

## Rep. Omar MNSCU Timeline

Date	Event	\$ Amount	Hand out
August 9, 2016	Wins primary election over Rep. Phyllis Kahn		
November 8, 2016	Elected to represent District 60B		
December 1, 2016	Presentation to new member orientation retreat by nonpartisan House Research on ethics. Presentation includes the prohibition on honorariums.		Docs A & B
December 20, 2016	Committee assignments announced. Omar placed on Higher Education, Civil Law & State Government Finance		Doc C
January 3, 2017	90 <sup>th</sup> Legislative session begins		
January 3, 2017	Rep Omar votes to adopt the Temporary Rules of the House, which included Rule 9.20		Doc D
February 16, 2017	Voted to adopt Permanent House Rules, which include Rule 9.20		Docs E & F
February 28, 2017	Excused from Civil Law committee report. The day's agenda included a bill addressing strangulation in the crime of domestic assault.		Doc G
February 28, 2017	Keynote speaker at Normandale Community College's Student Success Day	\$2,000	Doc H
April 19, 2017	Keynote speaker at Inver Hills Community College's Annual Research Conference	\$500	
May 1, 2017	Submits letter to Higher Education conference committee requesting additional funds for MNSCU and U-MN systems		Doc I
May 22, 2017	State Constitution requires that the Legislature adjourn until 2018.		
May 23-25, 2017	Special Session of the Legislature.		
January 29, 2018	Due date for Statement of Economic Interest under Minnesota Statutes, Sec 10A.09 Subd. 6		Doc J
February 9, 2018	Appears on panel at MSU, Mankato's Pan African Conference	\$250	
February 20, 2018	Legislature reconvenes for 2018		
May 21, 2018	Legislature adjourns <i>sine die</i>		
June 5, 2018	Files to run for open Fifth Congressional District		
June 17, 2018	Receives endorsement from Fifth CD DFL party		
June 20, 2018	Files Statement of Economic Interest that was due almost five months earlier.		Doc K
July 8, 2018	Filed congressional Financial Disclosure Report. Omits \$2,000 payment from Normandale Community College		Doc L
July 11, 2018	Fined maximum \$1,100 for late filing of Statement of Economic Interest		
July 11, 2018	MNSCU Chancellor sends email to all campuses telling them to not pay legislators honorariums		Doc M
July 17, 2018	Data Practices (Open Records) request made of MNSCU related to payments to Rep. Omar.		Doc N



**Thursday, December 1, 2016**

Oak Ridge Conference Center, Chaska, MN

8:00 am	Seasons Restaurant	<u>Breakfast</u>
9:00	Rm 208	<u>Opening and November Budget Forecast</u> <b>Rep. and Rep.</b> Handouts: Evaluation, Law Idea Light Bulb Group Assignments and Questions
9:15	Rm 208	<u>How a Bill Becomes Law</u> <b>Michele Timmons</b> , Revisor of Statutes, and <b>Rep.</b> Handouts: Revisor Handouts
10:15	Rm 208	<u>Exploring the Legislative Website</u> (bring laptops?) <b>Elizabeth Lincoln</b> , Director, Legislative Reference Library
11:15	Break	
11:30	Seasons Restaurant	<u>Lunch</u>
12:25 pm	Break	Move to assigned rooms for the "Law Idea Light Bulb"
12:30	1. 208 2. 203 3. 210 4. 205	<u>The "Law Idea Light Bulb"</u> : The 4 "Real Life" Ways a Legislative Idea Comes to You 1. Constituent – <b>Rep. Dan Schoen</b> -Steve's Law - <b>Jamie Olson</b> , House Research, <b>Sandy Sirany</b> , Revisor's Office 2. State Agency – <b>Rep. Joe Hoppe</b> - Omnibus Liquor Bill - <b>Pat McCormack</b> , House Research, <b>Jeff Kase</b> , Revisor's Office 3. Lobbyist – <b>Rep. Carolyn Laine</b> -Office of Collaboration & Dispute Resolution - <b>Anita Neumann</b> , House Research, <b>Sheree Speer</b> , Revisor's Office 4. Your Idea – <b>Rep. MaryLiz Holberg</b> -Data Privacy Legislative Commission - <b>Mark Shepard</b> , House Research, <b>Michele Timmons</b> , Revisor's Office
2:30	Break	
2:45	Rm 208	<u>"10 Questions in 10 Minutes" Interactive Game</u> – <b>Rep.</b> Handout: Trivia Game

3:15	Rm 208	<u>Succeeding as an Ethical Legislator: Ethics and Gift Ban Issues</u> <b>Jeff Diebel</b> and <b>Matt Gehring</b> , Legislative Analysts, non-partisan House Research Department Handouts: House Research handouts
3:45		Break, move to assigned room
4:00	DFL: Rm 210 GOP: Rm 208	<u>Partisan Research</u> – Breakouts by Party  <b>DFL: David Sullivan</b> , DFL Research Coordinator <b>GOP: Dan Dwight</b> , GOP Research Coordinator
5:00		<u>Break</u>
6:00	Seasons Restaurant	<u>Dinner</u>
7:00	Rm 208	<u>Balancing Policy with Politics Legislative Panel and Minnesota Nice – Civility in the Legislature</u> <b>Rep., Rep., Rep., Rep.</b> Moderated by: <b>Rep.</b> Various handouts about civility
8:00		<u>Debriefing of the Day/Discussion Time</u> <b>Rep. Jen Loon</b> Turn in Evaluations Handout: Friday's Agenda
8:30	3 <sup>rd</sup> Floor Solarium	<u>Conclusion – Informal social time</u> <b>*remember to <u>settle-up your room incidentals</u> at the hotel front desk</b>

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Updated: November 2016

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# Legislative Ethics

## A Guide to Minnesota Laws and Rules for House Members and Staff

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**This information brief summarizes Minnesota laws and rules relating to ethical behavior that apply, or may apply, to House members and staff.**

The summary does not include: (1) laws or rules on campaign ethics; (2) legislative policies not embodied in laws or official rules, except where noted; or (3) laws of general application that do not specifically have reference to members or staff in their official capacity as public officials or employees (the crimes of theft or forgery, for example).

The table beginning on page 2 presents a brief summary of these ethics laws and rules.

A legal citation is given for each standard. References are to Minnesota Statutes as amended through 2016 and the [Rules of the House 2015-2016](#).

**Application of standards to House members and staff.** The column labeled “Application to House Members and Staff” indicates whether the listed standard clearly applies to House members and/or House staff by its context or its express language, or whether the standard might apply.

Where the column indicates that a standard “might apply,” it means that application of the standard depends on whether House members and House staff are considered to be part of a larger group named in the law or rule. Sometimes the law is not clear about whether the legislative branch is included in a larger named group.

**Minnesota Laws and Rules Containing Standards of Conduct for House Members and House Staff**

Category of Activity	Standard of Conduct	Application to House Members and Staff
<b>General violation of House norms, betrayal of public trust, or bringing the House into dishonor or disrepute</b>	A complaint may be brought to the Ethics Committee for 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. <b>House Rule 6.10</b>	Clearly applies
<b>Conflicts of Interest</b>		
<b>Gifts</b>	House members and employees may not accept gifts from lobbyists or principals. Specified exceptions from the ban are listed in the statute, which is included at the end of this publication. Other exceptions have been identified in advisory opinions of the Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board. <b>Minn. Stat. § 10A.071</b>	Clearly applies
<b>Gifts related to state contracts and purchases</b>	State employees involved in purchasing or contracting decisions may not accept anything of more than nominal value from a supplier. <b>Minn. Stat. § 15.43</b>	Might apply
<b>Travel and lodging</b>	House members and employees may not accept travel or lodging from a foreign government, private for-profit business, labor union, registered lobbyist, or any association of such entities, except for payment permitted by law of expenses of participating in a meeting or conference. This prohibition does not apply to a member acting in the regular course of nonlegislative employment or business. <b>House Rule 9.21</b>	Clearly applies
<b>Honoraria</b>	A House member may not accept an honorarium (expenses excepted) for any service performed for an individual or organization that has a direct interest in the business of the House. The prohibition does not apply to reimbursement for expenses incurred by a member performing a service. Alleged violations of this rule must be referred to the Ethics Committee. A prohibited honorarium must be returned. <b>House Rule 9.20</b>	Clearly applies

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**From:** Kurt Daudt  
**To:** All Members & Staff - HOUSE  
**Date:** 12/20/2016 11:38 AM  
**Subject:** 2017-18 Committee Assignments  
**Attachments:** 2017-18 Committee Assignments by Member.pdf; 2017-18 Committee Assignments by Committee.pdf

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Members and Staff,

Attached are the committee assignments for the 2017-18 Legislative Session.

Additionally, I have one note on the committee schedule. Although the schedule lists three subcommittees meeting at 8:15 AM on Wednesday - Mining, Forestry & Tourism (Environment & Natural Resources Policy and Finance), Aging & Long Term Care (HHS Reform), and Child Care Access & Affordability (HHS Reform) - that when necessary the full committee will meet during the time slot allotted to these subcommittees. Notice will be given to members, staff, and the public by the chair and committee staff when this will occur.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,  
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The Temporary Rules of the House for the 90th Session shall apply until the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration to be appointed by the Speaker shall have made its report and new Permanent Rules have been adopted.

The question was taken on the adoption of the Proposed Temporary Rules of the House for the 90th Session and the roll was called. There were 129 yeas and 2 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Albright	Daniels	Halverson	Lee	Nelson	Schomacker
Allen	Dauids	Hamilton	Lesch	Newberger	Schultz
Anderson, P.	Davnie	Hansen	Lien	Nornes	Scott
Anderson, S.	Dean, M.	Hausman	Lillie	O'Driscoll	Slocum
Anselmo	Dehn, R.	Heintzeman	Loeffler	Olson	Smith
Applebaum	Dettmer	Hertaus	Lohmer	Omar	Sundin
Backer	Drazkowski	Hoppe	Loon	O'Neill	Swedzinski
Bahr, C.	Ecklund	Hornstein	Loonan	Pelowski	Theis
Baker	Erickson	Hortman	Lucero	Peppin	Thissen
Barr, R.	Fabian	Howe	Lueck	Petersburg	Torkelson
Becker-Finn	Fenton	Jessup	Mahoney	Peterson	Uglen
Bennett	Fischer	Johnson, B.	Mariani	Pierson	Urdahl
Bernardy	Flanagan	Johnson, C.	Marquart	Pinto	Vogel
Bliss	Franke	Johnson, S.	Masin	Poppe	Wagenius
Bly	Franson	Jurgens	Maye Quade	Poston	Ward
Carlson, A.	Freiberg	Kiel	McDonald	Pryor	West
Carlson, L.	Garofalo	Knoblach	Metsa	Pugh	Wills
Christensen	Green	Koegel	Miller	Rarick	Youakim
Clark	Grossell	Koznick	Moran	Rosenthal	Zerwas
Considine	Gruenhagen	Kresha	Murphy, E.	Runbeck	Spk. Daudt
Cornish	Gunther	Kunesh-Podein	Murphy, M.	Sandstede	
	Haley	Layman	Nash	Sauke	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Liebling                      Quam

The motion prevailed and the resolution relating to the Temporary Rules for the 90th Session was adopted.

Peppin offered the following resolution and moved its adoption:

*Resolved*, that the Chief Clerk be instructed to inform the Senate by message that the House is duly organized pursuant to law.

The motion prevailed and the resolution was adopted.

17TH DAY]

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2017

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## CALL OF THE HOUSE LIFTED

Peppin moved that the call of the House be lifted. The motion prevailed and it was so ordered.

The question recurred on the Peppin motion that the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration and the proposed Permanent Rules of the House for the 90th Legislative Session be now adopted and the roll was called. There were 105 yeas and 14 nays as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Albright	Dettmer	Hertaus	Lillie	Olson	Scott
Anderson, P.	Drazkowski	Hilstrom	Lohmer	Omar	Slocum
Anderson, S.	Erickson	Hoppe	Loon	O'Neill	Smith
Backer	Fabian	Hortman	Loonan	Pelowski	Swedzinski
Bahr, C.	Fenton	Jessup	Lucero	Peppin	Theis
Baker	Flanagan	Johnson, B.	Lueck	Petersburg	Torkelson
Barr, R.	Franke	Johnson, C.	Mahoney	Peterson	Uglem
Becker-Finn	Franson	Johnson, S.	Marquart	Pierson	Urdahl
Bennett	Freiberg	Jurgens	Maye Quade	Pinto	Vogel
Bliss	Garofalo	Kiel	McDonald	Poston	Wagenius
Carlson, A.	Green	Knoblach	Miller	Pryor	Ward
Carlson, L.	Grossell	Koegel	Murphy, E.	Pugh	West
Christensen	Gruenhagen	Koznick	Murphy, M.	Rarick	Youakim
Cornish	Gunther	Kresha	Nash	Rosenthal	Zerwas
Daniels	Halverson	Kunesh-Podein	Nelson	Runbeck	Spk. Daudt
Davids	Hamilton	Layman	Newberger	Sauke	
Davnie	Hausman	Lee	Normes	Schomacker	
Dean, M.	Heintzeman	Lien	O'Driscoll	Schultz	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Allen	Bly	Ecklund	Hornstein	Masin
Applebaum	Clark	Fischer	Lesch	Sundin
Bernardy	Considine	Hansen	Liebling	

The motion prevailed and the Report from the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration was adopted.

The Permanent Rules of the House for the 90th Legislative Session read as follows:

PERMANENT RULES OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES ~~2015-2016~~ 2017-2018

ARTICLE 1 - DAILY BUSINESS

1.01 CONVENING OF THE HOUSE. Unless otherwise ordered, the House convenes at 3:30 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.



State of Minnesota  
NINETIETH SESSION  
2017 - 2018



PERMANENT  
**RULES**  
OF THE HOUSE

ADOPTED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
ON FEBRUARY 16, 2017

PUBLISHED BY THE CHIEF CLERK'S OFFICE

8.30 LEGAL REPRESENTATION. An employee of the nonpartisan House Research Department may not represent the House or its members as counsel of record, in a judicial or administrative proceeding.

**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, corporation, labor union, 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.

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.

# Minnesota House of Representatives

## Civil Law and Data Practices Policy

STATE OF MINNESOTA TWELFTH MEETING  
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES NINETIETH SESSION

Civil Law and Data Practices Policy Committee

MINUTES

Representative Dennis Smith, Vice-Chair of the Civil Law and Data Practices Policy Committee, called the meeting to order at 8:16 AM, on February 28th, 2017, in the Basement Hearing Room of the State Office Building. A quorum was present.

The Committee Legislative Assistant noted the roll.

Members present:

SCOTT, Peggy, Chair  
SMITH, Dennis, Vice Chair  
LESCH, John, DFL Lead  
CARLSON, Andrew  
DEHN, Raymond  
HILSTROM, Debra  
HOWE, Jeff  
JOHNSON, Sheldon  
LOONAN, Bob  
LUCERO, Eric  
O'NEILL, Marion  
PUGH, Cindy  
VOGEL, Bob  
WHELAN, Abigail

Excused Members:

OMAR, Ilhan

Representative Loonan moved to approve the minutes of February 23rd, 2017. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1185 (Scott) Correspondence defined in government record retention law, and minimum three-year retention period for correspondence provided.

Representative Scott moved that HF1185 be referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy.

Representative Scott moved the HF1185A1 amendment. THE AMENDMENT WAS ADOPTED.

Testifying on HF1185:

Matt Ehling, MNCOGI  
John Mannillo, St.Paul Strong  
Michael Kieffer, Intradyn  
Sheila Van Pelt  
Laurie Beyer-Kropuenske, Department of Administration  
Lenora Madigan, Deputy Commissioner, Department of Administration  
Irene Kao, League of Minnesota Cities  
David Maeda, Minnetonka City Clerk  
Valerie Dosland, Minnesota Association of School Administrators  
Grace Keliher, MSBA director of Government Affairs  
Keith Carlson, Minnesota Inter-County Association  
Kent Sulem, Minnesota Association of Townships

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### Agenda:

### Bills Added

[HF1185](#) (Scott) Correspondence defined in government record retention law, and minimum three-year retention period for correspondence provided  
[HF1654](#) (O'Neill) Domestic assault by strangulation and list of crimes impacting child parenting plans, and parenting time.  
[HF1544](#) (Pugh) Data access denial requirements modification for government entities.

### Hearing Documents

(2/27/2017) [HF 1185 Amendment A1](#) (Scott)

Jim Nobles, Legislative Auditor  
Tom Erickson  
Don Gemberling, MNCOGI

Representative Scott renewed her motion that HF1185 as amended be referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

Representative Scott assumed the gavel at 9:39 AM

HF1654 (O'Neill) Domestic assault by strangulation added to list of crimes impacting custody, parenting plans, and parenting time.

Representative O'Neill moved that HF1654 be referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance.

Testifying on HF1654:  
Melinda Hugdahl, Legal Aid

Representative O'Neill renewed her motion that HF1654 be referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Security Policy and Finance. THE MOTION PREVAILED.

HF1544 (Pugh) Data access denial requirements modified for government entities.

Representative Pugh moved that HF1544 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Data Practices omnibus bill.

Testifying on HF1544:  
Rich Neumeister  
Don Gemberling, MNCOGI  
Fiona Ruthven, Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

Representative Pugh renewed her motion that HF1544 be laid over for possible inclusion in the Data Practices omnibus bill.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:59 AM.

Representative Peggy Scott, Chair

Nicole Reineke, Committee Legislative Assistant

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**From:** Omann, Bernard F  
**Sent:** Wednesday, July 11, 2018 3:11 PM  
**To:** Steve Drazkowski  
**Subject:** Information Requested

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Representative Drazkowski,

Here is the information regarding payments you requested.

Inver Hills Community College	Rep. Ilhan Omar	4/19/2017	\$500.00	Keynote Speaker for Annual Research Conference
Normandale Community College	Rep. Ilhan Omar	2/28/2017	\$2000.00	Keynote Speaker for Student Success Day
Minnesota State University, Mankato	Rep. Ilhan Omar Sen. Bobby Jo Champion Sen. Jeff Hayden	2/9/2018	\$250.00	Panel member for Pan-African Conference*

\*panel members received \$250.00 for travel expenses

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The Honorable Michelle Fischbach, Chair  
Higher Education Finance and Policy Committee  
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The Honorable Bud Nornes, Chair  
Higher Education and Career Readiness Committee  
471 State Office Building  
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May 1, 2017

Dear Senator Fischbach and Representative Nornes,

We write to express our concerns with the Higher Education Omnibus bill. In particular, we believe there are: significant issues with the overall funding of higher education institutions and the State Grant program; unnecessary attempts to micromanage Minnesota State and the University of Minnesota; a disproportionate funding split between the two systems; a large list of unvetted and controversial policy provisions; and a non-transparent conference committee process.

Most concerning to us is the low target and lack of investment in our higher education institutions which will hit students the hardest. The joint target of \$125 million is 39% of what Governor Dayton has requested in his budget and does a disservice to our higher education systems. Both Minnesota State and the University of Minnesota have indicated that without additional investment, they will be forced to increase tuition and/or cut programs. After years of continued disinvestment in higher education which have weakened our state systems, our current budget stability allows us repair past cuts and build our workforce for the future.

Additionally, while the conference committee proposal requires a tuition freeze and decrease, the additional investment in operations and maintenance is far below what will be needed to cover that mandate. This is, in effect, a cut to Minnesota State, which will result in larger class sizes, fewer program offerings, fewer services for students, staff reductions, and more. These combined effects may also

have unintended consequences, including increasing the time it takes students to graduate, thereby actually raising the cost of attendance. As such, we request that the committee increase investment in both Minnesota State and the University systems. In addition, we support the tuition freeze and decrease language in the bill, contingent on an actual investment to cover these initiatives.

We also strongly support an increased investment in the State Grant to assist middle and low-income families who support students working to earn a degree. As the state continues to disinvest in our higher education systems, the cost of college is steadily increasing. Our current budget stability allows the state to make an additional investment in our workforce by providing all Minnesotans the opportunity to earn a two or four-year degree without burdening themselves with a mountain of debt. We need this investment to ensure a quality workforce in Minnesota.

Within the system budgets, there are numerous provisions which direct the system to spend operations and maintenance dollars on new programs. We do not specifically oppose the implementation of these programs, but we do object to requiring the use of existing operations and maintenance dollars. If the conference committee decides micromanaging these new programs is warranted, we request the committee fully invest in them with new funding above what is needed for operations and maintenance with the tuition freeze language.

We also have concerns with the balance of new system funds invested in the House and Senate bills, both of which are skewed towards Minnesota State. While we believe the committee should invest in both systems with a higher target, we also believe a balance is needed for whatever portion of the surplus is invested into our higher education institutions. Governor Dayton has expressed his support for a minimum 60/40 split of investment in Minnesota State and the University of Minnesota (respectively), as reflected in his budget. Unfortunately, the conference committee proposal is a 80.6/19.4 split. We request the committee respect this minimum balance with whatever investment is made in the two systems.

The numerous policy provisions in this bill are objectionable on two fronts. First, Governor Dayton has stated his opposition to any policy, especially controversial provisions, being included within omnibus budget bills. We believe the long list of policy provisions included within the current bill only serves to further endanger the viability of this bill. Second, we find many of the provisions objectionable from a policymaking standpoint. As we have previously expressed in our respective Higher Education committees and this conference committee, we believe many of

the policies will be detrimental to students, decrease the quality of higher education, or simply do not belong in the higher education budget area. We once again request that policy provisions move in a separate policy bill, especially those which has been identified as controversial.

Finally, we express our concerns with the manner in which the conference committee has been conducted. Negotiations related to policy and budget provisions in the final report were done behind closed doors in meetings at which minority members were either not invited or invited at the last minute. This, combined with the failure to release the omnibus policy and budget amendments in a timely manner, or even an overview of what was in the amendments, have led to a completely non-transparent process. We strongly request the chairs show respect to the public and the minority members of the committee, something which is not achieved when information is released shortly before the start of committee.

We appreciate the work which committee staff, counsel, and the chairs have put into this proposal, and we understand that target negotiations are ongoing and not within complete control of the chairs. However, with the low target, numerous controversial policy provisions, and the non-transparent process through which this conference committee was conducted, we cannot in good faith sign on to the conference committee report.



Senator Greg D. Clausen  
Senate District 57



Representative Ilhan Omar  
House District 60B



**10A.09 STATEMENTS OF ECONOMIC INTEREST.**

Subdivision 1. **Time for filing.** An individual must file a statement of economic interest with the board:

(1) within 60 days of accepting employment as a public official or a local official in a metropolitan governmental unit;

(2) within 60 days of assuming office as a district court judge, appeals court judge, Supreme Court justice, or county commissioner;

(3) within 14 days after filing an affidavit of candidacy or petition to appear on the ballot for an elective state constitutional or legislative office or an elective local office in a metropolitan governmental unit other than county commissioner;

(4) in the case of a public official requiring the advice and consent of the senate, within 14 days after undertaking the duties of office; or

(5) in the case of members of the Minnesota Racing Commission, the director of the Minnesota Racing Commission, chief of security, medical officer, inspector of pari-mutuels, and stewards employed or approved by the commission or persons who fulfill those duties under contract, within 60 days of accepting or assuming duties.

Subd. 1a. **Exception; retired judges.** Notwithstanding subdivision 1, a retired judge or justice appointed to serve as a judge or justice under section 2.724 is not required to comply with the provisions of this section.

Subd. 2. **Notice to board.** The secretary of state or the appropriate county auditor, upon receiving an affidavit of candidacy or petition to appear on the ballot from an individual required by this section to file a statement of economic interest, and any official who nominates or employs a public or local official required by this section to file a statement of economic interest, must notify the board of the name of the individual required to file a statement and the date of the affidavit, petition, or nomination.

Subd. 3. **Notice of filing.** The board must notify the presiding officer of the house that will approve or disapprove the nomination, of the name of an individual who has filed a statement of economic interest with the board, a copy of the statement, and the date on which the statement was filed.

Subd. 4. [Repealed, 1978 c 463 s 109]

Subd. 5. **Form.** (a) A statement of economic interest required by this section must be on a form prescribed by the board. The individual filing must provide the following information:

(1) name, address, occupation, and principal place of business;

(2) the name of each associated business and the nature of that association;

(3) a listing of all real property within the state, excluding homestead property, in which the individual holds: (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract for deed as buyer or seller, or an option to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the interest is valued in excess of \$2,500; or (ii) an option to buy, if the property has a fair market value of more than \$50,000;

(4) a listing of all real property within the state in which a partnership of which the individual is a member holds: (i) a fee simple interest, a mortgage, a contract for deed as buyer or seller, or an option to buy, whether direct or indirect, if the individual's share of the partnership interest is valued in excess of \$2,500; or (ii) an option to buy, if the property has a fair market value of more than \$50,000. A listing under this clause or

clause (3) must indicate the street address and the municipality or the section, township, range and approximate acreage, whichever applies, and the county in which the property is located;

(5) a listing of any investments, ownership, or interests in property connected with pari-mutuel horse racing in the United States and Canada, including a racehorse, in which the individual directly or indirectly holds a partial or full interest or an immediate family member holds a partial or full interest;

(6) a listing of the principal business or professional activity category of each business from which the individual receives more than \$50 in any month as an employee, if the individual has an ownership interest of 25 percent or more in the business;

(7) a listing of each principal business or professional activity category from which the individual received compensation of more than \$2,500 in the past 12 months as an independent contractor; and

(8) the full name of each security with a value of more than \$2,500 owned in part or in full by the public official at any time during the reporting period.

(b) The business or professional categories for purposes of paragraph (a), clauses (6) and (7), must be the general topic headings used by the federal Internal Revenue Service for purposes of reporting self-employment income on Schedule C. This paragraph does not require an individual to report any specific code number from that schedule. Any additional principal business or professional activity category may only be adopted if the category is enacted by law.

(c) For the purpose of an original statement of economic interest, "compensation in any month" includes only compensation received in the calendar month immediately preceding the date of appointment as a public official or filing as a candidate.

(d) For the purpose of calculating the amount of compensation received from any single source in a single month, the amount shall include the total amount received from the source during the month, whether or not the amount covers compensation for more than one month.

Subd. 6. **Annual statement.** (a) Each individual who is required to file a statement of economic interest must also file an annual statement by the last Monday in January of each year that the individual remains in office. The annual statement must cover the period through December 31 of the year prior to the year when the statement is due. The annual statement must include the amount of each honorarium in excess of \$50 received since the previous statement and the name and address of the source of the honorarium. The board must maintain each annual statement of economic interest submitted by an officeholder in the same file with the statement submitted as a candidate.

(b) For the purpose of annual statements of economic interest to be filed, "compensation in any month" includes compensation and honoraria received in any month between the end of the period covered in the preceding statement of economic interest and the end of the current period.

(c) An individual must file the annual statement of economic interest required by this subdivision to cover the period for which the individual served as a public official even though at the time the statement was filed, the individual is no longer holding that office as a public official.

Subd. 6a. **Place of filing.** A public official required to file a statement under this section must file it with the board. A local official required to file a statement under this section must file it with the governing body of the official's political subdivision. The governing body must maintain statements filed with it under this subdivision as public data. If an official position is defined as both a public official and as a local official of a metropolitan governmental unit under this chapter, the official must file the statement with the board.

**Subd. 7. Late filing.** If an individual fails to file a statement of economic interest required by this section within ten business days after the statement was due, the board may impose a late filing fee of \$5 per day, not to exceed \$100, commencing on the 11th day after the statement was due. The board must send notice by certified mail to any individual who fails to file a statement within ten business days after the statement was due that the individual may be subject to a civil penalty for failure to file a statement. An individual who fails to file a statement within seven days after the certified mail notice was sent by the board is subject to a civil penalty imposed by the board up to \$1,000.

Subd. 8. [Repealed, 2014 c 309 s 25]

Subd. 9. **Waivers.** Upon written request and for good cause shown, the board may waive the requirement that an official disclose the address of real property that constitutes a secondary residence of the official.

Subd. 10. [Renumbered 10A.022, subd 6]

**History:** 1974 c 470 s 9; 1975 c 271 s 6; 1976 c 307 s 11; 1978 c 463 s 35-37; 1982 c 424 s 130; 1983 c 214 s 30,31; 1983 c 305 s 3,4; 1986 c 444; 1989 c 334 art 6 s 2; 1990 c 608 art 2 s 2-4; 1991 c 233 s 109; 1997 c 202 art 2 s 6; 1999 c 220 s 12,50; 2002 c 363 s 10; 2010 c 327 s 10; 2013 c 138 art 2 s 5,6; 2014 c 309 s 13-16; 2015 c 73 s 4,5,26; 2016 c 158 art 1 s 4; 1Sp2017 c 4 art 3 s 6,7

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Economic Interest Statement

## 2017 Annual statement of economic interest

### Candidate: Omar, Ilhan

Period covered: This statement covers the time served as a public official in 2017.

Statement filed: 6/20/2018

Occupation: State Representative

Employer: State of Minnesota

230 State Capitol

Saint Paul, MN 55155

### Sources of income

Name of source	Relationship to source							
	Director	Officer	Owner	Member	Partner	Employer	Employee	Honorarium
ACCESS								✓
African Network of SW Florida								✓
CAIR Arizona								✓
CAIR Chicago								✓
CAIR-CA								✓
Institute for Social Policy and Understanding								✓
Inver Hills Community College								✓
ISPU								✓
MNSCU								✓
Muslim Legal Fund of America								✓
Ohio Wesleyan University								✓
State of Minnesota							✓	
United Way of Central Iowa								✓
VoteRunLead								✓

## Business or professional activity categories

Business or professional activity category	Engaged as employee	Engaged as contractor
Unclassified Establishments (unable to classify)		✓

## Securities

None reported

## Real property

None reported

## Pari-mutuel horse racing interests

None reported



# FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE REPORT

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## FILER INFORMATION

**Name:** Ilhan Omar  
**Status:** Congressional Candidate  
**State/District:** MN05

## FILING INFORMATION

**Filing Type:** Candidate Report  
**Filing Year:** 2018  
**Filing Date:** 07/8/2018  
**Period Covered:** 01/01/2017– 06/30/2018

## SCHEDULE A: ASSETS AND "UNEARNED" INCOME

None disclosed.

## SCHEDULE C: EARNED INCOME

Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Preceding Year
State of Minnesota	salary	\$22,861.00	\$45,722.00
United Way of Central Iowa	speech	N/A	\$3,000.00
VoteRunLead	speech	\$2,700.00	\$5,000.00
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities	speech	N/A	\$500.00
Ohio Wesleyan University	speech	N/A	\$2,000.00
Muslim Legal Fund of America	speech	N/A	\$6,000.00
Institute for Social Policy and Understanding	speech	N/A	\$2,500.00
CAIR-San Francisco	speech	N/A	\$2,000.00
CAIR-Chicago	speech	N/A	\$1,500.00
CAIR-Arizona	speech	N/A	\$1,500.00
African Network of Southwest Florida	speech	N/A	\$800.00

Source	Type	Amount Current Year to Filing	Amount Preceding Year
ACCESS	speech	N/A	\$500.00
Bowman and Brooke	speech	\$500.00	N/A
AAA A-Z Friendly Languages Inc.	spouse miscellaneous income	N/A	\$1,800.00
Midwest Reliable Transportation LLC	spouse business income	\$10,000.00	\$8,022.00

#### SCHEDULE D: LIABILITIES

Owner	Creditor	Date Incurred	Type	Amount of Liability
	Nelnet Loan Services Inc.	October 2005	student loan	\$15,001 - \$50,000
	Toyota Motors	October 2015	car loan	\$10,000 - \$15,000

#### SCHEDULE E: POSITIONS

Position	Name of Organization
Director of Policy and Initiatives	WOW Network

#### SCHEDULE F: AGREEMENTS

None disclosed.

#### SCHEDULE J: COMPENSATION IN EXCESS OF \$5,000 PAID BY ONE SOURCE

None disclosed.

#### EXCLUSIONS OF SPOUSE, DEPENDENT, OR TRUST INFORMATION

**Trusts:** Details regarding "Qualified Blind Trusts" approved by the Committee on Ethics and certain other "excepted trusts" need not be disclosed. Have you excluded from this report details of such a trust benefiting you, your spouse, or dependent child?

Yes  No

**Exemption:** Have you excluded from this report any other assets, "unearned" income, transactions, or liabilities of a spouse or dependent child because they meet all three tests for exemption?

Yes  No

#### CERTIFICATION AND SIGNATURE

I CERTIFY that the statements I have made on the attached Financial Disclosure Report are true, complete, and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

**Digitally Signed:** Ilhan Omar , 07/8/2018



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**From:** "Omann, Bernard F" <Bernie.Omann@minnstate.edu>  
**To:** [REDACTED]@house.mn>  
**Date:** 7/11/2018 4:27 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Re:

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Sorry, this is the message sent to campus leaders.

It has come to our attention that a few campuses have made payments to state legislators for engagements.

Please take all necessary steps to notify your staff to ensure that this will not continue on your campus.

If you have a question in this regard, need further clarification, or if there is a pending invitation, please contact Jaime Simonsen.

Thank you,

Devinder

**Devinder Malhotra**  
*Chancellor*

**Steve Drazkowski**  
State Representative

District 21B  
Dodge, Goodhue, Wabasha and  
Winona Counties



# Minnesota House of Representatives

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July 17, 2018

via electronic delivery

Devinder Malhotra  
Chancellor  
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities  
30 East 7<sup>th</sup> Street  
Suite 350  
St. Paul, MN 55101

Dear Chancellor Malhotra,

Please accept this letter as a first formal request for access to inspect data under the Minnesota Data Practices Act. I am requesting access to inspect any and all communications, including, but not limited to, emails, letters, contracts, text messages, or memoranda relating to or referring to payments by any campus, college, or university under the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system to state Representative Ilhan Omar. I would also request that the data be provided to me in electronic format if it is available at no additional cost.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 13.03, Subdivision 3, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities must provide access to the requested data "as soon as reasonably possible." Please contact my office at your earliest possible convenience when you have a timeline for providing the data or if you have any clarifying questions that can help expedite access to the requested data.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve Drazkowski". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Representative Steve Drazkowski  
District 21B – Mazeppa

cc: Daniel McCabe, Assistant General Counsel, MNSCU

