

## NINTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, January 25, 2007

The Senate met at 11:45 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. Rory Swenson.

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

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

The President declared a quorum present.

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

**EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS**

The following communication was received.

January 10, 2007

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 DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYEE RELATIONS  
COMMISSIONER

Patricia Anderson, 4005 Deerwood Trl., Eagan, in the county of Dakota, effective January 11, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

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

Sincerely,  
Tim Pawlenty, Governor

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Committee Reports at the Desk be now adopted, with the exception of the reports pertaining to appointments. The motion prevailed.

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

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

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

Page 1, delete lines 4 to 21

Page 2, delete lines 1 to 17 and insert:

"WHEREAS, the Great Lakes are a tremendous value to Minnesota as an environmental and economic resource, both as the world's largest body of fresh water and as a crucial international shipping channel; and

WHEREAS, aquatic invasive species, including the recent introduction of the fish killing VHS virus, have caused significant damage to native environments and industrial operations in the Great Lakes and around the world; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota's Lake Superior ports provide Minnesota farmers, miners, and manufacturers with access to foreign markets through the Great Lakes/Saint Lawrence Seaway, with nearly 41.7 million metric tons of maritime cargo through the Port of Duluth-Superior in exchange for approximately 35.4 million metric tons of untreated ballast water in 2005; and

WHEREAS, current federal laws and enforcement governing the introduction of aquatic invasive species into United States waters via ballast water of ocean-going and Great Lakes ships and other sources are inadequate; and

WHEREAS, because of the detrimental effects of imposing regional restrictions on an international shipping channel, there is a need for uniform federal regulation and control; and

WHEREAS, there is currently no nationally accepted standard for drinking and treated waste ballast water quality nor any approved ballast treatment technologies available to ship operators;  
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Legislature of the State of Minnesota:

That the Minnesota Legislature has a great concern for the protection of its environmental and economic resources now imminently threatened by the VHS fish killing viruses invading Lake St.Clair, Lake Erie, and Lake Ontario;

That the Minnesota Legislature urges the United States Congress to acknowledge the national urgency of this problem and move quickly to enact federal legislation to establish a strong ballast water regulatory program sufficient to prohibit further VHS virus infestations and prevent future introduction of aquatic invasive species into all United States waters by requiring disinfection and sterilization of all ballast water;

That the Minnesota Legislature declares its support for the efforts of the United States federal agencies, including the United States Geological Survey, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, the United States Environmental Protection Agency, the Coast Guard, Canadian government agencies, and the International Maritime Organization to put in place an international ballast water treatment and regulatory program for the Great Lakes and connecting channels; and

That the Minnesota Legislature declares its support for a revised "Great Ships Initiative," applicable to Great Lakes monitoring and enforcement of aquatic invasive species prohibition and prevention efforts, a research and development project funded jointly by the Indiana Port Commission and other Great Lakes ports, the U. S. Department of Transportation, the National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and other federal agencies with the revised goals of accelerating and improving existing applicable disinfection technology and the development of monitoring methods for disease and other invasive organisms and availability of ballast water treatment technology.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of State of the State of Minnesota is directed to prepare copies of this memorial and transmit them to the President of the United States, the President and the Secretary of the United States Senate, the Speaker and the Clerk of the United States House of Representatives, Minnesota's Senators and Representatives in Congress, federal agencies that regulate maritime transportation, the Great Lakes Commission, and the International Joint Commission, United States-Canada."

And when so amended the resolution do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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

**S.F. No. 38:** A bill for an act relating to waters; enacting the Great Lakes – St. Lawrence River Basin Water Resources Compact; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103G.

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 and Oversight. Report adopted.

**Senator Metzen from the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs, to which were referred the following appointments:**

BUREAU OF MEDIATION SERVICES

## COMMISSIONER

James Alex Cunningham, Jr.

## DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

## COMMISSIONER

Dan McElroy

## DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY

## COMMISSIONER

Scott Brener

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the appointments be confirmed.

Senator Pogemiller moved that the foregoing committee report be laid on the table. The motion prevailed.

**Senator Vickerman from the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans, to which were referred the following appointments:**

## BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

Mahesh C. Kumar

## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

## COMMISSIONER

Clark Dyrud

## MINNESOTA RURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

Lisa Heggedahl

Gary Pawlitschek

Howard Swenson

William Thyne

## MINNESOTA VETERANS HOMES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

William H. Tendle, Jr.

William A. Wroolie, Jr.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the appointments be confirmed.

Senator Pogemiller moved that the foregoing committee report be laid on the table. The motion prevailed.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Senator Marty moved that the name of Senator Berglin be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 148. The motion prevailed.

Senator Vickerman moved that the name of Senator Frederickson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 160. The motion prevailed.

Senator Robling moved that the name of Senator Rest be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 169. The motion prevailed.

Senator Ortman moved that the name of Senator Hann be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 195. The motion prevailed.

**Senators Metzen and Sieben introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 26:** A Senate resolution honoring Thomas D. Waldhauser on his promotion to the rank of major general.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senator Stumpf introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 27:** A Senate resolution recognizing February of 2007 as Career and Technical Education Month in Minnesota.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senators Pappas, Moua, Anderson and Cohen introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 28:** A Senate resolution honoring Isis Roper for being named the recipient of the 2006 Milken Family Foundation National Educator Award.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Kubly moved that S.F. No. 141 be withdrawn from the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion prevailed.

## CALENDAR

**H.F. No. 8:** 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, 19b, 31; 290A.03, subdivision 15.

Was read the third time and placed on its final passage.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 65 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Anderson	Dibble	Higgins	Limmer	Olson, G.
Bakk	Dille	Ingebrigtsen	Lourey	Olson, M.
Berglin	Doll	Johnson	Lynch	Ortman
Betzold	Erickson Ropes	Jungbauer	Marty	Pappas
Bonoff	Fischbach	Koch	Metzen	Pogemiller
Carlson	Foley	Koering	Michel	Prettner Solon
Chaudhary	Frederickson	Kubly	Moua	Rest
Clark	Gerlach	Langseth	Murphy	Robling
Cohen	Gimse	Larson	Neuville	Rosen
Day	Hann	Latz	Olseen	Rummel

Saltzman  
Saxhaug  
Scheid

Senjem  
Sheran  
Sieben

Skoe  
Skogen  
Sparks

Tomassoni  
Torres Ray  
Vandevveer

Vickerman  
Wergin  
Wiger

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

**S.F. No. 25:** A bill for an act relating to state finance; requiring the commissioner of finance to adjust for projected inflation in forecasting state expenditures; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16A.103, subdivisions 1a, 1b.

Was read the third time and placed on its final passage.

### CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Hann imposed a call of the Senate for the balance of the proceedings on S.F. No. 25. The Sergeant at Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

The question was taken on the passage of the bill.

Senator Pogemiller moved that those not voting be excused from voting. The motion prevailed.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 43 and nays 21, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Anderson  
Bakk  
Berglin  
Betzold  
Bonoff  
Carlson  
Chaudhary  
Clark  
Cohen

Dibble  
Doll  
Erickson Ropes  
Foley  
Higgins  
Kubly  
Langseth  
Larson  
Latz

Lourey  
Lynch  
Marty  
Metzen  
Moua  
Murphy  
Olseen  
Olson, M.  
Pappas

Pogemiller  
Prettner Solon  
Rest  
Rummel  
Saltzman  
Saxhaug  
Scheid  
Sheran  
Sieben

Skoe  
Skogen  
Sparks  
Tomassoni  
Torres Ray  
Vickerman  
Wiger

Those who voted in the negative were:

Dille  
Fischbach  
Frederickson  
Gerlach  
Gimse

Hann  
Ingebrigtsen  
Johnson  
Jungbauer  
Koch

Koering  
Limmer  
Michel  
Neuville  
Olson, G.

Ortman  
Robling  
Rosen  
Senjem  
Vandevveer

Wergin

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

### INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

**Senator Olson, M. introduced—**

**S.F. No. 215:** A bill for an act relating to habitual truants; removing a provision relating to termination of jurisdiction; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 260C.193, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Vickerman, Frederickson, Skoe, Dille and Anderson introduced–**

**S.F. No. 216:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for general service grants to soil and water conservation districts.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Bakk introduced–**

**S.F. No. 217:** A bill for an act relating to employment; regulating employee invention agreements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 181.78, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

**Senator Rest introduced–**

**S.F. No. 218:** A bill for an act relating to aeronautics; clarifying disclosure requirements for transfers of real property in certain airport safety zones; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 360.065, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senator Scheid introduced–**

**S.F. No. 219:** A bill for an act relating to human rights; providing for a suspension of the running of the statute of limitations for sexual harassment claims when employer investigations are pending; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 363A.28, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senator Scheid introduced–**

**S.F. No. 220:** A bill for an act relating to education; providing for an international baccalaureate pilot program across all grades of a school district; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Neville and Metzen introduced–**

**S.F. No. 221:** A bill for an act relating to employment; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

**Senators Wiger and Vickerman introduced–**

**S.F. No. 222:** A bill for an act relating to education; establishing a commission to study high school reform.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senators Sieben, Bonoff, Dibble, Moua and Murphy introduced–**

**S.F. No. 223:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the sale of state bonds; appropriating money for the state's share of high-speed rail line between St. Paul and Chicago.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Sieben, Dibble, Saltzman, Carlson and Scheid introduced–**

**S.F. No. 224:** A bill for an act relating to taxes; income; providing an income tax credit for telecommuting equipment expenses; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Pappas, Metzen, Higgins, Prettner Solon and Olson, M. introduced–**

**S.F. No. 225:** A bill for an act relating to financial institutions; requiring counseling and disclosures with respect to high-cost home loans; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 58.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

**Senators Pappas, Higgins, Larson, Rest and Gerlach introduced–**

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

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

**Senators Vickerman, Wergin, Dille, Skoe and Murphy introduced–**

**S.F. No. 227:** A bill for an act relating to the Rural Finance Authority; providing for sale of bonds; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Rest, Murphy, Jungbauer, Moua and Bonoff introduced–**

**S.F. No. 228:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; creating transit fund and transportation endowment fund; rejecting rebate plan; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16A.1522, subdivision 1; 16A.88; 162.07, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 174.24, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 160.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Pariseau, Wergin, Gimse, Ingebrigtsen and Olson, G. introduced–**

**S.F. No. 229:** 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 one-fourth of one percent for natural resource purposes; creating a heritage enhancement fund; creating a clean water legacy 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.94; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97A.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Larson, Higgins, Sieben, Saxhaug and Metzen introduced–**

**S.F. No. 230:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; income; providing a technology credit for small business; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Limmer, Gerlach, Vandever, Ingebrigtsen and Gimse introduced–**

**S.F. No. 231:** A bill for an act relating to higher education; prohibiting the use of state funds for certain contract buyouts; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 137.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

**Senator Gerlach introduced–**

**S.F. No. 232:** A bill for an act relating to higher education; providing stable undergraduate tuition rates; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 136F; 137.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

**Senators Limmer, Ingebrigtsen, Vandever, Foley and Moua introduced–**

**S.F. No. 233:** A bill for an act relating to the judiciary; forbidding restrictions on political activities of employees outside of the workplace; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 480.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Gerlach, Ortman, Tomassoni, Prettner Solon and Johnson introduced–**

**S.F. No. 234:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; eliminating the imposition and refund of sales tax on capital equipment; eliminating an obsolete provision; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 297A.68, subdivision 5; 297A.75.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Higgins, Senjem, Scheid, Chaudhary and Frederickson introduced—**

**S.F. No. 235:** A bill for an act relating to environment; providing for collection, transportation, and recycling of video display devices; providing civil penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Kubly, Murphy, Skoe, Frederickson and Langseth introduced—**

**S.F. No. 236:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for regional transportation planning.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Neuville, Senjem, Day, Wergin and Fischbach introduced—**

**S.F. No. 237:** A bill for an act relating to health; developing a statewide plan for the redesign of the health care system.

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

**Senators Sheran, Latz, Rosen, Dibble and Dille introduced—**

**S.F. No. 238:** A bill for an act relating to health; establishing the Freedom to Breathe Act of 2007; establishing public policy to protect employees and the general public from the known hazards of secondhand smoke; requiring persons to refrain from smoking in certain areas; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 144.412; 144.413, subdivisions 2, 4, by adding subdivisions; 144.414; 144.416; 144.417; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.415.

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

**Senators Sheran, Anderson and Prettnner Solon introduced—**

**S.F. No. 239:** A bill for an act relating to energy; extending eligibility period for certain renewable energy production incentives; amending Laws 2005, chapter 40, section 2, subdivision 4.

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

**Senators Gerlach, Ortman, Michel, Koch and Vandeverer introduced—**

**S.F. No. 240:** A bill for an act relating to taxes; sales and use tax; reducing the rate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297A.62, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Limmer, Moua, Scheid, Foley and Ortman introduced–**

**S.F. No. 241:** A bill for an act relating to mortgage lending; prohibiting sale of information provided on a mortgage application; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 13C.01, by adding a subdivision; 58.13, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

**Senators Metzen and Scheid introduced–**

**S.F. No. 242:** A bill for an act relating to occupations; modifying regulation of barbers and barbering schools; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 154.065, subdivision 2; 154.07, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 154.07, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

**Senator Prettner Solon introduced–**

**S.F. No. 243:** A bill for an act relating to health; requiring human papilloma virus vaccination of female children and education materials developed; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 121A.15, subdivisions 1, 2, 3a, 4, 10, by adding a subdivision.

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

**Senators Murphy and Senjem introduced–**

**S.F. No. 244:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for design and engineering for restoration of Lake Zumbro.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Langseth and Stumpf introduced–**

**S.F. No. 245:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; increasing border city enterprise zone allocations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 469.169, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Vandever, Gimse, Gerlach, Ingebrigtsen and Hann introduced–**

**S.F. No. 246:** A bill for an act relating to the legislature; requiring senate living and other expenses to be determined by resolution adopted by the senate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 3.099, subdivision 1; 3.101.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senators Dibble, Larson, Jungbauer, Kubly and Murphy introduced–**

**S.F. No. 247:** A bill for an act relating to traffic regulations; doubling fine for moving violation committed while operating mobile phone; providing affirmative defense to doubled fine; amending

Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.89, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senator Betzold introduced—**

**S.F. No. 248:** A bill for an act relating to elections; changing a prohibition on certain expenditures; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 211B.12.

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

**Senators Lynch, Wergin, Lourey and Koering introduced—**

**S.F. No. 249:** A bill for an act relating to health occupations; modifying dental licensure provisions for applicants from nonaccredited programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 150A.06, subdivision 1.

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

**Senators Berglin and Rosen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 250:** A bill for an act relating to human services; changing the chemical dependency allocations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 254B.02, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Erickson Ropes, Vickerman, Larson, Lynch and Senjem introduced—**

**S.F. No. 251:** A resolution urging the President and the United States Congress to name the Rochester, Minnesota Veterans Outpatient Clinic in honor of Marine Corporal Charles "Chuck" Lindberg.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

**Senators Jungbauer, Wergin and Koch introduced—**

**S.F. No. 252:** A bill for an act relating to energy; designating Elk River as Minnesota's energy city; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 1.

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

**Senators Lynch, Vickerman, Sheran, Lourey and Koering introduced—**

**S.F. No. 253:** A bill for an act relating to veterans; establishing the Minnesota GI Bill program for veterans; assigning responsibilities; determining eligibility; defining the assistance amount; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 136A.01, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

**Senators Wergin, Fischbach and Clark introduced–**

**S.F. No. 254:** A bill for an act relating to the ombudsman for mental health; imposing a term limit in office; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 245.92.

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

**Senators Wergin, Gimse and Erickson Ropes introduced–**

**S.F. No. 255:** A bill for an act relating to state government; veterans; designating veteran-owned small businesses as targeted group businesses for purposes of awarding certain state and metro agency procurement contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 16C.16, subdivision 5.

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

**Senators Jungbauer, Doll, Hann and Wergin introduced–**

**S.F. No. 256:** A bill for an act relating to elections; changing a petition requirement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 205A.05, subdivision 1.

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

**Senators Moua, Langseth, Michel, Anderson and Cohen introduced–**

**S.F. No. 257:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing expenditures to predesign an Asian Pacific Cultural Center in St. Paul; amending Laws 2006, chapter 258, section 21, subdivision 21.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Prettner Solon and Bakk introduced–**

**S.F. No. 258:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Duluth Entertainment and Convention Center arena.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Scheid introduced–**

**S.F. No. 259:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing a grant for the Brooklyn Center innovation district program; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Saxhaug, Tomassoni, Bakk and Koering introduced–**

**S.F. No. 260:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; providing for extension, cancellation, or termination of certain timber permits due to economic infeasibility; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 90.031, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Berglin, Rosen and Koering introduced—**

**S.F. No. 261:** A bill for an act relating to human services; providing additional criteria for ranking nursing facility moratorium exception proposals; increasing the limit on allowable interest on equipment; increasing the replacement-cost-new per bed limit; providing reimbursement for certain nursing facility property costs; authorizing funding of moratorium exception projects; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 144A.073, subdivision 4; 256B.431, subdivisions 17a, 17e; 256B.434, by adding a subdivision.

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

**Senators Erickson Ropes, Anderson and Saxhaug introduced—**

**S.F. No. 262:** A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying nonresident hunting fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.475, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senator Stumpf introduced—**

**S.F. No. 263:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; creating a financial incentive for school districts to share superintendents; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 123B.143, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Rummel, Higgins, Marty, Pariseau and Dille introduced—**

**S.F. No. 264:** A bill for an act relating to environment; requiring bags containing yard waste delivered to yard waste compost facilities to be compostable; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 115A.931.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Cohen, Pappas, Langseth, Senjem and Rosen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 265:** A bill for an act relating to economic development; establishing the Minnesota Biomedical Sciences Research Facilities Authority and the biomedical sciences research project funding program; providing for the University of Minnesota to apply for facility program funds; authorizing sale of state bonds to fund program; requiring reports; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.

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

**Senator Cohen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 266:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; public employees defined contribution

retirement plan; permitting certain St. Paul school board members to purchase prior uncovered service.

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

**Senator Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 267:** A bill for an act relating to animal health; removing limits on reimbursement for certain animals killed by order of the Board of Animal Health; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 35.09, subdivisions 1, 2a.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

**Senator Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 268:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales tax; eliminating a sales tax exemption for other states or political subdivisions of other states; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297A.70, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 269:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; making permanent certain temporary aid payments to taxing jurisdictions in Mahnomon County; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 477A.011, subdivision 36; Laws 2006, chapter 259, article 11, section 3.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Skogen, Koering, Sheran and Anderson introduced—**

**S.F. No. 270:** 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.

**Senators Betzold and Chaudhary introduced—**

**S.F. No. 271:** A bill for an act relating to education; authorizing a levy for Independent School District No. 14, Fridley.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Bakk and Saxhaug introduced—**

**S.F. No. 272:** A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing private sale of certain tax-forfeited land in Lake County.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Ingebrigtsen, Wergin, Betzold and Carlson introduced—**

**S.F. No. 273:** A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; creating special Gold Star Family license plates for family members of military personnel who have died in active military service; exempting plate fee and registration tax for certain survivors; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senators Saxhaug, Clark, Stumpf, Robling and Rummel introduced—**

**S.F. No. 274:** A bill for an act relating to early childhood education; proposing grant programs; expanding the kindergarten developmental assessment; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 119B.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Ingebrigtsen, Carlson, Rosen, Day and Scheid introduced—**

**S.F. No. 275:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring certain sex offenders to wear tracking and monitoring bracelets after release from prison; prescribing penalties; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 244.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Betzold, Berglin, Clark, Koering and Rest introduced—**

**S.F. No. 276:** A bill for an act relating to insurance; creating a statewide health insurance pool for school district employees; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 62E.02, subdivision 23; 62E.10, subdivision 1; 62E.11, subdivision 5; 297I.05, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

**Senators Higgins, Latz, Berglin, Neuville and Ingebrigtsen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 277:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; appropriating money for youth intervention program grants.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Koch, Rosen, Ingebrigtsen, Fischbach and Senjem introduced—**

**S.F. No. 278:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; amending the drug paraphernalia crime to change the mental state requirement, specifically address sales of drug paraphernalia, and consolidate certain drug paraphernalia crimes into a single statutory section; prohibiting the possession of certain items associated with controlled substance use; imposing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 152.01, subdivision 18; 152.093; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 152; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 152.094.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Moua, Higgins, Neuville, Ortman and Betzold introduced—**

**S.F. No. 279:** A bill for an act relating to crimes; providing for the sealing of certain criminal justice data; specifying circumstances under which criminal justice data should be sealed; providing the legal consequences of sealing; requiring business screening services to correct and delete disputed records; providing civil penalties; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609C.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Dibble, Larson, Jungbauer, Senjem and Bonoff introduced—**

**S.F. No. 280:** A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; permitting sale of impounded vehicle and contents after voluntary transfer; providing for notice and right to reclaim contents of impounded vehicle; establishing liability of impound lot operator; imposing civil penalty; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 168B.051, subdivision 2; 168B.06, subdivisions 1, 3; 168B.07, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senators Prettnner Solon, Rosen, Koering and Lynch introduced—**

**S.F. No. 281:** A bill for an act relating to human services; allowing contracts with nursing facilities for the provision of additional specialized services; modifying reimbursement for short-stay residents; increasing nursing facility operating payment rates; implementing new case mix indices and providing interim rate adjustments; rebasing nursing facility rates; providing additional nursing facility quality add-ons; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 256B.431, subdivisions 2e, 32; 256B.434, by adding a subdivision; 256B.438, by adding a subdivision; 256B.441, subdivisions 1, 46.

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

**Senators Skogen, Ingebrigtsen, Lourey, Vickerman and Olson, M. introduced—**

**S.F. No. 282:** A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying angling license fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.475, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Wergin, Ingebrigtsen, Rosen, Day and Robling introduced—**

**S.F. No. 283:** A bill for an act relating to game and fish; providing for a walk-in public access plan for certain outdoor recreation; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Kubly, Dille, Vickerman, Langseth and Koering introduced—**

**S.F. No. 284:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; income; providing for economic growth in rural counties of the state by allowing a credit against the income tax of an employer for the creation and retention of certain jobs; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Vickerman introduced—**

**S.F. No. 285:** A bill for an act relating to employment; redefining the base appropriation for extended employment services for persons with severe disabilities; appropriating money; amending Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 2, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Vickerman introduced—**

**S.F. No. 286:** A bill for an act relating to human services; adjusting medical assistance operating payment rates for low-payment rate nursing facilities; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.434, by adding a subdivision.

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

**Senators Kubly, Vickerman, Langseth, Senjem and Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 287:** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; modifying the beginning farmer program administered by the Rural Finance Authority and providing income tax credits for rental of assets to beginning farmers and to beginning farmers for participation in farm management programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 290.06, by adding subdivisions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41B.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

**Senator Senjem introduced—**

**S.F. No. 288:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; authorizing sale of bonds for roadside properties on the Great River Road; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Senjem introduced—**

**S.F. No. 289:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; changing expiration date of Mississippi River Parkway Commission to 2012; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 161.1419, subdivision 8.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senators Ingebrigtsen, Wergin, Gimse and Senjem introduced—**

**S.F. No. 290:** A bill for an act relating to constitutional amendments; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to article XI; dedicating sales and use tax receipts equal to a rate of one-eighth of one percent on taxable sales and uses to provide angler and hunter access and to improve, preserve, or protect game and fish habitat; creating a game and fish preservation fund; providing for a walk-in public access program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 97A.055, subdivision 4b; 297A.94; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Clark and Torres Ray introduced—**

**S.F. No. 291:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing funding for the early childhood family education, school readiness, and Head Start programs; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 124D.135, subdivision 1; 124D.16, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Clark, Cohen, Langseth, Tomassoni and Wergin introduced—**

**S.F. No. 292:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for capital improvements to the National Hockey Center at St. Cloud State University.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Ortman, Bakk, Senjem, Johnson and Limmer introduced—**

**S.F. No. 293:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing for budget reserves; changing calculation of the school operating capital levy; changing the residential homestead market value credit; imposing levy limits; conforming certain tax provisions to changes in the Internal Revenue Code; excluding compensation and certain pension income for service in the armed forces; providing dairy investment and regional investment credits; increasing the maximum homeowners' property tax refunds; changing the income and franchise tax income apportionment formula; providing a direct sales tax exemption for small business and certain other capital equipment purchases; exempting certain transportation purchases from the sales tax; exempting certain sales of construction materials from the sales tax; extending the period of job opportunity building zone benefits in certain cases; changing certain aids to local governments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16A.152, subdivisions 1b, 2; 126C.10, subdivision 13a; 273.1384,

subdivision 1; 275.70, subdivisions 3, 5, by adding a subdivision; 275.71, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5; 289A.02, subdivision 7; 290.01, subdivisions 19, 19b, 31; 290.06, by adding subdivisions; 290.091, subdivision 2; 290.191, subdivision 2; 290A.03, subdivision 15; 290A.04, subdivision 2; 291.005, subdivision 1; 297A.68, subdivision 5; 297A.70, subdivision 2; 297A.71, by adding subdivisions; 297A.75, subdivisions 1, 3; 469.312, subdivision 5; 477A.013, subdivision 9, by adding a subdivision; 477A.03, subdivision 2a.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Ortman, Moua, Betzold and Higgins introduced—**

**S.F. No. 294:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; recodifying and restructuring the law on expungements of criminal records; expanding eligibility for expungements; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609C; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 609A.01; 609A.02.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Saltzman; Olson, G. and Wiger introduced—**

**S.F. No. 295:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing a school district that is a member of an intermediate school district to levy for school safety activities at school facilities operated by an intermediate school district; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.44.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Betzold introduced—**

**S.F. No. 296:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; Public Employees Retirement Association; making changes primarily of an administrative nature; increasing deferred death while active survivor benefits; authorizing health insurance withholding for certain public safety retirees of various plans; revising receivables allocation procedures for various plans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 353.01, subdivisions 2a, 2b, 6, 28; 353.03, subdivisions 3, 3a, 4; 353.27, subdivision 12; 353.28, subdivision 6; 353.29, subdivision 3; 353.30, subdivisions 1a, 1b, 1c; 353.32, subdivisions 1a, 1b; 353.34, subdivision 3; 356.87; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 356; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 353.30, subdivision 1; 353.34, subdivision 7; 353.69.

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

**Senator Stumpf introduced—**

**S.F. No. 297:** A bill for an act relating to education; modifying and repealing certain education funding provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 126C.10, subdivisions 1, 13a, 13b, 29, 30, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, by adding subdivisions; 126C.13, subdivision 4, by adding subdivisions; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.10, subdivisions 13a, 13b, 29, 30, 32, 33, 35, 36.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Wergin introduced–**

**S.F. No. 298:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; increasing the appropriation to the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board; amending Laws 2005, chapter 136, article 1, section 10.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Clark, Prettner Solon, Rosen, Koering and Lynch introduced–**

**S.F. No. 299:** A bill for an act relating to human services; allowing persons with life-threatening medical conditions to spend down excess income under MinnesotaCare; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256L.07, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision.

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

**Senators Higgins, Scheid, Ortman and Limmer introduced–**

**S.F. No. 300:** A bill for an act relating to public defense; updating and clarifying public defense provisions of law; eliminating defendant representation co-payments; providing for appointment of a chief public defender; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 270A.03, subdivision 5; 611.14; 611.17; 611.20, subdivision 6; 611.215, subdivisions 1, 1a; 611.23; 611.24; 611.25, subdivision 1; 611.26, subdivisions 2, 6, 7; 611.27, subdivisions 13, 15; 611.35; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 611.20, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Cohen, Limmer and Foley introduced–**

**S.F. No. 301:** A bill for an act relating to public defense; appropriating money to the state Board of Public Defense to pay for transcripts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 611.27, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Foley, Marty, Chaudhary, Neuville and Moua introduced–**

**S.F. No. 302:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; authorizing phlebotomists to take blood samples from DWI offenders under certain circumstances and providing legal immunity for so doing; adding references to controlled substance metabolites in the criminal vehicular operation law; making numerous technical changes to the criminal vehicular operation law to simplify it; providing for notice to an accused of the contents of certain reports and clarifying the repercussions of the accused's not requesting the preparer of the report to testify at trial; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 169A.51, subdivision 7; 609.21, subdivisions 1, 4a, by adding subdivisions; 634.15, subdivisions 1, 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609.21, subdivisions 2, 2a, 2b, 3, 4.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senator Wergin introduced—**

**S.F. No. 303:** A bill for an act relating to local government; extending the municipal boundary adjustment advisory task force; amending Laws 2006, chapter 270, article 2, section 1.

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

**Senator Fischbach introduced—**

**S.F. No. 304:** A bill for an act relating to capital investments; appropriating money for purchasing park property; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Fischbach introduced—**

**S.F. No. 305:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for a local park grant.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Clark; Senjem; Kubly; Olson, M. and Limmer introduced—**

**S.F. No. 306:** A bill for an act relating to individual income taxation; allowing an adoption credit; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Prettner Solon, Erickson Ropes, Tomassoni and Pappas introduced—**

**S.F. No. 307:** A bill for an act relating to higher education; regulating tuition and fees paid by Wisconsin reciprocity students attending the University of Minnesota; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 136A.08, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

**Senators Higgins, Marty, Anderson and Senjem introduced—**

**S.F. No. 308:** A bill for an act relating to housing; creating a blighted housing rehabilitation program; providing for transfer of possession or ownership of nuisance properties to nonprofit housing organizations; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 463.

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

**Senators Kubly, Vickerman, Gimse and Hann introduced—**

**S.F. No. 309:** A bill for an act relating to gambling; reducing rate of tax on lawful gambling; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297E.02, subdivisions 1, 4, 6.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Berglin, Murphy and Marty introduced–**

**S.F. No. 310:** A bill for an act relating to human services; expanding the definition of chemically dependent person; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 253B.02, subdivision 2; 626.5561, subdivisions 1, 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 626.5563.

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

**Senators Sparks, Day, Senjem and Bakk introduced–**

**S.F. No. 311:** A bill for an act relating to the environment; modifying exemptions to noise standards; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 116.07, subdivision 2a.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Senators Pariseau and Stumpf were excused from the Session of today. Senator Day was excused from the Session of today at 12:20 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 29, 2007. The motion prevailed.

Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate



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