

STATE OF MINNESOTA

# Journal of the Senate

EIGHTY-THIRD LEGISLATURE

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SIXTY-SEVENTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, February 26, 2004

The Senate met at 9:00 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, Pastor James Haun.

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

Bachmann	Gaither	Kubly	Neuville	Sams
Bakk	Hann	Langseth	Nienow	Saxhaug
Belanger	Higgins	Larson	Olson	Scheid
Berglin	Hottinger	LeClair	Ortman	Senjem
Betzold	Johnson, D.E.	Limmer	Ourada	Skoe
Chaudhary	Johnson, D.J.	Lourey	Pappas	Skoglund
Cohen	Jungbauer	Marko	Pariseau	Solon
Day	Kelley	Marty	Pogemiller	Sparks
Dibble	Kierlin	McGinn	Ranum	Stumpf
Dille	Kiscaden	Metzen	Reiter	Tomassoni
Fischbach	Kleis	Michel	Robling	Vickerman
Foley	Knutson	Moua	Rosen	Wergin
Frederickson	Koering	Murphy	Ruud	Wiger

The President declared a quorum present.

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

## REPORTS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

The following reports were received and filed with the Secretary of the Senate: Department of Education, Districts with Fiscal Year 2003 Statutory Operating Debt, 2003; Metropolitan Council, Participation in the Livable Communities Act Local Housing Incentives Account, Regional Report, 2004; Department of Human Services, Medical Care Surcharge Fund, Quarterly Report, December 2003; Department of Revenue, Minnesota's Local Sales and Use Taxes, February 2004; Pollution Control Agency, Annual Tracking Report for New Wastewater Facilities, 2003; Department of Transportation, Rest Area Program, 2004; Children, Families and Learning, Capital Loan Report, 2004; Board of Teaching, 2001-03 State Administration and Performance on the Basic Skills Examination for Teacher Licensure, 2004; Pollution Control Agency, 10-Year Plan to Upgrade and Maintain Minnesota's On-site (ISTS) Treatment Systems, 2004; Department of Human Services, Supplemental Nursing Services Agencies, 2003; Minnesota Association of Colleges for Teacher Education, Involvement of Minnesota Teacher Education Institutions with P-12 Schools, 2004; Pollution Control Agency, Impaired Waters Stakeholder Process, Policy Framework, July 2003 to February 2004; Department of Corrections, Felony Driving While

Impaired, 2004; Board of Teaching, 2001-03 State Administration and Performance on the Common Core Assessments of Knowledge and Skills, 2004; Department of Public Safety, Public Safety Answering Point Consolidation, 2004; Departments of Corrections and Human Services, Goals of Court-Ordered Out-of-Home Placements, 2003; Department of Corrections, Annual Report, Obsolete, Unnecessary, or Duplicative Rules, 2003; Department of Corrections, Insurance Coverage for DUI Offenders, 2004; Department of Corrections, Summarization of Reports Submitted by the Counties Receiving Juvenile Treatment Grants, 2004; Department of Corrections, Annual Report, Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision, 2004.

### 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. 1794.

Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted February 23, 2004

### FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

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

**H.F. No. 1794:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; decreasing minimum required local contribution to federally funded airport projects; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 360.305, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration for comparison with S.F. No. 1615.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

**Senator Lourey from the Committee on Health and Family Security, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1650:** A bill for an act relating to pharmacy; modifying wholesale drug distributor requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 151.47, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision.

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

**Senator Betzold from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1836:** A bill for an act relating to state government; the Office of the Secretary of State; simplifying filing procedures; eliminating certain filing requirements; requiring electronic registration after December 31, 2004; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 184.30; 302A.821, subdivisions 1, 2, 4; 317A.823, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 322B.960, subdivisions 1, 2, 5; 325A.06, subdivision 1; 326.40, subdivision 2; 326.48, subdivision 3; 330.01, subdivision 1; 330.08; 330.09; 336.9-525; 340A.416, subdivision 4; 359.01; 359.071; 398.10.

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

**Senator Betzold from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1797:** A bill for an act relating to domestic abuse; providing another ground for extending an order for protection; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 518B.01.

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

Page 2, after line 2, insert:

"Sec. 2. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment."

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

**Senator Lourey from the Committee on Health and Family Security, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1857:** A bill for an act relating to human services; eliminating the requirement that prescription drug program applicants and enrollees be referred to the prescription drug assistance program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, sections 256.955, subdivision 3; 256.975, subdivision 9; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 256.955, subdivision 4a.

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

Page 1, after line 9, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 256.955, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

Subd. 2a. [ELIGIBILITY.] An individual satisfying the following requirements and the requirements described in subdivision 2, paragraph (d), is eligible for the prescription drug program:

(1) is at least 65 years of age or older; ~~and~~

(2) is eligible as a qualified Medicare beneficiary according to section 256B.057, subdivision 3 or 3a, or is eligible under section 256B.057, subdivision 3 or 3a, and is also eligible for medical assistance or general assistance medical care with a spenddown as defined in section 256B.056, subdivision 5; and

(3) applies for the Medicare discount card, if eligible.

**[EFFECTIVE DATE.]** This section is effective July 1, 2004, or when enrollment for the Medicare discount card is available, whichever is later.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 256.955, subdivision 2b, is amended to read:

Subd. 2b. [ELIGIBILITY.] Effective July 1, 2002, an individual satisfying the following requirements and the requirements described in subdivision 2, paragraph (d), is eligible for the prescription drug program:

(1) is under 65 years of age; ~~and~~

(2) is eligible as a qualified Medicare beneficiary according to section 256B.057, subdivision 3 or 3a or is eligible under section 256B.057, subdivision 3 or 3a and is also eligible for medical assistance or general assistance medical care with a spenddown as defined in section 256B.056, subdivision 5; and

(3) applies for the Medicare discount card, if eligible.

**[EFFECTIVE DATE.]** This section is effective July 1, 2004, or when enrollment for the Medicare discount card is available, whichever is later."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete everything after the semicolon

Page 1, delete lines 3 and 4

Page 1, line 5, delete everything before "amending" and insert "changing provisions in the prescription drug assistance program;" and after "amending" insert "Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 256.955, subdivision 2b;"

Page 1, line 6, delete "subdivision" and insert "subdivisions 2a,"

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

**Senator Lourey from the Committee on Health and Family Security, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 2189:** A bill for an act relating to health; modifying gift ban for prescription drug practitioners; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 151.461.

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

Page 1, line 13, delete "or health benefit plan administrator"

Page 1, line 20, after "drug" insert "or vouchers for a drug"

Page 2, line 14, delete "or"

Page 2, line 17, before the period, insert "; or

(7) prescription or other drugs acquired pursuant to the charitable institutions exemption of the Robinson-Pattman Act"

Page 3, after line 20, insert:

"Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 151.47, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. [REQUIREMENTS.] All wholesale drug distributors are subject to the requirements in paragraphs (a) to (f).

(a) No person or distribution outlet shall act as a wholesale drug distributor without first obtaining a license from the board and paying the required fee.

(b) No license shall be issued or renewed for a wholesale drug distributor to operate unless the applicant agrees to operate in a manner prescribed by federal and state law and according to the rules adopted by the board.

(c) The board may require a separate license for each facility directly or indirectly owned or operated by the same business entity within the state, or for a parent entity with divisions, subsidiaries, or affiliate companies within the state, when operations are conducted at more than one location and joint ownership and control exists among all the entities.

(d) As a condition for receiving and retaining a wholesale drug distributor license issued under sections 151.42 to 151.51, an applicant shall satisfy the board that it has and will continuously maintain:

- (1) adequate storage conditions and facilities;
  - (2) minimum liability and other insurance as may be required under any applicable federal or state law;
  - (3) a viable security system that includes an after hours central alarm, or comparable entry detection capability; restricted access to the premises; comprehensive employment applicant screening; and safeguards against all forms of employee theft;
  - (4) a system of records describing all wholesale drug distributor activities set forth in section 151.44 for at least the most recent two-year period, which shall be reasonably accessible as defined by board regulations in any inspection authorized by the board;
  - (5) principals and persons, including officers, directors, primary shareholders, and key management executives, who must at all times demonstrate and maintain their capability of conducting business in conformity with sound financial practices as well as state and federal law;
  - (6) complete, updated information, to be provided to the board as a condition for obtaining and retaining a license, about each wholesale drug distributor to be licensed, including all pertinent corporate licensee information, if applicable, or other ownership, principal, key personnel, and facilities information found to be necessary by the board;
  - (7) written policies and procedures that assure reasonable wholesale drug distributor preparation for, protection against, and handling of any facility security or operation problems, including, but not limited to, those caused by natural disaster or government emergency, inventory inaccuracies or product shipping and receiving, outdated product or other unauthorized product control, appropriate disposition of returned goods, and product recalls;
  - (8) sufficient inspection procedures for all incoming and outgoing product shipments; and
  - (9) operations in compliance with all federal requirements applicable to wholesale drug distribution.
- (e) An agent or employee of any licensed wholesale drug distributor need not seek licensure under this section.
- (f) A wholesale drug distributor shall file with the board an annual report, in a form and on the date prescribed by the board, identifying all payments, honoraria, reimbursement or other compensation authorized under section 151.461, ~~clauses (3) to (5)~~ subdivision 1, paragraph (c), clauses (2) to (4), paid to practitioners in Minnesota during the preceding calendar year. The report shall identify the nature and value of any payments totaling \$100 or more, to a particular practitioner during the year, and shall identify the practitioner. Reports filed under this provision are public data."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, delete "section" and insert "sections" and after "151.461" insert "; 151.47, subdivision 1"

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

**Senator Marty from the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 2198:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; establishing a facilities management account; authorizing interdepartmental billing for certain services; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84.

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

**Senator Marty from the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 2199:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying payment terms for departmental contracts and grants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 84.026.

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

**Senator Marty from the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 2211:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying provisions for the control of invasive and nonnative species; providing criminal and civil penalties; requiring rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 17.4982, subdivision 18a; 84D.01, subdivisions 6, 9, 12, 13, 15, 17, 18, by adding subdivisions; 84D.02, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6; 84D.03; 84D.04; 84D.05; 84D.06; 84D.07; 84D.08; 84D.09, subdivision 2; 84D.10, subdivisions 1, 3; 84D.11, subdivisions 1, 2, 2a; 84D.12; 84D.13, subdivisions 3, 4, 5; 86B.415, subdivision 7; 97C.821; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, sections 18.78, subdivision 2; 84.027, subdivision 13; 84D.14; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 84D.01, subdivisions 5, 7; Minnesota Rules, part 6216.0400, subparts 2, 3.

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

Page 10, line 1, after "milfoil," insert "all"

Page 16, line 2, after "species" insert "of aquatic plants and wild animals"

Page 16, line 15, after "species" insert "of aquatic plants and wild animals"

Page 16, line 16, after "species" insert "of aquatic plants and wild animals"

Page 16, line 17, after "species" insert "of aquatic plants and wild animals"

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

**Senator Higgins from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1903:** A bill for an act relating to municipalities; including counties in the definition of municipality for purposes of removal of hazardous buildings or hazardous property; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 463.15, by adding a subdivision; 463.151; 463.152, subdivision 2; 463.16; 463.161; 463.25.

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

Page 3, after line 6, insert:

"Sec. 7. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Sections 1 to 6 are effective the day following final enactment."

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

**Senator Higgins from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 2009:** A bill for an act relating to state government; transferring tourism functions from Department of Employment and Economic Development to Explore Minnesota Tourism; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 116J.01, subdivision 5; 160.276, subdivision 5; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, sections 15.057; 15.75, subdivision 5; 116J.011; 116J.60; 161.20, subdivision 3; 270B.14, subdivision 13; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116U; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 116J.01, subdivision 4; 116J.036; 116J.615; 116J.616; 116J.63, subdivision 4.

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

Page 5, line 21, delete "26" and insert "28"

Page 5, line 35, after "ex-officio" insert "nonvoting"

Page 6, line 1, delete "two" and insert "four" and delete "one" and insert "two"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

#### **Senator Wiger from the Committee on Elections, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1666:** A bill for an act relating to elections; providing for the acquisition of voting systems; providing for a uniform, statewide voting system; appropriating money.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. [206.585] [STATE VOTING SYSTEMS CONTRACT.]

The secretary of state, in cooperation with the commissioner of administration, shall establish a state voting systems contract. Bids for voting systems and related election services must be solicited from each vendor selling or leasing voting systems that have been certified for use by the secretary of state. The contract must be renewed no later than July 1 of each odd-numbered year. Counties and municipalities may purchase or lease voting systems and obtain related election services from the state contract.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 206.80, is amended to read:

206.80 [ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS.]

(a) An electronic voting system may not be employed unless it:

- (1) permits every voter to vote in secret;
- (2) permits every voter to vote for all candidates and questions for whom or upon which the voter is legally entitled to vote;
- (3) provides for write-in voting when authorized;
- (4) rejects by means of the automatic tabulating equipment, except as provided in section 206.84 with respect to write-in votes, all votes for an office or question when the number of votes cast on it exceeds the number which the voter is entitled to cast;
- (5) permits a voter at a primary election to select secretly the party for which the voter wishes to vote; and
- (6) rejects, by means of the automatic tabulating equipment, all votes cast in a primary election by a voter when the voter votes for candidates of more than one party; and
- (7) provides every voter an opportunity to verify their votes and to change their votes or correct any error before their ballot is cast and counted, produces a permanent paper record of the ballot

cast by the voter, and preserves the paper record as an official record available for use in any recount.

(b) An electronic voting system purchased on or after the effective date of this section may not be employed unless it:

(1) has a firmware option that supports cumulative voting and ranked-order voting; and

(2) accepts and tabulates in the precinct or at a counting center a marked optical scan ballot, or creates a marked optical scan ballot that can be tabulated in the precinct or at a counting center by an optical scan machine certified for use in this state.

### Sec. 3. [APPROPRIATIONS.]

Subdivision 1. [ASSISTED VOTING EQUIPMENT.] \$26,400,000 is appropriated from the Help America Vote Act account to the secretary of state for grants to counties to purchase electronic voting systems equipped for individuals with disabilities that meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 206.80, and have been certified by the secretary of state under Minnesota Statutes, section 206.57. The secretary of state shall make a grant to each county in the amount of \$6,500 times the number of polling places in the county as certified by the county, which must not be more than the number of polling places used by the county in the state general election of 2004. Each polling place used after January 1, 2006, must be equipped with an electronic voting system equipped for individuals with disabilities.

Subd. 2. [OPTICAL SCAN EQUIPMENT; OPERATING COSTS.] (a) \$..... is appropriated from the Help America Vote Act account to the secretary of state for grants to counties to purchase optical scan voting systems that meet the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 206.80, and have been certified by the secretary of state under Minnesota Statutes, section 206.57, and to pay for operating costs of the systems purchased under this subdivision or subdivision 1. The amount allocated to each county must be in proportion to the number of polling places used by the county in the state general election of 2004.

(b) "Operating costs" may include hardware maintenance, election day technical support, software licensing, voting system testing, training of county or municipal staff in the use of the voting system, transportation of the voting systems to and from the polling places, and storage of the voting systems between elections. Total annual operating costs of a county or municipality may not exceed \$450 per polling place.

(c) To receive a grant, a county must apply to the secretary of state on forms prescribed by the secretary of state that set forth how the grant money will be spent. A county may submit more than one grant application, so long as the appropriation remains available and the total amount granted to the county does not exceed the county's allocation.

Subd. 3. [REPORT.] Each county receiving a grant under subdivision 1 or 2 must report to the secretary of state by January 15, 2006, the amount spent for purchase of each kind of electronic voting system and for operating costs of the systems purchased. The secretary of state shall compile this information and report it to the legislature by February 15, 2006.

Subd. 4. [AVAILABILITY.] The appropriations in this section are available until June 30, 2007.

### Sec. 4. [MAIL BALLOTING.]

Nothing in this act is intended to preclude the use of mail balloting in those precincts where it is allowed under state law.

### Sec. 5. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

This act is effective the day following final enactment."

Delete the title and insert:



"A bill for an act relating to elections; providing for the acquisition of voting systems; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 206.80; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 206."

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

**Senator Wiger from the Committee on Elections, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 1660:** A bill for an act relating to education; establishing single-member school board election districts equal in population as practicable for certain districts; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 205A.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. [OSSEO SCHOOL ELECTION DISTRICTS.]

Subdivision 1. [ELECTION.] The school board of Independent School District No. 279, Osseo, must divide the school district into single-member election districts, from which one board member each must be elected.

Subd. 2. [ELECTION DISTRICT BOUNDARIES.] Each election district must be as equal in population as practicable and must be composed of compact, contiguous territory. The district may use the most recent federal decennial census figures available or may conduct a special census for this purpose. The board shall designate each election district by number.

Subd. 3. [BOARD ELECTIONS.] The board shall specify the election districts from which vacancies shall be filled as they occur until such time as each board member represents an election district. A candidate for school board in a subsequent election must file an affidavit of candidacy to be elected as a school board member for the election district in which the candidate resides. Each board member must be a resident of the election district for which elected but the creation of an election district or a change in election district boundaries shall not disqualify a board member from serving for the remainder of a term.

Sec. 2. [LOCAL APPROVAL.]

This act is effective the day after the governing body of Independent School District No. 279, Osseo, and its chief clerical officer comply with Minnesota Statutes, section 645.021, subdivisions 2 and 3. If local approval has not been completed by July 1, 2004, the governing body shall submit the question of approval to the voters of the school district at the 2004 general election. The question submitted must be:

"Shall Independent School District No. 279, Osseo, be divided into six election districts, from which one member each must be elected?"

If approved by a majority of the voters voting on the question, this act is effective the day after the canvassing board certifies the result of the election."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to education; providing for establishment of single-member school board election districts in Independent School District No. 279, Osseo."

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

**Senator Vickerman from the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 2181:** A bill for an act relating to the State Lottery; amending provisions relating to the director; providing for review and approval of lottery budget; creating a task force and requiring a report; providing for allocation and transfer of certain unclaimed prize money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 349A.02, subdivision 1; 349A.10, subdivision 6; 349A.15; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 349A.02, subdivision 2.

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

Page 2, line 9, delete "campaigns" and insert "strategies"

Page 3, line 20, delete everything after "credited" and insert "to the environment and natural resources trust fund."

Page 3, delete lines 21 and 22

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

**Senator Cohen from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 2295:** A bill for an act relating to the governor; reducing the amount appropriated for the governor; amending Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 1, article 1, section 3.

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 2003 Supplement, section 15.01, is amended to read:

15.01 [DEPARTMENTS OF THE STATE.]

The following agencies are designated as the departments of the state government: the Department of Administration; the Department of Agriculture; the Department of Commerce; the Department of Corrections; the Department of Education; ~~the Department of Economic Security;~~ the Department of Employee Relations; the Department of Employment and Economic Development; the Department of Finance; the Department of Health; the Department of Human Rights; the Department of Human Services; the Department of Labor and Industry; the Department of Military Affairs; the Department of Natural Resources; ~~the Department of Employee Relations;~~ the Department of Public Safety; ~~the Department of Human Services;~~ the Department of Revenue; the Department of Transportation; the Department of Veterans Affairs; and their successor departments.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 15.06, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. [APPLICABILITY.] This section applies to the following departments or agencies: the Departments of Administration, Agriculture, Commerce, Corrections, ~~Economic Security,~~ Education, Employee Relations, Employment and Economic Development, Finance, Health, Human Rights, Human Services, Labor and Industry, Natural Resources, Public Safety, ~~Human Services,~~ Revenue, Transportation, and Veterans Affairs; the Housing Finance and Pollution Control Agencies; the Office of Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation; the Bureau of Mediation Services; and their successor departments and agencies. The heads of the foregoing departments or agencies are "commissioners."

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 15.06, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. [NUMBER OF DEPUTY COMMISSIONERS.] ~~Unless specifically authorized by statute, other than section 43A.08, subdivision 2, No department or agency specified in subdivision 1 shall have more than one deputy commissioner.~~

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 15A.0815, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. [GROUP I SALARY LIMITS.] The salaries for positions in this subdivision may not exceed 95 percent of the salary of the governor:

Commissioner of administration;  
Commissioner of agriculture;  
~~Commissioner of education;~~  
Commissioner of commerce;  
Commissioner of corrections;  
~~Commissioner of economic security;~~  
Commissioner of education;  
Commissioner of employee relations;  
Commissioner of employment and economic development;  
Commissioner of finance;  
Commissioner of health;  
Executive director, Higher Education Services Office;  
Commissioner, Housing Finance Agency;  
Commissioner of human rights;  
Commissioner of human services;  
Executive director, State Board of Investment;  
Commissioner of labor and industry;  
Commissioner of natural resources;  
~~Director of Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning;~~  
Commissioner, Pollution Control Agency;  
Commissioner of public safety;  
Commissioner of revenue;  
~~Commissioner of employment and economic development;~~  
Commissioner of transportation; and  
Commissioner of veterans affairs.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 16B.03, is amended to read:

16B.03 [APPOINTMENTS.]

The commissioner is authorized to appoint staff, including ~~two~~ one deputy ~~commissioners~~ commissioner, in accordance with chapter 43A.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 43A.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. [ORGANIZATION.] The commissioner may appoint a deputy commissioner in the unclassified service. The department shall be organized into two bureaus which shall be designated the Personnel Bureau and the Labor Relations Bureau. Each bureau shall be

responsible for administering the duties and functions assigned to it by law. When the duties of the bureaus are not mandated by law, the commissioner may establish and revise the assignments of either bureau. ~~Each bureau shall be under the direction of a deputy commissioner.~~

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 43A.08, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. [UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS.] Unclassified positions are held by employees who are:

- (1) chosen by election or appointed to fill an elective office;
- (2) heads of agencies required by law to be appointed by the governor or other elective officers, and the executive or administrative heads of departments, bureaus, divisions, and institutions specifically established by law in the unclassified service;
- (3) ~~deputy and assistant agency heads and one confidential secretary in the agencies listed in subdivision 1a and in the Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning~~ section 15.06, subdivision 1;
- (4) the confidential secretary to each of the elective officers of this state and, for the secretary of state and state auditor, an additional deputy, clerk, or employee;
- (5) intermittent help employed by the commissioner of public safety to assist in the issuance of vehicle licenses;
- (6) employees in the offices of the governor and of the lieutenant governor and one confidential employee for the governor in the Office of the Adjutant General;
- (7) employees of the Washington, D.C., office of the state of Minnesota;
- (8) employees of the legislature and of legislative committees or commissions; provided that employees of the Legislative Audit Commission, except for the legislative auditor, the deputy legislative auditors, and their confidential secretaries, shall be employees in the classified service;
- (9) presidents, vice-presidents, deans, other managers and professionals in academic and academic support programs, administrative or service faculty, teachers, research assistants, and student employees eligible under terms of the federal Economic Opportunity Act work study program in the Perpich Center for Arts Education and the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, but not the custodial, clerical, or maintenance employees, or any professional or managerial employee performing duties in connection with the business administration of these institutions;
- (10) officers and enlisted persons in the National Guard;
- (11) attorneys, legal assistants, and three confidential employees appointed by the attorney general or employed with the attorney general's authorization;
- (12) judges and all employees of the judicial branch, referees, receivers, jurors, and notaries public, except referees and adjusters employed by the Department of Labor and Industry;
- (13) members of the State Patrol; provided that selection and appointment of State Patrol troopers must be made in accordance with applicable laws governing the classified service;
- (14) chaplains employed by the state;
- (15) examination monitors and intermittent training instructors employed by the Departments of Employee Relations and Commerce and by professional examining boards and intermittent staff employed by the technical colleges for the administration of practical skills tests and for the staging of instructional demonstrations;
- (16) student workers;

(17) executive directors or executive secretaries appointed by and reporting to any policy-making board or commission established by statute;

(18) employees unclassified pursuant to other statutory authority;

(19) intermittent help employed by the commissioner of agriculture to perform duties relating to pesticides, fertilizer, and seed regulation;

(20) the administrators and the deputy administrators at the state academies for the deaf and the blind; and

(21) chief executive officers in the Department of Human Services.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 43A.17, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. [SALARY LIMITS.] As used in subdivisions 1 to 9, "salary" means hourly, monthly, or annual rate of pay including any lump-sum payments and cost-of-living adjustment increases but excluding payments due to overtime worked, shift or equipment differentials, work out of class as required by collective bargaining agreements or plans established under section 43A.18, and back pay on reallocation or other payments related to the hours or conditions under which work is performed rather than to the salary range or rate to which a class is assigned. For presidents of state universities, "salary" does not include a housing allowance provided through a compensation plan approved under section 43A.18, subdivision 3a.

~~The salary, as established in section 15A.0815, of the head of a state agency in the executive branch is~~ The upper limit on the salaries of individual employees in the an agency listed in section 15A.0815 is 88 percent of the salary of the agency head. However, if an agency head is assigned a salary that ~~is~~ would make the salary limit lower than the current salary of another agency employee, the employee retains the salary, but may not receive an increase in salary as long as the salary is above ~~that of the agency head~~ the salary limit. The commissioner may grant exemptions from these upper limits as provided in subdivisions 3 and 4.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 43A.17, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. [EXCEPTIONS.] (a) The commissioner may without regard to subdivision 1 establish special salary rates and plans of compensation designed to attract and retain exceptionally qualified doctors of medicine. These rates and plans shall be included in the commissioner's plan. In establishing salary rates and eligibility for nomination for payment at special rates, the commissioner shall consider the standards of eligibility established by national medical specialty boards where appropriate. The incumbents assigned to these special ranges shall be excluded from the collective bargaining process.

(b) The commissioner may without regard to subdivision 1, but subject to collective bargaining agreements or compensation plans, establish special salary rates designed to attract and retain exceptionally qualified employees in the following positions:

(1) ~~information systems staff;~~

(2) actuaries in the Departments of Health, Human Services, and Commerce; and

(3) (2) epidemiologists in the Department of Health.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 45.013, is amended to read:

45.013 [POWER TO APPOINT STAFF.]

The commissioner of commerce may appoint ~~four one deputy commissioners, four assistant commissioners, and an assistant to the commissioner. Those positions, as well as that of and a confidential secretary, are in the unclassified service.~~ The commissioner may appoint other employees necessary to carry out the duties and responsibilities entrusted to the commissioner.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 84.01, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. [EMPLOYEES; DELEGATION.] Subject to the provisions of Laws 1969, chapter 1129, and to other applicable laws The commissioner shall organize the department and employ up to three assistant commissioners, each of whom shall serve at the pleasure of the commissioner in the unclassified service, one of whom shall have responsibility for coordinating and directing the planning of every division within the agency, and such other officers, employees, and agents as the commissioner may deem necessary to discharge the functions of the department, define the duties of such officers, employees, and agents and to delegate to them any of the commissioner's powers, duties, and responsibilities subject to the control of, and under the conditions prescribed by, the commissioner. Appointments to exercise delegated power shall be by written order filed with the secretary of state.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 116.03, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. [OFFICE.] (a) The office of commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency is created and is under the supervision and control of the commissioner, who is appointed by the governor under the provisions of section 15.06.

(b) The commissioner may appoint a deputy commissioner and assistant commissioners who shall be in the unclassified service.

(c) The commissioner shall make all decisions on behalf of the agency that are not required to be made by the agency under section 116.02.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 116J.01, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. [DEPARTMENTAL ORGANIZATION.] (a) The commissioner shall organize the department as provided in section 15.06.

(b) The commissioner may establish divisions and offices within the department. The commissioner may employ four deputy commissioners in the unclassified service. One deputy must direct the Minnesota Trade Office and must be experienced and knowledgeable in matters of international trade. One must direct the Office of Tourism and be knowledgeable in matters of tourism.

(c) The commissioner shall:

(1) employ assistants and other officers, employees, and agents that the commissioner considers necessary to discharge the functions of the commissioner's office;

(2) define the duties of the officers, employees, and agents, and delegate to them any of the commissioner's powers, duties, and responsibilities, subject to the commissioner's control and under conditions prescribed by the commissioner.

(d) The commissioner shall ensure that there are at least three trade and economic development officers in state offices in nonmetropolitan areas of the state who will work with local units of government on developing local trade and economic development.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 174.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. [UNCLASSIFIED POSITIONS.] The commissioner may establish four positions in the unclassified service at the appoint a deputy and assistant commissioner, assistant to commissioner or and a personal secretary levels. No more than two of these positions shall be at the deputy commissioner level in the unclassified service.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 241.01, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. [DIVISIONS; DEPUTIES DEPUTY.] The commissioner of corrections may appoint and employ no more than two a deputy commissioners commissioner. The commissioner may also appoint a personal secretary, who shall serve at the commissioner's pleasure in the unclassified civil service.

Sec. 16. [SALARY ADJUSTMENTS.]

The salary limitations in section 8 are effective July 1, 2004, and each salary that exceeds the limitations in section 8 must be reduced on that date to comply with the limit, except that a salary set under a collective bargaining agreement need not be reduced on July 1, 2004, but must not be increased thereafter above the salary limit.

The salary of the director of the Higher Education Services Office must be reduced effective July 1, 2004, to the level it was at on July 1, 2003.

Sec. 17. [SPENDING LIMITATIONS.]

An agency in the executive branch may not spend any money for travel outside of the state during the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005.

An agency in the executive branch may not contract or pay for meeting space outside state facilities, for food, or for meeting facilitators or note-takers who are not state employees.

Sec. 18. [APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS: FISCAL YEAR 2004.]

The commissioner of finance shall reduce general fund appropriations to executive branch agencies and constitutional officers for state agency operations in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2004, by \$10,000,000. This reduction does not apply to the judicial branch or to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. The reduction to constitutional officers must be the same percentage of each officer's general fund appropriation. The commissioner shall base the reduction in part on the amount carried forward from fiscal year 2003 to fiscal year 2004 under Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 1, article 2, section 127. No positions in the classified service may be eliminated.

Sec. 19. [APPROPRIATION REDUCTIONS: FISCAL YEAR 2005.]

The commissioner of finance shall reduce general fund appropriations to executive branch agencies and constitutional officers for state agency operations in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2005, by \$10,000,000. This reduction does not apply to the judicial branch or to the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities. The reduction to constitutional officers must be the same percentage of each officer's general fund appropriation. No positions in the classified service may be eliminated.

Sec. 20. [REPEALER.]

(a) Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 43A.03, subdivision 4; 43A.08, subdivision 1b; and 116J.01, subdivision 4, are repealed.

(b) Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 43A.08, subdivision 1a, is repealed.

Sec. 21. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Section 18 is effective the day following final enactment."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to finance; reducing the number of deputy and assistant commissioners in state agencies; reducing the number of unclassified positions in state agencies; reducing the upper limit of salaries in state agencies; imposing limitations on state agency spending; reducing appropriations to state agencies in the executive branch for fiscal years 2004 and 2005; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 15.06, subdivision 8; 16B.03; 43A.03, subdivision 3; 43A.17, subdivisions 1, 4; 45.013; 116.03, subdivision 1; 116J.01, subdivision 5; 174.02, subdivision 2; 241.01, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, sections 15.01; 15.06, subdivision 1; 15A.0815, subdivision 2; 43A.08, subdivision 1; 84.01, subdivision 3; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 43A.03, subdivision 4; 43A.08, subdivision 1b; 116J.01, subdivision 4; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 43A.08, subdivision 1a."

And when so amended the bill do pass. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

**Senator Cohen from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1615:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; decreasing minimum required local contribution to federally funded airport projects; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 360.305, subdivision 4.

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

Page 3, after line 22, insert:

"**[EFFECTIVE DATE.]** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

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

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS**

S.F. Nos. 1797, 1903, 2295 and 1615 were read the second time.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Senator Chaudhary moved that the name of Senator Wiger be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 831. The motion prevailed.

Senator Wiger moved that the names of Senators Reiter and Bachmann be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 1585. The motion prevailed.

Senator Marty moved that the name of Senator Reiter be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1657. The motion prevailed.

Senator Foley moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 2018. The motion prevailed.

Senator Foley moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 2079. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappas moved that the name of Senator Marty be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2189. The motion prevailed.

Senator Higgins moved that her name be stricken as chief author, shown as a co-author, and the name of Senator Ranum be added as chief author to S.F. No. 2241. The motion prevailed.

Senator Vickerman moved that the name of Senator Johnson, D.E. be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2260. The motion prevailed.

Senator Murphy moved that his name be stricken as chief author, shown as a co-author, and the name of Senator Ortman be added as chief author to S.F. No. 2263. The motion prevailed.

Senator Betzold moved that S.F. No. 2121 be withdrawn from the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations. The motion prevailed.

**Senators Solon, Saxhaug, Tomassoni, Lourey and Bakk introduced--**

**Senate Resolution No. 109:** A Senate resolution congratulating Rose Landstrom of Duluth, Minnesota, on her 100th birthday.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.



**Senator Scheid introduced--**

**Senate Resolution No. 110:** A Senate resolution congratulating Ashlee Kephart, an esteemed resident of Brooklyn Center, Minnesota, and a student at North View Junior High School in Brooklyn Park, Minnesota, who has achieved national recognition for exemplary volunteer service by receiving a 2004 Prudential Spirit of Community Award.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS**

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

**Senator Michel introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2300:** A bill for an act relating to redistricting; adjusting the boundary between house districts 41A and 41B to correct an error; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 2.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

**Senators Koering, Wergin, Senjem, Skoe and Solon introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2301:** A bill for an act relating to state government; transferring tourism functions from Department of Employment and Economic Development to Explore Minnesota Tourism; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 116J.01, subdivision 5; 160.276, subdivision 5; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, sections 15.057; 15.75, subdivision 5; 116J.011; 116J.60; 161.20, subdivision 3; 270B.14, subdivision 13; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116U; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 116J.01, subdivision 4; 116J.036; 116J.615; 116J.616; 116J.63, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

**Senator Pogemiller introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2302:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; authorizing housing and redevelopment authorities to pledge the full faith and credit of a governmental unit to bonds issued to finance certain housing development projects; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 469.034, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Pogemiller introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2303:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; removing a duration limitation on a redevelopment tax increment financing district in the city of Minneapolis; amending Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 11, section 19, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Pogemiller introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2304:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing that special service districts may be managed by nonprofit corporations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 428A.02, subdivision 1; 428A.03, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Berglin introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2305:** A bill for an act relating to health; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to article XIII; requiring the legislature to establish a universal health care system that guarantees health care access to all citizens.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Olson, Gaither, Hann, Kelley and Kiscaden introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2306:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; eliminating the referendum allowance limit; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 126C.17, subdivision 3; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 126C.17, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Bakk introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2307:** A bill for an act relating to apprentice training; specifying when a fee is due; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 178.12.

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

**Senators Bakk, Saxhaug, Skoe and Stumpf introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2308:** A bill for an act relating to health; requiring the commissioner of health to classify certain loans made under the rural hospital capital improvement grant and loan program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 144.148, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senator Knutson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2309:** A bill for an act relating to health occupations; modifying the jurisprudence examination for dentists; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 150A.06, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Knutson, Foley and McGinn introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2310:** A bill for an act relating to crimes; clarifying issues related to calculating aggravating factors for DWI offenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 169A.095; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169A.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety.

**Senators Saxhaug, Sams, Dille and Senjem introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2311:** A bill for an act relating to the environment; providing a procedure for the development of total maximum daily load reports; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103F.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Nienow, Vickerman, Dille, Murphy and Day introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2312:** A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; allowing special veterans license plates to be displayed on certain one-ton trucks; making clarifying changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 168.123, subdivisions 1, 4.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming.

**Senators Frederickson, Anderson, Sams, Rosen and Vickerman introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2313:** A bill for an act relating to economic development; modifying bonding authority for the Minnesota Public Facilities Authority; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 446A.12, subdivision 1; 446A.14; 446A.17; 446A.19.

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

**Senators Belanger; Neuville; Johnson, D.J. and Pogemiller introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2314:** A bill for an act relating to courts; providing for the Commission on Judicial Selection to recommend to the governor nominees for Tax Court vacancies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 480B.01, subdivisions 1, 10.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Ourada, Anderson, Murphy, Gaither and Tomassoni introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2315:** A bill for an act relating to radioactive waste; imposing a fee for transportation of radioactive waste or material; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 116C.731, subdivision 3.

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

**Senator Belanger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2316:** A bill for an act relating to traffic regulations; authorizing counties and cities to impose administrative penalties on certain speed limit law violators; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 169.022; 169.99, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 471.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Bakk, Sams and Saxhaug introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2317:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; creating a forest management investment fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 84A.51, subdivision 2; 89.035; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 89.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senator Berglin introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2318:** A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying the provider tax paid by federally qualified health centers and rural health centers; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Lourey introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2319:** A bill for an act relating to the environment; requiring monitoring and evaluation of public and private wells in areas where sewage sludge is applied to agricultural land; authorizing assessment for agency costs; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 115.03, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Belanger; McGinn; Johnson, D.J. and Hottinger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2320:** A bill for an act relating to estate tax; exempting certain estates of decedents; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 291.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Belanger, Knutson, McGinn, Larson and Hottinger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2321:** A bill for an act relating to civil actions; increasing the service charge and civil penalty for receiving motor fuel without paying; clarifying that civil liability for this does not bar criminal liability; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 604.15, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety.

**Senators Belanger, Frederickson, Pariseau and Sams introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2322:** A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying possession requirements for pheasant stamps and migratory waterfowl stamps; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 97A.405, subdivision 2; 97A.473, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5; 97A.474; 97A.475, subdivision 5; 97B.715, subdivision 1; 97B.801; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 97A.411, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Dille and Sams introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2323:** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; increasing maximum state participation limits for certain rural finance authority programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 41B.039, subdivision 2; 41B.04, subdivision 8; 41B.042, subdivision 4; 41B.043, subdivision 1b; 41B.045, subdivision 2; 41B.046, subdivision 5; 41B.047, subdivision 4; 41B.049, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming.

**Senator Michel introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2324:** A bill for an act relating to education; modifying charter school board of directors; providing for charter school student participation in school district extracurricular activities; increasing number of eligible sponsors for charter schools; providing for charter school submission of school calendar to the Department of Education; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 123B.49, subdivision 4; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, sections 124D.10, subdivisions 3, 4; 124D.11, subdivision 9.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senator Kelley introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2325:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for a regional hazardous materials training facility.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Pappas and Kelley introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2326:** A bill for an act relating to unemployment insurance; allowing the Perpich Center for Arts Education to elect coverage for certain positions.

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

**Senators Skoe, Murphy, Vickerman, Langseth and Stumpf introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2327:** A bill for an act relating to highways; prohibiting commissioner of transportation from taking certain actions at trunk highway or interstate highway rest areas.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Ortman, Olson and Bachmann introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2328:** A bill for an act relating to veterans; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XIII, section 8, to authorize general obligation bonding proceeds to be used to pay a bonus to Minnesota residents who served as members of the United States military during the Global War on Terrorism.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming.

**Senators Lourey, Pappas and Hottinger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2329:** A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying child care assistance income eligibility levels; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 119B.09, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senator Lourey introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2330:** A bill for an act relating to human services; changing "autism" to "autism spectrum disorder."

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Kelley; Anderson; Johnson, D.E.; Gaither and Day introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2331:** A bill for an act relating to telecommunications; changing certain cable franchise procedures and requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 238.08, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision.

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

**Senator Betzold introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2332:** A bill for an act relating to commerce; the Uniform Commercial Code; regulating breaches of warranties made with respect to remotely created items; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, sections 336.3-416; 336.3-417; 336.4-207; 336.4-208.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Hottinger; Berglin; Johnson, D.E.; Lourey and Sams introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2333:** A bill for an act proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XIII, by adding a section; affirming that every resident of Minnesota has the right to affordable, basic health care.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Solon, Saxhaug, Foley, Sparks and Murphy introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2334:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XI; dedicating the sales tax receipts equal to a sales tax of one-fourth of one percent on taxable sales for natural resource purposes; creating a heritage enhancement fund, a parks and trails fund, and a clean water fund; establishing a Heritage Enhancement Council; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 10A.01, subdivision 35; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 85; 97A; 103F.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senator Murphy introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2335:** A bill for an act relating to highways; requiring commissioner of transportation to prepare a preliminary plan for a second beltline around the Minneapolis-St. Paul metropolitan area.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Higgins, Vickerman, Tomassoni and Day introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2336:** A bill for an act relating to the Metropolitan Airports Commission; requiring confirmation of members; increasing the duties and compensation range of its chair; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 473.604, subdivision 1; 473.606, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 15A.0815, subdivision 3; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 15A.0815, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

**Senators Anderson, Pappas, Frederickson and Kiscaden introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2337:** A bill for an act relating to employee benefits; providing that Minnesota Humanities Commission employees are eligible for certain state benefit programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 43A.24, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

**Senators Pappas, Scheid, Solon, Ourada and Larson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2338:** A bill for an act relating to liquor; providing for conformity in license fees and production levels for brewpubs and small brewers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 340A.301, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senator Sparks introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2339:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for improvements to the Shellrock River watershed; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Murphy, Dille, Sparks, Vickerman and Wergin introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2340:** A bill for an act relating to veterans; eliminating the sunset date for the purchase of military service credit; amending Laws 2000, chapter 461, article 4, section 4, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

**Senator Larson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2341:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; Public Employees Retirement Association; adding employees of the Fair Oaks Lodge, Wadena, to the privatization coverage; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 353F.02, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

**Senators Dibble, Day and Higgins introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2342:** A bill for an act relating to county recorders; providing that the county recorder may accept security deposits to guarantee payment of charges; making conforming changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 386.78.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

**Senators Higgins and Fischbach introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2343:** A bill for an act relating to the open meeting law; permitting closed meetings to discuss security information under certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 13D.05, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

**Senators Foley and Skoglund introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2344:** A bill for an act relating to civil commitment; requiring the state to give counties a one-year notice prior to releasing a level 3 sex offender; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 253B.185, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety.

**Senators Sparks, Gaither, Hottinger, Anderson and Ourada introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2345:** A bill for an act relating to telecommunications; changing provisions governing interest on deposits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 237.06; 325E.02.

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

**Senators Sparks, Gaither, Hottinger, Anderson and Ourada introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2346:** A bill for an act relating to telecommunications; repealing certain rules of the Department of Commerce governing telephone utilities generally and community calling plans; repealing Minnesota Rules, parts 7810.0100, subparts 16, 17, 18, 30, 32, 33, 39; 7810.0700; 7810.3400; 7810.3500; 7810.3600; 7810.3700; 7810.3800; 7810.4200 7810.4400; 7810.4500; 7810.4600; 7810.4700; 7810.4800; 7810.5600; 7810.6900; 7810.8760; 7815.0100; 7815.0200; 7815.0300; 7815.0400; 7815.0500; 7815.0600.

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

**Senators Skoglund and Foley introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2347:** A bill for an act relating to corrections; amending the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision by providing procedures for retaking and reincarceration of parolees and probationers; delaying the repeal of the interstate compact for the supervision of parolees and probationers to provide more transition time for adoption of rules under the new compact; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 243.1605; Laws 2002, chapter 268, section 8.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety.

**Senators Wergin, Kierlin and Fischbach introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2348:** A bill for an act relating to education; providing for a reading record that reflects student strengths and weaknesses in reading; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senators Dibble, Anderson, Moua, Skoe and Marty introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2349:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; exempting certain hybrid vehicles from the motor vehicle sales tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 297B.01, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 297B.03.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Rosen, Sams, Frederickson, Anderson and Cohen introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2350:** A bill for an act relating to state government; merging the Department of Economic Security and the Department of Employment and Economic Development; making corresponding technical and housekeeping changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 3.922, subdivision 10; 15.0591, subdivision 2; 116J.01, subdivisions 4, 5; 116J.035, subdivision 2; 116J.551; 116J.64, subdivisions 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, by adding a subdivision; 116L.01, subdivision 1; 116L.05, subdivision 4; 119A.46, subdivision 8; 144.9503, subdivision 1; 171.321, subdivision 2; 181.73, subdivision 1; 216C.10; 242.39, subdivision 3; 246.56, subdivision 1; 256J.08, subdivision 52; 268.001; 268.0111, subdivision 4; 268.0122, subdivision 1; 268.29; 268.66, as amended; 268.665, as amended; 268.976, subdivision 2; 268A.01, subdivisions 5, 13; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, sections 15.01; 15.057; 15.06, subdivision 1; 15A.0815, subdivision 2; 16C.05, subdivision 3; 116J.011; 116J.401; 116J.64, subdivision 6; 116J.966, subdivision 1; 116J.980, subdivision 1; 116J.994, subdivisions 9, 10; 116L.03, subdivision 7; 116M.15, subdivision 1; 248.07, subdivision 8; 256.482, subdivision 1; 256C.233, subdivision 1; 268.014; 268.022, subdivision 1; 268.363; Laws 2003, chapter 128, article 10, section 2, subdivisions 1, 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 116J; 116L; 268A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 116J.036; 116J.414; 116J.422; 116L.04, subdivision 4; 268.0111, subdivisions 1, 2, 3a, 4a; 268.0121, subdivisions 1, 2; 268.0122, subdivisions 2, 5, 6; 268.027; 268.028; 268.029; 268.26, subdivisions 2, 3; 268.361, subdivision 3; 268.3661; 268.551; 268.552; 268.56, subdivision 2; 268.561, subdivision 10; 268.61, subdivision 2; 268.65, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5; 268.666, subdivision 5; 268.89; 268.918; 268.95; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, sections 268.0122, subdivision 3; 268.26, subdivision 1; 268.65, subdivision 2; 268.95, subdivision 4; 268.976, subdivision 1; Laws 2001, chapter 175, section 49; Minnesota Rules, parts 3300.0050; 3301.0180; 3301.0190; 3301.0200; 3301.0210; 3301.0220; 3301.0230; 3310.2903; 3310.2904; 3310.2905, subpart 1; 3310.2906; 3310.2907; 3310.2909; 3310.2918; 3315.0100; 3315.0202; 3315.0501, subparts 3, 4, 5; 3315.0510; 3315.0530, subpart 1; 3315.0535; 3315.0545; 3315.0555, subpart 5; 3315.0915; 3315.0920; 3315.1005, subpart 2; 3315.1015; 3315.1301, subparts 3, 6; 3315.1305; 3315.1310; 3315.1650, subpart 1; 3315.2410; 3315.2610; 3315.2750; 3315.2810, subparts 1, 3; 3315.3220, subpart 4; 3320.0010; 3320.0020; 3320.0030; 7380.0200; 7380.0210; 7380.0220; 7380.0230; 7380.0240; 7380.0500; 7380.0510; 7380.0520; 7380.0530; 7380.0540; 7380.0550; 7380.0560; 7380.0570; 7380.0580; 7380.0581; 7380.0582; 7380.0600; 7380.0610; 7380.0620; 7380.0630; 7380.0640; 7380.0650; 7380.0800; 7380.0810; 7380.0820; 7380.0830; 7380.0840.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

**Senator Kiscaden introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2351:** A bill for an act relating to health; modifying licensing requirements for



speech-language pathologists, audiologists, and occupational therapy practitioners; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 148.6402, by adding a subdivision; 148.6403, subdivision 5; 148.6405; 148.6428; 148.6443, subdivisions 1, 5; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, sections 148.5161, subdivision 4; 148.5175; 148.518; 148.5193, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senator Kiscaden introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2352:** A bill for an act relating to corrections; extension of the MINNCOR Task Force; authorizing goals for the task force; prohibiting colleges and universities from evading purchasing requirements by specification variation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 16B.181, subdivision 2; 16B.335, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety.

**Senators Stumpf, Langseth, Solon, Vickerman and Kubly introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2353:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; modifying the local government aid formula; eliminating taconite aids from the computation of city formula aid in the local government aid formula; increasing the appropriation for local government aid and providing the funding sources for the increased appropriation; delaying restoration of reductions in market value homestead credit reimbursements; reducing the amount of motor vehicle sales tax proceeds appropriated for transit; authorizing levies for transit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 473.388, subdivision 7; 473.446, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, sections 297B.09, subdivision 1; 477A.011, subdivision 36; 477A.013, subdivisions 8, 9; 477A.03, subdivision 2a.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Bakk introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2354:** A bill for an act relating to property taxes; making adjustments in the property tax treatment of seasonal recreational property and other residential property; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 126C.01, subdivision 3; 275.025, as amended; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 126C.17, subdivision 7a.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Neuville, Knutson and Senjem introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2355:** A bill for an act relating to state government; providing a process for community ownership of the Minnesota Twins; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 4B.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

**Senators Kubly, Sams, Stumpf, Murphy and Lourey introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2356:** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; providing for seed availability and competition; requiring registration of retained patented seed; setting a fee; creating an account; imposing a penalty; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 21.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming.

**Senators Foley, Knutson, Chaudhary, Skoglund and Kleis introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2357:** A bill for an act relating to criminal justice; defining collateral sanctions; requiring the revisor of statutes to create a new statutory chapter containing cross-references to collateral sanction laws located throughout Minnesota Statutes.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety.

**Senators Kleis and Wiger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2358:** A bill for an act proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article VII, section 6; proposing lowering the age of eligibility to hold office.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

**Senator Senjem introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2359:** A bill for an act relating to highways; designating speed limit for a certain school zone.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Berglin introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2360:** A bill for an act relating to human services; authorizing a long-term care partnership program; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Hottinger, Pappas, Langseth, Frederickson and Kierlin introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2361:** A bill for an act relating to higher education; Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; providing for certain degrees at state universities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 135A.052, subdivision 1; Laws 2003, chapter 133, article 1, section 3, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Bakk, Marty, Knutson and Sams introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2362:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; restoring certain North Shore state parks; authorizing the sale of state bonds; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Hottinger, Marty, Dibble and Frederickson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2363:** A bill for an act relating to the environment; natural resources; wetlands; wetland delineations; providing specifications for review and waivers of 401 certification under the federal Clean Water Act; modifying environmental review to take into account relevant local plans; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 103G.2242, subdivision 2; 115.03, subdivision 4a; 116D.02, subdivision 2; 116D.04, subdivision 5a, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senator Cohen introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2364:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money to construct a permanent flood control perimeter dike along the east and south edges of the St. Paul Downtown Airport/Holman Field.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Kelley, Kiscaden, Berglin, Lourey and Fischbach introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2365:** A bill for an act relating to health; modifying the reporting system for adverse health care events; requiring certain boards to make certain reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 147.121, subdivision 2; 147A.15, subdivision 2; 148.264, subdivision 2; 153.25, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 144.7065, subdivision 10; Laws 2003, chapter 99, section 7, as amended; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 144; 147; 147A; 148; 151; 153.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Metzen and Vickerman introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2366:** A bill for an act relating to the military; appropriating money to assist in the operation and staffing of the Minnesota National Guard Youth Camp at Camp Ripley.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming.

**Senators Ruud and Marty introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2367:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; exempting certain motor vehicles used by utilities or pipeline companies from all-terrain vehicle regulations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 84.92, subdivision 8.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Ruud, Rosen and Gaither introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2368:** A bill for an act relating to employment; re-enacting certain employment agency provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 184.22, by adding subdivisions.

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

**Senator Ruud introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2369:** A bill for an act relating to child support; authorizing certain administrative procedures for redirecting child support in limited cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 518.5513, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senator Ruud introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2370:** A bill for an act relating to child support; providing that certain judgments are permanent; eliminating a renewal requirement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 548.09, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 548.091, subdivision 3b.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senator Ruud introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2371:** A bill for an act relating to child care; limiting payments for certain absences; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 119B.13, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Ruud and Pariseau introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2372:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; providing for a determination of unrefunded gasoline tax attributable to motor boats; requiring a report.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Ruud, Sams and Skoe introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2373:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for extension of the Paul Bunyan Trail.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Ruud, Larson and Wergin introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2374:** A bill for an act relating to higher education; making changes to postsecondary enrollment options; requiring equivalent admission standards; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 135A.101, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senators Johnson, D.J.; Knutson; Limmer; Michel and Larson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2375:** A bill for an act relating to veterans; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XIII, section 8, to authorize general obligation bonding proceeds to be used to pay a bonus to Minnesota residents who served as members of the United States military during the Global War on Terrorism.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming.

**Senators Wiger and Robling introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2376:** A bill for an act relating to state employment; modifying affirmative action provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 43A.02, by adding a subdivision; 43A.19, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Rules, part 3900.0400, subpart 11.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

**Senators Murphy; Johnson, D.E.; Langseth; Senjem and Kleis introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2377:** A bill for an act relating to highways; requiring commissioner of transportation to allocate certain spending for highway improvements equally between metropolitan district and remainder of state; amending Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 19, article 3, section 1, subdivisions 1, 2; Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 19, article 3, section 3.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Skoe, Sams, Kubly, Sparks and Dille introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2378:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; modifying the local government aid formula; eliminating taconite aids from the computation of city formula aid in the local government aid formula; increasing the appropriation for local government aid and providing the funding sources for the increased appropriation; delaying restoration of reductions in market value homestead credit reimbursements; reducing the amount of motor vehicle sales tax proceeds appropriated for transit; authorizing levies for transit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 473.388, subdivision 7; 473.446, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, sections 297B.09, subdivision 1; 477A.011, subdivision 36; 477A.013, subdivisions 8, 9; 477A.03, subdivision 2a.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Scheid, Rest, Kiscaden and Hottinger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2379:** A bill for an act relating to commerce; regulating real estate brokers and salespersons; making various changes in real property law; recodifying the laws and rules regulating these licensees; making technical and conforming changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 58.12, subdivision 1; 58.13, subdivision 1; 58.16, subdivisions 2, 4; 82.17, subdivision 4, by adding subdivisions; 82.19, subdivision 5, by adding subdivisions; 82.195; 82.196; 82.197; 82.20, subdivisions 3, 4, 8, 9, by adding subdivisions; 82.21, by adding subdivisions; 82.22, subdivisions 6, 8, 12, 13, by adding subdivisions; 82.24, subdivisions 3, 5, by adding subdivisions; 82.27, by adding a subdivision; 513.55, subdivision 1; 515B.4-101; 515B.4-102; 515B.4-106; 515B.4-107; 515B.4-108; 559.21, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 82; 559; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 58.02, subdivision 24; 82.22, subdivision 9; Minnesota Rules, parts 2800.0100; 2800.0200; 2800.0300; 2800.1100; 2800.1200; 2800.1300; 2800.1400; 2800.1500; 2800.1600; 2800.1700; 2800.1750; 2800.1751; 2800.1800; 2800.1900; 2800.2000; 2800.2100; 2800.2150; 2805.0100; 2805.0200; 2805.0300; 2805.0400; 2805.0500; 2805.0600; 2805.0700; 2805.0800; 2805.0900; 2805.1000; 2805.1100; 2805.1300; 2805.1400; 2805.1500; 2805.1600; 2805.1700; 2805.1800; 2805.1900; 2805.2000.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senators Anderson, Higgins, Gaither, Pariseau and Chaudhary introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2380:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for metropolitan regional park acquisition and betterment.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Dibble, Lourey, Dille, Solon and Berglin introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2381:** A bill for an act relating to health; requiring persons to refrain from smoking in certain areas; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 144.412; 144.413, subdivision 2, by adding subdivisions; 144.414, as amended; 144.416; 144.4165; 144.417; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 144.415.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Saxhaug, Ruud, Bakk, Skoe and Stumpf introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2382:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for acquisition of forest land and conservation easements to match federal forest legacy funds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Ruud introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2383:** A bill for an act relating to maltreatment of minors; designating the Department of Corrections as the agency responsible for investigating allegations of alleged child maltreatment in Department of Corrections' licensed facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 626.556, subdivision 3c.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Dibble, Metzen, Frederickson, Kubly and Chaudhary introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2384:** A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and to better public land and other public improvements of a capital nature; appropriating money for natural resource and environment projects; authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Michel, Scheid, Neuville and Hann introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2385:** A bill for an act relating to civil law; reforming medical malpractice liability; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 147; 604.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Dibble, Senjem and Higgins introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2386:** A bill for an act relating to economic development; providing a bidding exception for certain federally subsidized transit facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 469.015, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

**Senators Moua, Foley, McGinn, Ranum and Skoglund introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2387:** A bill for an act relating to crimes; treating probation officers the same as correctional employees for purposes of certain assaults; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 609.2231, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety.

**Senator Berglin introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2388:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money to improve the former Sears site in the city of Minneapolis; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

**S.F. No. 2389:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for the purchase of the former Minnesota Correctional Facility-Sauk Centre.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Fischbach introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2390:** A bill for an act relating to education; extending the garage lease levy for Independent School District No. 740, Sartell; amending Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 9, article 4, section 29.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Larson, Belanger, Metzen and Scheid introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2391:** A bill for an act relating to commerce; regulating the disclosure of certain information to certain investigatory entities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 45.027, subdivision 7a; 60A.03, subdivision 9; 60A.031, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senators Sams, Vickerman, Frederickson, Chaudhary and Pariseau introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2392:** A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to make grants to acquire and to better public land and other public improvements of a capital nature; appropriating money for natural resource and environment projects; authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Scheid introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2393:** A bill for an act relating to real property; providing for certain purchase money mortgages; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 507.02; 507.03.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Berglin, Lourey, Higgins and Kiscaden introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2394:** A bill for an act relating to health; nurses; modifying licensure and certification requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 148.211, subdivision 1; 148.284; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 148.212, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Murphy and McGinn introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2395:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing that a peace officer assigned to a bomb squad unit may operate any vehicle or combination of vehicles while engaged in bomb squad duties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 171.02, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Dibble introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2396:** A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money to fund grants for certain employment support services.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Dibble; Murphy; Johnson, D.E. and Marko introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2397:** A bill for an act relating to highways; requiring commissioner of transportation to prepare toll facilities plan; prohibiting noncompete provisions in toll facility development agreements from restricting or prohibiting development, design, construction, or operation of public transit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 160.84, subdivision 9; 160.86; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 160.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Marko, Murphy and Dibble introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2398:** A bill for an act relating to highways; repealing authorization for construction of toll roads; repealing authorization for collecting tolls for single-occupant vehicle use of high-occupancy vehicle lanes; prohibiting imposition of tolls on existing roads or construction of new toll roads; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 160; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 160.84; 160.85; 160.86; 160.87; 160.88; 160.89; 160.90; 160.91; 160.92; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 160.93.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Marko, Murphy and Dibble introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2399:** A bill for an act relating to highways; repealing authorization for construction of future toll roads and bridges; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 165.07, subdivision 4; 165.08, subdivision 3; 165.13; 469.055, subdivision 9; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 160; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 160.84; 160.85; 160.86; 160.87; 160.88; 160.89; 160.90; 160.91; 160.92; 165.08, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 160.93.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Marko, Murphy, Dibble and Johnson, D.E. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2400:** A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; requiring insurance validation stickers on vehicle registration plates; making clarifying changes; imposing misdemeanor penalty; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 65B.482, subdivision 1; 169.79, subdivision 7, by adding a subdivision; 169.793.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Solon, Berglin, Lourey, Dille and Kiscaden introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2401:** A bill for an act relating to human services; creating a children's health security account; establishing the children's health security program; specifying eligibility criteria, covered services, and administrative procedures; increasing the tax on tobacco products; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, sections 297F.05, subdivisions 3, 4; 297F.10, as amended; Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 297F.05, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256N.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senator Kelley introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2402:** A bill for an act relating to telecommunications; expanding the geographic boundaries for local calling within the state; implementing a new policy for intercompany compensation for the exchange of certain traffic; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 237.

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

**Senators Marty and Dibble introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2403:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; income and corporate franchise; requiring the add-back of certain deductions for certain motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 290.01, subdivisions 19a, 19c; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Marty and Hottinger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2404:** A bill for an act relating to the environment; providing sales tax exemptions; adopting California vehicle emissions standards; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 297B.03; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116.



Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Kubly, Higgins, Koering, Kiscaden and Lourey introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2405:** A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying division of cost provisions for medical assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 256B.19, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Moua, Pogemiller, Rest, Belanger and McGinn introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2406:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; insurance premiums; reducing the rate on life insurance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 297I.05, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Nienow introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2407:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for removal and restoration of the Rush Creek Dam.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Dille introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2408:** A bill for an act relating to education; including personal and family financial management and investment education as an elective for high school graduation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 120B.024; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senator Saxhaug introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2409:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money to improve the Mount Itasca biathlon and cross-country ski facility; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Saxhaug and Bakk introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2410:** A bill for an act relating to appropriations; restoring funding for the Minnesota Historical Society.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Pappas and Cohen introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2411:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Health Care Education and Training Center in the city of St. Paul; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Anderson, Scheid, Sparks and Metzen introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2412:** A bill for an act relating to mortgage foreclosure; providing for a new law to regulate foreclosure reconveyance; establishing licensure for foreclosure purchasers; adding a notice to homeowners in foreclosure; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 580.03; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 325E; 580.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senators Sparks, Murphy, Bakk and Saxhaug introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2413:** A bill for an act relating to employment; regulating payment for overtime work; amending Minnesota Statutes 2002, section 177.25, subdivision 1.

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

**Senator Vickerman introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2414:** A bill for an act relating to human services; repealing increased nursing home surcharge on private pay residents on a certain date; amending Minnesota Statutes 2003 Supplement, section 256.9657, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senator Bakk introduced--**

**S.F. No. 2415:** A bill for an act relating to building codes; requiring certain modular residential structures and prefabricated homes to be in compliance with certain building codes; requiring certain inspections; providing for rulemaking; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Senators Anderson and Rest were excused from the Session of today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Johnson, D.E. moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 1, 2004. The motion prevailed.

Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate

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