SIXTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Monday, January 26, 2009

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 Senator Gary W. Kubly.

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

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

Bakk	Fischbach	Koering	Pappas	Sieben
Berglin	Fobbe	Kubly	Pariseau	Skoe
Betzold	Foley	Langseth	Pogemiller	Skogen
Bonoff	Frederickson	Latz	Prettner Solon	Sparks
Carlson	Gerlach	Limmer	Rest	Stumpf
Clark	Gimse	Lourey	Robling	Tomassoni
Cohen	Hann	Lynch	Rosen	Torres Ray
Dahle	Higgins	Marty	Rummel	Vandeveer
Day	Ingebrigtsen	Metzen	Saltzman	Vickerman
Dibble	Johnson	Moua	Saxhaug	Wiger
Dille	Jungbauer	Olseen	Scheid	_
Doll	Kelash	Olson, G.	Senjem	
Erickson Ropes	Koch	Olson, M.	Sheran	

The President declared a quorum present.

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

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 Marty from the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security, to which was referred

S.F. No. 29: A bill for an act relating to health; changing a provision for pharmacy practice in

administering influenza vaccines; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 151.01, subdivision 27; 151.37, subdivision 2.

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

Page 1, delete section 1

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Marty from the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security, to which was referred

S.F. No. 30: A bill for an act relating to public safety; specifying a retention time period for methamphetamine precursor drug logs maintained by retailers and providing that the logs are open to law enforcement inspection; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 152.02, subdivision 6.

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

Senator Bakk from the Committee on Taxes, to which was referred

S.F. No. 49: A bill for an act relating to taxation; income; creating a health insurance premium credit; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 62U.071; 275.76.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass. Report adopted.

Senator Marty from the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security, to which were referred the following appointments:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

Dawn G. Bidwell
Brenda Brown
Elizabeth J. Consie
Bonnie Engen
Paula Fink Kocken, M.D.
James Rieber
Paul Satterlee, M.D.
Mari C. Thomas, M.D.

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 Marty from the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security, to which was

referred the following appointment:

MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY COMMISSIONER Daniel M. Bartholomay

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

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

Senator Marty from the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security, to which were referred the following appointments:

MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY Gloria J. Bostrom Tony Goulet

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.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. Nos. 29 and 49 were read the second time.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Marty moved that the name of Senator Erickson Ropes be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 76. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pogemiller moved that the name of Senator Rest be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 182. The motion prevailed.

Senator Skogen moved that the name of Senator Wiger be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 199. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved that S.F. No. 137 be withdrawn from the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved that S.F. No. 164 be withdrawn from the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary. The motion prevailed.

Senator Koch introduced -

Senate Resolution No. 19: A Senate resolution congratulating John Marcus Klingelhoets for receiving the Eagle Award.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senators Latz, Rest, Bonoff, Hann and Michel introduced -

Senate Resolution No. 20: A Senate resolution honoring Dr. Patrice Schmidt for being named runner-up for National Middle Level Principal of the Year.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senators Latz, Rest, Bonoff, Hann and Michel introduced -

Senate Resolution No. 21: A Senate resolution congratulating Anna Eames of Hopkins High School for her outstanding performance at the Paralympic Games in Beijing, China.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senator Scheid introduced-

S.F. No. 210: A bill for an act relating to crimes; changing requirement that defendant waiver of jury trial be consented to by prosecutor; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 631.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Gimse, Fischbach and Koch introduced-

S.F. No. 211: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a veterans home in Kandiyohi County; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Prettner Solon introduced-

S.F. No. 212: A bill for an act relating to labor and industry; modifying boiler regulation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 326B.988.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

Senators Erickson Ropes, Kubly, Jungbauer and Fobbe introduced—

S.F. No. 213: A bill for an act relating to health; providing that WIC coupons may be used to purchase organic food; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

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

Senator Betzold introduced-

S.F. No. 214: A bill for an act relating to notaries public; modifying fees; regulating commissions and notarial stamps and seals; providing clarifications; providing for the accommodations of physical limitations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 357.021, subdivision 2; 358.15; 358.47; 359.01, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; 359.02; 359.03, subdivisions 1, 3, 4; 359.061; 359.12; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 357; 359; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 357.17; 359.05.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Koch and Dille introduced-

S.F. No. 215: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a board of oversight of human services appeals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 14.63; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245A.

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

Senator Koch introduced-

S.F. No. 216: A bill for an act relating to abortions; regulating retention and composition of medical records; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

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

Senators Koch, Vickerman and Dille introduced-

S.F. No. 217: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for acquisition of Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Marty and Wiger introduced-

S.F. No. 218: A bill for an act relating to education; expecting students to be present and participate in school safety drills; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 121A.035, subdivision 2; 121A.037; 299F.30, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Saxhaug introduced-

S.F. No. 219: A bill for an act relating to alcohol; authorizing convention centers to obtain liquor licenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 340A.404, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Saxhaug introduced-

S.F. No. 220: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; allowing a nonresident to take fish by spearing from a dark house; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 97A.475, subdivision 7; 97C.371, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Saxhaug introduced-

S.F. No. 221: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; allowing all-terrain vehicle use by the disabled along certain trails; modifying hunting provisions for disabled hunters; providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 85.018, by adding a subdivision; 97A.137, subdivision 3; 97B.045, subdivision 2; 97B.055, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Murphy introduced-

S.F. No. 222: A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing an exemption from the solid waste management tax for service charges imposed by certain cities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 297H.06, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Wiger introduced-

S.F. No. 223: A bill for an act relating to retirement; excluding certain teacher assistant employment from retirement coverage to qualify for deferred annuities augmentation.

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

Senators Sheran, Berglin, Lynch, Dibble and Skogen introduced-

S.F. No. 224: A bill for an act relating to health care; renaming special transportation services; modifying medical transportation requirements; modifying reimbursement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.0625, subdivision 17.

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

Senators Scheid, Prettner Solon, Berglin, Doll and Frederickson introduced-

S.F. No. 225: A bill for an act relating to public health; protecting the health of children from toxic chemicals in products; requiring disclosure by manufacturers of children's products that contain chemicals of high concern; authorizing the Pollution Control Agency to designate priority chemicals of high concern and require replacement with safer alternatives; providing an exemption process; authorizing participation in an interstate clearinghouse; requiring reports to the legislature on implementation plans and comprehensive safe products framework; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

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

Senators Metzen and Sieben introduced-

S.F. No. 226: A bill for an act relating to taxation; authorizing extension of duration of a tax increment financing district in the city of South St. Paul; providing for expenditure of increments; amending Laws 1994, chapter 587, article 9, section 17, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Olseen introduced-

S.F. No. 227: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Rush Line Corridor; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Ingebrigtsen, Gimse, Koering, Stumpf and Skogen introduced-

S.F. No. 228: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; expanding the exemption for certain public safety radio equipment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 297A.70, subdivision 8; 297A.75, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Latz introduced-

S.F. No. 229: A bill for an act relating to employment; providing remedies for failure to provide required statutory notice for involuntary employment termination; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 181.935.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

Senators Higgins, Marty, Doll, Erickson Ropes and Koering introduced—

S.F. No. 230: A bill for an act relating to occupations and professions; creating licensure for physician assistants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 144.1501, subdivision 1; 144E.001, subdivisions 3a, 9c; 147.09; 147A.01; 147A.02; 147A.03; 147A.04; 147A.05; 147A.06; 147A.07; 147A.08; 147A.09; 147A.11; 147A.13; 147A.16; 147A.18; 147A.19; 147A.20; 147A.21; 147A.23; 147A.24; 147A.26; 147A.27; 169.345, subdivision 2; 253B.02, subdivision 7; 253B.05, subdivision 2; 256B.0625, subdivision 28a; 256B.0751, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 147A.22.

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

Senators Pariseau; Ingebrigtsen; Frederickson; Olson, G. and Skogen introduced-

S.F. No. 231: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; providing for free either-sex deer permit for recently discharged service members; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97A.465,

subdivision 1b.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Pappas introduced-

S.F. No. 232: A bill for an act relating to elections; changing certain absentee voting requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 201.022, subdivision 1; 203B.02, subdivision 1; 203B.085; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 203B.

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

Senators Bakk, Rest, Gerlach, Ortman and Marty introduced-

S.F. No. 233: A bill for an act relating to state government; proposing a constitutional amendment to change the method for amending the Minnesota Constitution.

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

Senators Olseen, Lourey, Dille and Dahle introduced-

S.F. No. 234: A bill for an act relating to local government; authorizing transfer of development credits banks for local governments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 394.25, subdivision 2; 462.357, subdivision 1.

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

Senators Gerlach, Koch, Jungbauer, Day and Pariseau introduced-

S.F. No. 235: A bill for an act relating to employment; requiring authorization for certain payroll deductions; requiring authorization for certain expenditures by labor organizations; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 179; 181.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

Senator Carlson introduced-

S.F. No. 236: A bill for an act relating to state government; designating March 25 as Medal of Honor Day; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10.

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

Senator Carlson introduced-

S.F. No. 237: A bill for an act relating to state government; designating the first Sunday in October as Minnesota Fallen Firefighters Memorial Day; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10.

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

Senators Fobbe, Dahle, Skogen, Dille and Ingebrigtsen introduced-

S.F. No. 238: A bill for an act relating to property taxation; repealing the 2008 changes to the Green Acres law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 273.111, subdivisions 3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 11a; Laws 2008, chapter 366, article 6, section 52; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 273.111, subdivision 3a.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Latz and Scheid introduced-

S.F. No. 239: A bill for an act relating to liquor; allowing the sale of alcohol control devices at exclusive liquor stores; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 340A.412, subdivision 14.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Metzen introduced-

S.F. No. 240: A bill for an act relating to taxation; creating the Minnesota Land Conservation Property Tax Law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 273.111, subdivision 3a; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 273.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

Senators Tomassoni, Murphy, Metzen, Prettner Solon and Jungbauer introduced-

S.F. No. 241: A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to take early action on the weakened economy to promote a healthy Minnesota economy.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

Senators Anderson, Higgins, Scheid and Moua introduced-

S.F. No. 242: A bill for an act relating to real property; providing for the Minnesota Subprime Borrower Relief Act of 2009; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 583.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Koering introduced-

S.F. No. 243: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature with certain conditions; authorizing the sale of state bonds; appropriating money for renovation of a building on the Brainerd State Hospital campus to serve as a veterans nursing home.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Erickson Ropes, Sheran, Sparks, Dille and Olseen introduced-

S.F. No. 244: A bill for an act relating to property taxation; repealing the 2008 changes to

the Green Acres law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 273.111, subdivisions 3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 11a; Laws 2008, chapter 366, article 6, section 52; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 273.111, subdivision 3a.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Berglin introduced-

S.F. No. 245: A bill for an act relating to insurance; providing equal access to acupuncture and a memorial to Edith R. Davis, Minnesota's pioneer acupuncturist; requiring equal access to acupuncture services by certain group policies and subscriber contracts; requiring claim determinations regarding acupuncture services to be made or reviewed by acupuncture practitioners; requiring reporting on referrals to acupuncture practitioners and reimbursement rates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 62A.15, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62D.

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

Senator Olson, M. introduced-

S.F. No. 246: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Shingobee Connection Trail; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Rummel, Scheid, Sheran, Doll and Sieben introduced-

S.F. No. 247: A bill for an act relating to public health; protecting the health of children; prohibiting bisphenol-A in products for young children; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

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

Senator Pogemiller introduced-

S.F. No. 248: A bill for an act relating to taxation; modifying the Minneapolis downtown taxing area; providing for deposit of certain tax revenues; amending Laws 1986, chapter 400, section 44, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Dahle and Rosen introduced-

S.F. No. 249: A bill for an act relating to energy; authorizing school boards to form business entity solely for wind energy project; providing exemption from production tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 123B.02, subdivision 21; 272.029, subdivision 7.

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

Senator Dahle introduced-

S.F. No. 250: A bill for an act relating to sales and use tax; exempting construction materials for the New Prague wastewater treatment facility; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 297A.71, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Betzold introduced-

S.F. No. 251: A bill for an act relating to commerce; clarifying the definition of "motor vehicle" in the statutory provision deeming the driver to be the agent of the owner in case of accident; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.09, subdivision 5a.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Bakk and Ortman introduced-

S.F. No. 252: A bill for an act relating to taxation; federal update; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 289A.02, subdivision 7; 290.01, subdivisions 19, 19a, 31; 290.067, subdivision 2a; 290A.03, subdivisions 3, 15; 291.005, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Langseth introduced-

S.F. No. 253: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for Red River flood hazard mitigation projects; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Skogen introduced-

S.F. No. 254: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a new trail in Glendalough State Park; authorizing the issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Skogen introduced-

S.F. No. 255: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for Tower Road Bridge project in Fergus Falls; authorizing sale of state transportation bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Skogen and Ingebrigtsen introduced-

S.F. No. 256: A bill for an act relating to public safety; lowering the age of adult certification for juveniles; defining a violent juvenile offense; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 260B.007, by adding a subdivision; 260B.125, subdivision 1; 260B.130, subdivision 1; 260B.141,

subdivision 4; 260B.198, subdivision 6; 609.055.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Sieben introduced-

S.F. No. 257: A bill for an act relating to elections; extending the time to deposit or return a campaign contribution; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 10A.15, subdivision 3.

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

Senator Lynch introduced-

S.F. No. 258: A bill for an act relating to education; removing certain restrictions on distribution of staff development revenue; reducing reserve account limits for school readiness, community education, and early childhood family education; adjusting the maintenance of effort penalty on regional library basic support grants; temporarily eliminating teacher contract settlement penalty; creating flexibility on use of learning and development revenue; creating flexibility on use of the safe schools levy revenue; permitting school districts to transfer operating capital revenue to the unrestricted general fund; eliminating reserve requirement for school districts on area learning centers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 122A.61, subdivision 1; 124D.135, subdivision 8; 124D.16, subdivision 6; 124D.20, subdivision 11; 134.34, subdivision 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 123A.05, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Bonoff, Hann and Rest introduced-

S.F. No. 259: A bill for an act relating to taxation; city of Minnetonka; extending the duration of a tax increment financing district.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Bonoff, Rest and Sieben introduced-

S.F. No. 260: A bill for an act relating to elections; moving the state primary from September to June and making conforming changes; requiring state partisan primary ballots to designate candidates receiving a certain level of support at state party endorsing conventions as "endorsed"; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 10A.31, subdivision 6; 10A.321; 10A.322, subdivision 1; 10A.323; 204B.14, subdivisions 2, 4; 204B.21, subdivision 1; 204B.33; 204B.35, subdivision 4; 204C.26, subdivision 3; 204D.03, subdivision 1; 204D.08, subdivision 4; 205.065, subdivision 1; 205.13, subdivision 1a; 205A.03, subdivision 2; 205A.06, subdivision 1a; 206.82, subdivision 2; 211B.045; 447.32, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 204B.

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

Senator Latz introduced-

S.F. No. 261: A bill for an act relating to real property; making clarifying, technical, and conforming changes to transfer on death deeds; expanding common element certificates of title to include planned communities; exempting designated transfers from certain requirements; establishing procedures for cartways in cities; modifying power of attorney provision relating to real property transactions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 272.115, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 435.37, by adding a subdivision; 507.071, subdivision 20, by adding a subdivision; 507.092, subdivisions 1, 2; 508.351; 508.50; 508A.351; 508A.50; 523.17, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Scheid introduced-

S.F. No. 262: A bill for an act relating to disposition of items on death; clarifying certain references; providing for collection of certain property by affidavit; amending the Darlene Luther Revised Uniform Anatomical Gifts Act and other statutes to clarify and conform inconsistent provisions authorizing agents to make medical decisions, control final disposition of remains, and make anatomical gifts; correcting an erroneous reference and making other corrections and clarifications; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 149A.80, subdivision 2; 524.1-304; 524.3-413; 524.3-1201; 524.3-1203, subdivision 5; 525A.03; 525A.09; 525A.14; 525A.19.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Olson, M.; Moua and Scheid introduced-

S.F. No. 263: A bill for an act relating to insurance; regulating the use of credit scores and other credit information in insurance underwriting; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 72A.20, subdivision 36; 72A.499, subdivision 1; 72A.501, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Fobbe, Moua, Sparks and Olson, M. introduced-

S.F. No. 264: A bill for an act relating to real estate; providing homeowners with a longer period within which to notify contractors of construction defects; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 327A.03.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Kelash, Moua, Berglin, Doll and Rosen introduced-

S.F. No. 265: A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring law enforcement to provide violent crime alerts to citizens who request notification; requiring crime alerts to be distributed in a format that disabled citizens can access; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 611A.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Vandeveer, Doll and Dille introduced-

S.F. No. 266: A bill for an act relating to waters; requiring watershed districts and watershed management organizations to submit information to counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 103B.211, subdivision 1; 103B.231, subdivision 14; 103D.351; 103D.911, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Rest introduced-

S.F. No. 267: A bill for an act relating to environment; providing for plastic bag recycling; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Dille introduced-

S.F. No. 268: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for a grant to the city of Annandale for the Annandale Tactical Training Center.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Dille introduced-

S.F. No. 269: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a grant to the city of Howard Lake for ditch work; authorizing the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Koch, Day, Tomassoni and Vandeveer introduced-

S.F. No. 270: A bill for an act relating to health; permitting smoking in certain bars; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 144.4167, by adding a subdivision.

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

Senators Olson, M.; Moua and Rest introduced-

S.F. No. 271: A bill for an act relating to state government; providing additional whistleblower protection to state employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 181.932, subdivision 1.

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

Senators Prettner Solon, Rosen and Lourey introduced-

S.F. No. 272: A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing payment rates for a nursing facility in Duluth to the Duluth median rate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.434, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Marty and Rummel introduced-

S.F. No. 273: A bill for an act relating to public health; preventing sexually transmitted infections and teen pregnancy; studying the prevalence of sexually transmitted infections and the cost to the health care system resulting from them; creating a responsible family life and sexuality education program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 121A.23.

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

Without objection, the Senate reverted to the Order of Business of Motions and Resolutions.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Latz moved that S.F. No. 6 be withdrawn from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary. The motion prevailed.

Senator Latz moved that S.F. No. 140 be withdrawn from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary. The motion prevailed.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Anderson, Chaudhary, Murphy and Ortman were excused from the Session of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, January 29, 2009. The motion prevailed.

Peter S. Wattson, Secretary of the Senate (Legislative)

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