

SECOND DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, January 4, 2007

The Senate met at 11:00 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

CALL OF THE SENATE

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

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Craig Richter.

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

Anderson	Erickson Ropes	Kubly	Olson, M.	Senjem
Bakk	Fischbach	Langseth	Ortman	Sheran
Berglin	Foley	Larson	Pappas	Sieben
Betzold	Frederickson	Latz	Pariseau	Skoe
Bonoff	Gerlach	Lourey	Pogemiller	Skogen
Carlson	Gimse	Lynch	Prettner Solon	Sparks
Chaudhary	Hann	Marty	Rest	Stumpf
Clark	Higgins	Metzen	Robling	Tomassoni
Cohen	Ingebrigtsen	Michel	Rosen	Torres Ray
Day	Johnson	Moua	Rummel	Vandever
Dibble	Jungbauer	Murphy	Saltzman	Vickerman
Dille	Koch	Olseen	Saxhaug	Wergin
Doll	Koering	Olson, G.	Scheid	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 AND RESOLUTIONS FILED DURING THE INTERIM
WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

Various reports were filed during the 2006 interim by Retirement and Relief Associations and are filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate; also reports made by the Legislative Audit Commission on various state institutions and boards; Departments of Pollution Control Agency and Agriculture, Superfund Program, 2006; Housing Finance Agency, Minnesota Families Affordable Rental Investment Fund, 2006; Department of Education, Coordination of Early Care and Education Programs, 2006; Department of Health, Progress Report, 2006; Department of Health, Minnesota Hospital Public Interest Review: Proposal for a New Inpatient Facility in Cass County, 2006; University of Minnesota, Transportation Data Research Laboratory, Annual Report, 2004; Southwest Regional Development Commission, Overall Work Program, Fiscal Year 2007; Department of Natural Resources, State Forest Nursery Program, Fiscal Year 2005; Department

of Education, Dangerous Weapons and Disciplinary Incidents, Fiscal Year 2006; Department of Human Services, Resource Availability and Utilization of the Mental Retardation and Related Conditions Waiver, the Community Alternative Care Waiver, the Community Alternatives for Disabled Individuals Waiver and the Traumatic Brain Injury Waiver, 2006; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Minnesota Small Business and Small Targeted Group Business Procurement Program, Oct. 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006; Department of Health, Induced Abortions in Minnesota, Jan.-Dec., 2005, 2006; Department of Finance, Debt Capacity Report, 2006; Department of Administration, Biennial Land Disposition, 2004 a?? 2006; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grants, Annual Report, 2006; Department of Agriculture, Minnesota Agricultural Land Preservation Program, 2005; Department of Human Services, Status of Long-Term Care in Minnesota, 2005; Department of Natural Resources, Summaries of Wildlife Research Findings, 2005; Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, Annual Report, 2005 a?? 2006; Department of Human Services, Medical Care Surcharge Fund, Quarterly Report, June, 2006; Southwest Regional Development Commission, Annual Report, 2006; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Custom Products Alternative Industrial Model for Employment of Individuals with Severe Disabilities for the Extended Employment Program, 2006; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Business Assistance Report, 2006; Department of Labor and Industry, Construction Codes and Licensing Division, Building Permit Surcharge, 2006.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received.

May 24, 2005

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

MINNESOTA RURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

Howard Swenson, 45612 - 380th St., Nicollet, in the county of Nicollet, effective May 31, 2005, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

William Thyne, 321 Stephans Ave., Ortonville, in the county of Big Stone, effective May 31, 2005, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

(Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.)

June 17, 2005

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MINNESOTA
STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SYSTEM

Michael Boulton, 2539 State Hwy. 68, Porter, in the county of Lincoln, effective July 1, 2005, for a term that expires on June 30, 2007.

(Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.)

June 23, 2005

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

Peggy Moon, 1412 Dale St., Saint Joseph, in the county of Stearns, effective July 1, 2005, for a term that expires on June 30, 2009.

(Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight.)

July 5, 2005

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF THE ARTS

Judson Bemis, Jr., 2309 E. Lake of the Isles Pkwy., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective July 7, 2005, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Andrew Berryhill, 2432 E. 1st St., Duluth, in the county of Saint Louis, effective July 7, 2005, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Margaret Rapp, 8207 Marsh Creek Rd., Woodbury, in the county of Washington, effective July 7, 2005, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

(Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight.)

July 5, 2005

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF TEACHING

Charlene Delaney, 12572 Danbury Way, Rosemount, in the county of Dakota, effective July 7, 2005, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Asad Zaman, 6485 Dawn Way, Inver Grove Heights, in the county of Dakota, effective July 7, 2005, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

(Referred to the Committee on Education.)

July 5, 2005

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

David Rowland, 18439 Nicklaus Way, Eden Prairie, in the county of Hennepin, effective July 7, 2005, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

(Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.)

July 11, 2005

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF THE PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

Penny Johnson, 608 - 11th Ave. S.E., Willmar, in the county of Kandiyohi, effective July 15, 2005, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Roberta Jones, 3710 Vincent Ave. N., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective July 15, 2005, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

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Jane McWilliams, 901 W. 1st St., Northfield, in the county of Rice, effective July 15, 2005, for a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Sonja Peterson, 507 North Shore Dr., Battle Lake, in the county of Otter Tail, effective July 15, 2005, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Howard Wilson, 1380 - 85th Court Way, Northfield, in the county of Rice, effective July 15, 2005, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

(Referred to the Committee on Education.)

July 13, 2005

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

BOARD ON JUDICIAL STANDARDS

Douglas A. Fuller, 2004 Grotte Ave. N.E., Bemidji, in the county of Beltrami, effective July 18, 2005, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

(Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.)

July 28, 2005

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Carla Nelson, 931 S.W. 22nd Ave., Rochester, in the county of Olmsted, effective August 4, 2005, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

(Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.)

September 8, 2005

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION

Lynn Leegard, 614 - 88th Ave. N.E., Blaine, in the county of Anoka, effective September 13, 2005, for a term that expires on June 30, 2011.

(Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight.)

October 14, 2005

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION

William Kozitza, 1106 Lor Ray Dr., North Mankato, in the county of Nicollet, effective October 19, 2005, for a term that expires on June 30, 2011.

Dr. Camille McArdle, D.V.M., 20925 County Rd. 50, Corcoran, in the county of Hennepin, effective October 19, 2005, for a term that expires on June 30, 2011.

(Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight.)

January 18, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Michael D. Finch, 5917 Girard Ave. S., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective January 23, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security.)

February 10, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

MINNESOTA VETERANS HOMES BOARD

William H. Tendle, Jr., 2510 Weston Ln., Plymouth, in the county of Hennepin, effective February 16, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

William A. Wroolie, Jr., 1111 Lakeview Ln., Brainerd, in the county of Crow Wing, effective February 16, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.)

February 13, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

BOARD OF THE PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

Peter Adolphson, 15211 Knob Hill Curve, Minnetonka, in the county of Hennepin, effective February 20, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Education.)

February 13, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Ramraj Singh, 1204 Summit Oaks Dr., Burnsville, in the county of Dakota, effective February 20, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Education.)

February 17, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

Mahesh C. Kumar, 634 Jenisa Dr., Saint Cloud, in the county of Stearns, effective February 24, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.)

March 17, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

Lori Brown, 3043 Sandy Hook Dr., Roseville, in the county of Ramsey, effective March 22, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Laurie Hill, 5939 Honeysuckle Ln. N.W., Akeley, in the county of Cass, effective March 22, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Robert Jensen, 255 Riverside St., Mora, in the county of Kanabec, effective March 22, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Marlys Tanner, 1991 Lakeview Dr., Carlton, in the county of Carlton, effective March 22, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security.)

May 10, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF INVENTION

Candace Campbell, 3532 Irving Ave. S., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective May 15, 2006, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Mary Sue Collins, 1900 E. Camp St., Ely, in the county of Saint Louis, effective May 15, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Weston Cutter, 1169 Veronica Ln., Mendota Heights, in the county of Dakota, effective May 15, 2006, for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Pat L. Dillon, 2322 Townview Cir., Bloomington, in the county of Hennepin, effective May 15, 2006, for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Randall D. Olson, 3730 Ridgewood Dr., Eagan, in the county of Dakota, effective May 15, 2006, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Leonard S. Pederson, 16728 Shady Oak Ln., Waterville, in the county of Le Sueur, effective May 15, 2006, for a term that expires on January 1, 2007.

Theresa A. Santiago, 968 Stony Point Rd., Eagan, in the county of Dakota, effective May 15, 2006, for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

Andrew Wells, 4885 Windsor Ct., Bemidji, in the county of Beltrami, effective May 15, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.)

June 16, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

Gerald E. Dexter, 3020 N. Rice St., Little Canada, in the county of Ramsey, effective July 1, 2006, for a term that expires on June 30, 2010.

Shirleen Hoffman, 599 Marsh Dr., Delano, in the county of Wright, effective July 1, 2006, for a term that expires on June 30, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight.)

June 22, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

BOARD OF THE PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

Alex Plechash, 475 Highcroft Rd., Wayzata, in the county of Hennepin, effective June 29, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Education.)

June 23, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF THE ARTS

Matthew Anderson, 3425 Michael Ave., White Bear Lake, in the county of Ramsey, effective June 30, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Pam Perri Weaver, 402 Rice St., Anoka, in the county of Anoka, effective June 30, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight.)

June 29, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

MINNESOTA RURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

Lisa Heggedahl, 71521 - 240th Ave., Hayfield, in the county of Dodge, effective July 6, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Gary Pawlitschek, 601 - 6th Ave. S.W., Winnebago, in the county of Faribault, effective July 6, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.)

July 5, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Jim Rhodes, 3408 Rhode Island Ave. S., Saint Louis Park, in the county of Hennepin, effective July 7, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Louise Sundin, 5216 Vincent Ave. S., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective July 7, 2006, for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

(Referred to the Committee on Education.)

July 5, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MINNESOTA
STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SYSTEM

Dan McElroy, 12805 Welcome Ln., Burnsville, in the county of Dakota, effective July 1, 2006, for a term that expires on June 30, 2012.

Christine Rice, 11152 - 14th St. N., Lake Elmo, in the county of Washington, effective July 1, 2006, for a term that expires on June 30, 2012.

C. Scott Thiss, 4581 Drexel Ave., Edina, in the county of Hennepin, effective July 1, 2006, for a term that expires on June 30, 2012.

James Van Houten, 3832 W. Calhoun Pkwy., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective July 1, 2006, for a term that expires on June 30, 2012.

(Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.)

July 5, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Michael Ranum, 203 E. Golden Lake Cir., Circle Pines, in the county of Anoka, effective July 6, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.)

July 17, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Appointment for Bradley M. Moore, whom I have appointed Acting Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, effective Wednesday, August 2, 2006.

July 17, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Appointment for Cal Ludeman, whom I have appointed Acting Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Human Services, effective Wednesday, July 26, 2006.

July 28, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

Enclosed is a copy of the Notice of Appointment for Matt Kramer, whom I have appointed Acting Commissioner of the Minnesota Department of Employee Relations, effective Wednesday, August 9, 2006.

August 14, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

Donald Schiefelbein, 34897 - 717th Ave., Kimball, in the county of Meeker, effective August 21, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.)

August 17, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as

required by law:

LEGISLATIVE-CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES

Alfred Berner, 634 Jenisa Dr., Saint Cloud, in the county of Stearns, effective August 24, 2006, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Nancy Gibson, 2712 Glenhurst Ave., Saint Louis Park, in the county of Hennepin, effective August 24, 2006, for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

David Hartwell, 1767 Fremont Ave. S., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective August 24, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

John Hunt, 22302 County Rd. 5, Big Lake, in the county of Sherburne, effective August 24, 2006, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Mary Mueller, 25859 - 577th Ave., Winthrop, in the county of Sibley, effective August 24, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.)

August 31, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MINNESOTA
STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES SYSTEM

Caleb Anderson, 480 E. County Rd. B, Maplewood, in the county of Ramsey, effective September 5, 2006, for a term that expires on June 30, 2008.

(Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.)

Sincerely,
Tim Pawlenty, Governor

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce that the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota is now duly organized pursuant to law and has elected the following officers:

Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Speaker

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk

Patrick D. Murphy, First Assistant Chief Clerk

Gail C. Romanowski, Second Assistant Chief Clerk

Eric O. Bergstrom, First Assistant Sergeant at Arms

Julia Miller, Second Assistant Sergeant at Arms/Postmaster

Solving K. Kong, Assistant Postmaster

Heather L. Ball, Index Clerk

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted January 3, 2007

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce that the Speaker has appointed Sandra A. Dicke as Chief Sergeant at Arms.

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted January 3, 2007

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the adoption by the House of the following Senate Concurrent Resolution, herewith returned:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3: A Senate concurrent resolution relating to adjournment for more than three days.

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned January 3, 2007

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senators Wiger and Metzen introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 11: A Senate resolution honoring Specialist Bryan T. McDonough, a soldier from Maplewood, Minnesota, who was killed in Iraq.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Wiger introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 12: A Senate resolution honoring the City of Maplewood on the occasion of its 50th Anniversary.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Koch introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 13: A Senate resolution congratulating Zachary Johnson of Foley, Minnesota, for receiving the Eagle Award.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Gerlach introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 14: A Senate resolution congratulating Robert William Preston of Burnsville, Minnesota, for receiving the Eagle Award.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Koch introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 15: A Senate resolution congratulating Allison Krause of Montrose, Minnesota, for receiving the Girl Scout Gold Award.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Koch introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 16: A Senate resolution congratulating Sara Marquette of Buffalo, Minnesota, for receiving the Gold Award.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senators Bakk, Skoe, Stumpf and Moua introduced–

S.F. No. 1: A bill for an act relating to taxation; increasing state aids to education; increasing certain homestead market value credits; increasing amounts of property tax refunds and targeting refunds for homeowners; modifying and increasing aids paid to cities and counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 126C.10, subdivision 2; 126C.17, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 273.1384, subdivisions 1, 2; 290A.04, subdivisions 2, 2h, 4; 477A.011, subdivision 34; 477A.013, subdivision 8; 477A.03, subdivisions 2a, 2b.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Berglin introduced–

S.F. No. 2: A bill for an act relating to health care; establishing premium rate restrictions and expenditure limits; requiring an interoperable electronic health records system; requiring a plan to achieve universal health care; expanding the definition of dependent coverage; eliminating the modification to the MinnesotaCare application form; implementing an intensive care management

program; increasing reimbursement for critical access dental providers; extending medical assistance coverage to Medicare Part D co-payments; creating grants for nonprofit dental providers with a high proportion of uninsured patients; eliminating co-payments for medical assistance and general assistance medical care; modifying the period of renewal for MinnesotaCare; modifying the definition of employer-subsidized insurance; providing for MinnesotaCare outreach; creating a prescription drug discount program; expanding the benefit set for single adults; increasing the eligibility income limit for single adults; increasing the cap for inpatient hospitalization benefits for adults; modifying the definition of income for self-employed farmers; removing insurance barriers for children in MinnesotaCare; eliminating MinnesotaCare premiums for members of the military and their families; reducing premiums for MinnesotaCare; restoring family planning grants; creating a patient incentive health program; requiring uniform billing forms; establishing a small employer option; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XIII, by adding a section; affirming that every resident of Minnesota has the right to affordable health care; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 62A.65, subdivision 3; 62E.02, subdivision 7; 62J.04, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 62J.041; 62J.301, subdivision 3; 62J.38; 62J.495; 62L.02, subdivision 11; 62L.08, subdivision 8; 62Q.165, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 256.01, subdivision 2b; 256B.056, subdivision 10; 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision; 256B.075, subdivision 2; 256B.76; 256D.03, subdivisions 3, 4; 256L.01, subdivision 4; 256L.03, subdivisions 1, 3, 5; 256L.04, subdivisions 1a, 7, 10, by adding a subdivision; 256L.05, subdivisions 1b, 2, 3a; 256L.07, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 6; 256L.15, subdivisions 1, 2, 4; 256L.17, subdivision 7; Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 4, article 9, section 3, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 256; 256L; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 62A.301; 256B.0631; 256L.035.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security.

Senators Clark, Stumpf, Bonoff, Saltzman and Olson, G. introduced—

S.F. No. 3: A bill for an act relating to early childhood; establishing an allowance for early childhood learning preparedness and enrichment expenses; reducing class sizes for K-3 to meet the statutory state standard; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 126C.05, subdivision 1; 126C.12, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Anderson introduced—

S.F. No. 4: A bill for an act relating to energy; establishing renewable energy standard; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 216B.1691.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications.

Senator Murphy introduced—

S.F. No. 5: A bill for an act relating to transportation; authorizing county wheelage tax and providing for collection; modifying vehicle registration tax provisions; creating transit fund and accounts; establishing phase in of motor vehicle sales tax revenues to transportation; modifying motor fuel and special fuels taxes rates and providing for indexing of fuel taxes; modifying formula

for distribution of county state-aid highway fund; dedicating sales tax on motor vehicle leases to transportation; authorizing local transportation sales tax; creating road user fee task force; authorizing general obligation bonding and trunk highway fund bonding; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16A.88; 161.04, by adding a subdivision; 162.07, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 163.051; 168.011, subdivision 6; 168.013, subdivisions 1, 1a; 168.017, subdivision 3; 174.24, subdivision 1; 296A.07, subdivision 3; 296A.08, subdivision 2; 297A.815, by adding subdivisions; 297A.94; 297B.09, subdivision 1; 473.39, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 296A; 297A.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Pogemiller, Frederickson, Cohen, Chaudhary and Anderson introduced—

S.F. No. 6: A bill for an act relating to natural and cultural resources; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XI; increasing the sales tax rate by three-eighths of one percent and dedicating the receipts for natural and cultural resource purposes; creating an arts, humanities, museum, and public broadcasting fund; creating a heritage enhancement fund; creating a parks and trails fund; creating a clean water fund; establishing a Heritage Enhancement Council; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 10A.01, subdivision 35; 114D.20, subdivision 6; 114D.30, subdivision 6; 114D.45; 297A.62, subdivision 1; 297A.94; 297B.02, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 85; 97A; 129D.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Betzold introduced—

S.F. No. 7: A bill for an act relating to retirement; defining the procedures to appeal administrative decisions made by the chief administrative officers; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 356; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 352.031; 354.071.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight.

Senator Betzold introduced—

S.F. No. 8: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for trunk highway improvements; authorizing sale of trunk highway bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Cohen introduced—

S.F. No. 9: A bill for an act proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article I, by adding a section; providing for equality of rights under the law for men and women.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Cohen introduced—

S.F. No. 10: A bill for an act relating to the legislature; reducing the number of members of

the senate and house of representatives; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 2.021; 2.031, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 2.031, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight.

Senator Cohen introduced—

S.F. No. 11: A bill for an act relating to state government finance; providing an appropriation for emergencies; requiring reports and recommendations to bring the state budget into compliance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles; requiring disclosure of the impact of inflation on state expenditures; requiring consultation on expenditure data; requiring a report of cash flow for the general fund; providing continuing appropriations for the operation of state government under certain conditions; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 9.061, subdivision 5; 16A.055, subdivision 1; 16A.103, subdivisions 1a, 1b, 1c, 1e; 16A.11, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 12: A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing certain levy authority; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.45.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Wiger and Rummel introduced—

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

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senators Marty, Prettner Solon, Lourey and Erickson Ropes introduced—

S.F. No. 14: A bill for an act relating to health; providing for a universal health care system that provides affordable access to high quality medical care for all Minnesotans; requiring a focus on preventive care and early intervention; providing comprehensive benefits; reducing costs through prevention, efficiency, and elimination of bureaucracy; directing the commissioner of health to prepare a plan to be implemented by 2010; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XIII, by adding a section, affirming that every resident of Minnesota has the right to affordable, comprehensive health care; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security.

Senators Prettner Solon, Marty, Berglin and Rosen introduced—

S.F. No. 15: 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; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 297F.05, subdivisions 1, 3, 4; 297F.10; 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, Housing and Family Security.

Senators Murphy, Moua, Clark and Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 16: A bill for an act relating to traffic regulations; making seat belt violation a primary offense in all seating positions regardless of age; increasing the fine for seat belt violations; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 169.686, subdivision 1; 171.05, subdivision 2b; 171.055, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Bakk and Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 17: A bill for an act relating to taxation; conforming certain income, franchise, and property tax refund provisions for tax year 2006 to the federal teacher expense deduction, tuition subtraction, and other provisions of the Tax Relief and Health Care Act of 2006, the Heroes Earned Retirement Opportunity Act, and the Pension Protection Plan of 2006; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 290.01, subdivisions 19, 31; 290A.03, subdivision 15.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Vandever introduced—

S.F. No. 18: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; transferring administration of Boomsite Wayside; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.013, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Rest, Moua, Larson, Dibble and Hann introduced—

S.F. No. 19: A bill for an act relating to metropolitan government; terminating the Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 3.884; 473.246.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight.

Senators Chaudhary, Pogemiller, Stumpf, Skogen and Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 20: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XI; increasing the sales tax rate by one-fourth of one percent and dedicating the receipts for natural resource purposes; creating a heritage enhancement fund; creating a parks and trails fund; creating a clean water legacy fund; establishing a Heritage Enhancement Council; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 10A.01, subdivision 35; 297A.62, subdivision

1; 297A.94; 297B.02, subdivision 1; Laws 2006, chapter 251, section 9; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 85; 97A.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senator Limmer was excused from the Session of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 8, 2007. The motion prevailed.

Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate

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