maximize the services available to eligible families.

(b) An interested applicant must submit a plan to the commissioner of education, in the form and manner the commissioner determines, to implement an early childhood community hub that is located in a public school, a tribal school, or other appropriate community location. An applicant must include in the plan a community-based assessment of the existing resources and needs for providing high quality early care and education services, health and mental health services, and other social services that support healthy families and safe neighborhoods. A district superintendent or a designated representative, or a tribal school principal or a designated representative, must oversee the community collaboration.

(c) Interested applicants also may apply to make prekindergarten to grade 3 school readiness and academic success a community hub component.

Subd. 3. **Program components.** (a) Grant recipients must:

(1) provide for an ongoing assessment of local resources and needs for high quality early care and education services, health and mental health services, and other social services that support safe neighborhoods and healthy families;

(2) develop and implement, in consultation with an advisory committee under subdivision 4, a plan to improve the healthy development and school readiness of children from before birth to kindergarten;

(3) develop collaborative partnerships among school-based early childhood programs, kindergarten teachers and other school officials, community-based Head Start and child care programs including licensed centers, family child care homes, and unlicensed family friend and neighbor caregivers, early intervention interagency committees, and other appropriate partners that:

(i) use the Minnesota child care resource and referral network to provide parents with information on quality early care and education services and financial aid options for their children from birth to kindergarten;

(ii) provide high quality early care and education settings for children birth to kindergarten;

(iii) connect families to health, mental health, adult basic education, English language learning, family literacy programs, and other relevant social services; and

(iv) promote shared professional development activities in early care and education settings that integrate curriculum, assessment, and instruction and are aligned with kindergarten through grade 12 standards;

(4) provide meaningful kindergarten transition services for families that begin one school year before a child enters kindergarten;

(5) develop and implement an evaluation plan to determine the effectiveness of the collaboration, the level of parent satisfaction, and children's kindergarten readiness before and after participating in the program; and

(6) assign an unduplicated MARSS number to each child participating in the program.

(b) An applicant must agree to contract with a qualified person to coordinate the hub who, at a minimum, must have:

(1) a bachelor's degree in early childhood development or a related field;

(2) experience working with low-income families from diverse cultural communities; and

(3) experience working with state and community school readiness providers.

(c) An applicant must agree to provide a 15 percent local match for any grant money it receives, of which five percent may be in in-kind contributions. A grant recipient must use the grant, including the local match, to supplement but not supplant existing early childhood initiatives in the community.

Subd. 4. **Advisory committees.** Each early childhood community hub grantee must have an advisory committee, which may be a preexisting early childhood committee or a newly formed early childhood advisory committee. A newly formed early childhood advisory committee must include at least the following members selected by the school administrator who oversees the community collaboration:

(1) 30 percent parents;

(2) the school administrator who oversees the community collaboration;

(3) licensed kindergarten through grade 3 teachers;

(4) licensed child care providers that include family child care and center-based providers;

(5) Head Start providers;

(6) early childhood family education and school readiness providers;

(7) early childhood special education providers;

(8) a child care resource and referral agency;

(9) community business leaders;

(10) an early intervention interagency committee liaison;

(11) other appropriate community members serving young children and their families; and

(12) an official from a county-recognized labor organization that serves as a partner with licensed family day care providers.

Subd. 5. Prekindergarten to grade 3 school readiness and academic success grant component. Interested applicants also may apply to the commissioner to include as part of the early childhood community hub a prekindergarten school readiness and academic success component that:

(1) provides high-quality prekindergarten programming for three- and four-year-olds with appropriate community early care and education partners that:

(i) where applicable, has an upper level rating based on a child care quality improvement and rating system for family child care or center-based care providers, consistent with section 119B.32;

(ii) is accredited under Minnesota Statutes, section 119B.13, subdivision 3a;

(iii) offers programs meeting Head Start performance standards; and

(vi) satisfies other commissioner-determined quality standards;

(2) provides all-day kindergarten that builds on children's prekindergarten experiences;

(3) aligns prekindergarten through grade 3 standards, curriculum, and assessments;

(4) requires an early childhood professional with a bachelor's degree and relevant specialized training to supervise early childhood classrooms;

(5) coordinates prekindergarten through grade 3 programs through co-location where possible;

(6) provides meaningful transition activities for four-year-olds that begin one school year before a child enters kindergarten;

(7) promotes ongoing parent involvement from prekindergarten through grade 3; and

(8) uses periodic, age-appropriate child assessments to determine program effectiveness.

Subd. 6. Application review; grant awards. Only those applicants that meet the requirements of this section are eligible to receive a grant. The commissioner must determine the amount of each grant based upon the number of children and families the grantee expects to serve, the nature of the programs and services the grantee expects to provide or facilitate, and whether or not the grantee expects to include a prekindergarten to grade 3 school readiness and academic success grant component in its community hub program. The commissioner must award 60 percent of grant funds to applicants having 50 percent or more of enrolled children eligible for the federal free and reduced lunch program in the preceding school year; the remaining 40 percent of grant funds are available to other applicants. To the extent feasible, the commissioner must award grants in each of the governor's economic development regions and in each county in the metropolitan area. Grant recipients must use the grant to implement this program and must not use the grant to supplant existing early childhood initiatives. The Department of Education must provide technical assistance to grantees upon request.

Subd. 7. Evaluation. The commissioner must provide for an evaluation of this grant program and must recommend to the education policy and finance committees of the legislature by February 15, 2010, whether or not to expand the program throughout the state.

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

Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years designated.

Subd. 2. **Early childhood community hub planning and implementation grants.** For planning and implementation grants under section 2:

<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2008</u>
<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2009</u>

Subd. 3. **Prekindergarten through grade 3 program grants.** For grantees receiving community hub planning and implementation grants that include a prekindergarten through grade 3 program component under section 2, subdivision 5:

<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2008</u>
<u>\$5,000,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2009</u>

Subd. 4. **Kindergarten readiness assessment.** For the kindergarten readiness assessment administered to entering kindergartners under Minnesota Statutes, section 124D.1625:

<u>\$.....</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2008</u>
<u>\$.....</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2009</u>

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

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to early childhood education; expanding the kindergarten developmental assessment; proposing grant programs; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D."

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill passed and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report was adopted.

Thissen from the Committee on Health and Human Services to which was referred:

H. F. No. 320, A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a method to determine reimbursement of nursing facility Public Employees Retirement Association costs; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.434, by adding a subdivision.

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report was adopted.

Otremba from the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs to which was referred:

H. F. No. 390, A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing a property tax exemption for the homestead of a permanently and totally disabled veteran or the veteran's spouse; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 272.02, by adding a subdivision; 273.13, subdivision 22.

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes.

The report was adopted.

Carlson from the Committee on Finance to which was referred:

H. F. No. 472, A bill for an act relating to energy; extending eligibility period for certain renewable energy production incentives; amending Laws 2005, chapter 40, section 2, subdivision 4.

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The report was adopted.

Mullery from the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice to which was referred:

H. F. No. 503, A bill for an act relating to crimes; making it a crime to use the Internet to solicit children to engage in sexual conduct, communicate with children in a sexually explicit manner, or distribute sexually explicit material to children; providing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609.352.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 2, line 16, strike "this section" and insert "subdivision 2" and after the period, insert "Mistake as to age is an affirmative defense to a prosecution under subdivision 2a."

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

The report was adopted.

Otremba from the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs to which was referred:

H. F. No. 533, A bill for an act relating to veterans; providing tuition assistance for military veterans and their surviving spouses and children at public colleges and universities; providing for tuition and fee reimbursement for military veterans and their surviving spouses and children at public colleges and universities; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 136A.01, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Responsibilities.** The Minnesota Office of Higher Education is responsible for:

(1) necessary state level administration of financial aid and Minnesota GI Bill programs, including accounting, auditing, and disbursing state and federal financial aid funds, and reporting on financial aid programs to the governor and the legislature;

(2) approval, registration, licensing, and financial aid eligibility of private collegiate and career schools, under sections 136A.61 to 136A.71 and chapter 141;

(3) administering the Learning Network of Minnesota;

(4) negotiating and administering reciprocity agreements;

(5) publishing and distributing financial aid information and materials, and other information and materials under section 136A.87, to students and parents;

(6) collecting and maintaining student enrollment and financial aid data and reporting data on students and postsecondary institutions to develop and implement a process to measure and report on the effectiveness of postsecondary institutions;

(7) administering the federal programs that affect students and institutions on a statewide basis; and

(8) prescribing policies, procedures, and rules under chapter 14 necessary to administer the programs under its supervision.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2007, and applies to qualifying coursework taken on or after that date.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 197.775, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Delayed payment of tuition.** A state college or university may not assess late fees or other late charges for veterans who are eligible to receive federal or state educational assistance and who have applied for that assistance but not yet received it, nor may they prevent these students from registering for a subsequent term because of outstanding tuition charges that arise from delayed federal or state payments. The state college or university may request without delay the amount of tuition above expected federal and state educational assistance and may require payment of the full amount of tuition owed by the veteran within 30 days of receipt of the expected federal or state educational assistance.

Sec. 3. **[197.791] MINNESOTA GI BILL PROGRAM.**

Subdivision 1. **Policy.** It is the policy of the state of Minnesota to provide postsecondary educational assistance to Minnesota veterans who have provided honorable service to this state and nation as members of the United States armed forces, whether in peacetime or in war, and to the spouses and children of Minnesota veterans who have become severely disabled or deceased during or as the direct result of military service.

Subd. 2. **Definitions.** (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

(b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of veterans affairs, unless otherwise specified.

(c) "Cost of attendance" for both undergraduate and graduate students means all charges for enrollment and attendance, academic fees, program fees, and all other payments or charges required for individual courses.

(d) "Child" means a natural or adopted child of a person described in subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clause (1), item (i) or (ii).

(e) "Director" means the director of the Minnesota Office of Higher Education.

(f) "Eligible institution" means a postsecondary institution located in this state.

(g) "Eligible student" means a person who:

(1) if the student is an undergraduate student, has applied for the federal Pell Grant and the Minnesota state grant;

(2) is maintaining satisfactory academic progress as defined by the institution for students participating in federal Title IV programs;

(3) is enrolled in an education program leading to a certificate, diploma, or degree at an eligible institution;

(4) has applied for educational assistance under the Minnesota GI Bill program prior to the end of the academic term for which the assistance is being requested; and

(5) is in compliance with section 136A.121, subdivision 2, clause (5).

(h) "Program" means the Minnesota GI Bill program established in this section, unless otherwise specified.

(i) "Time of hostilities" means any action by the armed forces of the United States that is recognized by the issuance of a presidential proclamation or a presidential executive order and in which the armed forces expeditionary medal or other campaign service medals are awarded according to presidential executive order, and any additional period or place that the commissioner determines and designates, after consultation with the United States Department of Defense, to be a period or place where the United States is in a conflict that places persons at such a risk that service in a foreign country during that period or in that place should be considered to be included.

(j) "Veteran" has the meaning given in section 197.447, and also includes a service member who has received an honorable discharge after leaving each period of federal active duty service and has:

(1) served 90 days or more of federal active duty in a foreign country during a time of hostilities in that country;
or

(2) received a service-related medical discharge from any period of service in a foreign country during a time of hostilities in that country.

A service member who has fulfilled the requirements for being a veteran under this paragraph but is still serving actively in the United States armed forces is also a veteran for the purposes of this section.

Subd. 3. **Program established.** There is established a program to provide postsecondary educational assistance to eligible Minnesota veterans and to the children and spouses of deceased and severely disabled Minnesota veterans. This program may be cited as the "Minnesota GI Bill program."

The director, in consultation with the commissioner and in cooperation with eligible postsecondary educational institutions, shall expend a biennial appropriation for the purpose of providing postsecondary educational assistance to eligible persons in accordance with this program. Each public postsecondary educational institution in the state must participate in the program and each private postsecondary educational institution in the state is encouraged to participate in the program. Any participating private institution may suspend or terminate its participation in the program at the end of any semester or other academic term.

Subd. 4. **Duties; responsibilities.** (a) The director, in consultation with the commissioner, shall establish policies and procedures including, but not limited to, procedures for student application record keeping, information sharing, payment to participating eligible institutions, and other procedures the director considers appropriate and necessary for effective and efficient administration of the program established in this section.

(b) The director, in consultation with the commissioner, may delegate part or all of the administrative procedures for the program to responsible representatives of participating eligible institutions.

Subd. 5. **Eligibility.** (a) A person is eligible for educational assistance under this section if:

(1) the person is:

(i) a veteran who is serving or has served honorably in any branch or unit of the United States armed forces at any time on or after August 2, 1990;

(ii) a nonveteran who has served honorably for a total of 16 years or more cumulatively as a member of the Minnesota national guard or any other active or reserve component of the United States armed forces, and any part of that service occurred on or after August 2, 1990;

(iii) the surviving spouse or child of a person who has served in the military at any time on or after August 2, 1990, and who has died as a direct result of that military service; or

(iv) the spouse or child of a person who has served in the military at any time on or after August 2, 1990, and who has a total and permanent service-connected disability as rated by the United States Veterans Administration;

(2) the person providing the military service described in clause (1), items (i) to (iv), was a Minnesota resident within six months of the time of the person's initial enlistment or any reenlistment in the United States armed forces;

(3) the person receiving the educational assistance is a Minnesota resident, as defined in section 136A.101, subdivision 8; and

(4) the person receiving the educational assistance is an eligible student.

(b) A person's eligibility terminates when the person becomes eligible for benefits under section 135A.52.

(c) As proof of honorable service and disability or death status for a veteran or service member, the director, by policy and in consultation with the commissioner, may require official documentation, including the person's federal form DD-214 or other official military discharge papers, correspondence from the United States Veterans Administration, birth certificate, marriage certificate, proof of enrollment at an eligible institution, signed affidavits, proof of residency, proof of identity, or any other official documentation the director considers necessary to determine an applicants eligibility status.

(d) The director, in consultation with the commissioner, may deny eligibility or terminate benefits under this section to any person who has not provided sufficient proof of eligibility for the program. An applicant may appeal the director's eligibility determination in writing to the director at any time. The director must rule on any application or appeal within 30 days of receipt of all documentation that the director requires. Upon receiving an application with insufficient documentation, the director must notify the applicant within 30 days of receipt of the application that the application is being suspended pending receipt by the director of sufficient documentation from the applicant. The decision of the director regarding an appeal is final. However, an applicant whose appeal of an eligibility determination has been rejected by the director may submit an additional appeal of that determination in

writing to the director at any time that the applicant is able to provide substantively significant additional information regarding the applicant's eligibility for the program. An approval of an applicant's eligibility by the director following an appeal by the applicant is not retroactively effective for more than one year or the semester of the person's original application, whichever is later.

Subd. 6. **Benefit entitlement amount.** (a) On approval by the director of an applicant's eligibility for the program, the applicant is entitled to educational assistance under the program, for use at any time according to program rules at any eligible institution.

(b) The amount of educational assistance in any semester or term for an eligible person must be determined by subtracting from the eligible person's cost of attendance at that eligible public institution, or, in the case of an eligible private institution, the cost of attendance for a comparable program at the Twin Cities campus of the University of Minnesota, the amount received in that semester or term by that person from:

(1) the federal Pell Grant;

(2) the state grant program; and

(3) any federal military or veterans educational benefits, including, but not limited to, the Montgomery GI Bill, GI Bill Kicker, the federal tuition assistance program, vocational rehabilitation benefits, and any other federal benefits associated with the person's status as a veteran, except veterans disability payments from the United States Veterans Administration.

(c) The total amount of assistance for an eligible person under paragraph (b) must not exceed the total cost of attendance at an eligible institution up to 128 credits or eight semesters, whichever is greater.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2007, and applies to qualifying coursework taken on or after that date.

Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$..... in fiscal year 2008 and \$..... in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from the general fund to the director of the Office of Higher Education for the Minnesota GI Bill program. This appropriation does not expire and is available until expended. No more than \$25,000 of this appropriation may be spent in each fiscal year for the total cost of administration of the program by the Minnesota Office of Higher Education and the eligible institutions."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to veterans; providing tuition assistance for veterans and their surviving spouses and children at public colleges and universities; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 136A.01, subdivision 2; 197.775, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197."

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

The report was adopted.

Lieder from the Transportation Finance Division to which was referred:

H. F. No. 539, A bill for an act relating to highways; authorizing changes to trunk highway system; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 161.115, subdivision 76; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 161.115, subdivision 193.

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report was adopted.

Mahoney from the Committee on Biosciences and Emerging Technology to which was referred:

H. F. No. 589, A bill for an act relating to agriculture; establishing a clean energy capital equipment loan program; providing for cellulosic biofuel development; providing bioenergy production initiatives; creating the reinvest in Minnesota clean energy program; providing for enforcement; authorizing a technical committee; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 17; 41A; 103F.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 7, line 25, delete "The board may adopt rules to implement this section."

Page 10, line 9, delete the first comma and insert "and" and delete ", and rules."

Page 10, lines 12 and 17, delete the first comma and insert "and" and delete ", and rules"

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

The report was adopted.

Thissen from the Committee on Health and Human Services to which was referred:

H. F. No. 595, A bill for an act relating to health; establishing a newborn home visiting program and a home visiting program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145A.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 145A.17, is amended to read:

145A.17 FAMILY HOME VISITING PROGRAMS.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment; goals.** The commissioner shall establish a program to fund family home visiting programs designed to foster a healthy ~~beginning for children in families at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines~~ beginnings, promote improved pregnancy outcomes, promote school readiness, prevent child abuse and neglect, reduce juvenile delinquency, promote positive parenting and resiliency in children, and promote

family health and economic self-sufficiency for children and families. The commissioner shall promote partnerships, collaboration, and multidisciplinary visiting done by teams of professionals and paraprofessionals from the fields of public health nursing, social work, and early childhood education. A program funded under this section must serve families at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines, and other families determined to be at risk, including but not limited to being at risk for child abuse, child neglect, or juvenile delinquency. Programs should begin prenatally whenever possible and must give priority for services to the lowest-income families considered to be in need of services, including but not limited to, including those families at risk of long-term welfare dependency or family instability due to employment barriers and those families with:

- (1) adolescent parents;
- (2) a history of alcohol or other drug abuse;
- (3) a history of child abuse, domestic abuse, or other types of violence;
- (4) a history of domestic abuse, rape, or other forms of victimization;
- (5) reduced cognitive functioning;
- (6) a lack of knowledge of child growth and development stages;
- (7) low resiliency to adversities and environmental stresses; ~~or~~
- (8) insufficient financial resources to meet family needs;
- (9) experiencing homelessness; or
- (10) other risk factors as determined by the commissioner.

Subd. 3. **Requirements for programs; process.** ~~(a) Before a community health board or tribal government may receive an allocation under subdivision 2, a community health board or tribal government must submit a proposal to the commissioner that includes identification, based on a community assessment, of the populations at or below 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines that will be served and the other populations that will be served. Each program that receives funds must~~ Community health boards and tribal governments that receive an allocation must write a plan to the commissioner describing a multidisciplinary approach to home visiting for families. At a minimum, programs receiving allocations must demonstrate the following:

- (1) systematic outreach to families prenatally or at birth;
- (2) seamless delivery of health, safety, and early learning services; and
- (3) continuity of services when families move within the state.

(b) The multidisciplinary partners may include public health, ECFE, Head Start, community health workers, social workers, community home visiting programs, and other relevant partners. Each program that receives funds must accomplish the following program requirements:

- (1) use ~~either a broad community-based or selective community-based~~ strategy to provide preventive and early intervention home visiting services;

(2) offer a home visit by a trained home visitor. If a home visit is accepted, the first home visit must occur prenatally or as soon after birth as possible and must include a public health nursing assessment by a public health nurse;

(3) offer, at a minimum, information on infant care, child growth and development, positive parenting, preventing diseases, preventing exposure to environmental hazards, and support services available in the community;

(4) provide information on and referrals to health care services, if needed, including information on health care coverage for which the child or family may be eligible; and provide information on preventive services, developmental assessments, and the availability of public assistance programs as appropriate;

(5) provide youth development programs when appropriate;

(6) recruit home visitors who will represent, to the extent possible, the races, cultures, and languages spoken by families that may be served;

(7) train and supervise home visitors in accordance with the requirements established under subdivision 4;

(8) maximize resources and minimize duplication by coordinating ~~activities~~ with or contracting local social and human services organizations, education organizations, and other appropriate governmental entities and community-based organizations and agencies; ~~and~~

(9) utilize appropriate racial and ethnic approaches to providing home visiting services; and

(10) connect eligible families, as needed, to additional resources available in the community including, but not limited to, high quality early care and education programs, health or mental health services, family literacy programs, employment agencies, social services, and child care resources and referral agencies.

When available, programs that receive funds must offer, refer to, or connect with center-based or group meetings at least once per month with greater frequency of services for those eligible families identified with additional needs to further enhance the information, activities, and skill-building addressed during home visitation, offer opportunities for parents to meet with and support each other, and to offer infants and toddlers a safe, nurturing, and stimulating environment for socialization and supervised play with qualified teachers.

~~(b)~~ (c) Funds available under this section shall not be used for medical services. The commissioner shall establish an administrative cost limit for recipients of funds. The outcome measures established under subdivision 6 must be specified to recipients of funds at the time the funds are distributed.

~~(e)~~ (d) Data collected on individuals served by the home visiting programs must remain confidential and must not be disclosed by providers of home visiting services without a specific informed written consent that identifies disclosures to be made. Upon request, agencies providing home visiting services must provide recipients with information on disclosures, including the names of entities and individuals receiving the information and the general purpose of the disclosure. Prospective and current recipients of home visiting services must be told and informed in writing that written consent for disclosure of data is not required for access to home visiting services.

Subd. 4. **Training.** The commissioner shall establish training requirements for home visitors and minimum requirements for supervision ~~by a public health nurse~~. The requirements for nurses must be consistent with chapter 148. The commissioner must provide training for home visitors. Training must shall include child development, positive parenting techniques, screening and referrals for child abuse and neglect, and diverse cultural practices in child rearing and family systems the following:

(1) effective relationships for engaging and retaining families and ensuring family health, safety, and early learning;

(2) effective methods of implementing parent education, conducting home visiting, and promoting quality early childhood development;

(3) early childhood development from birth to age five;

(4) diverse cultural practices in child rearing and family systems;

(5) recruiting, supervising, and retaining qualified staff;

(6) increasing services for underserved populations; and

(7) relevant issues related to child welfare and protective services, with information provided being consistent with state child welfare agency training.

Subd. 5. **Technical assistance.** The commissioner shall provide administrative and technical assistance to each program, including assistance in data collection and other activities related to conducting short- and long-term evaluations of the programs as required under subdivision 7. The commissioner may request research and evaluation support from the University of Minnesota.

Subd. 6. **Outcome and performance measures.** The commissioner shall establish ~~outcome~~ measures to determine the impact of family home visiting programs funded under this section on the following areas:

(1) appropriate utilization of preventive health care;

(2) rates of substantiated child abuse and neglect;

(3) rates of unintentional child injuries;

(4) rates of children who are screened and who pass early childhood screening; ~~and~~

(5) rates of children accessing high quality early care and educational services;

(6) program retention rates;

(7) number of home visits provided compared to the number of home visits planned;

(8) participant satisfaction; and

(9) any additional qualitative goals and quantitative measures established by the commissioner.

Subd. 7. **Evaluation.** Using the qualitative goals and quantitative outcome and performance measures established under subdivisions 1 and 6, the commissioner shall conduct ongoing evaluations of the programs funded under this section. Community health boards and tribal governments shall cooperate with the commissioner in the evaluations and shall provide the commissioner with the information necessary to conduct the evaluations. As part of the ongoing evaluations, the commissioner shall rate the impact of the programs on the outcome measures listed in subdivision 6, and shall periodically determine whether home visiting programs are the best way to achieve the qualitative goals established under subdivisions 1 and 6. If the commissioner determines that home visiting programs are not the best way to achieve these goals, the commissioner shall provide the legislature with alternative methods for achieving them. Children participating in the home visiting programs must be assigned a MARSS number.

Subd. 8. **Report.** By January 15, 2002, and January 15 of each even-numbered year thereafter, the commissioner shall submit a report to the legislature on the family home visiting programs funded under this section and on the results of the evaluations conducted under subdivision 7.

Subd. 9. **No supplanting of existing funds.** Funding available under this section may be used only to supplement, not to replace, nonstate funds being used for home visiting services as of July 1, 2001.

Subd. 10. **Submitted plans.** Plans must be submitted on forms provided by the commissioner and must include the following information:

(1) a description of the community demographics;

(2) a plan for meeting outcome measures; and

(3) a proposed work plan that includes:

(i) a coordination plan to ensure nonduplication of services for children and families;

(ii) a description of the strategies to ensure that children and families at greatest risk receive appropriate services;
and

(iii) a plan for collaboration with partnering multidisciplinary agencies, organizations, and school districts.

Letters of intent from partnering multidisciplinary agencies, organizations, and school districts must be submitted with the plan.

Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATIONS.**

\$...... is appropriated for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the family home visiting grant program. The commissioner shall distribute funds to community health boards and tribal governments using a formula developed in conjunction with the State Community Health Services Advisory Committee and tribal governments. The commissioner may use five percent of the funds appropriated in each fiscal year to conduct the ongoing evaluations required under Minnesota Statutes, section 145A.17, subdivision 7, and may use ten percent of the funds appropriated each fiscal year to provide training and technical assistance as required under Minnesota Statutes, section 145A.17, subdivisions 4 and 5."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to health; changing provisions for family visiting programs; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 145A.17."

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

The report was adopted.

Atkins from the Committee on Commerce and Labor to which was referred:

H. F. No. 643, A bill for an act relating to labor relations; establishing certain rights for workers in the meatpacking industry; providing civil and criminal penalties; establishing the position of meatpacking industry workers rights ombudsman in the Department of Labor and Industry; requiring a report; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 179.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[179.86] PACKINGHOUSE WORKERS BILL OF RIGHTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For the purposes of this section and section 179.87:

(1) "employer" means any person or business entity having 25 or more employees in the meatpacking industry; and

(2) "meatpacking industry" means business operations in which slaughtering, butchering, meat canning, meat packing, meat manufacturing, poultry canning, poultry packing, poultry manufacturing, pet food manufacturing, processing of meatpacking products, or rendering is carried on. Meatpacking products include livestock and poultry products.

Subd. 2. **Right to adequate facilities.** An employer must provide its employees:

(1) adequate and working restroom facilities;

(2) adequate room for meal and rest breaks;

(3) adequate locker facilities; and

(4) adequate time for necessary restroom and meal breaks as required under chapter 177; United States Code, title 29, chapter 15; and United States Code, title 42, chapter 126, or a valid collective bargaining agreement.

Subd. 3. **Right to adequate equipment and training.** An employer must furnish its employees with equipment and training that is adequate to perform the job task assigned. An employer must make ongoing skill development and training opportunities, including supervisory training, available to employees.

Subd. 4. **Information provided to employee by employer.** (a) An employer must provide an explanation in an employee's native language of the employee's rights and duties as an employee either person to person or through written materials as required by state or federal law, or a valid collective bargaining agreement that, at a minimum, includes:

(1) a complete description of the salary and benefits plans as they relate to the employee as required under chapter 181 and information about workers' compensation benefits under chapter 176, unemployment benefits under chapter 268, and vocational rehabilitation under chapter 268A;

(2) a job description for the employee's position as required under chapter 181;

(3) a description of leave policies as required under chapter 181 and United States Code, title 29, chapter 28;

(4) a description of the work hours and work hours policy as required under chapter 181, United States Code, title 29, chapter 201, or a valid collective bargaining agreement; and

(5) a description of the occupational hazards known to exist for the position as required under chapters 181 and 182 and United States Code, title 29, chapter 15.

(b) The explanation must also include information on the following employee rights as protected by state or federal law and a description of where additional information about those rights may be obtained:

(1) the right to organize and bargain collectively as required under this chapter and chapter 177, and United States Code, title 29, chapter 7;

(2) the right to a safe workplace as required under chapters 181 and 182 and United States Code, title 29, chapter 15; and

(3) the right to be free from discrimination as required under this chapter and chapters 181, 182, and 363A, and United States Code, title 42, chapter 21.

Subd. 5. **Civil action.** A person aggrieved as a result of a violation of this section may file suit in any district court of this state. If the court finds that the respondent has intentionally violated this section, the court may award damages up to and including an amount equal to the original damages and may provide injunctive relief.

Subd. 6. **Criminal penalty.** An employer who violates this section is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Sec. 2. **[179.87] MEATPACKING INDUSTRY WORKERS RIGHTS OMBUDSMAN.**

Subdivision 1. **Position established.** The position of meatpacking industry workers rights ombudsman is established within the Department of Labor and Industry. The ombudsman shall be an employee of the department. The ombudsman shall be appointed by the commissioner in consultation with the chairs of the standing committees of the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over labor and employment issues in accordance with the preference established in subdivision 5.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** The ombudsman shall inspect and review the practices and procedures of meatpacking operations in the state. The ombudsman shall work to ensure workers rights under section 179.86 are protected.

Subd. 3. **Access.** The ombudsman or designated representatives of the ombudsman shall have access to all meatpacking operations in the state at any time meatpacking products are being processed and industry workers are on the job.

Subd. 4. **Office.** Necessary office space, furniture, equipment, and supplies as well as necessary assistance for the ombudsman shall be provided by the Department of Labor and Industry.

Subd. 5. **Language preference.** Preference shall be given to applicants for the ombudsman position who are fluent in languages in addition to English.

Subd. 6. **Report.** The ombudsman shall, on or before December 1 of each year, submit a report to the members of the legislature and the governor regarding any recommended actions the ombudsman deems necessary or appropriate to provide for the fair treatment of workers in the meatpacking industry.

Sec. 3. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$..... in fiscal year 2008 and \$..... in fiscal year 2009 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of labor and industry for the operation of the meatpacking industry workers rights ombudsman under Minnesota Statutes, section 179.87."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to labor relations; establishing certain rights for workers in the meatpacking industry; providing civil and criminal penalties; establishing the position of meatpacking industry workers rights ombudsman in the Department of Labor and Industry; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 179."

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

The report was adopted.

Atkins from the Committee on Commerce and Labor to which was referred:

H. F. No. 648, A bill for an act relating to unemployment insurance; making various policy, housekeeping, and style changes to the Minnesota Unemployment Insurance Law; incorporating certain administrative rules into Minnesota Statutes; modifying fraud penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 268.001; 268.03, subdivisions 1, 2; 268.035, subdivisions 1, 4, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 17, 20, 21a, 23, 23a, 24, 26, 29, 30, by adding a subdivision; 268.042, subdivisions 1, 3, 4; 268.043; 268.0435; 268.044, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 3, 4; 268.045, subdivision 1; 268.046; 268.047, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5; 268.051, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 3, 4, 4a, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; 268.052, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; 268.0525; 268.053, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 268.057, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 10; 268.058; 268.059; 268.0625, subdivisions 4, 5; 268.063; 268.064; 268.065, subdivisions 1, 3; 268.066; 268.067; 268.0675; 268.068; 268.069, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 268.07, subdivisions 1, 2, 3a, 3b; 268.084; 268.085, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 3a, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11, 12, 13, 13a, 13b, 13c, 16; 268.086, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; 268.087; 268.095, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6a, 7, 10, 11; 268.101; 268.103, subdivisions 1, 2; 268.105, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 3a, 4, 5, 6, 7; 268.115; 268.125, subdivisions 3, 4, 5; 268.131, subdivision 1; 268.135; 268.145, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 268.155; 268.18, subdivisions 1, 2, 2b, 4, 5, 6; 268.182, subdivisions 1, 2; 268.184, subdivisions 1, 1a; 268.186; 268.188; 268.19, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2; 268.192; 268.194, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; 268.196, subdivisions 1, 3; 268.20; 268.21; 268.22; 268.23; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 268.0435; 268.0511; 268.085, subdivision 10; 268.103, subdivision 4; Minnesota Rules, parts 3315.0210; 3315.0220; 3315.0515; 3315.0520; 3315.0525; 3315.0530, subparts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; 3315.0540; 3315.0550; 3315.0910, subparts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; 3315.1005, subparts 1, 3; 3315.1315, subpart 4; 3315.2010; 3315.2810, subparts 2, 4.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 16, line 22, reinstate the stricken comma

Page 16, line 23, strike the period, and strike "also"

Page 19, line 26, delete "September 30" and insert "December 1"

Page 46, line 17, delete "effect" and insert "affect"

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Higher Education and Work Force Development Policy and Finance Division.

The report was adopted.

Lieder from the Transportation Finance Division to which was referred:

H. F. No. 667, A bill for an act relating to transportation; requiring commissioner of transportation to file annual report on major highway projects; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 174.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 1, line 12, delete "\$10,000,000" and insert "(1) \$25,000,000 in the metropolitan highway construction district, or (2) \$10,000,000 in any nonmetropolitan highway construction district"

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

The report was adopted.

Mariani from the Committee on E-12 Education to which was referred:

H. F. No. 685, A bill for an act relating to education; appropriating money for a preschool program and home visiting program for children diagnosed with mental illness or developmental delays.

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report was adopted.

Eken from the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to which was referred:

H. F. No. 719, A bill for an act relating to natural resources; Clair A. Nelson Memorial Forest; providing a temporary suspension of apportionment of proceeds from tax-forfeited lands in Lake County to reimburse the county for purchase of forest land.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 1, line 13, delete "\$2,200,000 in"

Page 1, line 14, before the period, insert "in the amount of \$2,200,000 plus any interest costs incurred by the county to purchase land described in this section"

Page 1, delete line 19 and insert:

"EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective retroactively from January 1, 2006."

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

The report was adopted.

Rukavina from the Higher Education and Work Force Development Policy and Finance Division to which was referred:

H. F. No. 771, A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to promote the United States' ability to compete in the global marketplace for talented and necessary workers.

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The report was adopted.

Carlson from the Committee on Finance to which was referred:

H. F. No. 779, A bill for an act relating to Native American languages; establishing the Minnesota Indigenous Language Act; establishing the Council on Indigenous Language; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS.**

The status of the cultures and languages of Native Americans is unique and part of the rich heritage of the state. The state shall collaborate with Native Americans to ensure the survival of these unique cultures and languages. The legislature further recognizes Native American culture and language as a vital state treasure and resource. In order to maximize the potential of Native American language resources, the legislature recognizes the need to encourage indigenous language development and continuation, especially among children.

The legislature recognizes that one-third of indigenous tongues have disappeared since the coming of Columbus. Of those that survive, nine out of ten are no longer spoken by children. If this erosion continues, virtually all Native American languages could be extinct within two or three generations. Along with this erosion goes part of the history of our state. There are many benefits to preserving indigenous languages. These include: cognitive and academic growth among students; help with identity conflicts; preservation of family values; increased cultural vitality; preserving unique traditional tribal ecological knowledge; preserving Minnesota's indigenous native history; and increased student self-esteem and self-sufficiency. These benefits reflect in greater community involvement in tribal communities and for the state. Children who are schooled in their native language will demonstrate greater creativity and participation in the community and the state as a whole.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 3.922, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8a. Office of Indigenous Language. (a) An Office of Indigenous Language (office) shall be operated under the structure of the Indian Affairs Council. The office shall promote activities and programs that are specific to promoting revitalization of indigenous languages for American Indian children and adults. Since language revitalization is critical for the youngest American Indian children, the council shall focus on developing programs that meet the language needs of children in prekindergarten through grade 12. In addition, the Office of Indigenous Language shall work with community groups, educational groups and institutions, and tribes to identify programs that will promote the preservation and revitalization of indigenous languages in order for children to learn the speaking, reading, and writing of native languages.

(b) There shall be a director of the Office of Indigenous Language that is authorized to manage the operation of the office, the activities of the office, and programs sponsored by the office. The director of the Office of Indigenous Language may hire needed staff to carry out the functions of the office.

(c) The office shall develop specific guidelines for funding community and educational programs that provide language revitalization to meet the needs of the community. In order to develop these guidelines, the office shall collaborate with American Indian community groups to develop the resources needed to provide native language classes.

(d) The office shall administer grants to organizations, programs, and schools that meet the guidelines developed by the office for programs that provide language revitalization to children and adults.

(e) The office shall consult with tribal governments to maximize the effectiveness and coordination of policies and programs that support language and culture and collaborate with tribal governments to develop an integrated language strategy.

(f) The office shall explore funding opportunities with the United States Department of Education and other federal agencies to meet the special needs of students for native language learning.

(g) The Office of Indigenous Language shall work with existing government and tribal agencies to integrate funding and remove barriers to enable statewide language revitalization efforts to be successful.

(h) The office shall work in collaboration with the Department of Education, the Office of Higher Education, and the Department of Human Services to develop a multitiered system for native speakers to be certified on special status by the Board of Teaching to enable Native speakers to teach in all language revitalization programs and schools.

(i) The office shall develop an Indigenous Language Institute to develop standards on curriculum, critical pedagogy, and scope and sequence as it pertains to indigenous language learning.

(j) The Office of Indigenous Language may contract in its own name including contracting for office space and equipment. Contracts, including grant contracts, must be approved by the Grants Advisory Board and executed by the director of the office. The office may apply for, receive, and expend in its own name grants and gifts of money consistent with the duties specified in this subdivision.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 3.922, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8b. Grants Advisory Board. The Dakota/Ojibwe Language Revitalization Alliance (DOLRA) shall act in the capacity of the Grants Advisory Board. DOLRA shall ask each Minnesota Indian Tribe to select a tribal representative to represent the tribe on DOLRA. In addition to tribal representation, DOLRA shall select American

Indian representatives from the urban Indian community to participate in DOLRA. A Grants Advisory Board member shall abstain from voting on any grant proposal or other matter in which the board member's tribe or organization has a financial or controlling interest.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 3.922, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8c. **Director of the Office of Indigenous Language.** The director shall be appointed by the Indian Affairs Council and DOLRA shall assist in hiring the director of the Office of Indigenous Language who is experienced in administrative activities and familiar with language revitalization. The director and office staff shall serve in the unclassified service of the state. The director shall report to the Grants Advisory Board and the Indian Affairs Council shall provide any requested assistance. The director shall recommend to the Grants Advisory Board the appropriate staffing necessary to carry out the office duties.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 3.922, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8d. **Appropriations and money received for the Office of Indigenous Language.** All money and appropriations received for the Office of Indigenous Language must be directed to the Office of Indigenous Language and used to further the purpose of language revitalization. Money and appropriations received for language revitalization shall not be transferred or reallocated for any other purpose.

Sec. 6. **APPROPRIATION; OFFICE OF INDIGENOUS LANGUAGE.**

\$...... is appropriated from the general fund to the Indian Affairs Council for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007. This appropriation must be allocated in total to the Office of Indigenous Language for language revitalization."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to Native American languages; establishing the Office of Indigenous Language; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 3.922, by adding subdivisions."

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill be re-referred to the Committee on E-12 Education without further recommendation.

The report was adopted.

Eken from the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to which was referred:

H. F. No. 790, A bill for an act relating to public facilities; modifying provisions of the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority Act; making technical and housekeeping changes; modifying Pollution Control Agency project priority rule; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 116.182, subdivision 5; 446A.02; 446A.03; 446A.04; 446A.051; 446A.07; 446A.072; 446A.073; 446A.074; 446A.075; 446A.081; 446A.085; 446A.09; 446A.11, subdivision 13; 446A.17, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 446A.05; 446A.06; 446A.15, subdivision 6.

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

The report was adopted.

Mullery from the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice to which was referred:

H. F. No. 950, A bill for an act relating to crime; correcting an unintentional repeal; resuming the payment of certain bail proceeds to the municipalities and subdivisions of government in Hennepin County; reimbursing same for past due proceeds; removing obsolete references and provisions concerning the Fourth Judicial District; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 484.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 1, line 8, before "BAIL" insert "NONFELONY"

Page 1, line 11, after "District" insert "on a nonfelony case"

Page 1, line 21, after "order" insert "or under subdivision 1, paragraph (a)." and after "District" insert "on a nonfelony case"

Page 2, line 1, delete "according to this act"

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

The report was adopted.

Atkins from the Committee on Commerce and Labor to which was referred:

H. F. No. 966, A bill for an act relating to labor; allowing the commissioner of labor and industry to issue orders of compliance relating to overtime for nurses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 177.27, subdivision 4; 181.275, subdivisions 1, 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 181.275, subdivision 4.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Page 1, line 10, after "181.275." insert "subdivision 2a."

Page 2, delete sections 3 and 4 and insert:

"Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 181.275, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. **State nurses.** Subdivision 2 applies to a nurse employed by the state of Minnesota regardless of the type of facility in which the nurse is employed and regardless of the facility's license, if the nurse is involved in resident or patient care. Nothing in this section shall prevent an employee from utilizing rights or remedies available under a valid collective bargaining agreement."

Correct the title numbers accordingly

With the recommendation that when so amended the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

The report was adopted.

Mariani from the Committee on E-12 Education to which was referred:

H. F. No. 976, A bill for an act relating to early childhood education finance; establishing after-school community learning grant program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance.

The report was adopted.

Pelowski from the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections to which was referred:

H. F. No. 1034, A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing a heating and cooling policy for state building projects funded with state appropriations; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B.

Reported the same back with the following amendments:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[16B.326] HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS; STATE-FUNDED BUILDINGS.**

The commissioner must review and study geothermal applications as possible uses for heating or cooling for all building projects subject to a predesign review under section 16B.335 that receive any state funding for replacement of heating or cooling systems. When practicable, and notwithstanding any law to the contrary, geothermal heating and cooling systems must be given preference when designing, planning, or letting bids for necessary replacement or initial installation of cooling or heating systems in new or existing buildings that are constructed or maintained with state funds. The predesign review must include a written plan for compliance with this section from a project proposer.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2007, and applies to cooling or heating systems replacement or installation in buildings that are constructed or maintained with state funds that are subject to predesign review on or after that date."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete the second "state"

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

The report was adopted.

Hilstrom from the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs to which was referred:

H. F. No. 1103, A bill for an act relating to the city of Bemidji; extending its local sales and use tax; amending Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 39.

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes without further recommendation.

The report was adopted.

Hilstrom from the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs to which was referred:

H. F. No. 1135, A bill for an act relating to the city of Winona; authorizing the city to impose a sales and use tax.

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes without further recommendation.

The report was adopted.

Mullery from the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice to which was referred:

H. F. No. 1200, A bill for an act relating to legislation; correcting erroneous, ambiguous, and omitted text and obsolete references; eliminating certain redundant, conflicting, and superseded provisions; making miscellaneous technical corrections to statutes and other laws; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 3.97, subdivision 2; 5.25, subdivisions 1, 3, 5; 5.29; 13.461, subdivision 1; 13.632, subdivision 1; 13.7931, subdivision 1; 13.871, by adding a subdivision; 17.81, subdivision 4; 37.21, subdivision 1; 47.61, subdivision 3; 85.054, subdivision 5; 115.55, subdivision 7; 115A.193; 115A.28, subdivision 2; 115A.9157, subdivision 5; 115A.97, subdivision 6; 115A.99, subdivision 2; 116L.03, subdivision 1; 116L.665, subdivision 1; 119A.03, subdivision 2; 119A.04, subdivision 1; 147.02, subdivision 1; 256.741, subdivision 1; 256J.68, subdivision 1; 273.032; 289A.42, subdivision 1; 296A.26; 297A.62, subdivision 1; 297A.70, subdivision 3; 297F.23; 323A.0901; 323A.0902; 336.9-334; 336B.01, subdivision 2; 340A.412, subdivision 4; 340A.414, subdivision 2; 347.06; 469.321, subdivision 1; 469.333, subdivision 2; 469.335; 469.336; 477A.014, subdivision 1; 504B.321, subdivision 1; 518A.40, subdivision 3; 523.24, subdivision 9; 611.27, subdivisions 13, 15; 611A.55, subdivisions 1, 2; 626.89, subdivision 1; 626.90, subdivision 7; Laws 2003, chapter 118, sections 28, as amended; 29, as amended; Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 3, article 5, section 44, subdivision 1, as amended; Laws 2006, chapter 259, article 13, sections 7; 8; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 1.33; 1.34; 1.35; 1.36; 1.37; 1.38; 1.39; 1.40; 13.319, subdivision 2; 60A.13, subdivision 4a; 92.67, subdivision 1a; 115A.055, subdivision 2; 115A.545; 115A.9157, subdivision 4; 116O.091, subdivision 7; 135A.153, subdivision 5; 148B.55; 273.1398, subdivisions 4a, 4c; 383E.40; 383E.41; 383E.42; 383E.43; 383E.44; 383E.45; 383E.46; 383E.47; 383E.48; 383E.49; 477A.011, subdivision 28; 611A.201, subdivision 3; Laws 2004, chapter 206, section 8; Laws 2005, chapter 136, article 3, section 22; Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 8, article 1, section 23; article 10, section 6; Laws 2006, chapter 236, article 1, section 2; Laws 2006, chapter 253, section 5; Laws 2006, chapter 258, section 37; Laws 2006, chapter 260, article 5, section 43; Laws 2006, chapter 263, article 3, section 13; Laws 2006, chapter 271, article 8, section 3.

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar.

The report was adopted.

Pelowski from the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections to which was referred:

S. F. No. 19, A bill for an act relating to metropolitan government; terminating the Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government; modifying reporting requirements for the Metropolitan Council; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 473.246; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 3.8841.

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The report was adopted.

Atkins from the Committee on Commerce and Labor to which was referred:

S. F. No. 372, A bill for an act relating to crime; repealing the law prohibiting ticket scalping; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609.805.

Reported the same back with the recommendation that the bill pass.

The report was adopted.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

H. F. Nos. 472, 771 and 1200 were read for the second time.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S. F. Nos. 19 and 372 were read for the second time.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Files were introduced:

Hornstein, Lieder, Hortman, Madore and Holberg introduced:

H. F. No. 1475, A bill for an act relating to transportation; encouraging coordination of paratransit services; establishing paratransit and special transportation service standards; requiring subsidized paratransit providers to offer intercounty service; directing commissioner to facilitate establishment of one-stop paratransit call centers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 174.24, subdivision 2a; 174.255, by adding a subdivision; 174.29, by adding subdivisions; 473.386, subdivision 3.

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

Knuth; Tingelstad; Wagenius; Peterson, A.; Ozment and Hansen introduced:

H. F. No. 1476, A bill for an act relating to the environment; modifying provisions for individual sewage treatment systems; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 115.55, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Knuth; Tingelstad; Wagenius; Peterson, A.; Ozment and Hansen introduced:

H. F. No. 1477, A bill for an act relating to the environment; modifying provisions for disclosure of individual sewage treatment systems; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 115.55, subdivision 6.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Hilstrom, Paulsen, Carlson, Demmer and Mullery introduced:

H. F. No. 1478, A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing a sales tax exemption for motor vehicles purchased by lessees who donate the leased vehicle to a charitable organization within 30 days of the date of purchase; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297B.03.

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

Peterson, S., introduced:

H. F. No. 1479, A bill for an act relating to transportation; creating transit fund and transportation endowment fund; rejecting rebate plan; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16A.1522, subdivision 1; 16A.88; 162.07, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 174.24, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 160.

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

Haws introduced:

H. F. No. 1480, A bill for an act relating to elections; changing special primary and special election requirements and provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 204D.19, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 204D.21, by adding a subdivision; 204D.22, subdivision 3; 204D.24, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 206.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Peterson, N.; Erhardt and Rukavina introduced:

H. F. No. 1481, A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Hyland K70 ski jump in Bloomington; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds.

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

Mullery introduced:

H. F. No. 1482, A bill for an act relating to labor; prohibiting certain recipients of public funds from using those funds to influence employee activities; providing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 179.

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

Winkler, Erhardt, Simon, Ruud and Peterson, N., introduced:

H. F. No. 1483, A bill for an act relating to natural resources; providing for the protection and restoration of water quality in lakes and bodies of water of regional significance; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 383B.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Dittrich, Swails and Laine introduced:

H. F. No. 1484, A bill for an act relating to higher education; requiring information and skills training in personal financial management; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 135A.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Higher Education and Work Force Development Policy and Finance Division.

Clark, Gunther, Mariani, Rukavina, Walker, Dominguez, Thao, Solberg, Kelliher, Thissen, Davnie, Mullery and Greiling introduced:

H. F. No. 1485, A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for minority enterprise retention.

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

Pelowski and Howes introduced:

H. F. No. 1486, A bill for an act relating to local government; authorizing certain charitable organizations to participate in joint powers agreements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.59, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs.

Peterson, A., introduced:

H. F. No. 1487, A bill for an act relating to education finance; providing border aid to Independent School District No. 891, Canby; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 126C.

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

Peterson, A., introduced:

H. F. No. 1488, A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for ecological services for native habitats.

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

Peterson, A., introduced:

H. F. No. 1489, A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for ecological services to support implementation of the Clean Water Legacy Act.

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

Beard introduced:

H. F. No. 1490, A bill for an act relating to Scott County; establishing and modifying hiring process and personnel provisions.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs.

Kranz, Ward, Scalze and Lenczewski introduced:

H. F. No. 1491, A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; indexing the residential homestead and agricultural market value credits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 273.1384, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding subdivisions.

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

Hornstein, Madore and Erhardt introduced:

H. F. No. 1492, A bill for an act relating to the Metropolitan Council; authorizing sale of discount bus passes to certain charitable organizations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 473.408, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs.

Simon introduced:

H. F. No. 1493, A bill for an act relating to state government; providing rulemaking authority for surplus property; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16C.03, subdivision 2.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Simon and Berns introduced:

H. F. No. 1494, A bill for an act relating to elections; campaign finance; providing contribution limits for certain candidates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 10A.27, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Demmer introduced:

H. F. No. 1495, A bill for an act relating to retirement; Public Employees Retirement Association police and fire plan; authorizing survivor benefit for the survivor of a deceased member.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Johnson introduced:

H. F. No. 1496, A bill for an act relating to public safety; appropriating money for a pilot project for Ramsey County's Juvenile Detention Alternatives Initiative.

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

Johnson introduced:

H. F. No. 1497, A bill for an act relating to Ramsey County; appropriating money for workforce development for adjudicated youth reentering the community and at-risk youth.

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

Thissen, Lesch, Olin, Smith and Hortman introduced:

H. F. No. 1498, A bill for an act relating to power of attorney; adopting the Uniform Power of Attorney Act; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 523A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 523.01; 523.02; 523.03; 523.04; 523.05; 523.06; 523.07; 523.075; 523.08; 523.09; 523.10; 523.11; 523.12; 523.13; 523.131; 523.14; 523.15; 523.16; 523.17; 523.18; 523.19; 523.20; 523.21; 523.22; 523.23; 523.24.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice.

Hortman, Smith, Knuth, Holberg and Atkins introduced:

H. F. No. 1499, A bill for an act relating to commerce; enacting the Uniform Prudent Management of Institutional Funds Act approved and recommended by the National Conference of Commissions on Uniform State Law; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 309; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 309.62; 309.63; 309.64; 309.65; 309.66; 309.67; 309.68; 309.69; 309.70; 309.71.

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

Smith introduced:

H. F. No. 1500, A bill for an act relating to family law; making child support policy clarifications and improvements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 256.017, subdivisions 1, 6; 518.68, subdivision 2; 518A.28; 518A.32, subdivisions 1, 3, 5, 6; 518A.39, subdivision 2; 518A.40, subdivisions 1, 4; 518A.41, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 12, 15, 16; 518A.42, subdivision 1; 518A.46, subdivision 5; 518A.75, subdivision 3; 541.04; 548.09, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 548.091, subdivision 1a; 550.01; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 548.091, subdivision 3b.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice.

Welti introduced:

H. F. No. 1501, A bill for an act relating to sales and use tax; expanding the exemption for residential heating fuels; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297A.67, subdivision 15.

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

Erhardt introduced:

H. F. No. 1502, A bill for an act relating to property taxes; exempting seasonal recreational property from the state general levy; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 275.025, subdivisions 1, 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 275.025, subdivision 3.

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

Walker introduced:

H. F. No. 1503, A bill for an act relating to taxation; income tax administration; appropriating money for grants to nonprofit entities to facilitate the delivery of volunteer assistance to low-income taxpayers.

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

Clark and Rukavina introduced:

H. F. No. 1504, A bill for an act relating to economic development; amending scope of the Minnesota investment fund to promote environmentally safe production and products; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 116J.8731, subdivisions 1, 4.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Higher Education and Work Force Development Policy and Finance Division.

Cornish introduced:

H. F. No. 1505, A bill for an act relating to public safety; adding legislators as nonvoting members of the Gang and Drug Oversight Council; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 299A.641, subdivision 2.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice.

Olin introduced:

H. F. No. 1506, A bill for an act relating to public safety; authorizing an innocent party's name associated with a criminal history to be redacted under certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.87, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice.

Olin, Dill and Moe introduced:

H. F. No. 1507, A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying acquisition authority for state trails; modifying requirements for certain recreational vehicles; establishing an off-highway vehicle safety and conservation program; providing for off-trail snowmobile use in certain state forests; modifying certain state trails; modifying funding source for certain capital improvements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 84.029, subdivision 2; 84.788, subdivision 1; 84.82, subdivision 6; 84.8205, subdivision 1; 84.925, subdivision 5; 84.926, by adding a subdivision; 85.015, subdivision 14; Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1, article 2, section 3, subdivision 6; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.015, subdivision 11.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Moe; Rukavina; Nornes; Poppe; Gunther; Pelowski; Haws; Atkins; Bly; Murphy, M.; McFarlane; Urdahl and Welti introduced:

H. F. No. 1508, A bill for an act relating to higher education; creating a textbook pricing and access act; establishing a pilot textbook rental program; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 135A.

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

Tschumper, Laine, Doty, Ward, Bly and Brynaert introduced:

H. F. No. 1509, A bill for an act relating to tax compliance; requiring toll-free telephone access for taxpayer assistance; providing for income tax return processing; requiring certain withholding returns be filed by electronic means; providing for a study of sales and use tax compliance assistance for taxpayers of limited English proficiency; appropriating money for additional auditors; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 270C.03, subdivision 1; 289A.09, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 270C.

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

Lesch introduced:

H. F. No. 1510, A bill for an act relating to public safety; appropriating money to replace eliminated federal funds.

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

Simon, Swails, Madore, Ruud and Bunn introduced:

H. F. No. 1511, A bill for an act relating to taxes; individual income; increasing the exemption amount for the alternative minimum tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 290.091, subdivision 3.

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

Hortman; Abeler; Peterson, N., and Bunn introduced:

H. F. No. 1512, A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales tax; modifying definition relating to transfer of motor vehicle by charitable organization; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297B.01, subdivision 7.

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

Hausman, Clark, Abeler, Hornstein and Wagenius introduced:

H. F. No. 1513, A bill for an act relating to energy; requiring phaseout and contingency planning and approval of storage at Monticello nuclear power plant; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

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

Atkins, Ozment, Madore, Morgan and Holberg introduced:

H. F. No. 1514, A bill for an act relating to local government; authorizing cities and towns to impose aggregate host fees; imposing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 298.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs.

Davnie, Dominguez, Mariani, Liebling, Hornstein, Kranz, Erhardt, Gunther, Tingelstad, Simon, Walker, Kalin and Atkins introduced:

H. F. No. 1515, A bill for an act relating to commerce; regulating the business of credit counseling and debt management services; providing remedies and criminal penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 325E.311, subdivision 6; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 332A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 332.12; 332.13; 332.14; 332.15; 332.16; 332.17; 332.18; 332.19; 332.20; 332.21; 332.22; 332.23; 332.24; 332.25; 332.26; 332.27; 332.28; 332.29.

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

Swails, Dettmer, Bigham, Bunn, Slawik and Dean introduced:

H. F. No. 1516, A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; exempting construction materials and equipment used to construct the Washington County courts facility; removing an obsolete provision; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 297A.71, by adding a subdivision; 297A.75, subdivision 1.

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

Gunther, Johnson, Atkins and Clark introduced:

H. F. No. 1517, A bill for an act relating to human services; appropriating money for the Commission Serving Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing People.

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

Brown, Marquart, Lanning, Heidgerken, Dittrich, Olin, Hosch and Koenen introduced:

H. F. No. 1518, A bill for an act relating to property taxes; modifying certain local government aid programs and program appropriations; indexing certain school finance equalizing factors; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 123B.53, subdivision 5; 126C.01, by adding subdivisions; 126C.10, subdivision 13a; 126C.17, subdivision 6; 477A.011, subdivisions 34, 36; 477A.013, subdivisions 8, 9, by adding a subdivision; 477A.03, subdivisions 2a, 2b, by adding a subdivision.

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

Murphy, E., introduced:

H. F. No. 1519, A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money to the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board from money received by the board from other public bodies; appropriating money for decennial comprehensive planning and zoning review; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 15B.17, subdivision 1.

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

Dill, Tingelstad, Hackbarth and Olin introduced:

H. F. No. 1520, A bill for an act relating to the environment; modifying phosphorus reduction requirements on wastewater treatment facilities based on need; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 115.03, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Lillie, Bunn and Slawik introduced:

H. F. No. 1521, A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for transportation and transit improvements in Highway 36 Corridor in Ramsey and Washington Counties; authorizing sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

Lillie and Slawik introduced:

H. F. No. 1522, A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for Gateway Trail tunnel.

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

Bigham, Hansen, Morrow and Bunn introduced:

H. F. No. 1523, A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

Sailer introduced:

H. F. No. 1524, A bill for an act relating to human services; expanding an American Indian child welfare project; appropriating money.

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

Hackbarth introduced:

H. F. No. 1525, A bill for an act relating to agriculture; limiting water use permitting fees for aquaculture to no more than \$750 per year; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 103G.271, subdivision 6.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs.

Simon introduced:

H. F. No. 1526, A bill for an act relating to elections; providing for costs of hearing Fair Campaign Practices Act complaints; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 10A.31, subdivision 4; 211B.37.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Rukavina and Haws introduced:

H. F. No. 1527, A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; authorizing special bronze star veteran's license plate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.123, subdivision 2.

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

Paymar; Hausman; Murphy, E.; Lesch and Mahoney introduced:

H. F. No. 1528, A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for the Ordway Center for the Performing Arts in St. Paul.

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

Hausman, Holberg and Lieder introduced:

H. F. No. 1529, A bill for an act relating to transportation; prohibiting certain highway rest area operators from preventing commercial motor vehicle operators from observing federal "Hours of Service of Drivers" regulations; modifying certain provisions relating to maximum vehicle weight on highways; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.824, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 160.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance Division.

Solberg introduced:

H. F. No. 1530, A bill for an act relating to game and fish; providing for contributions to purchase athletic and outdoor equipment for youths in need; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 97A.055, subdivision 4; 97A.065, by adding a subdivision; 97A.485, subdivision 7; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97A.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Solberg, Atkins and Rukavina introduced:

H. F. No. 1531, A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; exempting certain apprenticeship training facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 272.02, by adding a subdivision.

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

Hilstrom introduced:

H. F. No. 1532, A bill for an act relating to taxation; conforming to federal tax rules for public safety retiree pensions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 290.01, subdivisions 19, 31.

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

Slocum and Hornstein introduced:

H. F. No. 1533, A bill for an act relating to employment; appropriating money for the Hennepin-Carver Workforce Investment Board.

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

Hilstrom; Dittrich; Davnie; Lesch; Carlson; Tillberry; Thao; Atkins; Simpson; Tingelstad; Abeler; Loeffler; Paymar; Knuth; Slocum; Nelson; Hansen; Hausman; Laine; Peterson, S.; Morgan and Kranz introduced:

H. F. No. 1534, A bill for an act relating to local government aid; modifying the distribution and increasing the appropriation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 477A.011, subdivisions 34, 36, by adding subdivisions; 477A.013, subdivisions 8, 9; 477A.03, subdivision 2a, by adding a subdivision.

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

Poppe, Ruth, Demmer and Fritz introduced:

H. F. No. 1535, A bill for an act relating to employment; appropriating money for a pilot project to provide certain employment and training services.

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

Hansen; Carlson; Hausman; Wagenius; Ozment; Welti; Wollschlager; Bly; Lillie; Murphy, E.; Anzelc; Bigham; Thao; Juhnke; Cornish; Johnson; Atkins; Tingelstad and Mahoney introduced:

H. F. No. 1536, A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money to construct an adequate barrier in the Mississippi River in order to prevent aquatic invasive species from migrating up river; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

Gunther; Simpson; Ruth; Poppe; Hackbarth; Garofalo; Peterson, N.; Nornes; Haws; Brynaert; Morrow; Davnie; Seifert; Gottwalt; Severson; McFarlane and Lanning introduced:

H. F. No. 1537, A bill for an act relating to taxes; individual income; providing a subtraction for principal and interest payments on education loans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 290.01, subdivision 19b; 290.091, subdivision 2.

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

Hoppe introduced:

H. F. No. 1538, A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying ammunition requirements for taking big game; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.031, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Hoppe introduced:

H. F. No. 1539, A bill for an act relating to game and fish; imposing minimum draw weight on bows; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.035, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Wagenius, Eken, Tingelstad, Hansen and Anzelc introduced:

H. F. No. 1540, A bill for an act relating to environment; requiring a report on strategies to prevent endocrine disruptors in waters of the state.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Thissen introduced:

H. F. No. 1541, A bill for an act relating to taxation; income taxes; providing a subtraction from federal taxable income for deposits to a qualified tuition savings plan; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 290.01, subdivision 19b.

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

Zellers, Bigham and Kahn introduced:

H. F. No. 1542, A bill for an act relating to public safety; specifying amount of methamphetamine precursor drugs that consumers may purchase; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 152.02, subdivision 6.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice.

Lesch, Clark, Mahoney, Hilty, Atkins, Nelson, Dominguez, Bly, Mullery, Sertich, Mariani and Davnie introduced:

H. F. No. 1543, A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to replace the Fast Track Trade Authority system.

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

Gunther, Ozment and Clark introduced:

H. F. No. 1544, A bill for an act relating to energy; providing funding to prepurchase propane for the low-income home energy assistance program; appropriating money.

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

Olin introduced:

H. F. No. 1545, A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a flood hazard mitigation project for the city of Roseau; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

Simon, Winkler, Howes, Haws and Pelowski introduced:

H. F. No. 1546, A bill for an act relating to elections; providing for automatic voter registration of applicants for a driver's license, instruction permit, or identification card; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 201.12; 201.13, subdivision 3; 201.161.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Simon introduced:

H. F. No. 1547, A bill for an act relating to elections; providing public financing for certain state candidates; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 10A.31, subdivision 4.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Lesch introduced:

H. F. No. 1548, A bill for an act relating to public safety; recodifying and restructuring the law on expungements of criminal records; expanding eligibility for expungements; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609C; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 609A.01; 609A.02.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice.

Johnson introduced:

H. F. No. 1549, A bill for an act relating to utilities; making technical change relating to ex parte rules of Public Utilities Commission; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 216A.037, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Energy Finance and Policy Division.

Hortman introduced:

H. F. No. 1550, A bill for an act relating to traffic regulations; modifying provisions relating to commercial vehicle inspections; making clarifying changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 169.781; 169.782, subdivision 1; 169.783, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance Division.

Nelson introduced:

H. F. No. 1551, A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; modifying vehicle weight schedules for purposes of the vehicle registration tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.013, subdivisions 1e, 12.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance Division.

Hortman and Peterson, N., introduced:

H. F. No. 1552, A bill for an act relating to taxation; motor fuels; exempting charitable organizations from gasoline tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 296A.07, subdivision 4.

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

Buesgens and Beard introduced:

H. F. No. 1553, A bill for an act relating to gambling; providing for agent wagering; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 240.13, by adding a subdivision.

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

Atkins, Knuth, Howes and Johnson introduced:

H. F. No. 1554, A bill for an act relating to employment; regulating payroll cards; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 177.255; Laws 2005, chapter 158, section 4.

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

Simon introduced:

H. F. No. 1555, A bill for an act relating to state government; including definition terms for energy forward pricing mechanisms; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16C.143, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Berns, Benson, Paulsen, McFarlane and Abeler introduced:

H. F. No. 1556, A bill for an act relating to education; requiring continued funding for alternative teacher professional pay system; removing certain restrictions on distribution of staff development revenue by school districts; exempting certain school districts participating in alternative teacher professional pay system from two percent set-aside for staff development; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 122A.414, subdivision 1; 122A.60, subdivisions 1, 3; 122A.61, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education.

Tillberry, Greiling, Mariani, Gunther, Swails, Thao, Bigham, Ward and Poppe introduced:

H. F. No. 1557, A bill for an act relating to education; requiring licensed school counselors to supervise nonlicensed individuals advising students on educational opportunities and academic planning; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 122A.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education.

Demmer, Westrom, Olson and Shimanski introduced:

H. F. No. 1558, A bill for an act relating to education; providing a financial incentive for school districts to enter into timely employment contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 123B.05, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education.

Dittrich; Anderson, S.; Swails and Laine introduced:

H. F. No. 1559, A bill for an act relating to education; providing for master teacher training in economics and personal finance; appropriating money.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education.

Carlson, Loeffler, Buesgens, Greiling and Mariani introduced:

H. F. No. 1560, A bill for an act relating to education; establishing a State Board of Education; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 120A.05, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 127A.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education.

Faust, Heidgerken, Swails, Morrow, McFarlane and Wollschlager introduced:

H. F. No. 1561, A bill for an act relating to education; establishing early intervention AYP grants; increasing the formula allowance; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 125A.56; 126C.10, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education.

Mariani introduced:

H. F. No. 1562, A bill for an act relating to education; requiring literacy skills for students; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 120B.12, subdivision 2, by adding subdivisions; 124D.13, subdivision 2; 124D.15, subdivision 3.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education.

Cornish introduced:

H. F. No. 1563, A bill for an act relating to education finance; expanding eligibility for the cooperative secondary facilities program; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 123A.44; 123A.441; 123A.442; 123A.443.

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

Greiling and Morrow introduced:

H. F. No. 1564, A bill for an act relating to education finance; creating a special education maintenance of effort adjustment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 125A.76, by adding a subdivision.

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

Welti introduced:

H. F. No. 1565, A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing the state aid for consolidating school districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 123A.485, subdivision 2.

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

Hornstein introduced:

H. F. No. 1566, A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing the safe schools levy by \$5 per pupil unit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.44.

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

Simon, McFarlane, Benson, Berns, Norton, Erhardt, Tingelstad, Mariani and Ruud introduced:

H. F. No. 1567, A bill for an act relating to education; restoring funding for special education programs; making the appropriation for special education open and standing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 125A.76, subdivision 1; 125A.79, subdivision 1; 126C.20.

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

Hornstein introduced:

H. F. No. 1568, A bill for an act relating to education finance; modifying the pupil transportation formulas for charter schools; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 124D.10, subdivision 16; 124D.11, subdivision 2.

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

Olin and Lieder introduced:

H. F. No. 1569, A bill for an act relating to drivers' licenses; requiring credit be given to driver's license offenses committed in Canada; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 171.55.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Public Safety and Civil Justice.

Thao, Brod and Abeler introduced:

H. F. No. 1570, A bill for an act relating to gambling; appropriating money for compulsive gambling.

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

Lesch, Olin, Hilstrom, Kranz and Kohls introduced:

H. F. No. 1571, A bill for an act relating to uniform acts; providing for the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 325L.03; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 508B.

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

Hortman, Smith, Holberg, Atkins and Johnson introduced:

H. F. No. 1572, A bill for an act relating to uniform laws; proposing enactment of the Uniform Principal and Income Act of 2000; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 501C; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 501B.59; 501B.60; 501B.61; 501B.62; 501B.63; 501B.64; 501B.65; 501B.665; 501B.67; 501B.68; 501B.69; 501B.705; 501B.71; 501B.72; 501B.73; 501B.74; 501B.75; 501B.76.

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

Clark introduced:

H. F. No. 1573, A resolution memorializing the Congress to block rules published by the Department of Homeland Security that would preempt state authority to strengthen security at plants housing hazardous chemicals.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice.

Abeler and Carlson introduced:

H. F. No. 1574, A bill for an act relating to prescription drugs; requiring pharmacists to obtain consent to dispense certain epilepsy drugs; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 151.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Thissen introduced:

H. F. No. 1575, A bill for an act relating to public health; creating a grant program to support new school-based health clinics; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Fritz and Madore introduced:

H. F. No. 1576, A bill for an act relating to human services; requiring a quality of care impact statement prior to contracting for basic health care services to persons with disabilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.69, subdivision 28.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Lesch and Abeler introduced:

H. F. No. 1577, A bill for an act relating to human services; making changes to licensing provisions; modifying data practices, program administration, disaster plans, education programs, conditional license provisions, suspensions, sanctions, and contested case hearings, child care center training, family child care training requirements, vulnerable adults, maltreatment of minors, background studies, disqualifications, reconsiderations, disqualification set-asides, fair hearings, appeals, changing definitions of neglect and physical abuse; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 13.46, subdivision 4; 245A.03, subdivision 2; 245A.04, subdivision 11, by adding subdivisions; 245A.06, subdivision 4; 245A.07, subdivisions 2a, 3, by adding a subdivision; 245A.08, subdivision 2a; 245A.14, subdivision 8; 245A.144; 245A.1445; 245A.145, subdivision 1; 245A.18, subdivision 2; 245A.65, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 245C.02, subdivision 16, by adding a subdivision; 245C.05, subdivision 3; 245C.07; 245C.08; 245C.09, subdivision 1; 245C.11, by adding a subdivision; 245C.13, subdivision 2; 245C.15, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4; 245C.16, subdivision 1; 245C.17, subdivisions 2, 3; 245C.21, subdivisions 2, 3; 245C.22, subdivisions 4, 5; 245C.24, subdivision 3; 245C.27, subdivision 1; 245C.28, subdivision 1; 626.556, subdivisions 2, 10e, 10i; 626.557, subdivisions 9c, 9d; 626.5572, subdivision 17; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 245A.023; 245A.14, subdivisions 7, 9, 9a, 12, 13; 245C.06; Minnesota Rules, parts 9502.0385; 9503.0035.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Walker, Greiling, Fritz and Ruud introduced:

H. F. No. 1578, A bill for an act relating to health insurance; requiring all health plans to provide coverage for mental health services; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 62A.152.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Murphy, E.; Thao; Fritz; Huntley and Ruud introduced:

H. F. No. 1579, A bill for an act relating to human services; providing for coverage of community health workers by medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, and general assistance medical care; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision; 256D.03, subdivision 4.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Dettmer, Eastlund, Otremba, Shimanski, Abeler, Wardlow, Dean and Zellers introduced:

H. F. No. 1580, A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying adult foster care and family adult day services license requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 245A.11, subdivision 2b; 245A.143, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Pelowski and Sviggum introduced:

H. F. No. 1581, A bill for an act relating to human services; requiring the commissioner of human services to grant licenses to certain programs for youth with disabilities; requiring the commissioner to recommend modifications to existing licensure standards; requiring reports.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Norton; Huntley; Anderson, B.; Murphy, E., and Severson introduced:

H. F. No. 1582, A bill for an act relating to health; making technical changes; eliminating radioactive material license renewal fee; establishing fees for ionizing radiation-producing equipment; modifying requirements for operating x-ray equipment; changing provisions in the lead abatement program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 144.1205, subdivision 1; 144.121, subdivisions 1a, 5; 144.9512, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 10; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 144.121, subdivisions 1c, 4; 144.146, subdivision 1; 144.9512, subdivisions 4, 6, 7, 8.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Nelson and Hilstrom introduced:

H. F. No. 1583, A bill for an act relating to human services; authorizing the licensure of four intermediate care facilities for persons with developmental disabilities to replace one larger facility; establishing a transition period rate; establishing the payment rate for the new facilities; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 252.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Benson; Berns; Ruud; Norton; Abeler; McFarlane; Lillie; Davnie; Erhardt; Tingelstad; Murphy, M., and Mariani introduced:

H. F. No. 1584, A bill for an act relating to education; providing for school district operating cost differential revenue; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 126C.01, by adding a subdivision; 126C.10, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 126C.

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

Simon; Berns; Ruud; Abeler; Erhardt; Tingelstad; Murphy, M., and Mariani introduced:

H. F. No. 1585, A bill for an act relating to education finance; restoring funding for special education programs; fully funding the state's special education revenue formulas; making the appropriation for special education aid open and standing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 125A.76, subdivisions 1, 5; 125A.79, subdivisions 1, 5, 7; 126C.20; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 125A.76, subdivision 4; 125A.79, subdivision 6.

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

Tschumper; Otremba; Doty; Murphy, E.; Laine and Bly introduced:

H. F. No. 1586, A bill for an act relating to health care; creating a study group to make recommendations on the creation and operation of a voluntary, statewide health plan purchasing pool.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Tschumper introduced:

H. F. No. 1587, A bill for an act relating to human services; authorizing new staff positions in the Office of Ombudsman for Older Minnesotans; appropriating money.

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

Winkler; Thissen; Murphy, E.; Brod; Hosch and Loeffler introduced:

H. F. No. 1588, A bill for an act relating to state employees; establishing a pilot project to provide employees with electronic health records; appropriating money.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Murphy, E.; Erhardt; Huntley; Peterson, N.; Clark; Hornstein; Johnson; Hilstrom; Simon; Jaros; Paymar; Davnie; Tschumper; Solberg; Slawik; Atkins; Loeffler; Lenczewski; Benson; Anzelc; Poppe and Kahn introduced:

H. F. No. 1589, A bill for an act relating to health care; providing for patient visitation by health care agents; establishing and specifying visitation rights and the right to designate a domestic partner for certain purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 144.651, subdivision 26; 145C.05; 145C.07, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Brynaert, Gunther, Morrow, Brown, Ruth, Cornish, Greiling, Fritz, Bly and Finstad introduced:

H. F. No. 1590, A bill for an act relating to health; authorizing a Regional Children's Mental Health Initiative pilot project; developing an enhanced regional children's mental health service system; appropriating money.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Anzelc, Davnie, Atkins, Rukavina and Solberg introduced:

H. F. No. 1591, A bill for an act relating to workers' compensation; modifying payment and retraining provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 176.101, subdivisions 1, 2, 4; 176.102, subdivision 11; 176.645.

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

Anzelc, Atkins, Rukavina and Solberg introduced:

H. F. No. 1592, A bill for an act relating to workers' compensation; changing the appointing authorities for members of the Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 175.007, subdivisions 1, 2, 3.

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

Kohls introduced:

H. F. No. 1593, A bill for an act relating to liquor; retail liquor license fees; allowing fees to be set by local governments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 340A.408, subdivisions 2, 3a; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 340A.408, subdivision 3.

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

Hosch, Anzelc, Westrom, Urdahl and Haws introduced:

H. F. No. 1594, A bill for an act relating to the military; expanding the reenlistment bonus program; providing for certain academic awards; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 192.501, subdivisions 1b, 2.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs.

Swails, Simon, Bunn, Haws, Madore, Laine, Tillberry, Kranz, Scalze, Gardner, Benson and Clark introduced:

H. F. No. 1595, A bill for an act relating to civil actions; statutory housing warranties; regulating recovery for breaches; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 327A.05.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice.

Nelson, Mahoney, Lillie, Anzelc and Rukavina introduced:

H. F. No. 1596, A bill for an act relating to state government; regulating the use of project labor agreements; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

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

Hornstein, Hortman, Simon and Winkler introduced:

H. F. No. 1597, A bill for an act relating to transit; directing the Metropolitan Council to include the Southwest Transit Way as a top priority item.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs.

Lillie, Hilstrom and DeLaForest introduced:

H. F. No. 1598, A bill for an act relating to state government; ratifying certain labor agreements and compensation plans.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Masin; Rukavina; Murphy, M.; Morgan; Slocum; Madore; Atkins and Hansen introduced:

H. F. No. 1599, A bill for an act relating to unemployment insurance; providing eligibility for unemployment benefits and extra benefits for certain mechanics involved in a labor dispute with Northwest Airlines, Inc.

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

Magnus, Simpson, Heidgerken, Urdahl, Juhnke, Hamilton and Finstad introduced:

H. F. No. 1600, A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; requiring registration renewal notice for E85-capable vehicle to inform its owner; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Transportation Finance Division.

Anderson, B.; Severson; Hornstein; Thissen; Lieder and Hausman introduced:

H. F. No. 1601, A bill for an act relating to drivers' licenses; establishing novice driver safety education program; modifying provisions related to driver instruction permits and provisional drivers' licenses; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 171.055, subdivision 2; 171.06, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

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

Hortman, Carlson, Atkins, Beard, Sertich, Marquart, Tillberry, Smith, Wardlow, Lesch and Pelowski introduced:

H. F. No. 1602, A bill for an act relating to retirement; providing additional benefits to certain teachers; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 354.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Kahn introduced:

H. F. No. 1603, A bill for an act relating to retirement; various statewide and major local retirement plans; revising the process for the submission and review of proposed public pension plan administrative legislation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 356B.05.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Kahn introduced:

H. F. No. 1604, A bill for an act relating to retirement; first-class city teacher retirement fund associations; updating the sabbatical leave service credit provision based on recent Teachers Retirement Association amendments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 354A.011, subdivision 23; 354A.092.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Kahn introduced:

H. F. No. 1605, A bill for an act relating to retirement; first class city teacher retirement fund associations; making various conforming changes to the Teachers Retirement Association provision in the extended leave of absence program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 354A.091, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 354A.091, subdivisions 1a, 1b.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Kahn introduced:

H. F. No. 1606, A bill for an act relating to retirement; Minneapolis Firefighters Relief Association; updating statutory references to the relief association.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Kahn introduced:

H. F. No. 1607, A bill for an act relating to retirement; retirement plans covered by the combined service annuity provision; updating and making more consistent the definitions of "salary" and "average salary"; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 352.01, subdivisions 13, 14a, by adding a subdivision; 352B.01, subdivision 11, by adding subdivisions; 353.01, subdivisions 10, 17a, by adding a subdivision; 354.05, subdivisions 13a, 35, 35a; 354A.011, subdivisions 7a, 24, by adding a subdivision; 422A.01, subdivisions 4a, 13a, by adding a subdivision; 422A.15, subdivision 1; 490.121, subdivision 21, by adding subdivisions.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Bigham and Simon introduced:

H. F. No. 1608, A bill for an act relating to the Office of the Secretary of State; regulating registrations, filings, and dissolutions of certain entities; providing fees; regulating foreign limited partnership name changes; regulating notaries public; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 5.12, subdivision 1; 302A.821, subdivision 4;

308A.995, subdivisions 1, 4; 308B.121, subdivisions 1, 4; 308B.215, subdivision 2; 317A.823, subdivision 1; 321.0206; 336.1-110; 336.9-516; 336.9-525; 358.41; 358.42; 358.50; 359.085, subdivisions 2, 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 308B; 321; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 69.051, subdivision 1c; 359.085, subdivision 8.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

Clark and Rukavina introduced:

H. F. No. 1609, A bill for an act relating to employment; protecting certain employee statements from employer retaliation; establishing complaint procedures; establishing investigative jurisdiction for the commissioner of labor and industry; creating civil penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 177.27, subdivisions 4, 5, by adding a subdivision; 181.932, subdivision 1; 181.935; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 177; 181.

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

Hausman, Marquart, Erhardt and Olin introduced:

H. F. No. 1610, A bill for an act relating to the Minnesota State Agricultural Society; authorizing the society to retain certain admissions sales tax proceeds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 37.13, by adding a subdivision; 289A.31, subdivision 7.

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

Hornstein introduced:

H. F. No. 1611, A bill for an act relating to the metropolitan area; modifying provisions for planning, designing, and constructing light rail transit in the metropolitan area; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 473.399; 473.3993, subdivision 3; 473.3994; 473.3997; 473.4051; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473; repealing Laws 1999, chapter 230, section 44.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs.

Fritz, Juhnke, Greiling and Kelliher introduced:

H. F. No. 1612, A bill for an act relating to the military; improving access to counseling services for returning soldiers and veterans; requiring a report; appropriating money.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs.

Peterson, A., introduced:

H. F. No. 1613, A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; exempting sales of stoves that burn biomass fuels; extending sales tax exemption related to construction of a biomass fueled electric generation facility; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297A.67, by adding a subdivision; Laws 1999, chapter 243, article 4, section 19, as amended.

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

Lenczewski introduced:

H. F. No. 1614, A bill for an act relating to state government operations; requiring expanded tax compliance efforts; appropriating money.

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

Brod; Otremba; Peppin; Fritz; Sviggum; Howes; Nornes; Abeler; Finstad; Magnus; Gunther; Hosch; Erickson; Hackbarth; Haws; Wardlow; Simpson; Seifert; Hamilton; Ward; Urdahl; Peterson, N.; Eastlund; Tingelstad; DeLaForest; Beard; Ozment; Lanning; Demmer; Olin; Severson; Dettmer; Marquart; Koenen and Shimanski introduced:

H. F. No. 1615, A bill for an act relating to health; changing an abortion provision; providing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Mariani, Lanning, Walker, Abeler and Moe introduced:

H. F. No. 1616, A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money for the Legislative Commission to End Poverty in Minnesota by 2020.

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

Slawik introduced:

H. F. No. 1617, A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing funding for the early childhood family education, school readiness, and Head Start programs; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 124D.135, subdivision 1; 124D.16, subdivision 2.

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

Kahn; Thao; Simon; Erhardt; Rukavina; Hortman; Hilty; Murphy, E.; Clark; Mahoney; Slawik and Huntley introduced:

H. F. No. 1618, A bill for an act relating to state employees; requiring that health insurance benefits be made available to domestic partners of state employees if they are also made available to spouses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 43A.02, by adding a subdivision; 43A.24, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Hilstrom, Loeffler, Paymar and Smith introduced:

H. F. No. 1619, A bill for an act relating to human services; allowing incarcerated individuals remain eligible for medical assistance until conviction; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.055, subdivision 14.

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

Kalin and Eastlund introduced:

H. F. No. 1620, A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing payment rates for nursing facilities in Chisago County to geographic group III median rate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.434, by adding a subdivision.

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

Bunn; Clark; Bigham; McNamara; Swails; Wagenius; Murphy, E.; Otremba; Tschumper; Slawik; Berns; Ruud; Liebling; Huntley; Bly; Morgan; Knuth; Greiling; Anzelc; Davnie; Atkins; Abeler; Thissen; Simon; Hortman; Gardner and Norton introduced:

H. F. No. 1621, A bill for an act relating to public health; establishing an environmental health tracking and biomonitoring program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Clark introduced:

H. F. No. 1622, A bill for an act relating to children's environmental health; prohibiting the sale of children's items containing lead; establishing requirements for paint retailers; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Clark introduced:

H. F. No. 1623, A bill for an act relating to public health; establishing a pilot project to improve access to dental care for children; appropriating money.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

MESSAGES FROM THE SENATE

The following messages were received from the Senate:

Madam Speaker:

I hereby announce the passage by the Senate of the following House File, herewith returned:

H. F. No. 87, A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing expenditures to predesign an Asian Pacific Cultural Center in St. Paul; amending Laws 2006, chapter 258, section 21, subdivision 21.

PATRICK E. FLAHAVEN, Secretary of the Senate

Madam Speaker:

I hereby announce the passage by the Senate of the following Senate Files, herewith transmitted:

S. F. Nos. 13, 65, 106, 555, 226, 458, 483 and 736.

PATRICK E. FLAHAVEN, Secretary of the Senate

FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

S. F. No. 13, A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to carry through on their pledge to fund 40 percent of special education costs.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on E-12 Education.

S. F. No. 65, A resolution memorializing the President and Congress and others to protect the Great Lakes from aquatic invasive species.

The bill was read for the first time.

Hansen moved that S. F. No. 65 and H. F. No. 74, now on the General Register, be referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison. The motion prevailed.

S. F. No. 106, A bill for an act relating to the legislature; changing the timing for payment of compensation to legislators; authorizing payments for additional travel during special sessions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 3.099, subdivision 1; 3.103.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

S. F. No. 555, A bill for an act relating to health; extending essential community provider designation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 62Q.19, subdivisions 2, 6.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

S. F. No. 226, A bill for an act relating to elections; allowing certain persons access to multiple unit residences for certain campaign and election purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 211B.20, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time.

Slawik moved that S. F. No. 226 and H. F. No. 340, now on the General Register, be referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison. The motion prevailed.

S. F. No. 458, A bill for an act relating to elections; conforming disclaimer requirements for campaign material to constitutional requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 211B.04.

The bill was read for the first time.

Peterson, S., moved that S. F. No. 458 and H. F. No. 403, now on the General Register, be referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison. The motion prevailed.

S. F. No. 483, A bill for an act relating to elections; eliminating ten percent requirement for major political party nomination; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 204B.04, subdivision 2; 204D.10, subdivision 1; 204D.20, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 204D.10, subdivision 2.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections.

S. F. No. 736, A bill for an act relating to local government; renaming the Metropolitan Intercounty Association; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 353.01, subdivision 6; 383D.48; 471.61, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Severson moved that the name of Haws be added as an author on H. F. No. 29. The motion prevailed.

Walker moved that the name of Tillberry be added as an author on H. F. No. 219. The motion prevailed.

Hansen moved that the names of Pelowski, Jaros, Mariani and Walker be added as authors on H. F. No. 278. The motion prevailed.

Lesch moved that the name of Ward be added as an author on H. F. No. 288. The motion prevailed.

Haws moved that the name of Ruth be added as an author on H. F. No. 300. The motion prevailed.

Demmer moved that his name be stricken as an author on H. F. No. 302. The motion prevailed.

Peterson, S., moved that the name of Tillberry be added as an author on H. F. No. 302. The motion prevailed.

Paymar moved that the name of Dominguez be added as an author on H. F. No. 303. The motion prevailed.

Kelliher moved that the name of Gottwalt be added as an author on H. F. No. 319. The motion prevailed.

Rukavina moved that the name of Walker be added as an author on H. F. No. 322. The motion prevailed.

Mullery moved that the name of Walker be added as an author on H. F. No. 323. The motion prevailed.

Hortman moved that the name of Tingelstad be added as an author on H. F. No. 327. The motion prevailed.

Lillie moved that the name of Walker be added as an author on H. F. No. 333. The motion prevailed.

Paymar moved that the name of Walker be added as an author on H. F. No. 342. The motion prevailed.

Hansen moved that the name of Morrow be added as an author on H. F. No. 374. The motion prevailed.

Hosch moved that the names of Slocum and Ward be added as authors on H. F. No. 400. The motion prevailed.

Dittrich moved that the name of Walker be added as an author on H. F. No. 411. The motion prevailed.

Zellers moved that his name be stricken as an author on H. F. No. 413. The motion prevailed.

Liebling moved that the name of Walker be added as an author on H. F. No. 414. The motion prevailed.

Ward moved that the name of Walker be added as an author on H. F. No. 420. The motion prevailed.

Paymar moved that the name of Walker be added as an author on H. F. No. 425. The motion prevailed.

Sertich moved that the name of Tillberry be added as an author on H. F. No. 464. The motion prevailed.

Hilstrom moved that the name of Kalin be added as an author on H. F. No. 503. The motion prevailed.

Berns moved that his name be stricken as an author on H. F. No. 552. The motion prevailed.

Hansen moved that the names of Ozment, Marquart, Johnson and Lieder be added as authors on H. F. No. 577. The motion prevailed.

Peterson, A., moved that the name of Ozment be added as an author on H. F. No. 589. The motion prevailed.

Winkler moved that the name of Bunn be added as an author on H. F. No. 618. The motion prevailed.

Tingelstad moved that the name of Liebling be added as an author on H. F. No. 638. The motion prevailed.

Hansen moved that the name of Tillberry be added as an author on H. F. No. 643. The motion prevailed.

Hilstrom moved that the name of Tingelstad be added as an author on H. F. No. 680. The motion prevailed.

Loeffler moved that the names of Heidgerken and Lillie be added as authors on H. F. No. 705. The motion prevailed.

Thissen moved that the name of Heidgerken be added as an author on H. F. No. 708. The motion prevailed.

Haws moved that the name of Gottwalt be added as an author on H. F. No. 715. The motion prevailed.

Fritz moved that the name of Hamilton be added as an author on H. F. No. 721. The motion prevailed.

Tschumper moved that the names of Nornes, Anzelc, Laine, Doty, Madore and Ward be added as authors on H. F. No. 726. The motion prevailed.

Fritz moved that the name of McNamara be added as an author on H. F. No. 760. The motion prevailed.

Haws moved that the name of Ward be added as an author on H. F. No. 778. The motion prevailed.

Benson moved that the name of Tillberry be added as an author on H. F. No. 803. The motion prevailed.

Faust moved that the names of Eastlund and Heidgerken be added as authors on H. F. No. 806. The motion prevailed.

Bly moved that the name of Atkins be added as an author on H. F. No. 814. The motion prevailed.

Buesgens moved that the name of Berns be added as an author on H. F. No. 868. The motion prevailed.

Rukavina moved that the name of Morrow be added as an author on H. F. No. 873. The motion prevailed.

Slawik moved that the name of Atkins be added as an author on H. F. No. 920. The motion prevailed.

Howes moved that the names of Abeler and Tillberry be added as authors on H. F. No. 966. The motion prevailed.

Koenen moved that the name of Sailer be added as an author on H. F. No. 975. The motion prevailed.

Slawik moved that the names of Atkins, Abeler and Tillberry be added as authors on H. F. No. 976. The motion prevailed.

Hortman moved that the name of Abeler be added as an author on H. F. No. 978. The motion prevailed.

Winkler moved that the name of Bunn be added as an author on H. F. No. 979. The motion prevailed.

Brown moved that the name of Abeler be added as an author on H. F. No. 981. The motion prevailed.

Winkler moved that the name of Bunn be added as an author on H. F. No. 988. The motion prevailed.

Hornstein moved that the name of Bunn be added as an author on H. F. No. 1002. The motion prevailed.

Hansen moved that the name of Abeler be added as an author on H. F. No. 1009. The motion prevailed.

Morgan moved that the name of Abeler be added as an author on H. F. No. 1011. The motion prevailed.

Hornstein moved that the name of Murphy, E., be added as an author on H. F. No. 1046. The motion prevailed.

Otremba moved that the names of Kelliher and Abeler be added as authors on H. F. No. 1065. The motion prevailed.

Hamilton moved that the name of Kalin be added as an author on H. F. No. 1073. The motion prevailed.

Morgan moved that the name of Tillberry be added as an author on H. F. No. 1080. The motion prevailed.

Davnie moved that the names of Hortman, Tillberry, Hausman, Olin and Simon be added as authors on H. F. No. 1084. The motion prevailed.

Davnie moved that the name of Kalin be added as an author on H. F. No. 1088. The motion prevailed.

Peterson, S., moved that the name of Tillberry be added as an author on H. F. No. 1091. The motion prevailed.

Hansen moved that the names of Beard, Madore and Kalin be added as authors on H. F. No. 1093. The motion prevailed.

Peterson, A., moved that the names of Kalin and Abeler be added as authors on H. F. No. 1098. The motion prevailed.

Rukavina moved that the name of Kalin be added as an author on H. F. No. 1111. The motion prevailed.

Howes moved that the name of Heidgerken be added as an author on H. F. No. 1122. The motion prevailed.

Atkins moved that the name of Murphy, E., be added as an author on H. F. No. 1142. The motion prevailed.

Peterson, A., moved that the names of Kalin and Abeler be added as authors on H. F. No. 1145. The motion prevailed.

Thao moved that the names of Walker, Mahoney, Dominguez, Hortman and Abeler be added as authors on H. F. No. 1148. The motion prevailed.

Madore moved that the name of Abeler be added as an author on H. F. No. 1155. The motion prevailed.

Haws moved that the name of Kalin be added as an author on H. F. No. 1157. The motion prevailed.

Hausman moved that the names of Laine and Abeler be added as authors on H. F. No. 1170. The motion prevailed.

Dominguez moved that the names of Bunn and Demmer be added as authors on H. F. No. 1174. The motion prevailed.

Scalze moved that the name of Cornish be added as an author on H. F. No. 1188. The motion prevailed.

Thissen moved that the name of Dittrich be added as an author on H. F. No. 1189. The motion prevailed.

Hausman moved that the name of Kalin be added as an author on H. F. No. 1194. The motion prevailed.

Slawik moved that the name of Tillberry be added as an author on H. F. No. 1196. The motion prevailed.

Kelliher moved that the name of Abeler be added as an author on H. F. No. 1206. The motion prevailed.

Mullery moved that the name of Walker be added as an author on H. F. No. 1209. The motion prevailed.

Dean moved that the name of Bunn be added as an author on H. F. No. 1210. The motion prevailed.

Benson moved that the name of Anzelc be added as an author on H. F. No. 1233. The motion prevailed.

Dean moved that his name be stricken as an author on H. F. No. 1243. The motion prevailed.

Dettmer moved that his name be stricken as an author on H. F. No. 1243. The motion prevailed.

Tillberry moved that the name of Kalin be added as an author on H. F. No. 1248. The motion prevailed.

Urdahl moved that the name of Kalin be added as an author on H. F. No. 1257. The motion prevailed.

Nelson moved that the names of Scalze; Peterson, N., and Howes be added as authors on H. F. No. 1283. The motion prevailed.

Murphy, E., moved that the names of Heidgerken and Lillie be added as authors on H. F. No. 1288. The motion prevailed.

Huntley moved that the names of Hamilton and Lillie be added as authors on H. F. No. 1297. The motion prevailed.

Moe moved that the name of Kalin be added as an author on H. F. No. 1301. The motion prevailed.

Dill moved that the name of Kalin be added as an author on H. F. No. 1333. The motion prevailed.

Dittrich moved that the names of Scalze, Ruud and Simon be added as authors on H. F. No. 1345. The motion prevailed.

Hornstein moved that the name of Tingelstad be added as an author on H. F. No. 1351. The motion prevailed.

Moe moved that the name of Tillberry be added as an author on H. F. No. 1352. The motion prevailed.

Hilstrom moved that the name of Simon be added as an author on H. F. No. 1353. The motion prevailed.

Clark moved that the name of Nelson be added as an author on H. F. No. 1355. The motion prevailed.

Walker moved that the name of Dominguez be added as an author on H. F. No. 1357. The motion prevailed.

Simon moved that the name of Moe be added as an author on H. F. No. 1360. The motion prevailed.

Fritz moved that the name of Nelson be added as an author on H. F. No. 1361. The motion prevailed.

Olin moved that the name of Moe be added as an author on H. F. No. 1368. The motion prevailed.

Hansen moved that the name of Berns be added as an author on H. F. No. 1373. The motion prevailed.

Anzelc moved that the name of Moe be added as an author on H. F. No. 1374. The motion prevailed.

Paulsen moved that the names of Peterson, S.; Beard and Demmer be added as authors on H. F. No. 1378. The motion prevailed.

Atkins moved that the name of Kalin be added as an author on H. F. No. 1381. The motion prevailed.

Thissen moved that the names of Lenczewski, Hornstein and Scalze be added as authors on H. F. No. 1382. The motion prevailed.

Benson moved that the names of Tillberry and Ward be added as authors on H. F. No. 1387. The motion prevailed.

Hilstrom moved that the name of Peterson, S., be added as an author on H. F. No. 1388. The motion prevailed.

Lesch moved that the name of Severson be added as an author on H. F. No. 1391. The motion prevailed.

Hilty moved that the names of Erhardt and Peterson, S., be added as authors on H. F. No. 1392. The motion prevailed.

Lenczewski moved that the name of Slocum be added as an author on H. F. No. 1394. The motion prevailed.

Eken moved that the names of Greiling, Mariani and Sailer be added as authors on H. F. No. 1395. The motion prevailed.

Otremba moved that the name of Ward be added as an author on H. F. No. 1406. The motion prevailed.

Clark moved that the name of Hornstein be added as an author on H. F. No. 1407. The motion prevailed.

Anzelc moved that the name of Heidgerken be added as an author on H. F. No. 1410. The motion prevailed.

Benson moved that the name of Tillberry be added as an author on H. F. No. 1412. The motion prevailed.

Hortman moved that the name of Tingelstad be added as an author on H. F. No. 1415. The motion prevailed.

Juhnke moved that the name of Erhardt be added as an author on H. F. No. 1417. The motion prevailed.

Wagenius moved that the names of Scalze and Moe be added as authors on H. F. No. 1421. The motion prevailed.

Paulsen moved that the name of Tingelstad be added as an author on H. F. No. 1424. The motion prevailed.

Holberg moved that the name of Tillberry be added as an author on H. F. No. 1425. The motion prevailed.

Davnie moved that the names of Dominguez and Peterson, S., be added as authors on H. F. No. 1426. The motion prevailed.

Hornstein moved that the names of Paymar and Scalze be added as authors on H. F. No. 1437. The motion prevailed.

Kahn moved that the name of Poppe be added as an author on H. F. No. 1440. The motion prevailed.

Slawik moved that the name of Tillberry be added as an author on H. F. No. 1442. The motion prevailed.

Mullery moved that the names of Greiling and Peterson, S., be added as authors on H. F. No. 1443. The motion prevailed.

Hortman moved that the names of Kalin and Moe be added as authors on H. F. No. 1447. The motion prevailed.

Juhnke moved that the name of Heidgerken be added as an author on H. F. No. 1448. The motion prevailed.

Hansen moved that the name of Kalin be added as an author on H. F. No. 1449. The motion prevailed.

Rukavina moved that the name of Moe be added as an author on H. F. No. 1457. The motion prevailed.

Hortman moved that the name of Morgan be added as an author on H. F. No. 1463. The motion prevailed.

Eken moved that the name of Morrow be added as an author on H. F. No. 1468. The motion prevailed.

Scalze moved that the names of Ruud, Benson, Dittrich and Moe be added as authors on H. F. No. 1470. The motion prevailed.

Huntley moved that the name of Hornstein be added as an author on H. F. No. 1472. The motion prevailed.

Smith moved that the names of Kalin; Peterson, A., and Moe be added as authors on H. F. No. 1473. The motion prevailed.

TAKEN FROM THE TABLE

Sertich moved that the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration relating to the proposed Permanent Rules of the House, as amended on Monday, February 26, 2007, be taken from the table. The motion prevailed.

The Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration relating to the proposed Permanent Rules of the House, as amended on Monday, February 26, 2007, was reported to the House.

The pending Seifert amendment offered on Monday, February 26, 2007, to the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration relating to the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 85th Session, as amended, was again reported to the House.

Page 34, line 1, after "regular" insert "or special"

Sertich withdrew his pending motion that the Seifert amendment to the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration be referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

The question recurred on the Seifert amendment, as modified, as follows:

Page 34, line 1, after "regular" insert "or special"

Page 34, line 2, after "House," insert "a political party caucus,"

Page 34, line 5, after the comma, insert "dissolving principal campaign committee,"

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

The question was taken on the Siefert amendment, as modified, and the roll was called. There were 122 yeas and 3 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Dettmer	Haws	Lanning	Otremba	Solberg
Anderson, B.	Dill	Heidgerken	Lesch	Ozment	Sviggum
Anderson, S.	Dittrich	Hilstrom	Liebling	Paulsen	Swails
Anzelc	Dominguez	Hilty	Lieder	Paymar	Thissen
Atkins	Doty	Holberg	Lillie	Pelowski	Tillberry
Benson	Eastlund	Hoppe	Loeffler	Peppin	Tingelstad
Berns	Eken	Hornstein	Madore	Peterson, A.	Tschumper
Bigham	Emmer	Hortman	Mahoney	Peterson, S.	Urdahl
Bly	Erickson	Hosch	Mariani	Poppe	Wagenius
Brod	Faust	Howes	Marquart	Ruth	Walker
Brown	Finstad	Huntley	Masin	Ruud	Ward
Brynaert	Fritz	Jaros	McFarlane	Sailer	Welti
Buesgens	Gardner	Johnson	Moe	Scalze	Westrom
Bunn	Garofalo	Juhnke	Morgan	Seifert	Winkler
Carlson	Gottwalt	Kahn	Morrow	Sertich	Wollschlager
Clark	Greiling	Kalin	Mullery	Severson	Zellers
Cornish	Gunther	Knuth	Murphy, E.	Shimanski	Spk. Kelliher
Davnie	Hackbarth	Koenen	Nelson	Simon	
Dean	Hamilton	Kohls	Norton	Simpson	
DeLaForest	Hansen	Kranz	Olin	Slawik	
Demmer	Hausman	Laine	Olson	Slocum	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Murphy, M. Rukavina Thao

The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.

Garofalo moved to amend the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration relating to the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 85th Session, as amended on Monday, February 26, 2007, and as further amended, as follows:

Page 7, after line 5, insert:

"2.11 ELECTRONIC FLOOR ACTIONS. By April 10, 2007, the House shall cease use of all paper versions of bills, amendments, bill summaries, and fiscal documents prepared by House staff, and shall substitute electronic versions of these documents for all floor proceedings. A member may request and shall then receive paper copies of any document.

The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration may by majority vote delay this transition, but the House must implement this rule not later than January 1, 2008."

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

Sertich moved that the Garofalo amendment to the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration relating to the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 85th Session, as amended on Monday, February 26, 2007, be referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

The question was taken on the Sertich motion and the roll was called. There were 88 yeas and 39 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Doty	Huntley	Madore	Paymar	Thao
Anzelc	Eken	Johnson	Mahoney	Pelowski	Thissen
Atkins	Faust	Juhnke	Mariani	Peterson, A.	Tillberry
Benson	Fritz	Kahn	Marquart	Peterson, S.	Tingelstad
Bigham	Greiling	Kalin	Masin	Poppe	Tschumper
Bly	Hansen	Knuth	Moe	Rukavina	Urdahl
Brown	Hausman	Koenen	Morgan	Ruud	Wagenius
Brynaert	Haws	Laine	Morrow	Sailer	Walker
Bunn	Heidgerken	Lanning	Mullery	Scalze	Ward
Carlson	Hilstrom	Lenczewski	Murphy, E.	Sertich	Welti
Clark	Hilty	Lesch	Murphy, M.	Simon	Winkler
Davnie	Hornstein	Liebling	Nelson	Slawik	Wollschlager
Dill	Hortman	Lieder	Norton	Slocum	Spk. Kelliher
Dittrich	Hosch	Lillie	Olin	Solberg	
Dominguez	Howes	Loeffler	Otremba	Swails	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Anderson, S.	Demmer	Garofalo	Jaros	Paulsen	Simpson
Berns	Dettmer	Gottwalt	Kohls	Peppin	Sviggum
Brod	Eastlund	Gunther	Kranz	Peterson, N.	Westrom
Buesgens	Emmer	Hackbarth	McFarlane	Ruth	Zellers
Cornish	Erickson	Hamilton	McNamara	Seifert	
Dean	Finstad	Holberg	Olson	Severson	
DeLaForest	Gardner	Hoppe	Ozment	Shimanski	

The motion prevailed and the Garofalo amendment was referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

Westrom moved to amend the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration relating to the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 85th Session, as amended on Monday, February 26, 2007, and as further amended, as follows:

Page 32, line 31, delete everything after the period

Page 32, delete lines 32 and 33 and insert "The House Controller must consult with an adaptive technology expert to identify commercially available upgrades for computers and Internet technology that are compatible with adaptive speech technology prior to purchasing upgrades."

The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.

Emmer and Holberg moved to amend the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration relating to the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 85th Session, as amended on Monday, February 26, 2007, and as further amended, as follows:

Page 25, line 16, after "(a)" delete the remainder of the line

Page 25, delete lines 17 to 19 and insert "A bill may be referred to a division of a committee, but if so referred, must be reported by the division to the committee before being referred to the floor. A bill may not be reported directly by a division or subcommittee of any committee to the floor."

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

The question was taken on the Emmer and Holberg amendment and the roll was called. There were 41 yeas and 86 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Dean	Finstad	Hoppe	Paulsen	Simpson
Anderson, B.	DeLaForest	Garofalo	Howes	Peppin	Sviggum
Anderson, S.	Demmer	Gottwalt	Kohls	Peterson, N.	Tingelstad
Berns	Dettmer	Gunther	Lanning	Ruth	Urdahl
Brod	Eastlund	Hackbarth	McFarlane	Seifert	Westrom
Buesgens	Emmer	Hamilton	McNamara	Severson	Zellers
Cornish	Erickson	Holberg	Olson	Shimanski	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Anzelc	Davnie	Hansen	Jaros	Lesch	Moe
Atkins	Dill	Hausman	Johnson	Liebling	Morgan
Benson	Dittrich	Haws	Juhnke	Lieder	Morrow
Bigham	Dominguez	Heidgerken	Kahn	Lillie	Mullery
Bly	Doty	Hilstrom	Kalin	Loeffler	Murphy, E.
Brown	Eken	Hilty	Knuth	Madore	Murphy, M.
Brynaert	Faust	Hornstein	Koenen	Mahoney	Nelson
Bunn	Fritz	Hortman	Kranz	Mariani	Norton
Carlson	Gardner	Hosch	Laine	Marquart	Olin
Clark	Greiling	Huntley	Lenczewski	Masin	Otremba

Paymar	Rukavina	Simon	Thao	Walker	Spk. Kelliher
Pelowski	Ruud	Slawik	Thissen	Ward	
Peterson, A.	Sailer	Slocum	Tillberry	Welti	
Peterson, S.	Scalze	Solberg	Tschumper	Winkler	
Poppe	Sertich	Swails	Wagenius	Wollschlager	

The motion did not prevail and the amendment was not adopted.

Anderson, S., moved to amend the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration relating to the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 85th Session, as amended on Monday, February 26, 2007, and as further amended, as follows:

Page 33, after line 13, insert:

"8.14 PER DIEM; SPECIAL SESSIONS. A member must not receive per diem during a special session that is called in an odd-numbered year because the legislature failed to pass all of the major finance and revenue bills during the regular session that year. "Major finance or revenue bill" means the primary bill establishing state tax policy, and the primary bill making appropriations in each of the following areas: higher education; early childhood through high school education; agriculture and rural development; environment and natural resources; health and human services; state government finance; economic development; public safety; and transportation. A member must not receive per diem during a special session that is called in an even-numbered year because the legislature failed to pass a bill making appropriations for capital investment purposes during the regular session that year. For purposes of this rule, the legislature has passed a major finance and revenue bill if both the house of representatives and the senate have passed identical versions of the same bill, even if the governor vetoes the bill."

Sertich moved that the Anderson, S., amendment to the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration relating to the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 85th Session, as amended on Monday, February 26, 2007, be referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

The question was taken on the Sertich motion and the roll was called. There were 81 yeas and 46 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Faust	Johnson	Mahoney	Peterson, A.	Tillberry
Anzelc	Fritz	Juhnke	Mariani	Peterson, S.	Tingelstad
Atkins	Gardner	Kahn	Marquart	Poppe	Tschumper
Bigham	Greiling	Knuth	Masin	Rukavina	Urdahl
Bly	Hansen	Koenen	Moe	Sailer	Wagenius
Brown	Hausman	Laine	Morgan	Sertich	Walker
Brynaert	Heidgerken	Lanning	Morrow	Simon	Ward
Carlson	Hilstrom	Lenczewski	Mullery	Slawik	Welti
Clark	Hilty	Lesch	Murphy, E.	Slocum	Winkler
Davnie	Hornstein	Liebling	Murphy, M.	Solberg	Wollschlager
Dill	Hortman	Lieder	Nelson	Sviggum	Spk. Kelliher
Dominguez	Howes	Lillie	Otremba	Swails	
Doty	Huntley	Loeffler	Paymar	Thao	
Eken	Jaros	Madore	Pelowski	Thissen	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Anderson, B.	Dean	Finstad	Hoppe	Olin	Seifert
Anderson, S.	DeLaForest	Garofalo	Hosch	Olson	Severson
Benson	Demmer	Gottwalt	Kalin	Paulsen	Shimanski
Berns	Dettmer	Gunther	Kohls	Peppin	Simpson
Brod	Dittrich	Hackbarth	Kranz	Peterson, N.	Westrom
Buesgens	Eastlund	Hamilton	McFarlane	Ruth	Zellers
Bunn	Emmer	Haws	McNamara	Ruud	
Cornish	Erickson	Holberg	Norton	Scalze	

The motion prevailed and the Anderson, S., amendment was referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

Simpson moved to amend the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration relating to the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 85th Session, as amended on Monday, February 26, 2007, and as further amended, as follows:

Page 1, after line 13, insert:

"1.135 CONVENING OF THE HOUSE: EVEN-NUMBERED YEARS. The House may not convene for a regular session prior to March 1 in an even-numbered year."

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

The question was taken on the Simpson amendment and the roll was called. There were 38 yeas and 89 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Dean	Finstad	Hoppe	Paulsen	Sviggum
Anderson, B.	DeLaForest	Garofalo	Kohls	Peppin	Westrom
Anderson, S.	Demmer	Gottwalt	Lanning	Ruth	Zellers
Berns	Dettmer	Gunther	McFarlane	Seifert	
Brod	Eastlund	Hackbarth	McNamara	Severson	
Buesgens	Emmer	Hamilton	Olson	Shimanski	
Cornish	Erickson	Holberg	Ozment	Simpson	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Anzelc	Clark	Gardner	Hortman	Knuth	Loeffler
Atkins	Davnie	Greiling	Hosch	Koenen	Madore
Benson	Dill	Hansen	Howes	Kranz	Mahoney
Bigham	Dittrich	Hausman	Huntley	Laine	Mariani
Bly	Dominguez	Haws	Jaros	Lenczewski	Marquart
Brown	Doty	Heidgerken	Johnson	Lesch	Masin
Brynaert	Eken	Hilstrom	Juhnke	Liebling	Moe
Bunn	Faust	Hilty	Kahn	Lieder	Morgan
Carlson	Fritz	Hornstein	Kalin	Lillie	Morrow

Mullery	Otremba	Poppe	Simon	Thissen	Ward
Murphy, E.	Paymar	Rukavina	Slawik	Tillberry	Welti
Murphy, M.	Pelowski	Ruud	Slocum	Tingelstad	Winkler
Nelson	Peterson, A.	Sailer	Solberg	Tschumper	Wollschlager
Norton	Peterson, N.	Scalze	Swails	Urdahl	Spk. Kelliher
Olin	Peterson, S.	Sertich	Thao	Wagenius	

The motion did not prevail and the amendment was not adopted.

Olson moved to amend the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration relating to the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 85th Session, as amended on Monday, February 26, 2007, and as further amended, as follows:

Page 7, after line 16, insert:

"2.16 BILL HEARING PRIORITIZATION FOR COMMITTEE TRANSITION. After the 2007 regular session, the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration shall hold hearings and propose a rule to change the way the bills are prioritized for hearings in committee. The rules shall provide for an automatic electronically conducted ranking of committee members priorities, to be conducted at the end of each week or as needed, designed to rank member preferences among all bills and resolutions that are within the committee's jurisdiction. Bills shall be heard in committee in the order determined by these rankings."

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

The question was taken on the Olson amendment and the roll was called. There were 24 yeas and 103 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	DeLaForest	Erickson	Holberg	McFarlane	Shimanski
Anderson, B.	Dettmer	Gottwalt	Hosch	Olson	Simpson
Buesgens	Eastlund	Hackbarth	Kohls	Ruth	Urdahl
Dean	Emmer	Hamilton	Lanning	Seifert	Zellers

Those who voted in the negative were:

Anderson, S.	Davnie	Hansen	Kahn	Mariani	Ozment
Anzelc	Demmer	Hausman	Kalin	Marquart	Paulsen
Atkins	Dill	Haws	Knuth	Masin	Paymar
Benson	Dittrich	Heidgerken	Koenen	McNamara	Pelowski
Berns	Dominguez	Hilstrom	Kranz	Moe	Peppin
Bigham	Doty	Hilty	Laine	Morgan	Peterson, A.
Bly	Eken	Hoppe	Lenczewski	Morrow	Peterson, N.
Brod	Faust	Hornstein	Lesch	Mullery	Peterson, S.
Brown	Finstad	Hortman	Liebling	Murphy, E.	Poppe
Brynaert	Fritz	Howes	Lieder	Murphy, M.	Rukavina
Bunn	Gardner	Huntley	Lillie	Nelson	Ruud
Carlson	Garofalo	Jaros	Loeffler	Norton	Sailer
Clark	Greiling	Johnson	Madore	Olin	Scalze
Cornish	Gunther	Juhnke	Mahoney	Otremba	Sertich

Severson	Solberg	Thissen	Wagenius	Winkler
Simon	Sviggum	Tillberry	Ward	Wollschlager
Slawik	Swails	Tingelstad	Welti	Spk. Kelliher
Slocum	Thao	Tschumper	Westrom	

The motion did not prevail and the amendment was not adopted.

Emmer moved to amend the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration relating to the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 85th Session, as amended on Monday, February 26, 2007, and as further amended, as follows:

Page 34, line 5, strike "or" and after "fund" insert ", or a tribal organization"

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

The question was taken on the Emmer amendment and the roll was called. There were 118 yeas and 8 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Demmer	Hansen	Lesch	Otremba	Slawik
Anderson, B.	Dettmer	Haws	Liebling	Ozment	Slocum
Anderson, S.	Dill	Hilstrom	Lieder	Paulsen	Solberg
Anzelc	Dittrich	Hilty	Lillie	Paymar	Sviggum
Atkins	Dominguez	Holberg	Loeffler	Pelowski	Swails
Benson	Doty	Hoppe	Madore	Peppin	Thissen
Berns	Eastlund	Hornstein	Mahoney	Peterson, A.	Tillberry
Bigham	Eken	Hortman	Marquart	Peterson, N.	Tingelstad
Bly	Emmer	Hosch	Masin	Peterson, S.	Tschumper
Brod	Erickson	Howes	McFarlane	Poppe	Urdahl
Brown	Faust	Johnson	McNamara	Ruth	Wagenius
Brynaert	Finstad	Juhnke	Moe	Ruud	Ward
Buesgens	Fritz	Kalin	Morgan	Sailer	Welti
Bunn	Gardner	Knuth	Morrow	Scalze	Westrom
Carlson	Garofalo	Koenen	Mullery	Seifert	Winkler
Clark	Gottwalt	Kohls	Murphy, E.	Sertich	Wollschlager
Cornish	Greiling	Kranz	Nelson	Severson	Zellers
Davnie	Gunther	Laine	Norton	Shimanski	Spk. Kelliher
Dean	Hackbarth	Lanning	Olin	Simon	
DeLaForest	Hamilton	Lenczewski	Olson	Simpson	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Hausman	Huntley	Mariani	Rukavina
Heidgerken	Jaros	Murphy, M.	Thao

The motion prevailed and the amendment was adopted.

Erickson moved to amend the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration relating to the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 85th Session, as amended on Monday, February 26, 2007, and as further amended, as follows:

Page 33, after line 13, insert:

"8.12 PER DIEM; INTERIM ACTIVITIES. Per Diem payments outside of regular legislative sessions may only be made to members for official activities of the House of Representatives, the Legislature, or state government. Payments for office duties or constituent work are limited to one day per month during the interim."

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

Sertich moved that the Erickson amendment to the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration relating to the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 85th Session, as amended on Monday, February 26, 2007, be referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

A roll call was requested and properly seconded.

The question was taken on the Sertich motion and the roll was called. There were 87 yeas and 40 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Doty	Huntley	Mahoney	Paymar	Swails
Anzelc	Eken	Jaros	Mariani	Pelowski	Thao
Atkins	Faust	Johnson	Marquart	Peterson, A.	Thissen
Benson	Fritz	Juhnke	Masin	Peterson, N.	Tillberry
Bigham	Gardner	Kahn	Moe	Peterson, S.	Tingelstad
Bly	Greiling	Knuth	Morgan	Poppe	Tschumper
Brown	Hansen	Koenen	Morrow	Rukavina	Wagenius
Brynaert	Hausman	Laine	Mullery	Ruud	Ward
Bunn	Haws	Lenczewski	Murphy, E.	Sailer	Welti
Carlson	Heidgerken	Lesch	Murphy, M.	Scalze	Winkler
Clark	Hilstrom	Liebling	Nelson	Sertich	Wollschlager
Davnie	Hilty	Lieder	Norton	Simon	Spk. Kelliher
Dill	Hornstein	Lillie	Olin	Slawik	
Dittrich	Hortman	Loeffler	Otremba	Slocum	
Dominguez	Howes	Madore	Ozment	Solberg	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Anderson, B.	DeLaForest	Garofalo	Hosch	Olson	Simpson
Anderson, S.	Demmer	Gottwalt	Kalin	Paulsen	Sviggum
Berns	Dettmer	Gunther	Kohls	Peppin	Urdahl
Brod	Eastlund	Hackbarth	Kranz	Ruth	Westrom
Buesgens	Emmer	Hamilton	Lanning	Seifert	Zellers
Cornish	Erickson	Holberg	McFarlane	Severson	
Dean	Finstad	Hoppe	McNamara	Shimanski	

The motion prevailed and the Erickson amendment was referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

The question recurred on the Sertich motion that the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration and the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 85th Session, as amended, be now adopted and the roll was called. There were 85 yeas and 42 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Anzelc	Eken	Jaros	Madore	Paymar	Thao
Atkins	Faust	Johnson	Mahoney	Pelowski	Thissen
Benson	Fritz	Juhnke	Mariani	Peterson, A.	Tillberry
Bigham	Gardner	Kahn	Marquart	Peterson, S.	Tschumper
Bly	Greiling	Kalin	Masin	Poppe	Wagenius
Brown	Hansen	Knuth	Moe	Rukavina	Ward
Brynaert	Hausman	Koenen	Morgan	Ruud	Welti
Bunn	Haws	Kranz	Morrow	Sailer	Winkler
Carlson	Hilstrom	Laine	Mullery	Scalze	Wollschlager
Clark	Hilty	Lenczewski	Murphy, E.	Sertich	Spk. Kelliher
Davnie	Hornstein	Lesch	Murphy, M.	Simon	
Dill	Hortman	Liebling	Nelson	Slawik	
Dittrich	Hosch	Lieder	Norton	Slocum	
Dominguez	Howes	Lillie	Olin	Solberg	
Doty	Huntley	Loeffler	Otremba	Swails	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Abeler	Dean	Finstad	Holberg	Ozment	Shimanski
Anderson, B.	DeLaForest	Garofalo	Hoppe	Paulsen	Simpson
Anderson, S.	Demmer	Gottwalt	Kohls	Peppin	Sviggum
Berns	Dettmer	Gunther	Lanning	Peterson, N.	Tingelstad
Brod	Eastlund	Hackbarth	McFarlane	Ruth	Urdahl
Buesgens	Emmer	Hamilton	McNamara	Seifert	Westrom
Cornish	Erickson	Heidgerken	Olson	Severson	Zellers

The motion prevailed and the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration, as amended, and the Permanent Rules of the House for the 85th Session were adopted and read as follows:

PERMANENT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

ARTICLE 1 - DAILY BUSINESS

1.01 CONVENING OF THE HOUSE. Unless otherwise ordered, the House convenes at 12:00 p.m. The Speaker must take the chair at the appointed hour and call the House to order.

The call to order is followed by a prayer by the Chaplain or time for a brief meditation, then by the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America, and then by a call of the roll of members. The names of members present and members excused must be entered in the Journal of the House.

1.02 READING OF THE JOURNAL. If a quorum is present, the Chief Clerk must read the Journal of the preceding day, unless otherwise ordered. The House may correct errors in the Journal of the preceding day.

1.03 ORDER OF BUSINESS. After the Journal is read, the order of business of the day is:

- (1) Presentation of petitions or other communications
- (2) Reports of standing committees and divisions
- (3) Second reading of House bills
- (4) Second reading of Senate bills
- (5) Reports of select committees
- (6) Introduction and first reading of House bills
- (7) Consideration of messages from the Senate
- (8) First reading of Senate bills
- (9) Consent Calendar
- (10) Calendar for the day
- (11) Motions and resolutions

The House may advance or revert from any order of business to any other order of business, by majority vote of the whole House.

Conference committees on House bills and the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration may report at any time.

1.04 REPORTING OF BILLS. A bill must be reported to the House on three different days before its passage, except as provided in Rule 5.02. The first report, called the first reading, occurs when it is introduced; the second report, called the second reading, occurs when it has been reported by the appropriate standing committees and divisions for consideration by the House; the third report, called the third reading, occurs when it is ready for the vote on passage.

1.10 INTRODUCTION OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS. A bill or resolution must be submitted to the Speaker at least 24 hours before the convening of the daily session at which it is to be introduced.

A bill or resolution must be introduced in triplicate and each copy must bear the signature of the member or the name of the committee or division introducing it.

In regular session, a bill prepared by a department or agency of state government must be introduced and given its first reading at least ten days before the date of the first committee deadline.

1.11 FIRST READING AND REFERENCE OF BILLS. A bill or resolution must be reported and given its first reading when it is introduced. A bill or resolution must not be objected to when it is introduced.

After its first reading, the Speaker must refer a bill or resolution to the appropriate standing committee or division, except as provided in Rule 1.15 and Rule 1.13.

Congratulatory resolutions referred to in Rule 4.02 are exempt from this Rule.

Except as otherwise provided in these Rules, after the Speaker refers a bill or resolution, a majority vote of the whole House is required for the House to re-refer the bill or resolution.

1.12 AUTHORS OF BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS. A bill, memorial, or resolution must not have more than 35 authors. After a bill or resolution is introduced and given its first reading: (a) a member may be removed as an author, by motion of the member; and (b) a member wishing to be an author may be added as an author, by motion of the author of the bill or resolution.

1.13 INTRODUCTION OF COMMITTEE OR DIVISION BILLS. A standing or special committee of the House or a division of the House may introduce a bill as a committee or division bill on any subject within its purview. When a committee or division bill is introduced and read for the first time, the Speaker may refer it to a standing committee or division. If the Speaker does not refer it, the bill must be laid over one day. Then it must be read for the second time and placed on the General Register or, if recommended by the Committee, on the Consent Calendar.

1.14 RECESS BILL INTRODUCTIONS. During the period between the last day of the regular session in an odd-numbered year and the first day of the regular session in the next year, a bill filed with the Speaker for introduction must be given a file number and may be unofficially referred by the Speaker to an appropriate standing committee or division.

1.15 DISPOSITION OF SENATE FILES. A Senate File received by the House that is accompanied by a message announcing its passage by the Senate must be referred to the appropriate standing committee or division under Rule 1.11. But if a Senate File is received that a member requests be compared to a House File already reported by a standing committee or division of the House and placed on the General Register or on the Calendar for the Day or the Consent Calendar, the Senate File must be referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison. If the Chief Clerk reports that the Senate File is identical to the House File, the Senate File may, by majority vote, be substituted for the House File and take its place. The fact that the bills are identical must be entered in the Journal and the House File is then considered withdrawn.

A Senate File that is amended on the floor of the House, except at the time of final passage, and a Senate File that has been reported to the House with amendments by a House standing committee or division, must be unofficially engrossed and reprinted by the Chief Clerk. An amendment may be offered to an unofficial engrossment of a Senate File.

1.20 GENERAL REGISTER. The General Register consists of all bills that have received a second reading, except those placed on the Consent Calendar under Rule 1.23. Bills must be placed on the General Register in the order that they receive their second reading. A bill must be on the General Register, be given to each member, and be available to the public before it may be considered by the House on the Calendar for the Day or the Fiscal Calendar. Each day that the House meets in session, the Chief Clerk must publish a list of the bills on the General Register.

1.21 CALENDAR FOR THE DAY. The Calendar for the Day is a list of bills that are to be considered that day by the House. The House must consider each item on the Calendar for the Day in the order determined by the presiding officer. After consideration by the House, unless otherwise disposed of, the bill must immediately be given its third reading and placed upon its passage.

A bill that has received its second reading may be placed on the Calendar for the Day by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration or by order of the House upon the motion of a member as provided in this Rule.

The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must designate the bills that are to be on the Calendar for the Day. During regular session, the Committee must designate the bills by 5:00 p.m. the day before the day that the bills are to be on the Calendar, except that the Committee may designate the bills at any time after a day specified by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. After the Committee designates the bills, the Chief Clerk must publish the Calendar for the Day.

A bill that is on the General Register for more than ten legislative days may be placed on the Calendar for the Day by a majority vote of the whole House, acting on the motion of a member. A bill placed on the Calendar for the Day in this manner must be considered first the next time that the House reaches the order of business "Calendar for the Day." A member must give notice to the Speaker and the Chief Clerk three legislative days before making a motion to place a bill on the Calendar for the Day. The notice must specify the number and title of the bill. Only the member who gave notice to the Speaker and the Chief Clerk, or another member designated in writing by the member who gave notice, may make the motion to place the bill on the Calendar for the Day. After the third legislative day following the day of notice, the motion must be made the first time that the House reaches the order of business "Motions and Resolutions." If the motion is not made at that time, the member who gave notice forfeits the right to make that motion.

A bill may be continued on the Calendar for the Day by a majority vote of the whole House. A third motion by the author of a bill to continue it on the Calendar for the Day is not in order; upon such a motion, the bill must be stricken from the Calendar and returned to the General Register in the order of its second reading. The Calendar for the Day expires when the House adjourns for the day, unless the House, by a majority vote of the whole House, continues items remaining on the Calendar to the next day.

1.22 FISCAL CALENDAR. A finance bill that has had its second reading must be considered by the House when requested by the Chair of the Committee on Ways and Means or by a designee of the Chair. A bill relating to taxes or raising revenue that has had its second reading must be considered by the House when requested by the Chair of the Committee on Taxes or a designee of the Chair.

During regular session, a chair must announce the intention to make the request by 5:00 p.m. the legislative day before the day that the request for consideration is to be made, except that the Chair may designate the bills at any time after a day specified by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. During periods when the 5:00 p.m. requirement does not apply, the chair must announce the intention at least two hours before making the request.

After consideration by the House on the Fiscal Calendar, unless otherwise disposed of, the bill must immediately be given its third reading and placed upon its passage.

1.23 CONSENT CALENDAR. If a committee or division determines that a bill it recommends to pass is not controversial, the committee or division may in its report recommend that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar. After the report is adopted and the bill has received its second reading, the bill must be placed on the Consent Calendar and given to each member at least one day before it may be considered by the House. Bills must be placed on the Consent Calendar in the order that they receive their second reading and must be considered by the House in the order determined by the presiding officer.

After consideration by the House, a bill on the Consent Calendar must immediately be given its third reading and placed upon its passage. But if, before its third reading, ten members object to the bill as being controversial, the bill must be stricken from the Consent Calendar and be placed on the General Register in the order of second reading.

1.30 THIRD READING OF BILLS. An amendment must not be received after the third reading of a bill without unanimous consent, except to fill blanks or to amend the title.

At any time before it is passed, a bill or resolution may be referred or re-referred by a majority vote of the whole House. If the committee or division to which it is referred or re-referred reports an amendment to it, the bill or resolution must again be given its second reading and placed on the General Register.

1.40 PUBLICATION OF BILLS FOR THE HOUSE. After a bill receives its second reading, the bill must be prepared and published for consideration by the House. A majority of the House may order the publication of a bill at any time.

1.50 ADJOURNING OF THE HOUSE. The House may not meet during a legislative day after midnight, except that the House, by majority vote, may meet past the time of adjournment required by this Rule.

ARTICLE 2 - FLOOR PROCEEDINGS, VOTING, DECORUM

2.01 ABSENCE OF MEMBERS AND OFFICERS. Unless illness or other sufficient cause prevents attendance, a member or officer of the House must not be absent from a session of the House without the prior permission of the Speaker.

2.02 CALL OF THE HOUSE. Ten members may demand a call of the House at any time until voting begins.

When a call is demanded, the doors of the chamber must be closed, the roll called, and the absent members sent for; and no member is allowed to leave the chamber until the roll call is suspended or completed. During the roll call, no motion is in order except a motion pertaining to matters incidental to the call.

Proceedings under the roll call may be suspended by a majority vote of the whole House. The Sergeant at Arms must not permit a member to leave the Chamber unless the member is excused by the Speaker, or the call of the House has been lifted by a majority vote of the whole House.

2.03 ROLL CALL VOTE. A roll call vote is required to pass a bill or to adopt a resolution or motion directing the payment of money. In all other cases a roll call vote may be ordered only if 15 members demand it.

2.04 EXPLAINING OR CHANGING VOTE. A member must not explain a vote or discuss the question during a roll call vote. A member must not change a vote or move for the record an intention to have voted or voted differently after the result of the roll call vote is announced from the chair by the Speaker.

2.05 EVERY UNEXCUSED MEMBER TO VOTE. A member who has an immediate interest in a question must not vote on it.

Every other member present before the result of a vote is declared by the presiding officer must vote for or against the matter before the House, unless the House excuses the member from voting. But a member is not required to vote on any matter concerning a memorial resolution.

A member who does not vote when the member's name is called must state reasons for not voting. After the vote has been taken but before the presiding officer has announced the result of the vote, the presiding officer must submit to the House the question: "Shall the member, for the reasons stated, be excused from voting?" The question must be decided without debate. After the question is decided, the presiding officer must announce the result of the vote, after which other proceedings about the nonvoting member may take place.

2.10 ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEM. An electronic voting system under the control of the Speaker may be used to take any vote except a vote on an election. A member must not vote on a question except at the member's own seat in the chamber.

2.15 RECORDED FLOOR PROCEEDINGS. Proceedings on the floor of the House must be recorded on an appropriate audio recording medium under the direction of the Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk must transmit a copy of the recordings to the Director of the Legislative Reference Library. The Legislative Reference Library must keep the recordings available for public use under its rules during the legislative biennium when the recordings were created and for eight years thereafter. The Library may then preserve or dispose of the recordings as the Library sees fit.

A person may obtain a copy of a recording while it is kept in the Library by paying a fee determined by the House Controller to cover the cost of preparing the copy.

Discussion preserved under this Rule is not intended to be admissible in a court or administrative proceeding on an issue of legislative intent.

2.20 DUTIES OF MEMBERS. Members must keep their seats until the Speaker announces adjournment.

A member, before speaking, must rise and respectfully address the Speaker and must not speak further until recognized by the Speaker. If more than one member rises at the same time, the Speaker must select the member to speak first.

2.21 NOTICE OF INTENT TO DEBATE A RESOLUTION. A member may give notice of intent to debate a resolution, except a resolution introduced as a house file or a senate file under Rule 4.02 or a resolution offered by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration or the Committee on Ethics.

The notice may be given at any time before the vote is taken on the resolution. If the notice is given, the resolution must be laid over one day without debate or any other action.

2.30 QUESTIONS OF ORDER. If a member violates the Rules in any way, the Speaker must, or another member may, call the member to order. The member called to order must immediately sit down unless another member moves to permit the member who was called to order to explain. In either case, the House, if appealed to, must decide the question without debate. Only if the decision is in favor of the member called to order may that member proceed. The House may censure or punish a member called to order.

2.31 OFFENSIVE WORDS IN DEBATE. If a member is called to order for offensive words in debate, the member calling for order must report the words to which exception is taken and the Clerk must record them. A member must not be held to answer, or be subject to censure of the House, for language used in debate unless exception is taken before another member speaks or other business takes place.

2.32 ORDER IN DEBATE. Except for the member who offered the motion, amendment, or proposition under consideration, a member must not speak more than twice on the subject, without leave of the House, nor more than once until every other member wishing to speak on the subject has had an opportunity to do so.

2.33 ORDER DURING SESSION. A member must not walk out of or across the Chamber while the Speaker is putting the question. A member must not engage in private conversation while another member is speaking or pass between a speaking member and the Chair. A member must not disrupt order and decorum in the Chamber by possessing or using any audiovisual display, including but not limited to placards, signs, photographs, visual aids, or the use of any video images or audio, except for such items that are distributed to members at their desks for the purpose of conducting business of the day.

2.34 PERSONS BY THE CHIEF CLERK'S DESK DURING VOTE. No person may remain by the Chief Clerk's desk during a roll call vote.

2.40 ADMITTANCE TO FLOOR. No person other than a member may be admitted to the House Chamber, except: properly authorized employees; the Chief Executive and ex-governors of the State of Minnesota; members of the Senate; heads of departments of the state government; judges of the Supreme Court, Court of Appeals, and District Courts; members of Congress; those persons invited to address the body or a joint convention of the house and senate, and guests for such an address or joint convention; and properly accredited representatives of radio and television stations, newspapers and press associations, as provided for in these Rules.

Any other person may be issued a permit by the Speaker good for the day, but that person must be seated near the Speaker's rostrum, and must not engage in conversation that disturbs the business of the House. Before issuing a permit, the Speaker must make certain that the person does not seek the floor of the House to influence decisions of the House.

The alcoves in the Chambers are for the use of members only, and the Sergeant at Arms must keep them clear of others.

From one hour before the time the House is scheduled to convene until one hour after the House adjourns for the day, the retiring room is reserved for the exclusive use of the members and employees of the House. As long as the Senate prohibits entry of House members into its retiring room, no Senators may enter the House retiring room during the time it is reserved for exclusive use of members and employees. A committee or division meeting must not be held there except emergency meetings authorized by the Speaker. The Sergeant at Arms must strictly enforce this provision.

Unless an extraordinary condition exists the Speaker must not entertain a request to suspend this Rule or present the request of a member for unanimous consent to suspend this Rule.

2.41 MEDIA NEWS REPORTERS. Accredited representatives of the press, press associations, and radio and television stations must be given equal press privileges by the House. A person wishing to report proceedings of the House may apply to the Chief Sergeant at Arms for a media pass and assignment to suitable available space. The Sergeant may coordinate the issuance of media passes with the appropriate senate authority.

Television stations must be permitted to televise sessions of the House. Media representatives must be allowed access to both wells in the gallery of the House chambers.

ARTICLE 3 - MOTIONS, AMENDMENTS, AND OTHER PROPOSITIONS

3.01 AMENDMENTS AND OTHER MOTIONS. An amendment or other motion must not be debated until after it is stated by the Speaker.

After an amendment or other motion is stated by the Speaker it is in possession of the House, but the mover may withdraw it at any time before it is amended or decided. Unless a motion, resolution, or amendment is withdrawn on the day it is made, it must be entered in the Journal, with the name of the member offering it.

Except as otherwise permitted by the Speaker, an amendment or other motion must be in writing, and five copies of it must be given to the Chief Clerk.

3.02 ORDER OF PUTTING QUESTION; FILLING BLANKS. Except for a privileged question, questions before the House or a committee or division must be put in the order they are moved. In filling a blank, a motion for the largest sum or the longest time must be put first.

3.03 DIVISION OF A QUESTION. A member may request the division of a question that contains more than one separate and distinct point. A motion to strike and insert is not divisible. The failure of a motion to strike does not preclude another motion to amend or to strike and insert.

3.10 PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS. While a question is under consideration, only the following motions may be received:

- (1) To fix the time of adjournment
- (2) To adjourn
- (3) To lay on the table
- (4) For the previous question
- (5) To refer
- (6) To postpone to a day certain
- (7) To amend
- (8) To postpone indefinitely
- (9) To pass

The first four motions must be decided without debate.

The motions have precedence in the order listed, except that if the motion for the previous question has been properly made, and if necessary seconded, and the main question ordered, the motion to lay on the table is not in order.

3.11 MOTION TO ADJOURN. A motion to adjourn is always in order except during a roll call.

After a motion to adjourn is made, before putting the question, the Speaker may permit any member to state reasons why adjournment might be improper at that time. A statement is not debatable and must be limited to two minutes.

3.12 MOTION TO LAY ON THE TABLE. A motion to lay on the table is not in order on a motion to amend, except that a motion to amend the Rules may be tabled.

3.13 THE PREVIOUS QUESTION. The previous question may be moved by a member who is seconded by 15 members.

If the motion for the previous question is ordered by a majority of members present, its effect is to put an end to all debate and bring the House to direct vote upon the question.

Before the presiding officer submits a motion for the previous question to the House, a call of the House is in order. After a majority has ordered the previous question, a call of the House is not in order before the decision on the main question.

When the previous question is decided in the negative, the main question remains under debate until it is disposed of by a vote on the question, by a subsequent motion calling for the previous question under this Rule, or in some other manner.

All incidental questions of order arising after a motion is made for the previous question and before the vote on the main question must be decided without debate.

3.14 MOTION TO RECONSIDER. After a question is decided either in the affirmative or negative, a member who voted with the prevailing side may move to reconsider it. The motion must be made on the same day the vote was taken or on either of the next two days that the House meets in session and has possession of the matter. The motion may be made at any time in the Order of Business. It takes precedence over any other question except a motion to adjourn and a notice of intent to move to reconsider. The motion to reconsider, or notice of intent to make it, must not be made if the document, bill, resolution, message, report or other subject of official action on which the vote was taken has left the possession of the House.

When a member gives notice of intent to move to reconsider the final action of the House on a bill, resolution, message, report or other subject of official action, the Chief Clerk must keep it until the matter is disposed of or the time has expired for the motion. In regular session, notice of intent to move to reconsider must not be made in an odd-numbered year after the fifth Monday preceding the last Monday that the House may meet in regular session and in an even-numbered year after a date specified by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

On the last day allowed for the motion to reconsider, a member who voted on the prevailing side may make the motion, unless the matter has been already disposed of.

If a motion to reconsider fails, it must not be renewed.

3.15 MOTION TO RESCIND. A motion to rescind is not in order at any time in any proceeding in the House or in any committee or division of the House.

3.20 AMENDMENTS TO AMENDMENTS. An amendment may be amended, but an amendment to an amendment must not be amended.

3.21 MOTIONS AND PROPOSITIONS MUST BE GERMANE. A motion or proposition on a subject different from that under consideration must not be admitted under guise of its being an amendment. A motion, amendment, or other proposition offered to the House is out of order if it is not germane to the matter under consideration. Whether a proposition is germane to the matter under consideration is a question to be decided by the presiding officer, who may put the question to the House.

3.22 AMENDMENT TO INCREASE AN APPROPRIATION OR TAX. The concurrence of a majority of the whole House, determined by a roll call vote, is required to adopt an amendment increasing an appropriation or a tax.

3.30 EXPENDITURE OF HOUSE FUNDS. The concurrence of a majority of the whole House, determined by a roll call vote, is required for favorable action on a resolution or motion involving the expenditure of money appropriated by the Legislature to the House. The resolution or motion must be referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration before being acted on by the House.

ARTICLE 4 - BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

4.01 BILL AND RESOLUTION FORM. A bill or resolution must not be introduced until it has been examined and approved by the Revisor of Statutes as to form and compliance with these Rules and the Joint Rules of the House and Senate. The Revisor's approval must be endorsed on the bill or resolution.

A bill that is divided into articles may include or be accompanied by a table of contents.

4.02 RESOLUTIONS. A statement of facts being forwarded for action to a governmental official, agency, or body or other similar proposal is a memorial and must be introduced in the same form and take the same course as a bill. A joint resolution and any resolution requiring the signature of the governor must be introduced in the same form and take the same course as a bill.

A resolution must not authorize expenditure from any source other than the money appropriated by the Legislature to the House.

Congratulatory resolutions do not require consideration or adoption by the House.

A resolution must not be changed to a bill, and a bill must not be changed to a resolution.

4.03 WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE; BUDGET RESOLUTION; EFFECT ON EXPENDITURE AND REVENUE BILLS. (a) The Committee on Ways and Means must hold hearings as necessary to determine state expenditures and revenues for the fiscal biennium.

(b) Within 25 days after the last state general fund revenue and expenditure forecast for the next fiscal biennium becomes available during the regular session in the odd-numbered year, the Committee on Ways and Means must adopt a budget resolution. The budget resolution: (1) must set the maximum limit on net expenditures for the next fiscal biennium for the general fund, (2) must set an amount or amounts to be set aside as a budget reserve and a cash flow account, (3) must set net spending limits for each budget category represented by the major finance and revenue bills identified in paragraph (e), and (4) may set limits for expenditures from funds other than the general fund. The budget resolution must not specify, limit, or prescribe revenues or expenditures by any category other than those specified in clauses (1), (2), (3), and (4). After the Committee adopts the budget resolution, the limits in the resolution are effective during the regular session in the year in which the resolution is adopted, unless a different or amended resolution is adopted.

(c) During the regular session in the even-numbered year, before the Committee on Ways and Means reports a bill containing net increases or decreases in expenditures as compared to general fund expenditures in the current fiscal biennium estimated by the most recent state budget forecast, the Committee may adopt a budget resolution. If adopted, the resolution must account for the net changes in expenditures. The resolution may also (1) set limits for changes in net expenditures for each budget category represented by the major finance and revenue bills identified in paragraph (e), and (2) set limits for expenditures from funds other than the general fund.

If the Committee adopts a budget resolution, it is effective during the regular session that year, unless a different or amended resolution is adopted.

(d) The major finance or revenue bills may be combined by a majority vote of either the Committee on Finance, the Committee on Ways and Means, or the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. Combined bills must conform to the limits in the resolution as those limits apply to the accounts in those bills.

(e) Major finance and revenue bills are:

the higher education and workforce development finance bill;

the K-12 education finance bill;

the early childhood learning finance bill;

the agriculture, rural economies, and veterans affairs finance bill;

the environment and natural resources finance bill;

the health care and human services finance bill;

the state government finance bill;

the transportation finance bill;

the public safety finance bill;

the Minnesota heritage finance bill;

the energy finance bill;

the housing and public health finance bill;

the capital investment bill; and

the tax bill.

(f) After the adoption of a resolution by the Committee on Ways and Means, the Finance Committee, each finance committee division, and the Committee on Taxes must reconcile each bill described in Rule 4.10 with the resolution. When reporting a finance or revenue bill, each committee or division must provide to the Committee on Ways and Means a fiscal statement reconciling the bill with the resolution.

(g) After the adoption of a resolution by the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Ways and Means must reconcile finance and revenue bills with the resolution. When reporting a bill, the chair of the Committee must certify to the House that the Committee has reconciled the bill with the resolution.

(h) After the adoption of a resolution by the Committee on Ways and Means, an amendment to a bill is out of order if it would cause any of the limits specified in the resolution to be exceeded. Whether an amendment is out of order under this Rule is a question to be decided on the Floor by the Speaker or other presiding officer and in Committee or Division by the person chairing the Committee or Division meeting. In making the determination, the Speaker or other presiding officer or the Committee or Division chair may consider: (1) the limits in a resolution; (2) the effect of existing laws on revenues and expenditures; (3) the effect of amendments previously adopted to the bill under consideration; (4) the effect of bills previously recommended by a Committee or Division or bills previously passed in the legislative session by the House or by the legislature; (5) whether expenditure increases or revenue decreases that would result from the amendment are offset by decreases in other expenditures or increases in other revenue specified by the amendment; and (6) other information reasonably related to expenditure and revenue amounts.

(i) After a resolution is adopted by the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee must make available a summary of the estimated fiscal effect on the general fund of each bill that has been referred to the Committee on Ways and Means by the Finance Committee or a division of the Finance Committee, or the Committee on Taxes and of each bill that has been reported by the Committee on Ways and Means.

4.10 BILLS AFFECTING STATE REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES. (a) Except as provided in Rule 1.15, a House or Senate bill that directly, substantially, and specifically affects any present or future financial obligation, budget policy, or revenue of the State must be referred as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c) to the appropriate Finance or Tax Committee before the bill receives its second reading. A bill that negligibly affects any present or future financial obligation, budget policy, or revenue of the State is not subject to mandatory referral under this rule.

(b) A bill subject to paragraph (a) reported by a Finance Committee division must, if recommended to pass, be subsequently referred to the Finance Committee, unless the bill has a negligible fiscal impact and is subject to direct reference to the Floor under Rule 6.05. Bills subject to paragraph (a) reported by the Finance Committee must be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

(c) A bill with a substantial impact on the tax revenues or tax policies of the State must be referred to the Committee on Taxes. A bill reported by the Committee on Taxes containing a substantial fiscal impact must be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means.

(d) The chairs of the Committees on Taxes, Ways and Means, and Finance shall advise the Speaker on the application of this rule and may determine whether or not any given piece of legislation must be referred to the committee they chair.

4.12 BILLS AFFECTING DEBT AND CAPITAL PROJECTS. The Finance Committee Division on Capital Investment has jurisdiction over legislation affecting debt obligations issued by the state and capital projects of the state, including the planning, acquiring and bettering of public lands and buildings and other state projects of a capital nature. Except as provided in Rule 1.15, a House or Senate bill that directly and specifically affects debt obligations or capital projects of the state must be referred to the Finance Committee Division on Capital Investment before the bill receives its second reading.

Referral is not required by this Rule if the bill deals primarily with the financing of state capital facilities using trunk highway funds, with transportation projects financed without debt obligations of the state, or with the local financing of capital facilities of local governments. Referral is not required by this Rule if the bill has a negligible effect on debt obligations and capital projects of the state as determined by the chair of the Committee on Finance, in conjunction with the chair of the Division on Capital Investment, with the concurrence of the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means. Referral is not required by this Rule if the bill is a major finance or revenue bill identified in Rule 4.03, unless the bill directly and specifically affects debt obligations of the state, but if a major finance or revenue bill contains a provision that directly and specifically affects capital projects of the state, the chair of the finance or tax committee reporting the bill must notify the chair of the Committee on Finance and the chair of the Division on Capital Investment of the provision before the bill is considered by the House.

The Speaker, by announcement, must assign to each finance committee the appropriate jurisdiction for recommendations on debt obligations and capital projects of the state. Divisions of the Finance Committee must submit recommendations within their jurisdiction in bill form to the Division on Capital Investment for further disposition.

A bill with a fiscal effect reported by the Division on Capital Investment must be accompanied by a statement of its fiscal effect, is exempt from the referral required by Rule 4.10, is subject to the same committee deadlines as the Finance Committee, and must be referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. This referral is not required if the bill has a negligible fiscal effect, as determined by the chair of the Division on Capital Investment with the concurrence of the chair of the Committee on Ways and Means.

4.13 BILLS AFFECTING STATE GOVERNMENT POWERS AND STRUCTURE. The Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections has jurisdiction over a House or Senate bill that:

(a) establishes or reestablishes a department, agency, commission, board, task force, advisory committee or council, or bureau, or other like entity;

(b) delegates rulemaking authority to, or exempts from rulemaking, a department or agency of state government;
or

(c) substantially changes the organization of a department or agency of state government or substantially changes, vests or divests the official rights, powers, or duties of an official, department or agency of state government or an institution under its control.

Except as otherwise provided in this Rule and Rule 1.15, a bill that is within the jurisdiction of the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections must be referred to that Committee before it receives its second reading. A committee or division (other than the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections) reporting such a bill must recommend its re-referral to the Committee on Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections if reporting before the deadline for action on the bill by that Committee; if reporting after the deadline, the committee or division must recommend re-referral to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

The re-referral requirements of this Rule do not apply to the major finance and revenue bills identified in Rule 4.03. If a major finance or revenue bill contains a provision specified in clause (a) or (b) of the definition in this Rule, the chair of the finance or tax committee reporting the bill must notify the chair of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration before the bill is considered by the House.

The re-referral requirements of this Rule do not apply to other bills reported by a finance committee or division or the tax committee or division, except bills that contain a provision specified in clauses (a) and (b) of the definition in this Rule.

4.14 BILLS PROPOSING MEMORIALS. A bill or amendment that proposes to have a memorial placed in the Capitol area must be referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

4.15 BILLS PROPOSING CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS. A House or Senate bill that proposes a constitutional amendment must be referred to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration before it receives its second reading. When reporting such a bill, a committee or division, other than the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration, must recommend re-referral to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

4.20 DISPOSITION OF BILLS DURING INTERIM. Adjournment of the regular session in an odd-numbered year to a day certain in the next year is the same as daily adjournment except that a bill on the Consent Calendar, Calendar for the Day, Fiscal Calendar, or General Register must be returned to the standing committee or division that last acted on the bill.

4.30 RECALLING BILL FROM COMMITTEE OR DIVISION. A bill or resolution may be recalled from a committee or division at any time by majority vote of the whole House, be given a second reading and be placed on the General Register. A motion to recall a bill or resolution is in order only under the order of business "Motions and Resolutions." This Rule does not apply in a special session or after the deadline for committee reports on House files.

4.31 TIME LIMIT TO CONSIDER BILLS. If 20 legislative days after a bill has been referred to a committee or division (other than the Committee on Ways and Means, the Committee on Taxes, the Finance Committee, or a division of one of those committees) a report has not been made on it by the committee or division, its chief author may request that it be returned to the House. The request must be entered in the Journal.

The committee or division must vote on the bill requested within ten calendar days after the day of the request.

If the committee or division fails to vote on it within ten days, the chief author may present a written demand to the Speaker for its immediate return to the House. The demand must be presented within five calendar days after the day that the committee or division is required to vote. If the demand is presented in the time allowed, it must be entered in the Journal and is the demand of the House. The bill is then considered to be in the possession of the House and must be given its second reading and placed on the General Register.

The bill may be re-referred by a majority vote of the whole House. If the motion to re-refer is made on the day of the demand or on the next House legislative day, the motion takes precedence over all other motions except privileged motions and is in order at any time.

ARTICLE 5 - PARLIAMENTARY PRACTICE

5.01 SUSPENSION OR AMENDMENT OF THE RULES. The concurrence of two-thirds of the whole House is required to suspend or amend a Rule of the House, except that any amendment to the Rules reported by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration may be adopted by a majority of the whole House.

Except as provided in Rule 5.02, a motion to suspend or amend any Rule of the House must be made under the order of business "Motions and Resolutions." If the motion is made at another time, unanimous consent is required before the Speaker may entertain the motion.

A motion to suspend the Rules, together with the subject matter to which it pertains, is debatable, but the previous question may be applied to the motion under Rule 3.13.

5.02 SUSPENSION OF RULES TO ADVANCE A BILL. A bill must be reported on three different days as provided in Rule 1.04, except that in case of urgency, a two-thirds majority of the whole House may suspend this requirement. A motion to suspend the Rules to advance a bill for consideration out of its regular order is in order under the order of business "Motions and Resolutions" or at any time the bill is before the House. The motion must be presented to the Speaker in writing and must describe the status of the bill.

5.03 DEFINITIONS. In these Rules the terms "majority vote" and "vote of the House" mean a majority of members present for the vote. The term "vote of the whole House" means a majority of all the members elected to the House.

Singular words used in these Rules include the plural, unless the context indicates a contrary intention.

5.04 AUTHORIZED MANUAL OF PARLIAMENTARY PROCEDURE. "Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure" governs the House in all applicable cases if it is not inconsistent with these Rules, the Joint Rules of the Senate and House of Representatives, or established custom and usage.

5.05 CONFLICT OF RULES. When there is a conflict between a single House Rule and a single Joint Rule, the Speaker shall make a ruling as to which applies.

ARTICLE 6 - COMMITTEES, DIVISIONS, AND REPORTS

6.01 COMMITTEES AND DIVISIONS. Standing committees and divisions of the House must be appointed by the Speaker as follows:

Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs

Veterans Affairs Division

Biosciences and Emerging Technology

Commerce and Labor

Labor and Consumer Protection Division

Telecommunications Regulation and Infrastructure Division

E-12 Education

Environment and Natural Resources

Game, Fish and Forestry Division

Ethics

Finance

Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs Finance Division

Capital Investment Finance Division

Education Finance and Economic Competitiveness Finance Division

Early Childhood Learning Finance Division

Higher Education and Work Force Development Policy and Finance Division

K-12 Finance Division

Energy Finance and Policy Division

Environment and Natural Resources Finance Division

Health Care and Human Services Finance Division

Housing Policy and Finance and Public Health Finance Division

Minnesota Heritage Finance Division

Public Safety Finance Division

State Government Finance Division

Transportation Finance Division

Transportation and Transit Policy Subcommittee

Governmental Operations, Reform, Technology and Elections

Health and Human Services

Mental Health Division

Licensing Subcommittee

Local Government and Metropolitan Affairs

Public Safety and Civil Justice

Crime Victims Subcommittee

Rules and Legislative Administration

Taxes

Property Tax Relief and Local Sales Tax Division

Ways and Means.

6.02 COMMITTEE AND DIVISION MEMBERSHIP. At least 30 days before the start of a regular session of the Legislature, the Speaker-designate must provide the minority political party caucuses with a list of the standing committees and divisions proposed for the session. The Speaker-designate must prescribe the number of minority caucus members to be appointed to each committee and division and may require general membership guidelines to be followed in the selection of committee and division members.

If the minority leader submits to the Speaker-designate, at least 15 days before the start of the session, a list of proposed committee and division assignments for the minority caucus that complies with the numbers and guidelines provided, the Speaker must make the proposed assignments with the purpose of attaining proportionate representation on the committees and divisions for the minority caucus.

A committee of the House must not have exclusive membership from one profession, occupation or vocation.

A member must not serve as the chair of the same standing committee or division, or a standing committee or division with substantially the same jurisdiction, during more than the three immediately prior consecutive regular biennial sessions. This Rule does not apply to service as chair of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

6.03 APPOINTMENTS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS. Upon the convening of the biennial session, the Speaker must notify the members of the House of each board or commission to which a member of the House may be appointed by the Speaker. The Speaker must request advice from the minority leader on these appointments.

6.04 SUBCOMMITTEES. The chair of a committee or division must appoint the chair and members of each subcommittee with the advice and consent of the Speaker. The chair or the committee or division may refer bills to a subcommittee. A subcommittee may exercise the authority delegated to it by the chair or by the committee or division.

6.05 DIVISIONS. (a) If the Speaker or the House refers a bill to a division, the bill remains in that division until the House moves the bill from the division or approves a report from the division that moved the bill from that division. A division report under this paragraph is subject to Rule 6.30.

(b) The chair of a committee may refer a bill within the possession of the committee to a division of that committee. When the chair refers a bill to a division under this paragraph, the chair may recall the bill from the division. A committee chair referring or recalling a bill under this paragraph must give written notice of the referral or recall as soon as possible to the Chief Clerk for publication. To the extent practical, the Chief Clerk must attempt to provide notice on the House Web site of referrals and recalls of bills under this paragraph.

(c) The chair of a division must cause division records to be kept in a manner consistent with Rule 6.24.

(d) Division meetings are subject to Rule 6.20.

(e) Divisions are subject to Rule 6.21.

6.10 THE COMMITTEE ON ETHICS. The Speaker must appoint a Committee on Ethics consisting of four members: two members from the majority political party caucus, and two from the minority caucus. One alternate from each caucus must also be appointed. The committee must adopt written procedures, which must include due process requirements, for handling complaints and issuing guidelines.

A complaint may be brought about conduct by a member that violates a rule or administrative policy of the House, that violates accepted norms of House behavior, that betrays the public trust, or that tends to bring the House into dishonor or disrepute.

A complaint about a member's conduct must present with specificity the factual evidence supporting the complaint. A complaint must be in writing, under oath and signed by two or more members of the House, and submitted to the Speaker. Before submitting the complaint to the Speaker, the complainants must cause a copy of it and any supporting materials to be delivered to any member named in the complaint. Within seven days after receiving a complaint, the Speaker must refer the complaint to the Ethics Committee for processing by the committee according to its rules of procedure.

The existence and substance of a complaint, including any supporting materials, and all proceedings, meetings, hearings, and records of the Ethics Committee are public; except that the committee, upon a majority vote of the whole committee, may meet in executive session to consider or determine the question of probable cause, to consider a member's medical or other health records, or to protect the privacy of a victim or a third party.

A complaint of a breach of confidentiality by a member or employee of the House must be immediately referred by the Speaker to the Ethics Committee for disciplinary action.

The committee must act in an investigatory capacity and may make recommendations regarding complaints submitted to the Speaker before adjournment sine die. With the approval of the Speaker, the committee may retain a retired judge or other nonpartisan legal advisor to advise and assist the committee, as the committee considers appropriate and necessary in the circumstances of the case, in conducting the proceedings and obtaining a complete and accurate understanding of the information relevant to the conduct in question.

Ethics Committee recommendations for disciplinary action must be supported by clear and convincing evidence and must be reported to the House for final disposition.

6.20 COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE; DEADLINES. The Speaker must prepare and publish a schedule of committee meetings, fixing as far as practicable the regular meeting day and time of each committee.

The chair of a committee must give written notice of a special meeting or a change in the regular schedule of meetings. The notice may be announced from the desk and must be posted in public notice locations maintained by the House. The notice must be posted at least one day in advance of the change.

As far as practicable, the chair of a committee must give three days notice of the date, time, place and agenda for each meeting.

Meeting notices must indicate when alternative media will be used to conduct the meeting.

During the first ten weeks of the session in the odd-numbered year and the first five weeks of the session in the even-numbered year, a standing committee must not have a regularly scheduled meeting after noon on Friday, but the Speaker may approve a special meeting of a committee during this time.

A committee must not meet between 12:00 midnight and 7:00 a.m.

Only the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration may meet during a daily session of the House without leave.

The House shall establish deadlines for each regular session by resolution.

6.21 COMMITTEE PROCEDURES. Meetings of House committees must be open to the public except for executive sessions that the committee on ethics considers necessary under Rule 6.10. For purposes of this requirement, a meeting occurs when a quorum is present and action is taken regarding a matter within the jurisdiction of the committee. This requirement does not apply to a meeting of members of a committee from the same political party caucus.

A majority of members of a committee is a quorum.

The Rules of the House must be observed in committee if they are applicable.

An amendment offered in committee must be on a subject that is within the jurisdiction of the committee. Whether an amendment is on a subject that is within the jurisdiction of the committee is a question to be decided by the person chairing the meeting, who may put the question to the committee.

A member of a committee may demand a roll call vote on any bill, resolution, report, motion or amendment before the committee. If a demand is made, the roll must be called. The name of the member demanding the roll call and the vote of each member must be recorded in the committee minutes.

A committee may reconsider an action while the matter remains in the possession of the committee. A committee member need not have voted with the prevailing side to move to reconsider the action.

The chair of a committee, after consultation with the Speaker, may establish written procedures for the submission of amendments to the committee, the setting of committee agendas, and other matters pertaining to the conduct of the committee's business. Before implementing the written procedures, the chair must provide a copy of them to the Speaker and to each member of the House and must make copies available to others upon request.

6.22 PUBLIC TESTIMONY. Public testimony from proponents and opponents must be allowed on every bill or resolution before a standing committee, division or subcommittee of the House.

6.23 OPEN MEETING ENFORCEMENT. A person may submit to the Speaker a complaint alleging a violation of the open meeting requirements of Rule 6.21. The complaint must be in writing. On receiving a complaint, the Speaker, or a person designated by the Speaker, must investigate the complaint promptly. If the Speaker concludes, following investigation, that a violation of the open meeting Rule may have occurred, the Speaker must refer the complaint to the Committee on Ethics for further proceedings.

6.24 COMMITTEE RECORDS. The chair of a standing committee must cause a committee record to be kept, in the form prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration. The record must include the record of committee proceedings on each bill referred to the committee and the minutes of the committee and any subcommittees.

The committee and subcommittee minutes must include:

- a. the time and place of each hearing or meeting;
- b. the names of committee or subcommittee members who are present;
- c. the name and address, at the Chair's discretion, of each person appearing before the committee or subcommittee, together with the name and address of the person, association, firm or corporation in whose behalf the appearance is made;
- d. the language of each motion, the name of the member making the motion, the result of a vote on the motion, and, on a roll call vote, the names of those in favor and those opposed;
- e. the date on which a subcommittee is established, the names of its members and the file number of bills referred to it and reported by it;
- f. other important matters related to the work of the committee or subcommittee.

The minutes must be approved at the next regular meeting of the committee or subcommittee.

At the end of two business days after approval by the committee or subcommittee, copies of the minutes must be filed with the Chief Clerk and be open to public inspection in the Chief Clerk's office and on the House Web site.

At the end of the legislative biennium minutes and other records must be delivered to the Director of the Legislative Reference Library.

Audio recordings of Committee and Subcommittee meetings must be made available for public use by the end of the business day following each meeting. The chair of a committee who elects not to release the recording of a committee meeting until the minutes of the meeting are approved by the committee must make a copy of the recording available by the end of the next business day after a written request for it is made to the committee. The House must keep the recordings of committee meetings available for public use during the legislative biennium in which they were created and, at the end of the legislative biennium, must transmit a copy of the recordings to the Director of the Legislative Reference Library.

The Legislative Reference Library must keep committee records and recordings available for public use under its rules for eight years after the end of the legislative biennium during which the materials were created and then may preserve or dispose of the recordings as the Library sees fit.

A person may obtain a copy of a recording during the legislative biennium in which it is created by paying a fee determined by the House Controller to cover the cost of preparing the copy. A person may obtain a copy of a recording while it is kept in the Library by paying a fee determined by the House Controller to cover the cost of preparing the copy. A person may obtain a copy of a page of committee minutes or other records for a fee determined by the House Controller to cover the cost of preparing the copy. A copy of a recording must be provided free to a member or staff of the House upon request for use in legislative business.

Testimony and discussion preserved under this Rule are not intended to be admissible in a court or administrative proceeding on an issue of legislative intent.

6.30 COMMITTEE REPORTS. The House must adopt or reject a committee report on a bill or resolution without amendment.

The chair of a standing committee reporting to the House on a bill or resolution must use the form provided for committee reports. Each bill or resolution must be reported separately. The report must state the action taken by the committee and the date of the action. The report must be authenticated by the signature of the chair.

Before a committee reports favorably on a bill or resolution, the chair must see that the form of the bill or resolution conforms to these Rules and the Joint Rules of the House and Senate.

Except during the last seven legislative days in a year, the committee report and any minority report must be submitted to the Chief Clerk at least four hours before the convening of the daily session. But the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration may report at any time.

6.31 SUBSTITUTION OF BILLS. A standing or special committee or division or its members must not report a substitute for a bill referred to the committee or division if the substitute relates to a different subject, is intended to accomplish a different purpose, or requires a title essentially different from that of the bill referred. If the House is advised that a substitute bill reported to the House violates this Rule, the report must not be adopted.

6.32 MINORITY REPORTS. A minority report must be made separately from the majority report and must be considered before the majority report. If the minority report is adopted the majority report must not be considered. If the minority report is not adopted the majority report must then be considered.

6.40 REPORTS OF CONFERENCE COMMITTEES. A conference committee may report at any time and may meet during a daily session of the House without leave.

A conference committee report must include only subject matter contained in the House or Senate versions of the bill for which that conference committee was appointed, or like subject matter contained in a bill passed by the House or Senate. The member presenting the conference committee report to the House must disclose all substantive changes from the House version of the bill.

6.50 COMMITTEE OR DIVISION REPORT LAID OVER. The report of any committee or division may be laid over one day and printed in the Journal, if so ordered by the House.

ARTICLE 7 - OFFICERS OF THE HOUSE

7.01 DUTIES AND PRIVILEGES OF THE SPEAKER. The Speaker must preside over the House and has all the powers and duties of the presiding officer.

The Speaker must preserve order and decorum. The Speaker may order the lobby or galleries cleared in the case of disorderly conduct or other disturbance.

Except as otherwise provided by rule or law, the Speaker has general control of the Chamber of the House and of the corridors, passages and rooms in the Capitol and State Office Building under the jurisdiction of the House.

The Speaker must sign all acts, addresses, joint resolutions, writs, warrants and subpoenas of the House or issued by order of the House. The Speaker must sign all abstracts for the payment of money from funds appropriated by the Legislature to the House; but money must not be paid unless the abstract is also signed by the Controller of the House. Abstracts for compensation of members must be signed by the Chief Clerk pursuant to law.

The Speaker must appoint the Chief Sergeant at Arms or must designate that officer from among the Sergeants at Arms elected by the House or appointed by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

When an elected office of the House becomes vacant, the Speaker must designate a person to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the office as necessary until a successor is elected by the House.

7.02 SUCCESSOR IN OFFICE OF SPEAKER. When the office of Speaker becomes vacant, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration has the powers and must discharge the duties of the office as necessary, until a Speaker is elected by the House or until a speaker-designate is selected as provided in this Rule. The House must elect a Speaker when the House is next called to order. If the Legislature is not in session, within 30 days after the office of Speaker becomes vacant the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must meet and select a speaker-designate to exercise the powers and discharge the duties of the office as necessary until a Speaker is elected by the House.

7.05 SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE. The Speaker must appoint one or more members as Speaker pro tempore. A Speaker pro tempore must preside in the Speaker's absence. In the absence of the Speaker and a Speaker pro tempore, a member selected by the Speaker must preside until the Speaker or Speaker pro tempore returns.

7.06 SPEAKER EMERITUS. Any current member having served the House in the capacity of Speaker will, subsequent to that service, be known as Speaker Emeritus, and may perform such ceremonial functions and duties as assigned by the Speaker.

7.10 DUTIES OF CHIEF CLERK. The Chief Clerk has general supervision of all clerical duties pertaining to the business of the House. The Chief Clerk must perform, under the direction of the Speaker, all the duties of the office of Chief Clerk. The Chief Clerk must keep records showing the status and progress of all bills, memorials and resolutions.

During a temporary absence of the Chief Clerk, the First Assistant Chief Clerk has all the usual responsibilities of the Chief Clerk and may sign the daily journal, enrollments, abstracts and other legislative documents.

The Chief Clerk must supervise the engrossment and enrollment of bills. The Chief Clerk must see that a record is kept, by file number, of the bills introduced in the House that passed both houses and are enrolled.

The Chief Clerk must ensure that locations accessible to the public are available to post a list of committee and subcommittee meetings and any other announcements or notices the House may require.

The Index Clerk, supervised by the Chief Clerk, must prepare an index in which bills may be indexed by topic, number, author, subject, section of the statutes amended, committees, divisions, and any other method that will make it a complete and comprehensive index.

The index must be open for public inspection during the legislative session and must be printed in the permanent Journal.

7.20 DUTIES OF THE SERGEANT AT ARMS. The Sergeant at Arms must carry out all orders of the House or the Speaker and perform all other services pertaining to the office of Sergeant at Arms, including: maintaining order in the Chamber and other areas used for the business of the House and its committees and divisions and members; supervising the entering and exiting from the Chamber and the other areas; and promptly delivering messages.

ARTICLE 8 - ADMINISTRATION OF THE HOUSE

8.01 BUDGET AND FINANCIAL AFFAIRS. The House Controller must prepare a biennial budget for the House. The budget must be approved by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration before it is submitted to the State Government Finance Division. By the 15th day of April, July, October, and January of each year, the Controller must submit a detailed report of House expenditures during the previous quarter to the Speaker and the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

The House Controller must arrange for the purchase of goods and services for the House. The Controller must seek the lowest possible prices consistent with satisfactory quality and dependability. A contract of the House, or an amendment to a contract, authorizing an expenditure of more than \$500 must be signed by the Speaker or the Controller. A contract, or an amendment to a contract, authorizing an expenditure of up to \$500 may be executed by an employee authorized and directed in writing by the Controller to act for the Controller on the contract or contracts of its type. A contract or amendment to a contract entered into in violation of this Rule is not binding on the House. The House Controller must consult with an adaptive technology expert to identify commercially available upgrades for computers and Internet technology that are compatible with adaptive speech technology prior to purchasing upgrades.

Employees of the House must be reimbursed for actual expenses in the same manner as state employees.

During session, for travel away from the Capitol, members must be reimbursed for actual expenses, in addition to per diem expense allowances, in the manner and amount prescribed by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

8.10 COMMITTEE AND DIVISION BUDGETS AND EXPENSES. The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must establish a budget for each standing committee and division of the House for expenses incurred by the committee or division, its members, and its staff in conducting its legislative business. Per diem expense allowances paid to members during sessions or at times set by the Speaker or the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must not be charged against the budget. A committee or division must not incur expenses in excess of its authorized budget.

All charges against the committee or division budget must be approved by the chair before payment is made.

8.20 APPOINTMENT OF EMPLOYEES. The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must designate the position of and appoint each employee of the House and set the compensation of each officer and employee. A record of the appointments, including positions and compensation, must be kept in the office of the House Controller and must be available for inspection by the public.

The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must establish the procedure for filling employment vacancies when the Legislature is not in session.

An employee of the House may be assigned to other duties, suspended or discharged at any time by the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration.

ARTICLE 9 - CONDUCT

9.01 CODE OF CONDUCT. The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration, after receiving the recommendation of the Committee on Ethics, must establish and maintain a code of conduct for members, officers and employees of the House.

9.05 CAMPAIGN ACTIVITIES. An employee of the House must not participate in campaign activity during working hours. An employee must not be obliged to participate in campaign activities as a condition of employment. A member is not an employee of the House for purposes of this Rule. House equipment must not be used for campaign activities. The Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration must define the terms of and implement this Rule.

9.10 SOLICITATIONS DURING LEGISLATIVE SESSION. During regular or special session, a member of the House, a political party caucus, the member's principal campaign committee, a political committee with the member's name or title, or a committee authorized by the member that benefits the member, must not solicit or accept a contribution from a registered lobbyist, political committee, dissolving principal campaign committee, political fund, or a tribal organization.

A member must not accept compensation for lobbying.

9.20 ACCEPTANCE OF AN HONORARIUM BY A MEMBER. A member must not accept an honorarium for a service performed for an individual or organization that has a direct interest in the business of the House, including, but not limited to, a registered lobbyist or an organization a lobbyist represents. The term "honorarium" does not include reimbursement for expenses incurred and actually paid by a member in performing a service.

Alleged violations of this Rule must be referred to the Committee on Ethics under Rule 6.10. If the Committee on Ethics finds that an honorarium was accepted in violation of this Rule, the Committee must direct its return. If it is not returned, the committee may recommend disciplinary action under Rule 6.10.

9.21 ACCEPTANCE OF TRAVEL AND LODGING BY A MEMBER OR EMPLOYEE. A member or employee of the House must not accept travel or lodging from any foreign government, private for-profit business, labor union, registered lobbyist, or an association thereof, except payment permitted by law of expenses that relate to the member's or employee's participation as a legislator or legislative employee in a meeting or conference. This Rule does not apply to travel or lodging provided to a member in the regular course of the member's employment or business.

9.30 DENIAL OF COMPENSATION WHILE DETAINED. A member must not receive compensation, mileage, or living expenses while the member is incarcerated or on home detention due to a criminal conviction.

9.35 BAN ON LOBBYING. Former state legislators must not register as lobbyists within one year from the date they leave office.

9.40 NO SMOKING IN HOUSE AREAS. Smoking is prohibited in the areas of the Capitol and State Office Building under the jurisdiction of the House, including the House Chamber and Retiring Room and galleries, hearing rooms, minor corridors and offices, private offices, and lounges.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS, Continued

Heidgerken moved that H. F. No. 521 be recalled from the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion prevailed.

Hansen moved that H. F. No. 643 be recalled from the Committee on Finance and be re-referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Rural Economies and Veterans Affairs. The motion prevailed.

Sailer moved that H. F. No. 854 be recalled from the Committee on Commerce and Labor and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion prevailed.

Hilstrom moved that H. F. No. 989 be recalled from the Committee on E-12 Education and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion prevailed.

Gottwalt moved that H. F. No. 1409 be recalled from the Committee on Finance and be re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. The motion prevailed.

Peterson, S., moved that H. F. No. 1454 be recalled from the Committee on Public Safety and Civil Justice and be re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion prevailed.

ADJOURNMENT

Sertich moved that when the House adjourns today it adjourn until 12:30 p.m., Monday, March 5, 2007. The motion prevailed.

Sertich moved that the House adjourn. The motion prevailed, and the Speaker declared the House stands adjourned until 12:30 p.m., Monday, March 5, 2007.

ALBIN A. MATHIOWETZ, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

