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TWENTY-FIFTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Wednesday, March 10, 1999

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

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Moe, R.D. imposed a call of the Senate. The Sergeant at Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

Prayer was offered by Senator Dean E. Johnson.

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

Anderson	Higgins	Krentz	Oliver	Scheid
Belanger	Hottinger	Laidig	Olson	Solon
Berg	Janezich	Langseth	Pappas	Spear
Berglin	Johnson, D.E.	Larson	Pariseau	Stevens
Betzold	Johnson, D.H.	Lessard	Piper	Stumpf
Cohen	Johnson, J.B.	Limmer	Pogemiller	Ten Eyck
Day	Junge	Lourey	Price	Vickerman
Dille	Kelley, S.P.	Marty	Ranum	Wiener
Fischbach	Kelly, R.C.	Metzen	Robertson	Wiger
Flynn	Kiscaden	Moe, R.D.	Robling	
Frederickson	Kleis	Morse	Sams	
Hanson	Knutson	Murphy	Samuelson	

The President declared a quorum present.

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

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received.

March 8, 1999

The Honorable Allan H. Spear
President of the Senate

Dear President Spear:

It is my honor to inform you that I have received, approved, signed and deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State, S.F. Nos. 121 and 424.

Sincerely,
Jesse Ventura, Governor

March 8, 1999

The Honorable Steve Sviggum
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable Allan H. Spear
President of the Senate

I have the honor to inform you that the following enrolled Acts of the 1999 Session of the State Legislature have been received from the Office of the Governor and are deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State for preservation, pursuant to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 23:

S.F. No.	H.F. No.	Session Laws Chapter No.	Time and Date Approved 1999	Date Filed 1999
121		5	11:06 a.m. March 8	March 8
424		6	11:08 a.m. March 8	March 8

Sincerely,
Mary Kiffmeyer
Secretary of State

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following Senate File, herewith returned: S.F. No. 301.

Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned March 8, 1999

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following House Files, herewith transmitted: H.F. Nos. 346 and 379.

Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted March 8, 1999

FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

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

H.F. No. 346: A bill for an act relating to courts; prohibiting certain contracting arrangements for freelance court reporting services; regulating certain services; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 486.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

H.F. No. 379: A bill for an act relating to mortgage registry and deed taxes; making technical and clarifying changes; defining terms; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 287.01; 287.03; 287.04; 287.05; 287.08; 287.10; 287.11; 287.12; 287.13, subdivision 1; 287.21, subdivision 1; 287.22; 287.23; 287.24; 287.241; 287.29, subdivision 1; 287.30; 287.31; and 287.33; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 287; repealing Minnesota

Statutes 1998, sections 287.06; 287.07; 287.09; 287.21, subdivisions 2 and 4; 287.34; 287.35; and 287.36.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration for comparison with S.F. No. 381, now on General Orders.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

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

S.F. No. 552: A bill for an act relating to government data practices; requiring the revisor of statutes to reorganize and recodify the data practices law; requiring responsible authorities to annually provide the revisor of statutes with lists of statutes pertaining to data practices codified outside chapter 13; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 13.05, by adding a subdivision.

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

Page 2, delete section 2 and insert:

"Sec. 2. [REPORT OF DATA PRACTICES LAWS.]

The responsible authority of each state agency shall prepare a list that identifies all data practices laws codified outside Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13, that are not referenced in Minnesota Statutes, section 13.99. The list must be submitted to the office of the revisor of statutes no later than September 1, 1999, so that the revisor can complete the data practices law recodification required in section 1."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, after "authorities" insert "of state agencies"

Page 1, line 5, delete "annually"

Page 1, line 7, delete everything after "13" and insert a period

Page 1, delete line 8

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

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

S.F. No. 1094: A bill for an act relating to probate; changing provisions of the Uniform Probate Code; changing nomination provisions for conservators and guardians; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 524.2-101; 524.2-213; 524.2-702; 524.3-916; and 525.544, subdivision 1.

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

Page 1, line 14, delete "decedents" and insert "descendants"

Pages 1 and 2, delete section 2

Page 9, after line 32, insert:

"Sec. 5. [INSTRUCTION TO REVISOR.]

The revisor of statutes is directed to remove the words "executor" and "administrator" or similar terms each place that the words appear in chapter 48 of Minnesota Statutes and replace

those words with "personal representative" or similar terms, provided that any reference to the "administrator of veterans affairs" shall not be changed. The revisor of statutes is directed to add the word "conservator" or similar term to each section of chapter 48 of Minnesota Statutes where there appears the word "guardian," except where the word "guardian" is followed by the words "of a minor.""

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 5, delete "524.2-213;"

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

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

S.F. No. 1115: A bill for an act relating to courts; revising the process for action for payment or collection of taxes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 270.68, subdivision 1.

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

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

S.F. No. 1116: A bill for an act relating to courts; eliminating filing of duplicate documents; updating the law governing court administrators; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 279.13; 485.018, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 357.07; and 485.018, subdivisions 1 and 4.

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

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

S.F. No. 881: A bill for an act relating to recreation; creating a parks and trails plan of regional significance in certain counties in central Minnesota.

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

Page 1, line 22, delete "or" and insert a comma

Page 1, line 23, after "state" insert ", or other sources" and delete "only"

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

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

S.F. No. 829: A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing commissioner of human services to sell certain surplus state land to the Bloomington housing and redevelopment authority.

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

Page 1, line 24, after the comma, insert "or any other law to the contrary,"

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

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

S.F. No. 1090: A bill for an act relating to counties; authorizing Koochiching county to exercise the power of eminent domain for acquisition of certain trust fund land.

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

Page 1, line 11, after the comma, insert "reserving to the state all minerals and mineral rights,"

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

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

S.F. No. 1091: A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing conveyance of certain tax-forfeited land in Koochiching county.

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

Senator Novak from the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 607: A bill for an act relating to tax expenditures; requiring preparation of certain information for proposed tax expenditures; regulating business subsidies; requesting a study by the legislative auditor; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 270.067, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 3; and 116J; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 116J.991.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. [3.9831] [TAX EXPENDITURE STATEMENTS.]

Subdivision 1. [PREPARATION REQUIRED.] (a) Before a committee hearing on a bill that proposes to create a new or expand an existing tax expenditure, the author must provide the committee with the following information in writing:

(1) a clear and concise statement of the public purpose for each proposed tax expenditure and expansion of an existing tax expenditure; and

(2) the author's expectations concerning: (i) any other economic or social costs of the proposal; (ii) economic or social benefits of the proposal; and (iii) the individuals or groups of individuals who will benefit and who will pay as a result of the proposal by income class or other appropriate demographic characteristics. If the full cost of the proposed tax expenditure is not offset by explicitly increasing taxes on other taxpayers, the expectation of who will pay must name particular budget expenditures that will be reduced by that amount.

(b) The commissioner of revenue must provide the committee with an estimate of the effect on state and local government revenues. An estimate of the cost of administration by state government must be prepared by the appropriate head of the affected state agency or agencies, as coordinated by the commissioner of finance.

Subd. 2. [DEFINITIONS.] (a) For purposes of this section, the terms in this subdivision have the meanings given.

(b) "Tax expenditure" means a provision of tax or other law that:

(1) consists of a special exemption, deduction, exclusion, credit, rate, or similar provision that reduces the tax obligation of an individual, business organization, property, or transaction;

(2) serves or is intended to serve an economic or social goal other than raising revenue; and

(3) is not a fundamental element of the tax that is primarily designed to achieve one or more of the following tax policy goals:

- (i) horizontal or vertical equity;
- (ii) efficiency or minimizing the impact of the tax on private decisions;
- (iii) ease of administration of the tax;
- (iv) ease of compliance by taxpayers; and
- (v) simplicity or understandability of the tax.

(c) "Tax" means any tax of statewide application or any tax authorized to be imposed by local governments generally. It does not include a local tax imposed under a special law or a local tax imposed under a general law that no longer applies to local governments generally.

Sec. 2. [116J.993] [DEFINITIONS.]

Subdivision 1. [SCOPE.] For the purposes of sections 116J.993 to 116J.996, the terms defined in this section have the meanings given them.

Subd. 2. [BENEFIT DATE.] "Benefit date" means the date that the recipient receives the business subsidy. If the business subsidy involves the purchase, lease, or donation of physical equipment, then the benefit date begins when the recipient puts the equipment into service. If the business subsidy is for improvements to property, then the benefit date refers to the earliest date of either:

(1) when the improvements are finished for the entire project; or

(2) when a business occupies the property. If a business occupies the property and the subsidy grantor expects that other businesses will also occupy the same property, the grantor may assign a separate benefit date for each business when it first occupies the property.

Subd. 3. [BUSINESS SUBSIDY.] "Business subsidy" or "subsidy" means a state or local government agency grant, contribution of personal property, real property, infrastructure, the principal amount of a loan plus the interest on any loan at rates below those commercially available to the recipient, any reduction or deferral of any tax or any fee, any guarantee of any payment under any loan, lease, or other obligation, or any preferential use of government facilities given to a business.

The following forms of financial assistance are not a business subsidy:

(1) assistance that is generally available to all businesses or to a general class of similar businesses, such as a line of business, size, location, or similar general criteria;

(2) public improvements to buildings or lands owned by the state or local government that serve a public purpose and do not principally benefit a single business or defined group of businesses at the time the improvements are made;

(3) redevelopment of blighted buildings or property polluted by contaminants as defined in section 116J.552, subdivision 3, when the property is sold at 80 percent or more of appraised market value based on comparable property;

(4) assistance provided for the sole purpose of renovating or bringing up to code old or decaying building stock and when the assistance is matched by the business using private sources;

(5) assistance provided to organizations whose primary mission is to provide job readiness and training services if the sole purpose of the assistance is to provide those services;

(6) assistance for housing;

(7) assistance for pollution control or abatement;

(8) assistance for energy conservation;

- (9) assistance awarded through direct and specific legislation;
- (10) tax reductions resulting from conformity with federal tax law;
- (11) workers' compensation and unemployment compensation;
- (12) benefits derived from regulation;
- (13) indirect benefits derived from assistance to educational institutions; and
- (14) a business subsidy of less than \$25,000.

Subd. 4. [GRANTOR.] "Grantor" means any state or local government agency with the authority to grant a business subsidy.

Subd. 5. [LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCY.] "Local government agency" includes, without limitation, a statutory or home rule charter city, housing and redevelopment authority, nonprofit agency established by a local government agency, town, county, port authority, and economic development authority.

Subd. 6. [POVERTY LEVEL WAGE.] "Poverty level wage" means compensation on an hourly basis equivalent to 110 percent of the federal poverty threshold for a family of four. Compensation includes wages and the employer's costs for health and dental insurance.

Subd. 7. [RECIPIENT.] "Recipient" means any for-profit or nonprofit business entity that receives a business subsidy. Only nonprofit entities with a ratio of highest to lowest paid employee exceeding ten to one are included in this definition.

Subd. 8. [STATE GOVERNMENT AGENCY.] "State government agency" means any state agency that has the authority to award business subsidies.

Sec. 3. [116J.994] [REGULATING LOCAL AND STATE BUSINESS SUBSIDIES.]

Subdivision 1. [PUBLIC PURPOSE.] A business subsidy must meet a public purpose other than increasing the tax base. Job retention may only be used as a public purpose in cases where job loss is imminent and demonstrable.

Subd. 2. [DEVELOPING A SET OF CRITERIA.] A business subsidy may not be granted until the grantor has adopted criteria for awarding business subsidies that comply with this section. The commissioner of trade and economic development may assist local government agencies in developing criteria.

Subd. 3. [SUBSIDY AGREEMENT.] (a) A recipient must enter into a subsidy agreement with the grantor of the subsidy that includes:

- (1) a description of the subsidy, including the amount and type of subsidy;
- (2) a statement of the public purposes for the subsidy;
- (3) goals for the subsidy;
- (4) a description of the financial obligation of the recipient if the goals are not met;
- (5) a statement of why the subsidy is needed; and
- (6) a commitment to continue operations at the site where the subsidy is used for at least ten years after the benefit date.

(b) An agreement must structure grants as forgivable loans, provided that if a business subsidy cannot be structured as a forgivable loan, the agreement must state the fair market value of the subsidy to the recipient, including the value of conveying property at less than a fair market price, or other in-kind benefits to the recipient.

(c) If a business subsidy benefits more than one recipient, the grantor must assign a proportion of the business subsidy to each recipient that signs a subsidy agreement. The proportion assessed to each recipient must reflect a reasonable estimate of the recipient's share of the total benefits of the project.

(d) The state or local government agency and the recipient must both sign the subsidy agreement and, if the grantor is a local government agency, the agreement must be approved by the local elected governing body.

Subd. 4. [WAGE AND JOB GOALS.] The subsidy agreement, in addition to any other goals, must include:

(1) goals for the number of jobs created, which may include separate goals for the number of part-time or full-time jobs, or, in cases where job loss is imminent and demonstrable, goals for the number of jobs retained; and

(2) wage goals for the jobs created or retained. Large employers that receive business subsidies must pay at least poverty level wages for at least 90 percent of all new jobs created as a result of the business subsidy. For purposes of this subdivision, "large employer" has the meaning given it by section 177.24, subdivision 1.

In addition to other specific goal time frames, the wage and job goals must contain specific goals to be attained by two years of the benefit date.

Subd. 5. [PUBLIC NOTICE AND HEARING.] (a) Before granting a business subsidy that exceeds \$500,000 for a state government grantor and \$100,000 for a local government grantor, the grantor must provide public notice and a hearing on the subsidy. Hearings for local government business subsidies must be held by the corresponding locally elected body. A public hearing and notice pursuant to this subdivision is not required if a hearing and notice on the subsidy is otherwise required by law.

(b) Public notice of a proposed subsidy must be published in a local newspaper of general circulation and must identify the location at which information about the business subsidy, including a copy of the subsidy agreement, is available. Published notice should be sufficiently conspicuous in size and placement to distinguish the notice from the surrounding text. The grantor must make the information available in printed paper copies and, if possible, on the Internet. The government agency must provide at least a ten-day notice for the public hearing.

(c) The public notice must include the date, time, and place of the hearing.

Subd. 6. [FAILURE TO MEET GOALS.] The subsidy agreement must specify the recipient's obligation if the recipient does not fulfill the agreement. At a minimum, the agreement must require a recipient failing to meet subsidy agreement goals to pay back the assistance plus interest provided that repayment may be prorated to reflect partial fulfillment of goals. The interest rate must be set at the implicit price deflator defined under section 275.70, subdivision 2.

A recipient that fails to meet the terms of a subsidy agreement may not receive a business subsidy from any grantor for a period of five years from the date of failure or until a recipient satisfies its repayment obligation under this subdivision, whichever occurs first.

Subd. 7. [REPORTS BY RECIPIENTS TO GRANTORS.] (a) A business subsidy grantor must monitor the progress by the recipient in achieving agreement goals.

(b) A recipient must provide information regarding goals and results for two years after the benefit date of the subsidy or until the goals are met or until the subsidy has been paid back, whichever is longer. This information must include, without limitation:

(1) the type, public purpose, and amount of subsidies;

(2) the hours worked and hourly wage of each job created within separate bands of wages;

(3) a description of benefits provided for each job created; and

(4) a statement of goals identified in the subsidy agreement and an update on achievement of those goals.

(c) A recipient shall file with the grantor:

(1) a progress report no later than February 10 of each year for the previous year; and

(2) a progress report within 30 days after the deadline of meeting agreement goals.

(d) If the recipient does not submit its report, the local government agency must mail the recipient a warning within one week of the required filing date. If, after 14 days of the postmarked day of the warning, the recipient fails to provide a report, then a penalty of \$100 per day applies until the report is filed.

Subd. 8. [GOVERNMENT REPORTS.] (a) Each subsidy grantor must report the wage goals, job goals, and any other goals identified in the subsidy agreement and the results for each subsidy in achieving those goals to the department of trade and economic development.

(b) At a minimum, the items in each report must include:

(1) the name of the recipient and grantor;

(2) the amount of subsidies by type and public purpose;

(3) the number of part-time and full-time jobs created by separate occupational categories;

(4) the number of full-time and part-time jobs created within separate bands of wages;

(5) the benefits paid, separate from wages paid, and listed by separate bands of wages;

(6) the date when the goals will be reached;

(7) whether the goals have been reached;

(8) whether or not the financial obligation for noncompliance with the business subsidy is being enforced;

(9) the name of the person filling out the form; and

(10) a contact person with a telephone number and the date the form was completed.

(c) The commissioner of trade and economic development must coordinate the production of reports so that useful comparisons across time periods and across grantors can be made. The commissioner may add other information to the report as the commissioner deems necessary to evaluate business subsidies.

(d) State and local government agencies, regardless of whether they awarded any business subsidies, must file the report required by this subdivision by March 1 of each year with the commissioner. If the commissioner has not received the report by that date, the commissioner shall issue a warning to the government agency. If the commissioner has not received a report by June 1 of the same year, then the government agency may not grant any business subsidy until it files the report.

(e) The commissioner of trade and economic development must provide information and training on reporting requirements to state and local government agencies.

Subd. 9. [COMPILATION AND SUMMARY REPORT.] The department of trade and economic development must publish a compilation and summary of the results of the reports for the previous calendar year by July 1 of each year. The reports of the government agencies to the department and the compilation and summary report of the department must be made available to the public.

Among the information in the summary and compilation report, the commissioner must include:

- (1) total amount of subsidies awarded in each development region of the state;
- (2) distribution of business subsidy amounts by size of the business subsidy;
- (3) distribution of business subsidy amounts by time category, such as monthly or quarterly;
- (4) distribution of subsidies by type and by public purpose;
- (5) percent of all business subsidies that reached their goals;
- (6) percent of business subsidies that did not reach their goals by two years from the benefit date;
- (7) total dollar amount of business subsidies that did not meet their goals after two years from the benefit date;
- (8) percent of subsidies that did not meet their goals and that did not receive repayment;
- (9) number of part-time and full-time jobs within separate bands of wages; and
- (10) benefits paid within separate bands of wages.

Subd. 10. [AUTHORITY TO AUDIT REPORTS.] The commissioner may audit individual recipients and government agencies to verify that the reports have been filled out properly.

Sec. 4. [116J.995] [ECONOMIC GRANTS.]

An appropriation rider in an appropriation to the department of trade and economic development that specifies that the appropriation be granted to a particular business or class of businesses must contain a statement of the expected benefits associated with the grant. At a minimum, the statement must include goals for the number of jobs created, wages paid, and the tax revenue increases due to the grant.

Sec. 5. [116J.996] [PENALTY FOR BIDDING BETWEEN LOCAL GOVERNMENT AGENCIES.]

Subdivision 1. [DEFINITIONS.] (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

(b) "Expected payroll" means the average payroll of the business paid in the three years before the business relocates. If the business was not in operation at the old site for more than three years, then the expected payroll shall equal the annual average payroll over the time period that the business operated at the site.

(c) "Municipality" means a statutory or home rule charter city, town, or, in the case of unincorporated territory, a county.

(d) "Relocates" means that a local government agency has offered a business subsidy, and the subsidy is the primary reason a business has moved from one municipality to another.

Subd. 2. [PENALTY.] Any local government agency that relocates a business must pay the municipality from which the business relocated. For purposes of this section, the payment obligation equals ten percent of expected payroll for a period of five years. If the business does not disclose its payroll, then the municipality from which the business relocated may estimate the loss in payroll with a survey.

Subd. 3. [REMEDY.] If municipalities or local government agencies are unable to agree on the existence of, or amount of, an obligation under this section, they must submit the matter to district court.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 270.067, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. [CONTENTS.] The report shall detail for each tax expenditure item the amount of tax revenue foregone, a citation of the statutory or other legal authority for the expenditure, and the year in which it was enacted or the tax year in which it became effective. The report may contain additional information which the commissioner considers relevant to the legislature's consideration and review of individual tax expenditure items. This ~~may~~ must include, but is not limited to, statements of the intended public purpose of the tax expenditure, analysis of whether the expenditure is achieving that objective, and the effect of the expenditure device on the distribution of the tax burden and administration of the tax system.

Sec. 7. [STUDY OF TAX EXPENDITURES.]

The legislative auditor is requested to conduct a study of selected tax expenditures evaluating each program for its public purpose and effectiveness.

Sec. 8. [TAX EXPENDITURE ANALYTICAL MODEL.]

The department of revenue shall study the creation of a model that could provide an analytical dynamic tax analysis of tax expenditures. The department shall report to the tax committees of the legislature by January 15, 2000, on the results of the study and the progress in creating a model.

Sec. 9. [APPROPRIATION.]

\$...... is appropriated from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 2001, to the commissioner of trade and economic development to carry out the commissioner's duties under Minnesota Statutes, sections 116J.993 to 116J.995.

Sec. 10. [APPROPRIATION.]

\$...... is appropriated from the general fund for the biennium ending June 30, 2001, to the commissioner of revenue for the purposes of section 8.

Sec. 11. [REPEALER.]

Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 116J.991, is repealed.

Sec. 12. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Section 1 is effective for bills heard in the first legislative session that begins after the day following final enactment."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to tax expenditures; requiring preparation of certain information for proposed tax expenditures; regulating business subsidies; requesting a study by the legislative auditor; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 270.067, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 3; and 116J; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 116J.991."

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

Senator Novak from the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 684: A bill for an act relating to utilities; authorizing public utilities commission to establish and delegate powers to subcommittees and to designate lead commissioners; allowing petitions to be deemed approved unless set aside for affirmative action by the commission; authorizing a quorum of the commission to discuss a docket without complying with certain statutory law when acting as an administrative court; creating investigation and contingency revolving fund; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216A.03, subdivision 3a, and by adding subdivisions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216A.

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 1998, section 216A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 7. [FILINGS APPROVED WITHOUT HEARING.] A filing with the commission may be deemed approved by the commission after 60 days of filing, unless the commission, a commissioner, or any other person requests the filing be set aside for action by the commission. The commission may designate, by standing order, categories or types of filings that are eligible for approval under this subdivision. Complaint filings, petitions for rulemakings, or petitions to increase rates are not eligible for designation. The commission must publish a weekly notice of the filings that are approved without other action by the commission, and shall issue a written order approving the filing upon passage of the 60-day term. Orders approved under this subdivision are subject to reconsideration, as provided in section 216B.27 or the commission's rules of practice and procedure, and nothing in this subdivision affects the rights of any entity under section 216B.17 or 237.081.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8. [DELEGATIONS TO COMMISSION SUBCOMMITTEES.] (a) The commission may create and appoint members to standing or ad hoc subcommittees of the commission consisting of at least one commissioner. The commission, at a regularly scheduled agenda hearing, may delegate any of the commission's legislative, administrative, or quasi-judicial functions, as defined in section 216A.02, to a subcommittee of the commission.

(b) Upon objection by a party, a participant, or a commissioner, a decision by a subcommittee must be referred to the full commission. Subcommittee decisions for which no objection is filed with the commission within ten days from the date of receipt of the written decision of the subcommittee are deemed decisions of the full commission. If referred to the full commission, the full commission may rely on the record developed by the subcommittee but shall treat the subcommittee decision as advisory.

(c) In either their initial or reply filings with the commission, a party or a participant may request that the commission not delegate the proceeding to a commission subcommittee. The request must be granted.

(d) For the purposes of this subdivision:

(1) a "party" means a person by or against whom a proceeding before the commission is commenced or a person permitted to intervene in a proceeding under this chapter; and

(2) a "participant" means a person who files comments or appears to present views without becoming a party in a proceeding, other than public hearings held in contested cases and other commission proceedings conducted to receive general public comments.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. [DESIGNATION OF LEAD COMMISSIONER.] The commission may designate a commissioner to be the lead commissioner for a docket, a type of docket, or for a particular subject area. The commission shall allow interested persons to be heard on a proposed designation prior to making the designation. The lead commissioner is authorized to exercise the commission's authority to develop an evidentiary record for a proceeding, including holding hearings and requesting written or oral comments. At the request of the commission, the lead commissioner shall provide the commission and the service list for the proceeding with a written summary of the evidentiary record developed by the lead commissioner for the case, including any recommendations of the commissioner. Any findings of fact, conclusions of law, or recommendations of the lead commissioner are advisory only and are not binding on the commission. The commission may delegate its authority to designate lead commissioners to the chair. Nothing in this subdivision affects a person's opportunity to request a contested case proceeding under chapter 14.

Sec. 4. [SUNSETS.]

Sections 1 to 3 expire as of June 30, 2002.

Sec. 5. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to utilities; authorizing public utilities commission to establish and delegate powers to subcommittees and to designate lead commissioners; allowing petitions to be deemed approved unless set aside for affirmative action by the commission; authorizing a quorum of the commission to discuss a docket without complying with certain statutory law when acting as an administrative court; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216A.03, by adding subdivisions."

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

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

S.F. No. 943: A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing public sale of certain tax-forfeited land that borders public water in Washington county.

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

Page 1, line 9, after "sell" insert "by private sale to an adjacent landowner, but for not less than the appraised value,"

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

Senator Vickerman from the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government, to which was referred

S.F. No. 338: A bill for an act relating to local government; authorizing private sales of certain county land in Goodhue county.

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

Senator Vickerman from the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government, to which was referred

S.F. No. 156: A bill for an act relating to the Paynesville area hospital district; authorizing the district to annex the city of Richmond to the district.

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

Page 1, line 9, delete "resolution" and insert "resolutions"

Page 1, line 11, before the period, insert "upon receipt of a resolution requesting annexation by the Richmond city council"

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

Senator Vickerman from the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government, to which was referred

S.F. No. 77: A bill for an act relating to the county of Goodhue; allowing a 1998 levy limit adjustment for certain payments in lieu of tax.

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

Page 1, line 7, before "The" insert "(a)"

Page 1, after line 9, insert:

"(b) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 275.07, subdivision 1, the county of Goodhue may certify an increased levy to the commissioner of revenue by March 31, 1999, provided that:

(1) the total levy certified does not exceed the amount certified under Minnesota Statutes, section 275.065, for levies payable in 1999; and

(2) the portion of the levy subject to the limit under Minnesota Statutes, section 275.71, subdivision 4, does not exceed the limit after the adjustment in paragraph (a)."

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

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

S.F. No. 1039: A bill for an act relating to government data practices; requiring publication of public access procedures; requiring privatization contracts to include data practices compliance requirements; providing for the preparation of model policies; requiring the director of the historical society to assist in the records management program; funding the information policy training program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 13.03, subdivision 2; 13.05, by adding a subdivision; 13.073, by adding a subdivision; and 138.17, subdivisions 7 and 8.

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

Page 2, line 10, before "If" insert "(a)"

Page 2, line 18, after the period, insert "The remedies in section 13.08 apply to the private person under this subdivision."

Page 2, after line 18, insert:

"(b) This subdivision does not create a duty on the part of the private person to provide access to public data to the public if the public data are available from the government entity, except as required by the terms of the contract."

Page 4, after line 34, insert:

"Sec. 7. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Section 1 is effective January 1, 2001. Section 3 is effective July 1, 2000, with respect to preparation of the model policies and procedures by the commissioner of administration, and January 1, 2001, with respect to the other provisions of section 3."

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

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

S.F. No. 727: A bill for an act relating to commerce; providing for continuity of contracts affected by the European currency; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 334.

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

Page 3, delete lines 21 and 22 and insert:

"Subd. 5. [SUNSET.] This section expires on December 31, 2002."

Sec. 2. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment."

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

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

S.F. No. 660: A bill for an act relating to public safety; characterizing certain data as private; reducing cost of identification card for person with serious and persistent mental illness; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 13.69, subdivision 1; and 171.07, subdivision 3.

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

Page 3, delete lines 11 and 12 and insert:

"Sections 1 and 2 are effective July 1, 1999. Section 2 applies to Minnesota identification cards issued on or after that date."

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

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

S.F. No. 303: A bill for an act relating to civil actions; clarifying admissibility of evidence regarding seat belts and child passenger restraint systems in certain actions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 169.685, subdivision 4.

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

Page 1, line 25, delete "that action" and insert "an action described in this paragraph"

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

Senator Moe, R.D. from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred

H.F. No. 453 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

H.F. No. S.F. No.

CONSENT CALENDAR

H.F. No. S.F. No.
453 416

CALENDAR

H.F. No. S.F. No.

and that the above Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 49, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Report adopted.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. Nos. 552, 1094, 1115, 1116, 881, 829, 1090, 1091, 684, 943, 156, 77, 727 and 303 were read the second time.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

H.F. No. 453 was read the second time.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Kelly, R.C. moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 197. The motion prevailed.

Senator Scheid moved that her name be stricken as chief author, shown as a co-author and the name of Senator Junge be added as chief author to S.F. No. 516. The motion prevailed.

Senator Junge moved that the name of Senator Ourada be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 516. The motion prevailed.

Senator Laidig moved that the name of Senator Ten Eyck be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 819. The motion prevailed.

Senator Terwilliger moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 953. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hottinger moved that the name of Senator Krentz be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1141. The motion prevailed.

Senator Wiger moved that the name of Senator Marty be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1195. The motion prevailed.

Senator Berglin moved that the name of Senator Foley be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1292. The motion prevailed.

Senator Belanger moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 1328. The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson moved that the names of Senators Olson, Wiger and Scheid be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 1458. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kelly, R.C. moved that the name of Senator Anderson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1460. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hottinger moved that the name of Senator Pogemiller be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1493. The motion prevailed.

Senator Wiger moved that the name of Senator Knutson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1531. The motion prevailed.

Senator Price moved that the names of Senators Krentz, Frederickson and Pogemiller be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 1541. The motion prevailed.

Senator Moe, R.D. moved that the name of Senator Beckman be stricken as chief author and the name of Senator Sams be added as chief author to S.F. No. 665. The motion prevailed.

Senator Knutson moved that S.F. No. 275 be withdrawn from the Committee on Children, Families and Learning and re-referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development. The motion prevailed.

Senator Vickerman moved that S.F. No. 373 be withdrawn from the Committee on State Government Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hottinger moved that S.F. No. 716 be withdrawn from the Committee on State

Government Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cohen moved that S.F. No. 1250 be withdrawn from the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development and re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. The motion prevailed.

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. No. 1317 be withdrawn from the Committee on Health and Family Security and re-referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development. The motion prevailed.

Senator Robertson moved that S.F. No. 1393 be withdrawn from the Committee on Commerce and re-referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans. The motion prevailed.

Senator Solon moved that S.F. No. 895 be withdrawn from the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development and re-referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pogemiller moved that S.F. No. 1424 be withdrawn from the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development and re-referred to the Committee on Taxes. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kelley, S.P. moved that S.F. No. 820, on General Orders, be stricken and re-referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans. The motion prevailed.

Senators Stumpf and Larson introduced--

Senate Resolution No. 44: A Senate resolution congratulating the Roseau High School Boys Hockey team on winning the 1999 State High School Class AA Boys Hockey Tournament.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

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

Senators Wiger and Berglin introduced--

S.F. No. 1546: A bill for an act relating to public employment; providing group long-term care coverage for members and annuitants of public employees pension funds and other eligible persons; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 43A.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senator Belanger introduced--

S.F. No. 1547: A bill for an act relating to firearms; permitting sheriffs outside of municipalities to consent to the furnishing of firearms to minors under 14 years of age; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.66, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senator Ten Eyck introduced--

S.F. No. 1548: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating wastewater funding for the North Ten Mile sanitary district; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Betzold introduced--

S.F. No. 1549: A bill for an act relating to education; increasing the general education basic formula allowance; restoring training and experience revenue; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 126C.10, subdivision 2; and 126C.11.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senator Betzold introduced--

S.F. No. 1550: A bill for an act relating to human services data; clarifying use and expanding access to licensing data in maltreatment investigations; classifying some welfare data as nonpublic data; classifying some of the ombudsman of mental health and mental retardation's death review committee data as nonpublic data; expanding the access to revenue tax credit data; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 13.46, subdivisions 4 and 6; 214.10, subdivision 8; 245.97, subdivision 5; and 270B.14, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Larson introduced--

S.F. No. 1551: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating wastewater funding for Ida township; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Larson introduced--

S.F. No. 1552: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating wastewater funding for Lake Mary township; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Berglin and Kiscaden introduced--

S.F. No. 1553: A bill for an act relating to human services; making health care changes; clarifying prescription drug coverage for the senior drug program; allowing reconsideration of commissioner's decision that services are not medically necessary under medical assistance program; changing medical assistance payments for hospital providers; establishing performance measurement for health care; changing a provision for medical assistance eligibility; establishing medical assistance income standard for supplemental security income recipients; adopting income deductions for medical assistance for institutionalized persons; changing rehabilitation services review; establishing telemedicine consultation; improving pharmacy medicine management; refinancing medical assistance school reimbursement; providing community-based services for severely emotionally disturbed children; increasing professional provider payment; improving dental access; clarifying MinnesotaCare premium payment provisions; clarifying earned income disregard in the waiver request to health care financing administration; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 256.955, subdivisions 3, 4, 7, 8, and 9; 256.9685, subdivision 1a; 256.969, subdivision 1; 256B.04, by adding a subdivision; 256B.055, subdivision 3a; 256B.056, subdivision 4; 256B.057, by adding a subdivision; 256B.0575; 256B.0625, subdivisions 8, 8a, 13, 26, 32, 35, and by adding subdivisions; 256B.0635, subdivision 3; 256B.75; 256B.76; 256L.03, subdivision 5; 256L.04, subdivisions 2, 8, and 13; 256L.05, subdivision 4; 256L.06, subdivision 3; 256L.07; and 256L.15, subdivisions 1, 1b, and 2; Laws 1995, chapter 178, article 2, section 46, subdivision 10.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Solon, Janezich and Johnson, D.J. introduced--

S.F. No. 1554: A bill for an act relating to port authorities; allowing an alternative name for the seaway port authority of Duluth; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 469.049, subdivision 1.

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

Senator Berg introduced--

S.F. No. 1555: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money for the preliminary design and engineering of a trail segment between Appleton and Milan Beach on Lake Lac Qui Parle.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Lesewski, Vickerman, Novak and Frederickson introduced--

S.F. No. 1556: A bill for an act relating to energy; modifying provisions relating to wind power; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 116C.692; 216B.1645; and 216B.243, subdivision 8.

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

Senators Marty and Piper introduced--

S.F. No. 1557: A bill for an act relating to education; establishing a grant program for Asian-Pacific American mental health professionals at the graduate school level; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136A.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Solon, Stevens, Lourey and Piper introduced--

S.F. No. 1558: A bill for an act relating to human services; appropriating money for the Minnesota commission serving deaf and hard of hearing people for fiscal year 2000.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senator Oliver introduced--

S.F. No. 1559: A bill for an act relating to retirement; expanding the number of investments available for certain public supplemental pension or deferred compensation plans; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 356.24, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senator Neville introduced--

S.F. No. 1560: A bill for an act relating to education; authorizing a technology integration grant to independent school district No. 392, Le Center; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Stevens and Ourada introduced--

S.F. No. 1561: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating wastewater funding for the city of Zimmerman; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Kleis introduced--

S.F. No. 1562: A bill for an act relating to planning; repealing a firearm report requirement; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 4A.06.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senator Frederickson introduced--

S.F. No. 1563: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying provisions for separate selection of turkey licenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 97A.435, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Frederickson introduced--

S.F. No. 1564: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money for landowner losses.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Betzold and Scheid introduced--

S.F. No. 1565: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales tax; decreasing the general sales tax rate; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 297A.02, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Betzold and Scheid introduced--

S.F. No. 1566: A bill for an act relating to retirement; public employees retirement association; eliminating the requirement that local elected officials terminate the elected official employment to qualify for a retirement annuity based on other public employment; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 353.29, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 353.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Betzold; Scheid; Johnson, D.J. and Vickerman introduced--

S.F. No. 1567: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales taxes; exempting nonprescription drugs and residential fuels; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 297A.25, subdivisions 3 and 23.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Janezich introduced--

S.F. No. 1568: A bill for an act relating to county attorneys; providing for the use of unmarked vehicles consistent with the duties of county attorneys; providing for license plates for the vehicles; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 388.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senator Janezich introduced--

S.F. No. 1569: A bill for an act relating to retirement; teachers retirement association; authorizing the purchase of certain unrequested leave periods.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Terwilliger, Oliver and Belanger introduced--

S.F. No. 1570: A bill for an act relating to liquor; authorizing the city of Eden Prairie to issue additional on-sale licenses.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Kiscaden; Higgins; Kelly, R.C.; Berglin and Anderson introduced--

S.F. No. 1571: A bill for an act relating to human services; appropriating money for Asian-American juvenile crime intervention and prevention.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Frederickson; Janezich; Johnson, D.J.; Lessard and Larson introduced--

S.F. No. 1572: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying provisions for the exchange or sale of leased lakeshore lots; amending Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 16, section 31, subdivisions 2, 3, and 4.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Lourey, Berg, Sams, Samuelson and Dille introduced--

S.F. No. 1573: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for expansion and administration of the Minnesota grown program; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 17.109, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

Senators Frederickson; Dille; Novak; Johnson, J.B. and Lesewski introduced--

S.F. No. 1574: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; authorizing ethanol producer payments for a new ethanol plant operated using heat from a municipal cogeneration facility; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 41A.09, subdivision 3a.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

Senators Johnson, D.J.; Solon and Stumpf introduced--

S.F. No. 1575: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating wastewater funding for the Castle Danger area in Silver Creek township; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Johnson, D.J.; Solon and Stumpf introduced--

S.F. No. 1576: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating wastewater funding for Schroeder township; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Johnson, D.J.; Solon and Stumpf introduced--

S.F. No. 1577: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating wastewater funding for the city of Tofte; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Johnson, D.J.; Solon and Stumpf introduced--

S.F. No. 1578: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating wastewater funding for the western Lake Superior sanitary district biosolids management project; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Johnson, D.J.; Solon and Stumpf introduced--

S.F. No. 1579: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating wastewater funding for north shore area planning and design in the western Lake Superior sanitary district; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Johnson, D.J.; Solon and Stumpf introduced--

S.F. No. 1580: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating wastewater funding for the Pike Lake project in the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Johnson, J.B.; Frederickson and Anderson introduced--

S.F. No. 1581: A bill for an act relating to the environment; providing for mercury reduction; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Pappas and Stumpf introduced--

S.F. No. 1582: A bill for an act relating to spoken language interpreters; establishing voluntary registration programs for general and specialized interpreters and health care interpreters; requesting a pilot training program for spoken language interpreters to be developed; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16F.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Stumpf; Johnson, D.J. and Lessard introduced--

S.F. No. 1583: A bill for an act relating to environment; wastewater treatment grant to the city of Williams; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Wiger introduced--

S.F. No. 1584: A bill for an act relating to human services; making changes to deaf and hard-of-hearing services division; modifying interpreter services; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 237.51, subdivision 5a; 256C.233, subdivisions 1 and 2; and 256C.25.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senator Stevens introduced--

S.F. No. 1585: A bill for an act relating to human services; making technical changes to cross-references in statutes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 13.46, subdivisions 1 and 2; 16D.02, subdivision 3; 16D.13, subdivision 3; 84.98, subdivision 3; 119A.54; 119B.01, subdivisions 2, 10, 12, 13, 15, and 16; 119B.02, subdivision 1; 119B.03, subdivisions 3 and 4; 119B.05, subdivision 1; 119B.07; 119B.075; 119B.08, subdivision 3; 119B.09, subdivisions 1, 3, and 7; 119B.14; 119B.15; 136A.125, subdivision 2; 145.415, subdivision 3; 196.27; 237.70, subdivision 4a; 245.4871, subdivision 25; 254B.02, subdivision 1; 256.01, subdivisions 2 and 4; 256.017, subdivisions 1, 2, and 4; 256.019; 256.025, subdivision 2; 256.046, subdivision 1; 256.0471, subdivision 1; 256.741, subdivisions 1 and 2; 256.82, subdivision 2; 256.935, subdivision 1; 256.98, subdivisions 1 and 8; 256.981; 256.983, subdivision 4; 256.9861, subdivision 5; 256B.031, subdivisions 4 and 5; 256B.69, subdivision 5a; 256C.21; 256C.23, subdivision 1; 256D.01, subdivisions 1a and 1e; 256D.05, subdivisions 1, 3, and 5; 256D.051, subdivision 3a; 256D.055; 256D.23, subdivision 1; 256D.435, subdivision 3; 256D.44, subdivision 5; 256E.03, subdivision 2; 256E.06, subdivisions 1 and 3; 256E.07, subdivision 1; 256E.08, subdivision 3; 256F.05, subdivisions 3 and 8; 256F.10, subdivision 6; 256F.13, subdivision 3; 256G.01, subdivision 4; 256G.03, subdivision 2; 256J.01, subdivision 1; 256J.11, subdivisions 1 and 2; 256J.12, subdivision 1; 256J.21, subdivision 3; 256J.26, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4; 256J.42, subdivisions 1 and 5; 256J.43, subdivision 1; 256J.50, subdivision 3a; 256J.62, subdivisions 3, 6, and 7; 256J.76, subdivision 1; 256K.01, subdivisions 2, 3, and 8; 256K.015; 256K.02; 256K.03, subdivisions 1 and 12; 256K.04, subdivision 2; 256K.05, subdivision 2; 256K.06; 256K.07; 256K.08, subdivision 1; 256L.11, subdivision 4; 257.33, subdivision 2; 257.3573, subdivision 2; 257.60; 257.85, subdivisions 3, 5, 7, and 11; 259.67, subdivision 4; 260.38; 261.063; 268.0111, subdivisions 5 and 7; 268.0122, subdivision 3; 268.552, subdivision 5; 268.672, subdivision 6; 268.86, subdivision 2; 268.871, subdivision 1; 268.90, subdivision 2; 268.95, subdivision 4; 275.065, subdivision 5a; 290.067, subdivision 1; 290A.03, subdivision 7; 393.07, subdivision 6; 462A.205, subdivision 2; 462A.222, subdivision 1a; 473.129, subdivision 8; 477A.0122, subdivision 2; 501B.89, subdivision 2; 518.171, subdivision 1; 518.551, subdivision 5; 518.57, subdivision 3; 518.614, subdivision 3; 518.64, subdivision 2; 548.13; 550.136, subdivision 6; 550.143, subdivision 3; 550.37, subdivision 14; 551.05, subdivision 1a; 551.06, subdivision 6; 570.025, subdivision 6; 570.026, subdivision 2; 571.72, subdivision 8; 571.912; 571.925; 571.931, subdivision 6; 571.932, subdivision 2; and 583.22, subdivision 7b; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 119B.01, subdivision 12a; 119B.05, subdivision 6; 126C.05, subdivision 4; 126C.06; 256.031, subdivision 1a; 256.736; 256.74, subdivision 1c; 256.9850; 256J.62, subdivision 5; 268.871, subdivision 5; and 290A.22; Minnesota Rules, parts 9500.2000; 9500.2020; 9500.2060; 9500.2100; 9500.2140; 9500.2180; 9500.2220; 9500.2260; 9500.2300; 9500.2340; 9500.2380; 9500.2420; 9500.2440; 9500.2480; 9500.2500; 9500.2520; 9500.2560; 9500.2580; 9500.2600; 9500.2620; 9500.2640; 9500.2680; 9500.2700; 9500.2720; 9500.2722; 9500.2724; 9500.2726; 9500.2728; 9500.2730; 9500.2740; 9500.2760; 9500.2780; 9500.2800; 9500.2820; 9500.2860; and 9500.2880.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senator Cohen introduced--

S.F. No. 1586: A bill for an act relating to state government; creating the Minnesota center for crime victim services; providing for its duties; transferring powers and duties of the commissioners of corrections and public safety relating to victim services to the Minnesota center for crime victim services; authorizing the director of the Minnesota center for crime victim services to provide and administer grants-in-aid for sexual violence, battered women, and general crime victim programs in consultation with the battered women's advisory council, sexual assault advisory council, and the general crime advisory council; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 609.3241; 609.605, subdivision 2; 609.7495, subdivision 1; 611A.01; 611A.0311, subdivision 3; 611A.07, subdivision 1; 611A.25; 611A.32; 611A.34; 611A.35; 611A.36; 611A.361; 611A.55; 611A.57, subdivision 3; 611A.675, subdivision 1; 611A.71; and 611A.76;

proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 611A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 611A.21; 611A.22; 611A.221; 611A.31; 611A.33; 611A.345; 611A.41; 611A.43; and 611A.78.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Larson, Langseth, Vickerman, Pariseau and Johnson, J.B. introduced--

S.F. No. 1587: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money for the Minnesota Association of Resource Conservation and Development.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Olson, Lourey, Day, Larson and Hanson introduced--

S.F. No. 1588: A bill for an act relating to local government; limiting annexation by ordinance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 414.033, subdivisions 2, 2b, 3, and 12; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 414.033, subdivision 11.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senators Olson, Neuville, Hanson and Scheid introduced--

S.F. No. 1589: A bill for an act relating to education; giving charter schools greater flexibility; clarifying application of the state's high school graduation rule; allowing teachers to perform administrative functions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 124D.10, subdivisions 10 and 11.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Olson, Frederickson, Stumpf, Sams and Dille introduced--

S.F. No. 1590: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; excluding runoff ponds from certain feedlot regulations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 116.07, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

Senators Olson and Johnson, D.J. introduced--

S.F. No. 1591: A bill for an act relating to motor fuels; allowing tax refund for undyed kerosene and racing gasoline; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 296A.16, by adding subdivisions.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Sams, Lessard and Vickerman introduced--

S.F. No. 1592: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; providing for a provisional firearms safety certificate for certain persons with mental disabilities; allowing certain persons with mental disabilities to hunt with firearms when assisted; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 97B.015, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97B.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Sams, Vickerman and Langseth introduced--

S.F. No. 1593: A bill for an act relating to bonds; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to renovate an historic structure without requirement of ownership by the issuer.

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

Senators Sams, Larson and Langseth introduced--

S.F. No. 1594: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money to Ottertail county for operation of a solid waste recovery center.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Sams and Larson introduced--

S.F. No. 1595: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for the Perham Business Technology Center.

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

Senators Sams, Lourey, Day, Piper and Dille introduced--

S.F. No. 1596: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for family farm advocates and agriculture information centers; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

Senators Kleis, Day, Ourada, Berg and Johnson, D.H. introduced--

S.F. No. 1597: A bill for an act proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 12; limiting the scope of the second year of each biennial session.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senators Runbeck; Kelly, R.C. and Kiscaden introduced--

S.F. No. 1598: A bill for an act relating to property; increasing parental and guardian liability for damage done by minors; providing for the liability of parents or guardians for court-ordered restitution in the case of minors; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 540.18, subdivision 1; 609.556, by adding a subdivision; 611A.04, by adding a subdivision; and 611A.045, subdivision 1, and by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senator Flynn introduced--

S.F. No. 1599: A bill for an act relating to state employment; modifying affirmative action provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 43A.191, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Flynn; Pappas; Johnson, D.H.; Wiener and Langseth introduced--

S.F. No. 1600: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; eliminating requirement that certain applications submitted to department of public safety be in writing; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 168.013, subdivision 3; and 168.82, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Limmer; Kelly, R.C.; Kleis and Stevens introduced--

S.F. No. 1601: A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring all kidnappers to register as predatory offenders; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 243.166, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Limmer, Fischbach, Kleis and Stevens introduced--

S.F. No. 1602: A bill for an act relating to public safety; prohibiting use of the requirement to register as a sex offender as negotiable item in plea negotiations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 243.166, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Sams, Berglin, Terwilliger and Hottinger introduced--

S.F. No. 1603: A bill for an act relating to handicapped persons; appropriating money for deaf-blind services.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Ten Eyck, Ranum, Knutson, Limmer and Spear introduced--

S.F. No. 1604: A bill for an act relating to crime; creating a sanctions conference procedure to allow probation officers to impose, with district court confirmation, probation sanctions for technical violations of probation; requesting the chief judge of each judicial district to develop procedures for sanctions conferences and a sanctions conference form; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 243.05, subdivision 1; and 609.135, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 243; 244; and 401; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 244.19, subdivision 3a; and 401.02, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Kelley, S.P.; Pogemiller and Terwilliger introduced--

S.F. No. 1605: A bill for an act relating to labor relations; providing arbitration procedures for firefighters; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 179A.16, subdivision 7.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Scheid, Terwilliger, Wiener, Metzen and Solon introduced--

S.F. No. 1606: A bill for an act relating to insurance; regulating rental vehicle coverages; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 60K.03, subdivision 7; 65B.49, subdivisions 3 and 5a; and 72A.125, subdivisions 1 and 2.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Scheid, Wiener, Terwilliger, Metzen and Solon introduced--

S.F. No. 1607: A bill for an act relating to insurance; regulating rental vehicle coverages; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 72A.125, subdivisions 1 and 2.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Sams, Vickerman and Lessard introduced--

S.F. No. 1608: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; providing for allocation of money for general services of a soil and water conservation district; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 103C.401, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Wiger; Kelly, R.C.; Pappas and Anderson introduced--

S.F. No. 1609: A bill for an act relating to local government; providing exemption for governmental units to jointly or cooperatively contract in amounts estimated not to exceed \$25,000; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 471.59, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senators Wiger; Kelly, R.C. and Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 1610: A bill for an act relating to municipalities; adding definitions and updating procedures in the Uniform Municipal Contracting Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 471.345, subdivision 2, and by adding subdivisions.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senators Wiger; Kelly, R.C.; Pappas and Anderson introduced--

S.F. No. 1611: A bill for an act relating to crime; establishing a pilot grant program for sober high schools; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Wiger; Kelly, R.C.; Pappas and Anderson introduced--

S.F. No. 1612: A bill for an act relating to amateur sports; providing for the Minnesota Access Facilities Development Act; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 297A.44, subdivision 1; 373.40, subdivision 1; 471.16, subdivision 1; and 475.58, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 240A; and 373.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Wiener, Stevens and Kiscaden introduced--

S.F. No. 1613: A bill for an act relating to insurance; simplifying regulation of health insurers and health maintenance organizations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 62A.0411; 62A.65, subdivision 5; 62D.02, subdivision 8; 62D.11, subdivision 1; 62E.04, subdivision 4; 62J.09, subdivision 8; 62J.301, subdivision 4; 62J.321, subdivision 1; 62J.75; 62M.09, subdivision 3; 62N.25, subdivision 7; 62Q.075, by adding a subdivision; 62Q.095, subdivision 1; and 62Q.51, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 62D; and 62Q; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 16B.93; 16B.94; 16B.95; 16B.96; 62D.04, subdivision 5; 62D.08, subdivision 5; 62J.17; 62Q.07; 62Q.075; 62Q.105; 62Q.11; 62Q.30; 62Q.64; and 256B.0644; Minnesota Rules, parts 4685.1105; 4685.1110; 4685.1115; 4685.1120; 4685.1125; 4685.1130; 4685.1200; and 4685.1900.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Robling and Pariseau introduced--

S.F. No. 1614: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating wastewater funding for Cedar Lake township in Scott county; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Sams introduced--

S.F. No. 1615: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a task force to develop a new day training and habilitation payment rate structure with technical assistance from the commissioner of human services.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senator Piper introduced--

S.F. No. 1616: A bill for an act relating to retirement; Albert Lea police and fire consolidation accounts; increasing certain survivor benefit amounts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 353B.11, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senator Stumpf introduced--

S.F. No. 1617: A bill for an act relating to water quality standards; implementing various changes to Minnesota Rules, chapter 7050; amending Minnesota Rules, parts 7050.0210, subpart 7; 7050.0211, subpart 1; and 7050.0222, subparts 1, 5, and by adding a subpart.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Solon, Day, Larson and Metzen introduced--

S.F. No. 1618: A bill for an act relating to liquor; modifying judicial remedies pertaining to brewers and wholesalers; providing for a right to jury trials; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 325B.08.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Vickerman, Pariseau, Day, Metzen and Wiger introduced--

S.F. No. 1619: A bill for an act relating to lawful gambling; expanding the use of pull-tab dispensing machines; making technical changes; modifying progressive bingo prizes; specifying maximum tipboard prizes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 349.151, subdivision 4b; 349.165, subdivisions 1 and 3; and 349.211, subdivision 2, and by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senators Piper, Foley, Lesewski, Higgins and Robling introduced--

S.F. No. 1620: A bill for an act relating to children; transferring funds from the federal TANF block grant to the child care block grant.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Piper, Foley, Lesewski, Robling and Lourey introduced--

S.F. No. 1621: A bill for an act relating to education; family and early childhood education; providing for children and family support programs, community and systems change, prevention and intervention, and self-sufficiency and lifelong learning; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 13.46, subdivision 2; 16B.405, subdivision 2; 119B.01, subdivisions 2, 10, 12, 13, 15, 16, and 17; 119B.02, subdivision 1, and by adding a subdivision; 119B.03, subdivisions 3, 4, and 9; 119B.04, subdivision 1; 119B.05, subdivision 1; 119B.061; 119B.07; 119B.08, subdivision 3; 119B.09, subdivisions 1, 3, 5, and 7; 119B.10, subdivision 1; 119B.12, subdivision 2; 119B.13; 119B.14; 119B.15; 121.8355, by adding a subdivision; 124D.19, subdivision 11; 124D.22; 124D.53, subdivision 3; 124D.54, subdivision 1; and 466.01, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 119A.46; 119B.01, subdivision 12a; 119B.03, subdivision 7; 119B.05, subdivision 6; 119B.075; 119B.17; 124D.14; and 124D.22.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senator Hottinger introduced--

S.F. No. 1622: A bill for an act relating to human services; providing an exemption from the nursing facility spend-up limit; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 256B.431, by adding a new subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senator Hottinger introduced--

S.F. No. 1623: A bill for an act relating to tornado relief; appropriating money for replacement of community center in St. Peter.

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

Senator Hottinger introduced--

S.F. No. 1624: A bill for an act relating to education; providing for declining pupil unit aid for independent school district No. 508, St. Peter.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senator Higgins introduced--

S.F. No. 1625: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; authorizing the sale and licensure of intellectual property and software developed by or for the department of natural resources; modifying provisions of recreational training programs; modifying restrictions on youth operation of snowmobiles; permitting certain grants to local fire departments; modifying forfeiture provisions; modifying provisions related to snowmobile and firearms safety designations on drivers' licenses; defining terms; modifying nongame wildlife checkoff provisions; modifying forestry development projects provisions; providing civil and criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 84.055, by adding a subdivision; 84.0855, subdivision 2; 84.86, subdivision 1; 84.862, subdivisions 1 and 2; 84.872, subdivision 1; 84.91, subdivision 1; 88.067; 97B.020; 169.121, subdivision 3; 169.1217, subdivisions 7a and 9; 169.123, subdivision 1; 171.07, subdivisions 12 and 13; 290.431; 290.432; 574.263; and 574.264, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Scheid introduced--

S.F. No. 1626: A bill for an act relating to education funding; authorizing a facilities grant to independent school district No. 286, Brooklyn Center; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senator Scheid introduced--

S.F. No. 1627: A bill for an act relating to education funding; creating funding for basic skills intervention programs; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 126C.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senator Johnson, D.J. introduced--

S.F. No. 1628: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; designating a state trail on the north shore of Lake Superior; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 85.015, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Krentz; Frederickson; Laidig; Johnson, J.B. and Price introduced--

S.F. No. 1629: A bill for an act relating to water; appropriating money for sustainable lakes.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Dille, Sams, Hanson and Johnson, D.E. introduced--

S.F. No. 1630: A bill for an act relating to biomass electricity production; including poultry litter as a renewable energy resource; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 216B.2422, subdivision 1; 216B.243, subdivision 3a; and 216C.41, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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

Senators Kelley, S.P.; Spear; Hottinger; Foley and Laidig introduced--

S.F. No. 1631: A bill for an act relating to uniform acts; unclaimed property; enacting the uniform unclaimed property act of 1995; making conforming changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 16A.45, subdivisions 1 and 4; 16A.6701, subdivision 1; 58.06, subdivision 2; 58.13, subdivision 1; 80C.03; 198.231; 276.19, subdivision 4; 308A.711, subdivisions 1 and 2; 356.65, subdivision 2; and 624.68; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 345; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 345.31; 345.32; 345.33; 345.34; 345.35; 345.36; 345.37; 345.38; 345.381; 345.39; 345.40; 345.41; 345.42; 345.43; 345.44; 345.45; 345.46; 345.47; 345.48; 345.485; 345.49; 345.50; 345.51; 345.515; 345.52; 345.525; 345.53; 345.54; 345.55; 345.56; 345.57; 345.58; 345.59; and 345.60.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Vickerman and Johnson, D.J. introduced--

S.F. No. 1632: A bill for an act relating to economic development; providing for a grant to the city of Windom; appropriating money.

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

Senators Vickerman and Johnson, D.J. introduced--

S.F. No. 1633: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use taxes; exempting purchases of materials and supplies used in expanding an agricultural processing facility; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 297A.25, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Knutson, Neuville and Belanger introduced--

S.F. No. 1634: A bill for an act relating to crime; expanding the definition of "subsequent controlled substance conviction" to include convictions subsequent to a stay of adjudication for a controlled substance crime; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 152.01, subdivision 16a.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Knutson, Neuville and Belanger introduced--

S.F. No. 1635: A bill for an act relating to crime; clarifying that the "defense of dwelling" defense does not include a duty to retreat before using deadly force; limiting the duty to retreat in self-defense situations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.065; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Stumpf, Hottinger and Metzen introduced--

S.F. No. 1636: A bill for an act relating to governmental operations; providing for regulatory relief for local units of government; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Price and Frederickson introduced--

S.F. No. 1637: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; providing for the purchase of additional critical habitat license plates; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 84.943, subdivisions 3 and 5; and 168.1296, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Hottinger, Anderson, Robling, Piper and Terwilliger introduced--

S.F. No. 1638: A bill for an act relating to health; authorizing counties to establish home visiting programs to promote child safety and healthy development; establishing requirements for program operation and evaluation; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 145A.15.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senator Kelly, R.C. introduced--

S.F. No. 1639: A bill for an act relating to offender rehabilitation; exempting the licensing of certain taxicab drivers from the requirements of chapter 364; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 364.09.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senator Johnson, J.B. introduced--

S.F. No. 1640: A bill for an act relating to snowmobiles; prescribing a speed limit for snowmobiles in urban districts; authorizing cities to establish speed limits greater or less than the prescribed speed limit; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 84.87, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Johnson, J.B. introduced--

S.F. No. 1641: A bill for an act relating to retirement; authorizing purchase of service credit in the public employees retirement association for certain military service.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Kiscaden, Berglin, Fischbach and Lourey introduced--

S.F. No. 1642: A bill for an act relating to human services; providing continuous medical assistance eligibility for 12 months for certain children; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 256B.057, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senator Krentz introduced--

S.F. No. 1643: A bill for an act relating to education; providing for a formal hearing to resolve issues related to teacher preparation programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 122A.09, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Kleis, Fischbach and Stevens introduced--

S.F. No. 1644: A bill for an act relating to the Central Minnesota Events Center; raising a spending limit from local bonds and taxes; amending Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 8, section 44, subdivision 6.

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

Senator Johnson, D.E. introduced--

S.F. No. 1645: A bill for an act relating to traffic regulations; exempting vehicles carrying milk from seasonal weight restrictions under certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 169.87, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Terwilliger, Spear, Neuville, Foley and Ten Eyck introduced--

S.F. No. 1646: A bill for an act relating to family law; providing visitation rights to certain relatives; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 257.022, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Kelley, S.P.; Novak; Ourada; Runbeck and Scheevel introduced--

S.F. No. 1647: A bill for an act relating to telecommunications; restricting regulation of the Internet, interactive computer services, digital broadband services, and high-speed data and Internet access services; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 237.01, by adding subdivisions; 237.02; 237.626; 238.02, subdivision 8, and by adding subdivisions; and 238.08, by adding a subdivision.

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

Senators Kelly, R.C.; Ranum; Spear; Novak and Limmer introduced--

S.F. No. 1648: A bill for an act relating to crime prevention; authorizing grants to Hennepin and Ramsey counties to construct law enforcement training facilities; requiring the counties to submit detailed plans relating to the facilities; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senator Janezich introduced--

S.F. No. 1649: A bill for an act relating to veterans; establishing free or reduced-cost health care to veterans at medical facilities and pharmacies throughout the state; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Hottinger, Berglin, Robertson, Wiener and Solon introduced--

S.F. No. 1650: A bill for an act relating to health occupations; exempting persons employed by a nonprofit organization performing duties that are incidental to research from the unlawful practice of medicine; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 147.09.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Kiscaden, Foley, Samuelson and Stevens introduced--

S.F. No. 1651: A bill for an act relating to health; modifying well notification fees; modifying definitions; modifying terms of the advisory council on water supply systems and wastewater treatment facilities; modifying provisions for grants to rural hospitals and community health centers; modifying student loan repayment provisions for health professionals; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 103I.208, subdivision 1; 115.71, subdivisions 9a and 10; 115.741, subdivisions 1 and 2; 144.147, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, and 5; 144.1484, subdivision 1; 144.1486, subdivisions 3, 4, and 8; 144.1488, subdivisions 1, 3, and 4; 144.1489, subdivisions 2 and 4; 144.1490, subdivision 2; 144.1494, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, and by adding a subdivision; 144.1495, subdivisions 3, 4, and by adding a subdivision; 144.1496, subdivisions 2 and 5; and 144.382, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senator Olson introduced--

S.F. No. 1652: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating wastewater funding for the city of Hanover; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Olson introduced--

S.F. No. 1653: A bill for an act relating to traffic regulations; authorizing cities and towns in metropolitan area to prescribe speed limits on streets and highways under their jurisdiction; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 169.14, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Olson introduced--

S.F. No. 1654: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring prompt payment by health plan companies of proper claims submitted by patients and health care providers; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Berglin, Piper and Foley introduced--

S.F. No. 1655: A bill for an act relating to child care; directing the commissioner of children, families, and learning to use state money as a match to obtain federal Welfare-to-Work grant money to provide child care assistance.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Stumpf, Morse and Betzold introduced--

S.F. No. 1656: A bill for an act relating to retirement; local police and paid fire consolidation accounts and state correctional employees retirement plan; revising the local consolidation account member contribution rate; eliminating certification procedure for coverage expansion; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 353A.09, subdivision 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 352.91, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senator Stumpf introduced--

S.F. No. 1657: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; requiring commercial vehicles to display red strobe lamp at rear of projecting load; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 169.52.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Anderson, Piper, Wiger and Cohen introduced--

S.F. No. 1658: A resolution relating to government operations; memorializing the State Historical Society, the State Archaeologists, the Council of Indian Affairs, and the Minnesota State Historical Preservation Office to protect and preserve the traditional cultural properties of the Mendota Mdewakanton Dakota Community.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Foley and Novak were excused from the Session of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Moe, R.D. moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 8:00 a.m., Thursday, March 11, 1999. The motion prevailed.

Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate

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