

STATE OF MINNESOTA

# Journal of the Senate

EIGHTY-FIRST LEGISLATURE

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SEVENTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Monday, January 25, 1999

The Senate met at 10:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

## CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Betzold imposed a call of the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Charles V. Lachowitzer.

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

The roll was called, and the following Senators answered to their names:

Anderson	Frederickson	Krentz	Novak	Sams
Beckman	Higgins	Laidig	Oliver	Samuelson
Belanger	Janezich	Langseth	Olson	Scheevel
Berg	Johnson, D.H.	Larson	Ourada	Scheid
Berglin	Johnson, D.J.	Lesewski	Pariseau	Solon
Betzold	Johnson, J.B.	Lessard	Piper	Spear
Cohen	Junge	Limmer	Pogemiller	Stumpf
Day	Kelley, S.P.	Lourey	Price	Ten Eyck
Dille	Kelly, R.C.	Marty	Ranum	Terwilliger
Fischbach	Kiscaden	Metzen	Robertson	Vickerman
Flynn	Kleis	Moe, R.D.	Robling	Wiener
Foley	Knutson	Murphy	Runbeck	Wiger

The President declared a quorum present.

The reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal, as printed and corrected, was approved.

## MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Hanson, Hottinger, Morse, Neuville, Pappas and Stevens were excused from the Session of today.

## EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was received and referred to the committee indicated.

December 18, 1998

The Honorable Allan H. Spear  
President of the Senate

Dear Sir:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

**STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION**

Christopher P. Georgacas, 309 - 69th St. N., Mahtomedi, Washington County, effective December 22, 1998, for a term expiring on the first Monday in January, 2002.

(Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.)

Warmest regards,  
Arne H. Carlson, Governor

**MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE**

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following House File, herewith transmitted: H.F. No. 6.

Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted January 21, 1999

**FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

The following bill was read the first time and referred to the committee indicated.

**H.F. No. 6:** A bill for an act relating to recreational vehicles; modifying rulemaking authority; modifying certain restrictions on the use of snowmobile metal traction devices; modifying certain definitions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 84.86, subdivision 1; 85.015, subdivision 1c; and 169.1217, subdivision 1; Laws 1998, chapter 401, section 61; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 84.871, subdivision 2; and 84.8715; Laws 1998, chapter 401, section 23.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Senator Moe, R.D. moved that the Committee Reports at the Desk be now adopted. The motion prevailed.

**Senator Marty from the Committee on Election Laws, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 88:** A bill for an act relating to the campaign finance and public disclosure board; specifying member qualifications; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 10A.02, subdivision 1.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 22 and 23 and insert "~~shall be a former member of the legislature from the same who support different political party as the governor parties;~~ two members"

Page 2, delete lines 3 and 4 and insert "appointment; and the other two members shall not support the same different political party parties. No more than three of the members of the"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

**Senator Vickerman from the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 2:** A bill for an act relating to the year 2000 problem; providing immunity for certain activities; clarifying the mutual aid authority of local government units; requiring the department of health to collect and disseminate certain information; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 12.331, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 604B.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 12.31, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. [DECLARATION OF PEACETIME EMERGENCY.] The governor may declare a peacetime emergency. A peacetime declaration of emergency may be declared only when an act of nature, a technological hazard, a terrorist incident, an industrial accident, a hazardous materials accident, or a civil disturbance endangers life and property and local government resources are inadequate to handle the situation. It must not be continued for more than five days unless extended by resolution of the executive council up to 30 days. An order, or proclamation declaring, continuing, or terminating an emergency must be given prompt and general publicity and filed with the secretary of state.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 12.37, is amended to read:

12.37 [POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO CONTRACTS.]

During an emergency or disaster, each political subdivision, notwithstanding any statutory or charter provision to the contrary, and through its governing body acting within or without the corporate limits of the political subdivision, may:

(1) enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat the disaster by protecting the health and safety of persons and property and by providing emergency assistance to the victims of the disaster; and

(2) exercise the powers vested by this subdivision in the light of the exigencies of the disaster without compliance with time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law pertaining to:

- (i) the performance of public work;
- (ii) entering into contracts;
- (iii) incurring of obligations;
- (iv) employment of temporary workers;
- (v) rental of equipment;
- (vi) purchase of supplies and materials;
- (vii) limitations upon tax levies; and

(viii) the appropriation and expenditure of public funds, for example, but not limited to, publication of ordinances and resolutions, publication of calls for bids, provisions of civil service laws and rules, provisions relating to low bids, and requirements for budgets.

The actual or potential failure or malfunction of public infrastructure or systems critical to the delivery of municipal services due to year 2000 problems with computers and electronically controlled devices shall constitute an emergency for the purposes of this section.

Sec. 3. [604B.01] [YEAR 2000 ACTIVITIES; IMMUNITY.]

Subdivision 1. [DEFINITIONS.] For the purpose of this section, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. [ASSOCIATION.] "Association" means a trade, professional, or similar organization the members of which are individuals or enterprises engaged in similar lines of business or activity.

Subd. 3. [STATE AGENCY.] "State agency" means the departments, boards, agencies, and commissions in the executive, judicial, and legislative branches.

Subd. 4. [YEAR 2000 SOLUTION INFORMATION.] "Year 2000 solution information" means information related to solutions that address the inability of computer systems, software, or electronically controlled devices to recognize certain dates in 1999 and after December 31, 1999. That inability may cause disruptions in electronic communications or the functioning of electronically controlled equipment resulting or reasonably anticipated to result from erroneous data that is or may be supplied by electronic devices.

Subd. 5. [ASSOCIATION AND RELATED IMMUNITY.] No cause of action may be brought against an association for damages or harm resulting from the collection of year 2000 solution information or the publication of that information or against any person or entity for providing year 2000 solution information to the association.

Subd. 6. [STATE AGENCY IMMUNITY.] No cause of action may be brought against a state agency for damages or harm resulting from the collection of year 2000 solution information or the publication of that information.

Subd. 7. [EXCEPTION.] Subdivisions 5 and 6 do not apply if it can be shown by clear and convincing evidence that the party against whom the claim is brought knew in fact that the year 2000 solution information provided was materially false.

#### Sec. 4. [YEAR 2000 PROBLEM REPORTS.]

All electric utilities, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 216B.38, subdivision 5, and telephone companies, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 237.01, subdivisions 2 and 3, must file status reports on year 2000 computer problems with the public utilities commission and the department of public service, with a copy to the division of emergency services of the department of public safety, on June 1, September 1, and December 1, 1999. The status report must include an inventory of identified problems, remediation efforts, testing results, and contingency plans.

#### Sec. 5. [YEAR 2000 COMPUTER PROBLEM EXEMPTION FROM UNIFORM MUNICIPAL CONTRACTING LAW.]

Subdivision 1. [MUNICIPAL CONTRACTS.] Minnesota Statutes, section 471.345, does not apply to the purchase or rental of supplies, materials, and equipment nor to the construction, alteration, repair, and maintenance of real or personal property if the municipality determines that there is an urgency due to the actual or potential failure or malfunction of public infrastructure or systems critical to the delivery of municipal services due to year 2000 problems with computers and electronically controlled devices.

Subd. 2. [SPECIAL PROCEDURE.] A contract exempted from Minnesota Statutes, section 471.345, by subdivision 1, may, at the discretion of the municipality, be made by direct negotiation by obtaining two or more quotations or in the open market. All quotations shall be kept on file for a period of at least one year after receipt.

Subd. 3. [APPLICABILITY OF OTHER LAWS.] This section supersedes any inconsistent law.

#### Sec. 6. [YEAR 2000 PROBLEM; LOCAL GOVERNMENT DEBT.]

Subdivision 1. [SCOPE.] For the purpose of this section, the terms defined in subdivisions 2 to 4 have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. [YEAR 2000 PROBLEM.] "Year 2000 problem" means disruptions in electronic communications or the functioning of electronically controlled equipment resulting or reasonably anticipated to result from erroneous data that is or may be supplied by electronic devices in 1999 or on or after January 1, 2000.

Subd. 3. [POLITICAL SUBDIVISION.] "Political subdivision" means a home rule charter city, a statutory city, a school district, a county, a town, the metropolitan council, or any local governmental entity authorized by general or special law or charter to own and operate electronically controlled equipment.

Subd. 4. [YEAR 2000 PROBLEM REMEDIATION.] "Year 2000 problem remediation" means a cost or expense of any nature incurred by a political subdivision in planning for and taking remedial or preventive action to prepare for or correct the year 2000 problem.

Subd. 5. [AUTHORITY.] Any law or charter provision authorizing a political subdivision to borrow money and incur debt is deemed to include the authority to borrow money and incur that debt for year 2000 problem remediation.

Debt incurred for year 2000 problem remediation is not subject to debt limits and notwithstanding any contrary provision of law, need not be approved by the voters of a political subdivision. A political subdivision not otherwise authorized to borrow money and incur debt may incur debt for year 2000 problem remediation in the same manner and subject to the same limitations as statutory cities.

Subd. 6. [SUNSET.] The authority to incur debt under this section expires December 31, 2000, provided that debt incurred under this section need not be repaid until December 31, 2005.

Subd. 7. [INTERPRETATION.] This section is to be construed liberally to achieve its purpose.

Sec. 7. [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; YEAR 2000 ACTIVITY.]

Subdivision 1. [DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SURVEY.] The department of health must, by July 30, 1999, survey all hospitals, nursing homes, and municipal water supply system operators for year 2000 problems and solutions related to their operations. The department must disseminate information about those year 2000 problems and proposed solutions to hospitals, nursing homes, and water supply system operators in a prompt and reasonable manner.

Subd. 2. [STATUS REPORTS.] All hospitals, nursing homes, and municipal water supply system operators must file status reports on year 2000 computer problems with the department of health, with a copy to the division of emergency services of the department of public safety, on June 1, September 1, and December 1, 1999. The status report must include an inventory of identified problems, remediation efforts, testing results, and contingency plans.

Sec. 8. [YEAR 2000 APPROPRIATIONS CARRY-FORWARD.]

The appropriations in Laws 1997, chapter 202, article 1, section 12, subdivision 7, and Laws 1998, chapter 366, section 6, to the department of administration for modifications of state business systems to address year 2000 changes do not cancel and are available until expended.

Sec. 9. [YEAR 2000 LOAN FUND.]

\$20,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of finance to capitalize a fund, to be used to make loans to the metropolitan council; a metropolitan agency, as defined by Minnesota Statutes, section 473.121, subdivision 5a; school districts; counties; home rule charter and statutory cities; and towns to meet the costs they incur in addressing year 2000 problems with computers and related systems.

The local units of government that received the loans must repay them in five equal annual installments beginning one year after receipt of the loan. No interest is payable on the loan. Repayments must be deposited in the general fund.

This appropriation does not cancel.

Sec. 10. [YEAR 2000 CHANGES; DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION CONTINGENCY FUND APPROPRIATION.]

\$5,500,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of administration for the biennium ending June 30, 2001, for modification of state business systems to address year 2000 changes. The appropriation is placed in a contingent account and is available only upon approval of the governor, after consultation with the legislative advisory commission. This appropriation is not available until the commissioner has determined that all other money allocated for replacement or enhancement of existing technology for year 2000 compliance will be expended.

Sec. 11. [APPROPRIATION; PUBLIC SAFETY.]

\$...... is appropriated from the general fund to the department of public safety for the division of emergency management to respond to year 2000 problem emergency issues and is available until expended.

Sec. 12. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Section 3 is effective the day following final enactment and does not affect or apply to any lawsuit pending on the effective date. Sections 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8 are effective the day following final enactment."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, after the semicolon, insert "providing authority to local government units to address the year 2000 problem; requiring reports by certain utilities and health care and nursing home providers;"

Page 1, lines 7 and 8, delete "section 12.331, subdivision 1" and insert "sections 12.31, subdivision 2; and 12.37"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

**Senator Sams from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 132:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; extending the agricultural property tax classification to property used for the production for sale of insects; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 273.13, subdivision 23.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Taxes. Report adopted.

## SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. No. 88 was read the second time.

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Johnson, D.J. moved that the names of Senators Novak, Murphy and Pariseau be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 15. The motion prevailed.

Senator Lessard moved that the name of Senator Laidig be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 29. The motion prevailed.

Senator Wiener moved that the names of Senators Hanson, Morse and Stevens be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 36. The motion prevailed.

Senator Samuelson moved that the name of Senator Lessard be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 53. The motion prevailed.

Senator Day moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 60. The motion prevailed.

Senator Marty moved that the name of Senator Larson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 145. The motion prevailed.

Senator Berglin moved that the name of Senator Junge be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 193. The motion prevailed.

Senator Fischbach moved that the name of Senator Murphy be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 206. The motion prevailed.

Senator Runbeck moved that the name of Senator Murphy be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 216. The motion prevailed.

Senator Lessard moved that the name of Senator Murphy be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 220. The motion prevailed.

#### **INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS**

The following bills were read the first time and referred to the committees indicated.

##### **Senators Dille, Sams, Murphy, Belanger and Johnson, D.J. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 254:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; exempting agricultural loans from the mortgage registry tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 287.04, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

##### **Senators Ranum, Betzold, Krentz, Cohen and Limmer introduced--**

**S.F. No. 255:** A bill for an act relating to crime; providing that interference with an emergency call is a crime; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.78.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

##### **Senator Johnson, D.E. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 256:** A bill for an act relating to highways; requiring inclusion in statewide transportation plan and state transportation improvement program of improvements to trunk highway 12.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

##### **Senators Robling; Johnson, D.E.; Ourada and Kelly, R.C. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 257:** A bill for an act relating to statutory cities; permitting special elections in cases of certain vacancies; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 205.10, subdivision 2; and 412.02, subdivision 2a.

Referred to the Committee on Election Laws.

##### **Senator Johnson, D.J. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 258:** A bill for an act relating to sales and use tax; exempting admission to regional high school league tournaments from the sales tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 297A.25, subdivision 30.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Johnson, D.J. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 259:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; changing the distribution of property tax penalties and interest; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 276.131.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

**Senators Kleis; Ranum; Neuville; Kelly, R.C. and Kiscaden introduced--**

**S.F. No. 260:** A bill for an act relating to sexually dangerous persons; making the state financially responsible for costs associated with certain persons who have sexual psychopathic personalities or are sexually dangerous; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 253B.185, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senators Runbeck, Robertson, Knutson, Olson and Day introduced--**

**S.F. No. 261:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; changing income tax rates and brackets; repealing the property tax reform account; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 290.06, subdivisions 2c and 2d.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Lessard introduced--**

**S.F. No. 262:** A bill for an act relating to alcoholic beverages; authorizing the city of International Falls to issue a temporary on-sale liquor license.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senators Pogemiller; Johnson, D.E.; Morse; Hanson and Stumpf introduced--**

**S.F. No. 263:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; public employees retirement association; creating a local government correctional service retirement plan; modifying actuarial cost provision; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 3.85, subdivisions 11 and 12; 356.19, by adding a subdivision; 356.20, subdivision 2; 356.30, subdivision 3; 356.302, subdivision 7; and 356.303, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 353E.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

**Senators Limmer, Ourada, Lesewski and Scheid introduced--**

**S.F. No. 264:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; exempting sales to political subdivisions of a state; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 297A.25, subdivision 11; and 297A.47.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Kleis, Metzen, Fischbach, Wiger and Frederickson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 265:** A bill for an act relating to veterans; changing the Veterans Preference Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 197.46.



Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

**Senators Johnson, D.E.; Pogemiller; Samuelson; Hanson and Terwilliger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 266:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; providing special benefit coverage for state fire marshals; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 352.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

**Senators Oliver, Belanger and Terwilliger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 267:** A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing the conveyance of certain tax-forfeited land that borders public water or natural wetlands in Hennepin county.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senator Solon introduced--**

**S.F. No. 268:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; clarifying the sales and use tax exemption for biosolids processing equipment; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 297A.25, subdivision 73.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Wiger; Kleis; Kelly, R.C.; Johnson, D.H. and Vickerman introduced--**

**S.F. No. 269:** A bill for an act relating to crimes; imposing felony penalty for three-time DWI offenders; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 169.121, subdivisions 3 and 3e; 169.129, subdivisions 2 and 3; 360.0752, subdivisions 1 and 6; 609.02, subdivision 2; 609.035, subdivision 2; 609.105, subdivision 3; 609.135, subdivision 2; and 609.15, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.02, subdivision 2a.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senators Betzold, Berglin, Knutson, Ranum and Kiscaden introduced--**

**S.F. No. 270:** A bill for an act relating to family law; adoption; providing for the stay of certain paternity proceedings during proposed adoption of a child; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 259.49, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 257.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Betzold and Pariseau introduced--**

**S.F. No. 271:** A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring the legislative coordinating commission to appoint a bicameral group to review administrative rules; specifying certain duties of the group; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 3.841; and 3.842, subdivisions 1, 2, and 3.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

**Senators Samuelson; Johnson, J.B.; Berglin; Kiscaden and Terwilliger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 272:** A bill for an act relating to human services; providing compensation enhancement to nursing facilities; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Langseth; Moe, R.D.; Stumpf and Ten Eyck introduced--**

**S.F. No. 273:** A bill for an act relating to education; establishing a rural teacher loan forgiveness program; providing for rulemaking; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 122A.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Pariseau; Fischbach; Johnson, D.J. and Scheid introduced--**

**S.F. No. 274:** A bill for an act relating to firearms; providing that permits to carry a firearm must be issued to responsible, competent adults; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 624.714, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 624; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 624.714, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 10, and 12.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senators Knutson; Janezich; Novak; Kelly, R.C. and Runbeck introduced--**

**S.F. No. 275:** A bill for an act relating to housing; establishing a school stability initiative for homeless children; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 462A.204, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development.

**Senators Lessard, Ten Eyck, Stumpf and Moe, R.D. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 276:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Big Bear Country Education Center; authorizing state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development.

**Senators Pogemiller, Stumpf, Higgins and Johnson, D.E. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 277:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; modifying provisions relating to the Minneapolis firefighters relief association.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

**Senators Hottinger; Kelly, R.C.; Ten Eyck; Marty and Limmer introduced--**

**S.F. No. 278:** A bill for an act relating to courts; prohibiting certain contracting arrangements for freelance court reporting services; regulating certain services; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 486.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Price and Metzen introduced--**

**S.F. No. 279:** A bill for an act relating to appropriations; canceling the appropriation for a United Nations trade point.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development.

**Senators Ten Eyck; Morse; Lessard; Moe, R.D. and Frederickson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 280:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for the Mississippi headwaters board.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Piper, Higgins, Kiscaden, Terwilliger and Sams introduced--**

**S.F. No. 281:** A bill for an act relating to human services; appropriating money for youth housing programs.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Hottinger, Wiener, Ten Eyck, Neuville and Knutson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 282:** A bill for an act relating to civil action; regulating the apportionment of joint and several liability; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 604.02, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senator Betzold introduced--**

**S.F. No. 283:** A bill for an act relating to civil commitment; clarifying standards and procedures; modifying procedures governing persons committed as mentally ill and dangerous to the public; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 253B.065, subdivision 5; 253B.17, subdivision 1; 253B.18, subdivisions 1, 2, and 4c; 253B.23, subdivision 7; and 256G.08, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Kelly, R.C.; Knutson; Kleis; Ranum and Novak introduced--**

**S.F. No. 284:** A bill for an act relating to workers' compensation; providing that posttraumatic stress syndrome for a peace officer is an occupational disease; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 176.011, subdivision 16.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development.

**Senators Belanger, Day, Berg, Murphy and Novak introduced--**

**S.F. No. 285:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; extending the 1997 and 1998 property tax rebates to seasonal recreational property.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

**Senators Kelley, S.P. and Cohen introduced--**

**S.F. No. 286:** A bill for an act relating to health; creating a religious exemption to mandated autopsies; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 145.132; 299F.04, subdivision 5; 383B.225, subdivisions 7 and 8; 390.11, subdivisions 2, 2a, and 3; and 390.32, subdivisions 2, 2a, and 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 390.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senator Marty introduced--**

**S.F. No. 287:** A bill for an act relating to campaign finance; clarifying definitions; authorizing campaign finance and public disclosure board to issue advisory opinions on the Fair Campaign Practices Act; facilitating reports of last-minute contributions; clarifying campaign finance requirements; changing distribution of public subsidies to political candidates; requiring return of public subsidies under certain conditions; providing civil penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 10A.01, subdivisions 7, 10b, and 23; 10A.02, subdivision 12; 10A.03, subdivision

3; 10A.04, subdivisions 5 and 7; 10A.065, subdivisions 1, 3, and by adding a subdivision; 10A.08; 10A.09, subdivision 7; 10A.14, subdivision 4; 10A.15, subdivisions 3, 3a, 5, and by adding subdivisions; 10A.20, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 6b, 12, and by adding a subdivision; 10A.23; 10A.25, subdivision 10, and by adding a subdivision; 10A.255, subdivision 1; 10A.27, subdivision 12; 10A.275, subdivision 1; 10A.28, subdivisions 1 and 2; 10A.31, subdivisions 7 and 10; 10A.315; 10A.322, subdivisions 1 and 4; 10A.324, subdivision 1; 10A.34; 200.02, subdivision 7, and by adding a subdivision; 211A.02, subdivision 2; 211A.12; 211B.02; and 290.06, subdivision 23; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 211A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 10A.09, subdivision 3; and 10A.25, subdivision 13.

Referred to the Committee on Election Laws.

**Senators Foley, Samuelson, Berglin, Kiscaden and Dille introduced--**

**S.F. No. 288:** A bill for an act relating to human services; requiring elimination of the waiting list for home and community-based waived services for persons with mental retardation; authorizing the reallocation of unspent resources; requiring certain counties to form partnerships to deliver waiver services; requiring a federal waiver request to allow program flexibility; authorizing a reserve account of one-half percent; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 256B.0916.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Berg, Belanger, Betzold, Novak and Kelley, S.P. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 289:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; reducing the class rates on the second tier of noncommercial seasonal residential recreational property; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 273.13, subdivision 25; and 273.1398, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

**Senators Piper and Ten Eyck introduced--**

**S.F. No. 290:** A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing the public sale of certain tax-forfeited land that borders public water in Mower county.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Solon and Johnson, D.J. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 291:** A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money for an environmental study at a cement plant site in the city of Duluth.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senator Berglin introduced--**

**S.F. No. 292:** A bill for an act relating to children; appropriating money for teenage prostitution prevention and intervention.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senator Berglin introduced--**

**S.F. No. 293:** A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money for intensive case management services for prostituted individuals.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senator Day introduced--**

**S.F. No. 294:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; reducing the sales and use tax rate and the sales tax on motor vehicle rate for a period of one year; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 297A.02, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Marty, Hottinger and Higgins introduced--**

**S.F. No. 295:** A bill for an act relating to occupational safety; permitting injured employees a civil remedy if an employer violated safety laws; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 176.031.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development.

**Senators Robertson, Krentz, Knutson, Janezich and Pogemiller introduced--**

**S.F. No. 296:** A bill for an act relating to education; modifying special education provisions; providing for rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 121A.43; 125A.03; 125A.09, subdivisions 6 and 8; 125A.10; 125A.18; 125A.24; and 125A.75, subdivision 8, and by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Robertson, Krentz, Knutson, Janezich and Pogemiller introduced--**

**S.F. No. 297:** A bill for an act relating to education; modifying special education provisions; providing for rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 125A.03; 125A.07; 125A.08; 125A.09, subdivision 1; 125A.21, subdivision 2; 125A.30; 125A.33; 125A.44; and 125A.52, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 125A.53; and Laws 1998, chapter 398, article 2, section 53.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Samuelson; Sams; Fischbach; Johnson, D.J. and Terwilliger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 298:** A bill for an act relating to health; repealing MinnesotaCare provider tax; expanding the eligibility for single adults and households with no children for the MinnesotaCare program; repealing the premium tax for health plan companies and nonprofit health service plan corporations; repealing the health care access fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 60A.15, subdivision 1; 62J.041, subdivision 1; 62Q.095, subdivision 6; 144.1494, subdivision 1; 144.1495, subdivision 2; 144.1496, subdivision 1; 214.16, subdivisions 2 and 3; 256L.02, subdivisions 3 and 4; 256L.04, subdivision 7; 256L.07, subdivision 1; 270B.01, subdivision 8; 270B.14, subdivision 1; 295.52, subdivision 7; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 13.99, subdivision 86b; 16A.724; 16A.76; 62T.10; 144.1484, subdivision 2; 295.50; 295.51; 295.52; 295.53, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, and 4a; 295.54; 295.55; 295.56; 295.57; 295.58; 295.581; 295.582; and 295.59.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Kelley, S.P.; Olson and Day introduced--**

**S.F. No. 299:** A bill for an act relating to civil actions; limiting the liability of the state and municipalities for certain claims involving Year 2000 problems; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 466.03, subdivision 15; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Moe, R.D. moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 9:00 a.m., Thursday, January 28, 1999. The motion prevailed.

Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate

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