

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Tuesday, March 24, 2009

The Senate met at 12:00 noon and was called to order by the President.

CALL OF THE SENATE

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

Anderson	Erickson Ropes	Koch	Olseen	Saxhaug
Berglin	Fischbach	Koering	Olson, G.	Scheid
Betzold	Fobbe	Kubly	Ortman	Senjem
Bonoff	Foley	Langseth	Pappas	Sheran
Carlson	Frederickson	Limmer	Pariseau	Sieben
Chaudhary	Gerlach	Lourey	Pogemiller	Skoe
Clark	Gimse	Lynch	Prettner Solon	Skogen
Cohen	Higgins	Marty	Rest	Sparks
Dahle	Ingebrigtsen	Metzen	Robling	Torres Ray
Dibble	Johnson	Michel	Rosen	Vanderveer
Dille	Jungbauer	Moua	Rummel	Wiger
Doll	Kelash	Murphy	Saltzman	

The President declared a quorum present.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce that the House refuses to concur in the Senate amendments to House File No. 392:

H.F. No. 392: A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing a federal update; modifying computation of net income and payment of corporate franchise tax refunds; modifying requirements for appointment of commissioner of Department of Revenue; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 270C.02, subdivision 1; 289A.02, subdivision 7; 290.01, subdivisions 19, 19a, 19c, 19d, 31, by adding a subdivision; 290.067, subdivision 2a; 290A.03, subdivisions 3, 15; 291.005, subdivision 1.

The House respectfully requests that a Conference Committee of 5 members be appointed thereon.

Lenczewski, Marquart, Koenen, Juhnke and Demmer have been appointed as such committee on the part of the House.

House File No. 392 is herewith transmitted to the Senate with the request that the Senate appoint a like committee.

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted March 23, 2009

Senator Pogemiller, for Senator Bakk, moved that the Senate accede to the request of the House for a Conference Committee on H.F. No. 392, and that a Conference Committee of 5 members be appointed by the Subcommittee on Conference Committees on the part of the Senate, to act with a like Conference Committee appointed on the part of the House. The motion prevailed.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Committee Reports at the Desk be now adopted. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1113: A bill for an act relating to education; creating a commission; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 127A.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. [127A.90] LEGISLATIVE AND CITIZEN COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION.

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Legislative and Citizen Commission on the Future of Education is established in the legislative branch to propose a ten-year plan on the future of education.

Subd. 2. **Membership and terms.** (a) The commission consists of 17 members, appointed as follows:

(1) two senators appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and two senators who are members of the minority caucus, appointed by the minority leader of the senate;

(2) two members of the house of representatives appointed by the speaker of the house of representatives, and two members of the minority caucus of the house of representatives, appointed by the minority leader of the house of representatives; and

(3) nine public members, including three members appointed by the governor, three members appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the senate Committee on Rules and Administration, and three members appointed by the speaker of the house.

The public members shall have experience or expertise in the fields of early, elementary, secondary, or postsecondary education, have demonstrated ability to work in a collaborative environment, and represent the demographics of the state.

(b) Members appointed from the senate shall serve four-year terms, and members appointed from the house of representatives shall serve two-year terms. A vacancy occurs when a member appointed from the legislature is no longer serving in the legislative body that appointed the member. Members appointed by the governor shall serve three-year terms. A vacancy in the membership of the commission must be filled for the unexpired term in a manner that will preserve the representation established by this section.

Subd. 3. **Office, officers, compensation.** (a) The commission must maintain an office in the Capitol group of buildings.

(b) Every two years, the commission must rotate its chair and vice chair. Every two years following the initial election, the vice chair shall assume the position of the chair and a new vice chair shall be elected. The chair shall alternate among a public member, a member of the house, and a member of the senate.

(c) Members serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for their reasonable expenses under section 15.0575, subdivision 3.

Subd. 4. **Staff.** The commission may employ professional and technical assistants as it deems necessary to perform the duties prescribed in this section, including the preparation of requests for gifts and grants to the center established under section 127A.91. The director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission shall assist the commission in administrative matters.

Subd. 5. **Information collection; intergovernmental coordination.** (a) The commission may request information or assistance from any state agency or officer to assist the commission in performing its duties. The agency or officer shall promptly furnish any information or assistance requested.

(b) To facilitate coordination between executive and legislative authorities, the governor shall appoint a representative from the executive branch to act as a liaison between the commission and the governor.

Subd. 6. **Coordination of research requests for Center for Legislative Educational Analysis, Research, and Navigation in the Next Generation.** The commission shall solicit and review requests from members of the legislature for research activities to be conducted by the Center for Legislative Educational Analysis, Research, and Navigation in the Next Generation. The commission shall determine the research projects and activities assigned to the center.

Subd. 7. **Ten-year strategic plan for prekindergarten through grade 12 education; duties.** In preparing the ten-year strategic plan, the commission must:

(1) set attainable short-term and long-term goals;

(2) set measurable evidence-based benchmarks that can be reported in the annual progress reports;

(3) recommend implementation timelines; and

(4) address how the following strategies will help shape the future of public education:

(i) improving teacher effectiveness through professional development and teacher training institutions;

(ii) creating multiple pathways to success;

(iii) engaging parents, community, and business;

(iv) addressing leadership needs;

(v) partnering with postsecondary institutions; and

(vi) addressing the change in student demographics.

Subd. 8. **Legislative reports and recommendations.** By January 15, 2011, the commission must recommend to the legislature a ten-year strategic plan for prekindergarten through grade 12 education so that individual students will have the knowledge and skills to succeed in the 21st century. Beginning on January 15, 2012, the commission must submit progress reports by January 15 each year. As part of its recommendations and progress reports, the commission must include any draft legislation necessary to implement its recommended plan.

Subd. 9. **Acceptance of grants and gifts.** The commission may accept grants or gifts for purposes related to the duties of the commission. Money received by the commission from a gift or grant is appropriated to the commission for the purposes specified in the grant or gift.

Subd. 10. **Expiration.** The commission expires on January 15, 2021.

Sec. 2. **[127A.91] CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE EDUCATIONAL ANALYSIS, RESEARCH, AND NAVIGATION IN THE NEXT GENERATION.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Center for Legislative Educational Analysis, Research, and Navigation in the Next Generation (LEARNING) is established to provide the legislature with independent, nonpartisan research, analysis, and policy guidance in the area of prekindergarten through grade 12 education.

Subd. 2. **Studies.** The Legislative and Citizen Commission on the Future of Education shall oversee and coordinate all studies requested by the legislature and assigned to the center under section 127A.90 and may require the center to submit regular progress reports to the commission and the chairs and ranking minority members of the standing committees of the house of representatives and the senate with jurisdiction over education policy and finance.

Subd. 3. **Staff.** The Legislative and Citizen Commission on the Future of Education may employ an executive director for the center. The executive director may employ additional staff as necessary to perform the tasks assigned to the center by the commission. No state appropriation may be used for the operation of the center.

Subd. 4. **Nonstate funds.** The Legislative and Citizen Commission on the Future of Education

may solicit gifts and grants from nonstate sources for purposes related to the duties of the commission and the center. Money received by the commission and the center from a gift or grant is appropriated to the center for the purposes specified in the gift or grant.

Subd. 5. **State agencies to cooperate with LEARNING.** The center may call upon any agency or political subdivision of the state for available data, and the agencies shall cooperate with the commission to the fullest possible extent.

Subd. 6. **Expiration.** This section expires January 15, 2021.

Sec. 3. **LEGISLATIVE AND CITIZEN COMMISSION ON THE FUTURE OF EDUCATION; CONVENING AUTHORITY.**

The appointing authorities must complete their initial appointments to the commission established under Minnesota Statutes, section 127A.90, by July 1, 2009. The commission must convene its first meeting by September 15, 2009. The commission shall elect a chair and vice chair from its membership at the first meeting.

Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION.**

For the Legislative and Citizen Commission on the Future of Education:

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Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to education; creating a center for legislative educational analysis; creating a commission on the future of education; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 127A."

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

Senator Pappas from the Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred

S.F. No. 579: A bill for an act relating to higher education; modifying certain requirements for an associate of applied science degree at Minnesota State Colleges and Universities.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **MINNESOTA STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES DEGREE REQUIREMENTS.**

An associate of applied science degree offered by a college in the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system is exempt until July 2, 2012, from the 60-semester credit limit for an associate degree specified in the policy adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities under Laws 2007, chapter 144, article 1, section 4, subdivision 3, paragraph (b). By January 2, 2012, a joint report must be presented to the house and senate committees with jurisdiction over higher education policy by the Minnesota State College Faculty and the Minnesota

State College Student Association regarding a process for reviewing the credit requirements for an associate of applied science degree.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment and applies to associate of applied science degrees whether first offered before, on, or after that date."

And when so amended the bill 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. 1624: A bill for an act relating to environment; authorizing uses for the Hennepin County solid and hazardous waste fund; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 383B.

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

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

S.F. No. 1314: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; authorizing acquisition of certain easements; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84.

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

Page 1, line 13, delete "perpetual" and insert "permanent"

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

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

S.F. No. 1225: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; removing bow and gun case requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 97B.035, subdivision 2; 97B.041; 97B.045, subdivision 1; 97B.051; 609.66, subdivision 1d.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.035, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Possession of crossbows.** A person may not possess a crossbow outdoors or in a motor vehicle during the open season for any game, unless the crossbow is ~~unstrung, and in a case or in a closed trunk of a motor vehicle~~ not armed with a bolt or arrow.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.041, is amended to read:

97B.041 POSSESSION OF FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION RESTRICTED IN DEER ZONES.

A person may not possess a firearm or ammunition outdoors during the period beginning the fifth day before the open firearms season and ending the second day after the close of the season within an area where deer may be taken by a firearm, except:

(1) during the open season and in an area where big game may be taken, a firearm and ammunition authorized for taking big game in that area may be used to take big game in that area if the person has a valid big game license in possession;

(2) an unloaded firearm ~~that is in a case or in a closed trunk of a motor vehicle~~;

(3) a shotgun and shells containing No. 4 buckshot or smaller diameter lead shot or steel shot;

(4) a handgun or rifle capable of firing only rimfire cartridges of .17 and .22 caliber, including .22 magnum caliber cartridges;

(5) handguns possessed by a person authorized to carry a handgun under sections 624.714 and 624.715 for the purpose authorized; and

(6) on a target range operated under a permit from the commissioner.

This section does not apply during an open firearms season in an area where deer may be taken only by muzzleloader, except that muzzleloading firearms lawful for the taking of deer may be possessed only by persons with a valid license to take deer by muzzleloader during that season.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.045, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Restrictions.** (a) A person may not transport a firearm in a motor vehicle unless the firearm is:

(1) unloaded and in a gun case expressly made to contain a firearm, and the case fully encloses the firearm by being zipped, snapped, buckled, tied, or otherwise fastened, and without any portion of the firearm exposed;

(2) unloaded and in the closed trunk of a motor vehicle; or

(3) a handgun carried in compliance with sections 624.714 and 624.715.

(b) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), a person may transport in a motor vehicle an unloaded, uncased firearm, excluding a pistol as defined under section 624.712, subdivision 2, except when:

(1) within an area where the discharge of a firearm has been prohibited under section 471.633;

(2) within the boundaries of a home rule charter or statutory city with a population of 2,500 or more;

(3) on school grounds as regulated under section 609.66, subdivision 1d; or

(4) otherwise restricted under section 97A.091, 97B.081, or 97B.086.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 97B.051, is amended to read:

97B.051 TRANSPORTATION OF ARCHERY BOWS.

Except as specified under section 97B.055, subdivision 2, a person may not transport an archery

bow in a motor vehicle unless the bow is: not armed with a bolt or arrow.

~~(1) unstrung;~~

~~(2) completely contained in a case; or~~

~~(3) in the closed trunk or rear-most enclosed portion of a motor vehicle that is not accessible from the passenger compartment."~~

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to game and fish; removing bow and gun case requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 97B.035, subdivision 2; 97B.041; 97B.045, subdivision 1; 97B.051."

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1230: A bill for an act relating to state government; providing for an independent Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning; transferring duties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 4A.01; 4A.02; 4A.06.

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

Page 1, line 9, delete the new language

Page 2, line 2, delete "no later than the end of the first week in December" and insert "by January 15"

Page 3, after line 26, insert:

"(f) The state demographer may contract for the development of data and research required under this chapter, including, but not limited to, population estimates and projections, the preparation of maps, and other estimates."

Page 3, delete section 3 and insert:

"Sec. 3. **[4A.11] MILESTONES REPORT.**

The director must review the statewide system of economic, social, and environmental performance measures in use under section 16A.10, subdivision 1c, and known as Minnesota milestones. The director must provide the economic, social, and environmental information necessary to assist public and elected officials with understanding and evaluating Minnesota milestones. The director must report on the trends and their implications for Minnesota milestones each year and provide the commissioner of finance with recommendations for the use of Minnesota milestones in budget documents. The director may contract for the development of information and measures.

Sec. 4. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 4A.06, is repealed."

Page 4, delete sections 4 and 5

Amend the title accordingly

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 79: A bill for an act relating to local government; authorizing the Central Iron Range Sanitary Sewer District.

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1459: A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring municipalities to utilize state cooperative purchasing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 471.345, subdivision 15.

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

Page 1, line 7, after "(a)" insert "For fiscal years 2010, 2011, and 2012, whenever determined to be practicable and cost-effective by the city, county or township,"

Page 1, line 10, delete "whenever practicable and cost-effective"

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

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

S.F. No. 207: A bill for an act relating to health; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 256L.04, subdivisions 1, 7a, by adding a subdivision; 256L.05, subdivisions 3, 3a; 256L.07, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, by adding a subdivision; 256L.15, subdivisions 2, 3; 256L.17, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256L; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256L.17, subdivision 6.

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

Page 1, after line 7, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.056, subdivision 10, is amended to read:

Subd. 10. **Eligibility verification.** (a) The commissioner shall require women who are applying for the continuation of medical assistance coverage following the end of the 60-day postpartum period to update their income and asset information and to submit any required income or asset verification.

(b) The commissioner shall determine the eligibility of private-sector health care coverage for infants less than one year of age eligible under section 256B.055, subdivision 10, or 256B.057, subdivision 1, paragraph (d), and shall pay for private-sector coverage if this is determined to be cost-effective.

(c) The commissioner shall verify assets and income for all applicants, and for all adult recipients upon renewal.

(d) For children, the commissioner shall develop a preprinted form that contains the child's income information available to the commissioner. This form must be mailed to the parent of the child informing the parent that eligibility shall be renewed based on the information contained on the form. The parent must review the information and indicate on the form if the information is no longer accurate and return the form to the commissioner with the current information. If the form is not returned, the child shall be deemed eligible based on information on the form. Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed as prohibiting the commissioner from verifying income through electronic or other means. If the commissioner determines that the child is no longer eligible, the child shall be disenrolled.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.056, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10a. **Delayed verification.** On the basis of information provided on the completed application, a child whose family gross income is less than 90 percent of the applicable income standard and who meets all other eligibility requirements, including compliance at the time of application with citizenship or nationality documentation requirements shall be determined eligible beginning in the month of application. The child must provide all required verifications within 60 days' notice of the eligibility determination or eligibility shall be terminated. Applicants who are terminated for failure to provide all required verifications are not eligible to apply for coverage using the delayed verification procedures specified in this subdivision for 12 months.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2010, or upon federal approval, whichever is later."

Page 3, line 9, delete "256L.04" and insert "256L.07, subdivision 8,"

Page 3, line 11, after "residential" insert "correctional"

Page 4, after line 9, insert:

"Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256L.05, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 6. **Delayed verification.** On the basis of information provided on the completed application, a child whose family gross income is less than 90 percent of the applicable income standard and meets all other eligibility requirements, including compliance at the time of application with citizenship or nationality documentation requirements under section 256L.04, subdivision 10, shall be determined eligible beginning in the month of application. The child must provide all required verifications within 60 days' notice of the eligibility determination or eligibility shall be terminated. Applicants who are terminated for failure to provide all required verifications are not eligible to apply for coverage using the delayed verification procedures specified in this subdivision for 12 months.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2010, or upon federal approval,

whichever is later."

Page 7, line 2, after "residential" insert "correctional"

Page 7, line 3, delete "and" and insert "until the child reaches the age of 21, and is"

Page 7, line 4, delete everything after "section" and insert "and section 256L.15. Any child eligible under this subdivision must fill out an application and must submit a renewal every 12 months."

Page 8, delete section 13 and insert:

"Sec. 16. **[256L.27] EXPRESS LANE ELIGIBILITY.**

(a) The commissioner shall mail a postcard to the family of each child who is identified as potentially eligible for medical assistance or MinnesotaCare through the free and reduced-price school lunch program information provided by the Department of Education in accordance with section 124D.1115. The postcard must state that the family has been identified as a family with children who may be eligible for medical assistance or the MinnesotaCare program and that by signing and returning the postcard to the department, the children will be enrolled in the applicable program.

(b) Upon the return of the postcard, the commissioner shall enroll the children in either medical assistance or MinnesotaCare. The commissioner shall accept the income determination made by the commissioner of education in administering the free and reduced-price school lunch program as proof of income until renewal.

(c) The commissioner shall electronically submit to the Social Security Administration the names and Social Security numbers of the enrolled children to comply with federal citizenship documentation requirements.

(d) The effective date of coverage shall be the first day of the month following the month in which the postcard was signed and returned.

(e) The postcard shall include information on where other family members can obtain an application and application assistance for enrollment in the MinnesotaCare program."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title accordingly

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

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

S.F. No. 9: A bill for an act relating to human services; creating the Minnesota health security account; establishing the Minnesota health security program; specifying eligibility criteria, covered services, and administrative procedures; requiring a report on program expansion and service delivery; ensuring access to health care for all adults; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes,

chapter 256N.

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

Page 4, line 15, delete "prospective, per capita"

Pages 4 to 5, delete subdivisions 4 to 6

Page 5, before line 5, insert:

"Sec. 10. **[256N.14] SERVICES FOR DISABLED CHILDREN.**

Subdivision 1. **Contracts for waiver services.** The commissioner shall contract with health care and social service providers, on a fee-for-service basis, to provide program enrollees with covered services available only under a medical assistance home and community-based waiver. The commissioner shall determine eligibility for home and community-based waiver services using the criteria and procedures in chapter 256B. Disputes related to services provided on a fee-for-service basis may be appealed to the commissioner using the procedures in section 256.045.

Subd. 2. **Service delivery for Minnesota disabilities health options recipient.** Individuals who voluntarily enroll in the Minnesota disability health options (MnDHO) program, established under section 256B.69, subdivision 23, shall continue to receive their home and community-based waiver services through MnDHO.

Subd. 3. **Disabled or blind children.** Children eligible for medical assistance due to blindness or disability as determined by the Social Security Administration or the state medical review team are exempt from enrolling in a managed care organization and shall be provided health benefits on a fee-for-service basis."

Page 6, delete sections 15 to 16 and insert:

"Sec. 16. **AFFORDABLE HEALTH CARE FOR ALL ADULTS.**

The state of Minnesota shall ensure that all adults in the state have access to comprehensive, affordable health care by January 1, 2012, consistent with the following criteria:

(1) health care must be affordable, with a guarantee that the family share of premium costs and cost-sharing in total does not exceed five percent of family income;

(2) a comprehensive benefit set must be provided that includes preventive care and all other medically necessary services including dental and comprehensive mental health benefits;

(3) breadth of choice of providers must be available with adequate access to services throughout geographic areas;

(4) enrollment must be simple and seamless; and

(5) improving health outcomes of all enrollees and reducing health disparities must be prioritized.

Sec. 17. INDEPENDENT ACTUARIAL ANALYSIS OF HEALTH CARE SYSTEM EFFICIENCY.

The Legislative Commission on Health Care Access shall commission an independent actuarial

analysis of the costs and benefits of several health care delivery system options in order to provide the most efficient and effective health care to Minnesota children and adults, as described under the Minnesota Health Security Act. The analysis shall identify the administrative costs associated with care provided under public health plans in Minnesota, and provide recommendations for greater transparency of those costs as needed. The analysis shall be completed and submitted to the legislature by July 1, 2010, and shall include recommendations on the ongoing implementation of the Minnesota Health Security Act."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title accordingly

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

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

S.F. No. 347: A bill for an act relating to health; waiving the four-month waiting period for unemployed persons for MinnesotaCare; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256L.07, by adding a subdivision.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **TEMPORARY MINNESOTACARE COVERAGE FOR UNEMPLOYED WORKERS.**

Subdivision 1. **Eligibility requirement.** An applicant for unemployment benefits is eligible for temporary MinnesotaCare coverage without meeting any of the eligibility criteria under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256L, if:

(1) the applicant was laid off from their most recent employment due to lack of work, and the layoff is not expected by the applicant or the employer to be temporary;

(2) the layoff was not due to the seasonal nature of the applicant's work;

(3) the applicant has served the nonpayable waiting week under Minnesota Statutes, section 268.085, subdivision 1, clause (5);

(4) the applicant resides in Minnesota;

(5) the applicant has wages paid of \$5,000 or more in each of the eight consecutive calendar quarters before the effective date of the application for unemployment benefits;

(6) the applicant's spouse does not have health care coverage available through the spouse's employer in which the applicant could be considered a dependent and receive health care through dependent coverage;

(7) the applicant is not eligible for federal reimbursement or federal payment of a portion of COBRA premiums under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act; and

(8) at the time of application for unemployment benefits, these benefits are the applicant's primary source of income.

Subd. 2. **Family coverage.** If the applicant meets the criteria under subdivision 1, the applicant's family is also eligible for temporary MinnesotaCare under this section and is not required to meet eligibility criteria under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256L. For purposes of this subdivision, "family" has the meaning provided in Minnesota Rules, part 9506.0010, subpart 11, and shall include any family member who was covered under any health coverage provided by the applicant's most recent employer and who does not have other health coverage available.

Subd. 3. **Covered services.** Temporary MinnesotaCare coverage under this section shall include all health services provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 256L.03.

Subd. 4. **Notice and application.** The commissioner of employment and economic development must, as part of the application for unemployment benefits, inform an applicant that temporary MinnesotaCare coverage may be available. If the applicant elects coverage, then as part of that application process, the commissioner of employment and economic development must obtain information necessary to determine temporary MinnesotaCare eligibility under this section. This information must be immediately provided to the commissioner of human services. The commissioner of human services must determine if the applicant for unemployment benefits is eligible for temporary MinnesotaCare coverage and notify the applicant accordingly. The commissioner of human services must automatically enroll the applicant and the applicant's family members in temporary MinnesotaCare coverage if eligible under this section. An enrollee or the enrollee's family members shall be disenrolled if other health care coverage becomes available to the enrollee or the enrollee's family members or the period of coverage provided under this section expires.

Subd. 5. **Payments by individual.** If the individual is deemed eligible for temporary MinnesotaCare, ten percent of an individual's weekly unemployment benefit amount shall be deducted and withheld from the applicant's weekly unemployment benefit payment in accordance with section 4. The individual and the individual's family members are exempt from the premium requirements in section 256L.15.

Subd. 6. **Cost sharing.** Individuals covered under this section are subject to the cost-sharing requirements specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 256L.03, subdivision 5, except that the ten percent coinsurance requirement for inpatient hospital services described in section 256L.03, subdivision 5, paragraph (a), clause (1), does not apply.

Subd. 7. **Managed care exemption.** Individuals covered under this section are exempt from managed care enrollment under Minnesota Statutes, section 256L.12, and services provided shall be reimbursed on a fee-for-service basis payable exclusively with funds from the workforce health coverage account created in section 3.

Subd. 8. **Duration of coverage.** Individuals are eligible for temporary MinnesotaCare under this section for five calendar months. The five-calendar months period begins on the first day of the month following the date the commissioner of human services receives the eligibility information from the commissioner of employment and economic development under subdivision 4. At the end of this period, an individual may apply for MinnesotaCare in accordance with chapter 256L, and eligibility criteria must be met with the exception of section 256L.07, subdivision 3.

Subd. 9. **Expiration.** Enrollment in temporary MinnesotaCare may not be made under this section after July 31, 2011.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2010.

Sec. 2. **WORKFORCE SUPPORT FEE.**

Subdivision 1. **Fee.** Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.20, the special assessment under that section on taxable wages as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 268.035, subdivision 24, is suspended from January 1, 2010, until December 31, 2012. Effective January 1, 2010, there is assessed, in addition to unemployment taxes due under Minnesota Statutes, section 268.051, a workforce support fee of .3 percent on taxable wages. This fee is due and must be paid on the same schedule and in the same manner as unemployment taxes under Minnesota Statutes, section 268.051. Any amount past due under this section is subject to the same interest and collection provisions as unemployment taxes. This fee expires on December 31, 2012.

Subd. 2. **Use of funds collected.** An amount equal to .1 percent on taxable wages is deposited in the workforce development fund provided for under Minnesota Statutes, section 116L.20, less reimbursement for one-half of the collection cost of the total amount of the fee. An amount equal to .2 percent on taxable wages, less reimbursement for one-half of the collection costs of the total amount of the fee, is deposited in the workforce health coverage account created in section 3.

Sec. 3. **WORKFORCE HEALTH COVERAGE ACCOUNT.**

(a) Effective January 1, 2010, the workforce health coverage account is created as a special account in the special revenue fund in the state treasury. This account lapses on June 30, 2014, and any money remaining in the account on that date must be paid into the unemployment insurance program trust fund. This account consists of all money collected by the workforce support fee provided by section 2 and designated for deposit in this account and all money deducted and withheld from an applicant's unemployment benefit payment for temporary MinnesotaCare coverage under section 1 and all interest earned on any money in this account, less reimbursement of collection costs under paragraph (d).

(b) Money in the account is appropriated to the commissioner of human services and is allocated and may be expended only to pay for the cost of temporary MinnesotaCare coverage under section 1.

(c) Any funds not allocated, obligated, or expended in a fiscal year are available for allocation, obligation, and expenditure in the following fiscal year.

(d) Because the administrative cost of collection of the workforce support fee is borne by federal money made available only to administer the unemployment insurance program, the commissioner of employment and economic development must negotiate with the United States Department of Labor the amount of any reimbursement for costs related to the collection of the fee.

Sec. 4. **HEALTH CARE COVERAGE DEDUCTION.**

(a) An applicant for unemployment benefits who meets the eligibility requirement for temporary MinnesotaCare coverage for unemployed workers must have the option of electing MinnesotaCare coverage. If the applicant elects coverage and is determined eligible for temporary MinnesotaCare, the commissioner of employment and economic development must deduct and withhold ten percent

of the applicant's weekly benefit amount from any payment made to the applicant. The weekly benefit amount is that amount computed under Minnesota Statutes, section 268.07, subdivision 2. This deduction occurs after all other deductions and adjustments. If the unemployment benefit payment prior to this deduction is insufficient to cover the ten percent cost, the payment to the applicant for that week is reduced to zero, but the applicant is not liable for the deficiency.

(b) The amount deducted and withheld from the applicant's unemployment benefit payment must be immediately deposited into the workforce health coverage account.

(c) The amount deducted is for all purposes considered and treated as if it were paid to the applicant as unemployment benefits."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to employment; providing health coverage to certain unemployed workers; assessing a workforce support fee; appropriating money."

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

Senator Metzen from the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1062: A bill for an act relating to economic development; providing green job incentives; providing for green job opportunity building zones; providing small business investment company and job growth investment tax credits; allowing tax benefits; making conforming changes; defining terms; allowing biomethane energy projects; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 216B.241, by adding a subdivision; 216B.2411; 268.19, subdivision 1; 270B.14, subdivision 3; 270B.15; 272.02, by adding a subdivision; 272.029, subdivision 7; 289A.12, by adding a subdivision; 290.01, subdivisions 19b, 29; 290.06, subdivision 2c, by adding subdivisions; 290.067, subdivision 1; 290.0671, subdivision 1; 290.091, subdivision 2; 290.0921, subdivision 3; 290.0922, subdivisions 2, 3; 297A.68, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 116J; 297I; 469.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications. Report adopted.

Senator Metzen from the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 122: A bill for an act relating to pet animals; requiring a notice for retail sales of cocoa bean shell mulch; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

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

Senator Metzen from the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1513: A bill for an act relating to highway construction; requiring road authorities to mitigate construction impacts on small businesses; creating construction mitigation grant program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 160.16, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 116J; 161.

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

Page 1, lines 10, 11, and 20, delete "road" and insert "transportation"

Page 2, lines 1 and 14, delete "road" and insert "transportation"

Page 2, line 2, delete the first "road" and insert "transportation"

Page 2, line 15, delete the first "road" and insert "transportation" and delete the second "road" and insert "transportation"

Page 2, lines 20, 22, and 32, after "road" insert "or transit"

Page 2, line 21, after "construction" insert ", reconstruction,"

Page 2, line 28, after "highway" insert ", or for a transit improvement,"

Page 2, line 29, after the first "road" insert "or transit"

Page 3, line 1, after "road" insert "or transit"

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after "road" insert "and transit"

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

Senator Metzen from the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1232: A bill for an act relating to taxation; income; franchise; property; sales and use; providing tax incentives for businesses in green job zones; providing for certification of qualifying businesses; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 268.19, subdivision 1; 270B.14, subdivision 3; 270B.15; 289A.12, by adding a subdivision; 290.01, subdivisions 19b, 29; 290.06, subdivision 2c, by adding a subdivision; 290.067, subdivision 1; 290.0671, subdivision 1; 290.091, subdivision 2; 290.0921, subdivision 3; 290.0922, subdivisions 2, 3; 297A.68, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 469.

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

Page 21, line 9, after "agreements" insert "under section 469.363"

Page 21, line 20, delete "appropriation" and insert "application"

Page 22, line 13, delete "469.310 to 469.3201" and insert "469.360 to 469.3701"

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

Senator Moua from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1332: A bill for an act relating to public safety; expanding the challenge incarceration program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 244.17; 244.172, subdivision 1.

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

Senator Moua from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred

S.F. No. 994: A bill for an act relating to crime; defining felony domestic assault and domestic assault by strangulation as crimes of violence; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 624.712, subdivision 5.

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

Senator Moua from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred

S.F. No. 798: A bill for an act relating to civil proceedings; removing a dollar limitation on attorney or agent fees in certain cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 15.471, subdivision 5.

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

Senator Moua from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was re-referred

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.

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

Senator Moua from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1224: A bill for an act relating to the secretary of state; regulating various filings and fees; defining certain terms; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 5.12, subdivision 1; 5.29; 5.32; 270C.63, subdivision 13; 302A.821; 303.14; 303.16, subdivision 4; 308A.995; 308B.121, subdivisions 1, 2; 317A.823; 321.0206; 321.0210; 321.0810; 322B.960; 323A.1003; 333.055; 336A.04, subdivision 3; 336A.09, subdivision 2; 359.01, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 5.

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

Page 2, after line 5, insert:

"**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective 30 days after the secretary of state certifies that the information systems of the Office of the Secretary of State have been modified to implement this section."

Page 2, after line 33, insert:

"**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective 30 days after the secretary of state certifies that the information systems of the Office of the Secretary of State have been modified to implement

this section."

Page 7, line 6, strike "must" and insert "may"

Page 7, line 12, delete "organization" and insert "incorporation"

Page 8, line 24, strike "must"

Page 8, line 28, before "send" insert "may"

Page 9, after line 6, insert:

"**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective 30 days after the secretary of state certifies that the information systems of the Office of the Secretary of State have been modified to implement this section."

Page 9, line 23, strike "must" and insert "may"

Page 13, line 31, strike "must" and insert "may"

Page 15, line 19, strike "must"

Page 15, line 24, before "send" insert "may"

Page 18, lines 12 and 14, after "each" insert "lien notice or"

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

Senator Moua from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred

S.F. No. 963: A bill for an act relating to public safety; modifying duties and responsibilities of Forensic Laboratory Advisory Board; requiring the board to appoint an executive secretary; establishing immunity from liability for board members; clarifying availability of investigation reports to the public; requiring the Department of Administration to provide office space and services to the board; defining forensic laboratory; providing for a study and report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 299C.156, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 9, 11, by adding a subdivision.

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

Page 2, line 32, after the period, insert "The board may defer investigating any claim until sufficient funding to do so becomes available."

Page 2, line 34, after the period, insert "Board members with a direct interest in the outcome of an investigation shall recuse themselves from the investigation and any decisions relating to it."

Page 3, line 29, strike "Reviews and reports are public" and insert "Data privacy practices"

Page 4, strike lines 11 and 12

Page 4, line 13, strike "DNA initiative."

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

Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Moua from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1196: A bill for an act relating to courts; providing the Fourth Judicial District with fiscal flexibility as to the location of court facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 484.91, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 383B.65, subdivision 2.

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

Page 1, line 8, after "bureaus" insert "in the Fourth Judicial District"

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

Senator Moua from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1118: A bill for an act relating to criminal justice; repealing reports on out-of-state juvenile placement; requiring the Sentencing Guidelines Commission to review its reports; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 260B.199, subdivision 2; 260B.201, subdivision 3.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 3.195, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Distribution of reports.** (a) Except as provided in subdivision 4, a report to the legislature required of a department or agency shall be made, unless otherwise specifically required by law, by filing one copy with the secretary of the senate, one copy with the chief clerk of the house of representatives, and six copies with the Legislative Reference Library. The same distribution procedure shall be followed for other reports and publications unless otherwise requested by a legislator or the Legislative Reference Library.

(b) A public entity as defined in section 16B.122, shall not distribute a report or publication to a member or employee of the legislature, except the secretary of the senate, the chief clerk of the house of representatives, and the Legislative Reference Library, unless the entity has determined that the member or employee wants the reports or publications published by that entity or the member or employee has requested the report or publication. This prohibition applies to both mandatory and voluntary reports and publications. A report or publication may be summarized in an executive summary and distributed as the entity chooses. Distribution of a report to legislative committee or commission members during a committee or commission hearing is not prohibited by this section.

(c) A report or publication produced by a public entity may not be sent to both the home address and the office address of a representative or senator unless mailing to both addresses is requested by the representative or senator.

(d) Reports, publications, periodicals, and summaries under this subdivision must be printed in a manner consistent with section 16B.122.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 3.195, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. Reports of criminal justice agencies; electronic versions only. (a) As used in this

subdivision, "criminal justice agency" means the Departments of Corrections, Public Safety, and Human Rights; the Boards of Public Defense, Peace Officer Standards and Training, Private Detective and Protective Agent Services, and Judicial Standards; the Sentencing Guidelines and Uniform Laws Commissions; and the courts.

(b) A criminal justice agency that submits a report to the legislature under this section shall do so by submitting an electronic version rather than a printed one. Notwithstanding subdivision 1, paragraph (a), and section 15.18, the agency need only submit one electronic copy to the Legislative Reference Library, the State Library, and the Minnesota Historical Society. In addition, the agency shall submit one printed copy to the Legislative Reference Library.

Sec. 3. [244.085] FELONY DWI REPORT.

By January 15 of each year, the commissioner shall report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees having jurisdiction over criminal justice policy and funding on the implementation and effects of the felony level driving while impaired offense. The report must include the following information on felony level driving while impaired offenses involving offenders committed to the commissioner's custody:

- (1) the number of persons committed;
- (2) the county of conviction;
- (3) the offenders' ages and gender;
- (4) the offenders' prior impaired driving histories and prior criminal histories;
- (5) the number of offenders:
 - (i) given an executed prison sentence upon conviction and the length of the sentence;
 - (ii) given an executed prison sentence upon revocation of probation, the reasons for revocation, and the length of sentence;
 - (iii) who successfully complete treatment in prison;
 - (iv) placed on intensive supervision following release from incarceration;
 - (v) placed in the challenge incarceration program, the number of offenders released from prison under this program, and the number of these offenders who violate their release conditions and the consequences imposed; and
 - (vi) who violate supervised release and the consequences imposed;
- (6) per diem costs, including treatment costs, for offenders incarcerated under the felony sentence provisions; and
- (7) any other information the commissioner deems relevant to estimating future costs.

Sec. 4. REVIEW OF REPORTS.

The Sentencing Guidelines Commission and the Departments of Corrections and Public Safety shall each review its reports for consolidation and may consider consolidating any reports with other reports to achieve administrative convenience or fiscal savings or to reduce the burden of reporting

requirements.

Sec. 5. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 260B.199, subdivision 2; and 260B.201, subdivision 3, are repealed."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to criminal justice; requiring the Sentencing Guidelines Commission and the Departments of Corrections and Public Safety to review its reports; requiring Department of Corrections to annually report on felony DWI offenders; requiring that reports to the legislature by criminal justice agencies be submitted electronically; repealing reports on out-of-state juvenile placement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 3.195, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 244; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 260B.199, subdivision 2; 260B.201, subdivision 3."

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 278: A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying the procedures for filling a vacancy in the Office of United States Senator or Representative in Congress; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 204D.17; 204D.19; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 204D; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204D.28.

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

Page 1, after line 7, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 203B.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Examination of return envelopes.** Two or more election judges shall examine each return envelope and shall mark it accepted or rejected in the manner provided in this subdivision. ~~If a ballot has been prepared under section 204B.12, subdivision 2a, or 204B.41, the election judges shall not begin removing ballot envelopes from the return envelopes until 8:00 p.m. on election day, either in the polling place or at an absentee ballot board established under section 203B.13.~~

The election judges shall mark the return envelope "Accepted" and initial or sign the return envelope below the word "Accepted" if the election judges or a majority of them are satisfied that:

(1) the voter's name and address on the return envelope are the same as the information provided on the absentee ballot application;

(2) the voter's signature on the return envelope is the genuine signature of the individual who made the application for ballots and the certificate has been completed as prescribed in the directions for casting an absentee ballot, except that if a person other than the voter applied for the absentee ballot under applicable Minnesota Rules, the signature is not required to match;

(3) the voter is registered and eligible to vote in the precinct or has included a properly completed

voter registration application in the return envelope; and

(4) the voter has not already voted at that election, either in person or by absentee ballot.

There is no other reason for rejecting an absentee ballot. In particular, failure to place the ballot within the security envelope before placing it in the outer white envelope is not a reason to reject an absentee ballot.

The return envelope from accepted ballots must be preserved and returned to the county auditor.

If all or a majority of the election judges examining return envelopes find that an absent voter has failed to meet one of the requirements prescribed in clauses (1) to (4), they shall mark the return envelope "Rejected," initial or sign it below the word "Rejected," and return it to the county auditor.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204B.04, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Candidates seeking nomination by primary.** No individual who seeks nomination for any partisan or nonpartisan office at a primary shall be nominated for the same office by nominating petition, except as otherwise provided for partisan offices in section 204D.10, subdivision 2, and for nonpartisan offices in section 204B.13, subdivision 4.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204B.04, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Nomination for nonpartisan office.** No individual shall be nominated by nominating petition for any nonpartisan office ~~except in the event of a vacancy in nomination as provided in section 204B.13.~~

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204B.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Form of petition.** A nominating petition may consist of one or more separate pages each of which shall state:

(a) the office sought;

(b) the candidate's name and residence address, including street and number if any; and

(c) the candidate's political party or political principle expressed in not more than three words. No candidate who files for a partisan office by nominating petition shall use the term "nonpartisan" as a statement of political principle or the name of the candidate's political party. No part of the name of a major political party may be used to designate the political party or principle of a candidate who files for a partisan office by nominating petition, except that the word "independent" may be used to designate the party or principle. ~~A candidate who files by nominating petition to fill a vacancy in nomination for a nonpartisan office pursuant to section 204B.13, shall not state any political principle or the name of any political party on the petition.~~

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204B.09, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Candidates in state and county general elections.** (a) Except as otherwise provided by this subdivision, affidavits of candidacy and nominating petitions for county, state, and federal offices filled at the state general election shall be filed not more than 70 days nor less than 56 days before the state primary. The affidavit may be prepared and signed at any time between 60 days before the filing period opens and the last day of the filing period.

(b) Notwithstanding other law to the contrary, the affidavit of candidacy must be signed in the presence of a notarial officer or an individual authorized to administer oaths under section 358.10.

(c) This provision does not apply to candidates for presidential elector nominated by major political parties. Major party candidates for presidential elector are certified under section 208.03. Other candidates for presidential electors may file petitions on or before the state primary day pursuant to section 204B.07. ~~Nominating petitions to fill vacancies in nominations shall be filed as provided in section 204B.13.~~ No affidavit or petition shall be accepted later than 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing.

(d) Affidavits and petitions for county offices must be filed with the county auditor of that county. Affidavits and petitions for federal offices must be filed with the secretary of state. Affidavits and petitions for state offices must be filed with the secretary of state or with the county auditor of the county in which the candidate resides.

(e) Affidavits other than those filed pursuant to subdivision 1a must be submitted by mail or by hand, notwithstanding chapter 325L, or any other law to the contrary and must be received by 5:00 p.m. on the last day for filing.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204B.11, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Petition in place of filing fee.** At the time of filing an affidavit of candidacy, a candidate may present a petition in place of the filing fee. The petition may be signed by any individual eligible to vote for the candidate. A nominating petition filed pursuant to section 204B.07 ~~or 204B.13, subdivision 4,~~ is effective as a petition in place of a filing fee if the nominating petition includes a prominent statement informing the signers of the petition that it will be used for that purpose.

The number of signatures on a petition in place of a filing fee shall be as follows:

(a) for a state office voted on statewide, or for president of the United States, or United States senator, 2,000;

(b) for a congressional office, 1,000;

(c) for a county or legislative office, or for the office of district judge, 500; and

(d) for any other office which requires a filing fee as prescribed by law, municipal charter, or ordinance, the lesser of 500 signatures or five percent of the total number of votes cast in the municipality, ward, or other election district at the preceding general election at which that office was on the ballot.

An official with whom petitions are filed shall make sample forms for petitions in place of filing fees available upon request.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204B.13, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Death or withdrawal.** A vacancy in nomination may be filled in the manner provided by this section. A vacancy in nomination exists when:

~~(a) (1) a major political party candidate or nonpartisan candidate who was nominated at a primary dies or files an affidavit of withdrawal as provided in section 204B.12, subdivision 2a; or~~

~~(b) a candidate for a nonpartisan office, for which one or two candidates filed, dies or files an affidavit of withdrawal as provided in section 204B.12, subdivision 1.~~ (2) a major political party candidate who was nominated at a primary or the candidate's legal guardian files an affidavit of vacancy at least one day prior to the general election with the same official who received the affidavit of candidacy that states that:

(i) the candidate has a catastrophic illness that was diagnosed after the deadline for withdrawal; and

(ii) the candidate's illness will permanently and continuously incapacitate the candidate and prevent the candidate from performing the duties of the office sought.

The affidavit must be accompanied by a certificate verifying that the candidate's illness meets the requirements of this clause, signed by at least two licensed physicians.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204B.13, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Partisan office; nomination by party.** (a) A vacancy in nomination for partisan office shall be filled as provided in this subdivision effectively remove that office from the ballot. Votes cast at the general election for that office are invalid and the office must be filled in a special election held in accordance with section 204D.17, except as provided by this section.

Except for the vacancy in nomination, all other candidates whose names would have appeared on the general election ballot for this race must appear on the special election ballot for this race. There must not be a primary to fill the vacancy in nomination.

A major political party has the authority to fill a vacancy in nomination of that party's candidate by filing a nomination certificate with the same official who received the affidavits of candidacy for that office.

~~(b) A major political party may provide in its governing rules a procedure, including designation of an appropriate committee, to fill vacancies in nomination for all federal and state offices elected statewide. The nomination certificate shall be prepared under the direction of and executed by the chair and secretary of the political party and filed within seven 14 days after the vacancy in nomination occurs or before the 14th day before the general election, whichever is sooner. If the vacancy in nomination occurs through the candidate's death or catastrophic illness, the nomination certificate must be filed within seven days after the vacancy in nomination occurs but no later than four days before the general election but no later than seven days after the general election. The chair and secretary when filing the certificate shall attach an affidavit stating that the newly nominated candidate has been selected under the rules of the party and that the individuals signing the certificate and making the affidavit are the chair and secretary of the party.~~

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204B.13, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. **Date of special election.** The special election must be held on the second Tuesday in December.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204B.13, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. **Absentee voters.** The county auditor shall mail an absentee ballot for the special election under this section to each applicant for an absentee ballot whose application for an

absentee ballot for the preceding general election was recorded under section 203B.04 or 203B.17. If the vacancy in nomination is filled before the general election, the county auditor shall transmit the ballot no earlier than the general election and no later than five days after the general election. If the vacancy is filled after the general election, the county auditor must transmit the ballot no later than five days after the vacancy is filled.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204B.13, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. **Appropriation.** The secretary of state shall reimburse the counties and municipalities for expenses incurred in the administration of a special election held under section 204B.13, subdivision 2. The following expenses are eligible for reimbursement: preparation and printing of ballots; postage for absentee ballots; publication of the sample ballot; preparation of polling places; preparation of electronic voting equipment; compensation for temporary staff or overtime payments; salaries of election judges; and compensation of county canvassing board members.

Within 60 days after the special election, the county auditor and municipal clerk shall submit to the secretary of state a request for payment accompanied by an itemized description of actual costs incurred for the special election. The secretary of state must not reimburse expenses unless the request for reimbursement has been submitted as required by this subdivision. The secretary of state shall complete the issuance of reimbursements to the counties and municipalities no later than 90 days after the special election.

When a special election is held under section 204B.13, subdivision 2, the secretary of state shall reimburse local election officials for costs incurred as provided in this subdivision. The amount necessary to make the payments under this subdivision is appropriated to the secretary of state from the general fund. No payment shall be made pursuant to this section until the secretary of state has given the commissioner of finance an estimate of the cost of the special election, the commissioner of finance has reported the estimate to the Committee on Finance of the senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the house of representatives, and the commissioner of finance has approved the payment. After all reimbursements have been paid, the commissioner of finance shall report the actual cost to the Committee on Finance of the senate and the Committee on Ways and Means of the house of representatives."

Page 2, line 3, after "held" insert "on" and delete "80" and insert "70"

Page 3, delete section 4 and insert:

"Sec. 15. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 204B.12, subdivision 2a; 204B.13, subdivisions 4, 5, and 6; 204B.41; 204D.169; and 204D.28, are repealed."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after the semicolon, insert "changing certain provisions concerning vacancies in nomination;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 658: A bill for an act relating to elections; imposing additional requirements on polling place challengers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204C.07, subdivisions 3a, 4.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204C.07, subdivision 3a, is amended to read:

Subd. 3a. **Residence Registration requirement.** A challenger must be a ~~resident of this state~~ registered voter as provided in section 201.054. ~~An appointed challengers challenger seeking admission to a polling place to serve in that capacity must prove their status as a resident of this state by presenting one of the documents listed in section 201.061, subdivision 3. Challengers need not prove residence in the precinct in which they seek to act as a challenger. sign a written statement under penalty of perjury affirming: (1) the challenger's status as a registered voter in this state; and (2) that the challenger has reviewed and agrees to comply with the requirements of this section, including, but not limited to, the standards of conduct for a polling place challenger.~~

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204C.07, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Restrictions on conduct.** An election judge may not be appointed as a challenger. The election judges shall permit challengers appointed pursuant to this section to be present in the polling place during the hours of voting and to remain there until the votes are counted and the results declared. ~~No~~ A challenger must comply with an order from a head election judge to leave a polling place for the remainder of the election day for failure to comply with the requirements of this section. A challenger shall not:

- (1) handle or inspect registration cards, files, or lists. ~~Challengers shall not;~~
- (2) prepare in any manner any list of individuals who have or have not voted. ~~They shall not;~~
- (3) attempt to influence voting in any manner. ~~They shall not;~~
- (4) converse with a voter ~~except to determine, in the presence of an election judge, whether the voter is eligible to vote in the precinct;~~
- (5) use any electronic communication device inside the polling place; or
- (6) interfere with an election judge who is performing official duties.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204C.12, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Statement of grounds; oath.** Before making a challenge, a challenger must be a resident of this state admitted to a polling place as provided in section 204C.07, subdivision 3a. The secretary of state shall prepare a form that challengers must complete and sign when making a challenge. The form must include space to state the ground for the challenge, a statement that the challenge is based on the challenger's personal knowledge, and a statement that the challenge

is made under oath. The form must include a space for the challenger's printed name, signature, telephone number, and address.

An election judge shall administer to the challenged individual the following oath:

"Do you solemnly swear that you will fully and truly answer all questions put to you concerning your eligibility to vote at this election?"

The election judge shall then ask the challenged individual sufficient questions to test that individual's residence and right to vote.

Sec. 4. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204C.07, subdivision 3, is repealed."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to elections; imposing additional requirements on polling place challengers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 204C.07, subdivisions 3a, 4; 204C.12, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204C.07, subdivision 3."

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 801: A bill for an act relating to elections; updating certain ballot and voting system requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 103C.305, subdivision 3; 126C.17, subdivision 9; 203B.125; 204B.18; 204B.28, subdivision 2; 204C.08; 204C.13, subdivisions 2, 3, 5; 204C.19, subdivision 2; 204C.20, subdivisions 1, 2; 204C.21; 204C.22, subdivisions 3, 4, 6, 7, 10; 204C.24, subdivision 1; 204C.25; 204C.26; 204C.27; 204C.28, subdivision 3; 204D.03, subdivision 3; 204D.05, subdivision 3; 204D.07; 204D.08; 204D.09, subdivision 2; 204D.10, subdivisions 1, 3; 204D.11, subdivision 1; 204D.12; 204D.13; 204D.16; 204D.165; 204D.25, subdivision 1; 205.17, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5; 205A.08, subdivisions 1, 3, 4; 206.56, subdivision 3; 206.83; 206.84, subdivision 3; 206.86, subdivision 6; 206.90, subdivisions 9, 10; 208.04; 275.60; 447.32, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 204C; 204D; 205; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 204B.36; 204B.37; 204B.38; 204B.39; 204B.42; 204C.13, subdivision 4; 204C.20, subdivision 3; 204C.23; 204D.05, subdivisions 1, 2; 204D.11, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; 204D.14, subdivisions 1, 3; 204D.15, subdivisions 1, 3; 205.17, subdivision 2; 206.56, subdivision 5; 206.61, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5; 206.62; 206.84, subdivisions 1, 6, 7; 206.86, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5; 206.90, subdivisions 3, 5, 6, 7, 8.

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

Page 1, delete section 2

Page 5, line 25, delete "to the counting location"

Page 5, line 27, delete ", including auto collisions"

Page 7, lines 28 and 29, strike "metal"

Page 30, delete section 60

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 745: A bill for an act relating to elections; changing certain provisions concerning vacancies in nomination; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 203B.12, subdivision 2; 204B.04, subdivisions 2, 3; 204B.07, subdivision 1; 204B.09, subdivision 1; 204B.11, subdivision 2; 204B.13, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding subdivisions; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 204B.12, subdivision 2a; 204B.13, subdivisions 4, 5, 6; 204B.41; 204D.169.

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

Page 4, line 22, delete "for state constitutional office" and insert "who was nominated at a primary"

Page 5, line 13, strike "seven" and insert "14"

Page 5 line 17, before the period, insert "but no later than seven days after the general election"

Page 5, line 27, delete "All applicants for absentee ballots for the general" and insert "The county auditor shall mail an absentee ballot for the special election under this section to each applicant for an absentee ballot whose application for an absentee ballot for the preceding general election was recorded under section 203B.04. If the vacancy in nomination is filled before the general election, the county auditor shall mail the ballot no earlier than the general election and no later than five days after the general election. If the vacancy is filled after the general election, the county auditor must mail the ballot no later than five days after the vacancy is filled."

Page 5, delete lines 28 and 29

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 853: A bill for an act relating to elections; authorizing absentee voting without excuse; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 203B.02, subdivision 1; 203B.04, subdivisions 1, 6.

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

Page 1, line 7, strike "Unable to go to polling place" and delete the semicolon

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

Senator Pogemiller, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was

referred

H.F. No. 602 for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found not identical with companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS		CONSENT CALENDAR		CALENDAR	
H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.
602	573				

Pursuant to Rule 45, the Committee on Rules and Administration recommends that H.F. No. 602 be amended as follows:

Delete all the language after the enacting clause of H.F. No. 602, the second engrossment; and insert the language after the enacting clause of S.F. No. 573, the first engrossment; further, delete the title of H.F. No. 602, the second engrossment; and insert the title of S.F. No. 573, the first engrossment.

And when so amended H.F. No. 602 will be identical to S.F. No. 573, and further recommends that H.F. No. 602 be given its second reading and substituted for S.F. No. 573, and that the Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 45, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

Senator Pogemiller, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred

H.F. No. 668 for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found identical and recommends the House File be given its second reading and substituted for its companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS		CONSENT CALENDAR		CALENDAR	
H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.
668	782				

and that the above Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 45, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Report adopted.

Senator Pogemiller, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred

H.F. No. 789 for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found not identical with companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS		CONSENT CALENDAR		CALENDAR	
H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.
789	586				

Pursuant to Rule 45, the Committee on Rules and Administration recommends that H.F. No. 789 be amended as follows:

Delete all the language after the enacting clause of H.F. No. 789, the first engrossment; and insert the language after the enacting clause of S.F. No. 586, the first engrossment; further, delete the title of H.F. No. 789, the first engrossment; and insert the title of S.F. No. 586, the first engrossment.

And when so amended H.F. No. 789 will be identical to S.F. No. 586, and further recommends that H.F. No. 789 be given its second reading and substituted for S.F. No. 586, and that the Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 45, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of 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. 1564: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; establishing parks and trails legacy grant program; providing appointments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.53.

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

S.F. No. 1566: A bill for an act relating to human services; amending health care eligibility provisions for medical assistance, MinnesotaCare, and general assistance medical care; establishing a Drug Utilization Review Board; authorizing rulemaking; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 62J.2930, subdivision 3; 245.494, subdivision 3; 256.015, subdivision 7; 256.969, subdivision 3a; 256B.037, subdivision 5; 256B.056, subdivisions 1c, 3c, 6; 256B.0625, by adding subdivisions; 256B.094, subdivision 3; 256B.195, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 256B.199; 256B.69, subdivision 5a; 256B.77, subdivision 13; 256D.03, subdivision 3; 256L.01, subdivision 4; 256L.03, subdivision 5; 256L.15, subdivision 2; 507.092, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 4, article 8, sections 54; 61; 63; 66; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256B.031.

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

Page 12, after line 13, insert:

"EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2009, or upon federal approval, whichever is later."

Page 15, delete section 15

Page 21, delete section 19 and insert:

"Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256L.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4a. **Gross individual or gross family income.** (a) "Gross individual or gross family income" for nonfarm self-employed means income calculated for the 12-month period of eligibility using as a baseline the adjusted gross income reported on the applicant's federal income tax form for the previous year and adding back in depreciation, and carryover net operating loss amounts that apply to the business in which the family is currently engaged.

(b) "Gross individual or gross family income" for farm self-employed means income calculated for the 12-month period of eligibility using as the baseline the adjusted gross income reported on the applicant's federal income tax form for the previous year.

(c) "Gross individual or gross family income" means the total income for all family members, calculated for the 12-month period of eligibility.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2009, except that the amendment made to the "gross individual or gross family income" for farm self-employed in Laws 2007, chapter 147, article 5, section 19, is effective July 1, 2009, or upon federal approval, whichever is later."

Page 25, delete section 27 and insert:

"Sec. 26. Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 4, article 8, section 74, the effective date, is amended to read:

EFFECTIVE DATE. The amendment to paragraph (a) changing gross family or individual income to monthly gross family or individual income is effective August 1, 2007, ~~or upon implementation of HealthMatch, whichever is later 2008.~~ The amendment to paragraph (a) related to premium adjustments and changes of income and the amendment to paragraph (c) are effective September 1, 2005, or upon federal approval, whichever is later. ~~Prior to the implementation of HealthMatch, The commissioner shall implement this section to the fullest extent possible, including the use of manual processing. Upon implementation of HealthMatch, the commissioner shall implement this section in a manner consistent with the procedures and requirements of HealthMatch.~~

Sec. 27. **REPEALER.**

(a) Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 256B.031; and 256L.01, subdivision 4, are repealed.

(b) Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 4, article 8, sections 21; 22; 23; and 24, are repealed.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective August 1, 2009."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. Nos. 1314, 79, 122, 251, 1196, 658, 801, 745, 853 and 1566 were read the second time.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

H.F. Nos. 602, 668 and 789 were read the second time.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Clark moved that the names of Senators Rest and Dibble be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 751. The motion prevailed.

Senator Lynch moved that the name of Senator Limmer be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 987. The motion prevailed.

Senator Betzold moved that the name of Senator Ortman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1065. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved that the name of Senator Kubly be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1268. The motion prevailed.

Senator Lourey moved that the name of Senator Fobbe be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1283. The motion prevailed.

Senator Bonoff moved that the name of Senator Anderson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1390. The motion prevailed.

Senator Foley moved that the name of Senator Sparks be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1492. The motion prevailed.

Senator Sparks moved that the name of Senator Gerlach be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1611. The motion prevailed.

Senator Anderson moved that the name of Senator Erickson Ropes be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1730. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rosen moved that the name of Senator Day be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1766. The motion prevailed.

Senator Jungbauer moved that the name of Senator Marty be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1770. The motion prevailed.

Senator Anderson moved that the name of Senator Erickson Ropes be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1784. The motion prevailed.

Senator Torres Ray moved that the name of Senator Pappas be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1799. The motion prevailed.

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. No. 1566, on General Orders, be stricken and re-referred to the

Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight. The motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senator Lynch introduced—

S.F. No. 1809: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying renewal notice requirements for medical assistance enrollees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 256.962, subdivision 7.

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

Senator Scheid introduced—

S.F. No. 1810: A bill for an act relating to property; enacting the Uniform Disclaimer of Property Interests Act; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 524; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 501B.86; 525.532.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Carlson introduced—

S.F. No. 1811: A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing land acquired by the city of Eagan and subject to reversion to state to be used for a colocation facility; amending Laws 1995, chapter 159, sections 1, as amended; 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Scheid introduced—

S.F. No. 1812: A bill for an act relating to insurance; increasing maximum dollar amounts on protection for policyholders of insolvent life and health insurance companies to provide greater comparability with limits of federal deposit insurance of bank accounts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 61B.19, subdivisions 4, 6; 61B.28, subdivision 8.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Vandever introduced—

S.F. No. 1813: A bill for an act relating to the legislature; limiting per diem payments; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Ingebrigtsen introduced—

S.F. No. 1814: A bill for an act relating to public safety; changing discharge of firearm reporting;

amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 626.553, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Moua, by request, introduced—

S.F. No. 1815: A bill for an act relating to state government; merging Board of Private Detective and Protective Agent Services and the Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 214.01, subdivision 3; 214.04, subdivision 1; 326.32, subdivisions 2, 3; 326.3361, subdivision 4; 626.842, subdivision 2; 626.843, subdivision 1; 626.845; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 326.32, subdivision 11; 326.33, subdivisions 1, 2, 6; 326.3311; 326.3321; 326.3331.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Moua introduced—

S.F. No. 1816: A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing for a conditional partial pardon of a person's criminal conviction upon successful completion of the challenge incarceration program; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 638.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Pariseau, Ingebrigtsen, Hann, Gimse and Skogen introduced—

S.F. No. 1817: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; establishing hunters', anglers', and trappers' bill of rights; proposing amendments to the Minnesota Constitution, articles I and XIII to protect the right to arms and the right to wear fur and display game; requiring the commissioner of natural resources to ensure hunting and fishing access; establishing a program to allow public walk-in access on private property; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 97A.045, by adding a subdivision; 97A.083; 97B.001, subdivision 7; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 86A.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Berglin introduced—

S.F. No. 1818: A bill for an act relating to elections; prohibiting landlords from limiting posting of campaign material in window of tenant's residence; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 211B.

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

Senator Murphy introduced—

S.F. No. 1819: A bill for an act relating to water quality; appropriating money for a grant to Minneola Township for water quality and flood control structures.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Rest, Marty, Sieben, Moua and Dibble introduced—

S.F. No. 1820: A bill for an act relating to elections; establishing procedures for home rule charter jurisdictions that adopt ranked-choice voting; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 205.13, subdivision 2; 206.83; 206.89, subdivisions 2, 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 206; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 204E.

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

Senator Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 1821: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for land acquisition in Ramsey County.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 1822: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for land acquisition in Ramsey County.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Tomassoni introduced—

S.F. No. 1823: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for water and sewer infrastructure improvements in the city of Eveleth; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Pogemiller introduced—

S.F. No. 1824: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating funds for a veterans memorial park on the Mississippi River in Minneapolis.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Carlson and Scheid introduced—

S.F. No. 1825: A bill for an act relating to creditors remedies; regulating exemptions; modifying certain dollar amounts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 550.37, subdivisions 10, 23.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Jungbauer introduced—

S.F. No. 1826: A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing a levy for certain hazardous pupil transportation services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 123B.92, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Jungbauer introduced—

S.F. No. 1827: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; modifying provision governing display of registration plates or tabs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 168.09, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Jungbauer introduced—

S.F. No. 1828: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; establishing a lifetime spearing license and lifetime angling and spearing license; adding spearing to the lifetime sporting license; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 97A.473, subdivisions 1, 5, by adding subdivisions; 97A.4742, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Gerlach, Gimse, Fischbach, Senjem and Pariseau introduced—

S.F. No. 1829: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; prohibiting an increase in taxable market value for certain homesteads owned by persons age 65 years or older; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 273.11, subdivision 5, by adding a subdivision; 273.121, subdivision 1; 276.04, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Vandever and Michel introduced—

S.F. No. 1830: A bill for an act relating to state government; reducing salary for legislators and constitutional officers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 3.099, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 4; 5; 6; 8.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senators Kelash and Dibble introduced—

S.F. No. 1831: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for Midtown Greenway trail wayfinding signage and kiosks.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Skogen introduced—

S.F. No. 1832: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying invasive species management provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 84D.01, by adding subdivisions; 84D.02, subdivision 2; 103G.615, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Langseth introduced–

S.F. No. 1833: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money for Red River basin management and water quality improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Vandever introduced–

S.F. No. 1834: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; extending limited market value; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 273.11, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Vandever introduced–

S.F. No. 1835: A bill for an act relating to health; providing immunity from liability for volunteer dentists under certain circumstances; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 604A.

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

Senators Chaudhary, Frederickson, Ingebrigtsen, Saxhaug and Fobbe introduced–

S.F. No. 1836: A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money from the clean water fund for clean water legacy and drinking water protection activities; providing for a report on a star farms proposal.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Olseen introduced–

S.F. No. 1837: A bill for an act relating to public finance; authorizing the cities of Chisago City and Lindstrom to establish a joint venture, issue debt for use outside of the jurisdiction, and share revenues.

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

Senators Gerlach, Hann and Vandever introduced–

S.F. No. 1838: A bill for an act relating to state government; modifying public employee annual salaries that exceed \$100,000 during the biennium ending June 30, 2011.

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

Senators Bakk, Rest, Skoe, Moua and Dibble introduced–

S.F. No. 1839: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; taxing digital products; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 297A.61, subdivision 3, by adding subdivisions; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 297A.61, subdivision 45.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Vandever and Doll introduced—

S.F. No. 1840: A bill for an act relating to waters; requiring watershed districts to submit information to counties; requiring county approval of levies and fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 103D.351; 103D.911, subdivision 2; 103D.915, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Hann introduced—

S.F. No. 1841: A bill for an act relating to traffic regulations; providing that speed in excess of ten miles per hour over speed limit of 60 miles per hour does not go on driver's driving record; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 171.12, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Hann introduced—

S.F. No. 1842: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a respite care program; establishing advisory committees; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256.

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

RECESS

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now recess subject to the call of the President. The motion prevailed.

After a brief recess, the President called the Senate to order.

APPOINTMENTS

Senator Pogemiller from the Subcommittee on Conference Committees recommends that the following Senators be and they hereby are appointed as a Conference Committee on:

H.F. No. 392: Senators Bakk, Skoe, Olseen, Dibble and Vandever.

Senator Pogemiller moved that the foregoing appointments be approved. The motion prevailed.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Bakk; Latz; Olson, M.; Stumpf and Vickerman were excused from the Session of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, March 25, 2009. The motion prevailed.

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

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