

## TENTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Monday, January 29, 2007

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

**CALL OF THE SENATE**

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

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Richard Bormes.

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

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

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

The President declared a quorum present.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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

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

**S.F. No. 60:** A bill for an act relating to local government; authorizing the city of Duluth to

establish accounts to pay for postemployment benefits owed to retired employees and to generate revenue dedicated to meet certain city obligations; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 353.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**"Section 1. [11A.235] ACCOUNT FOR INVESTMENT OF CERTAIN DULUTH FUNDS OR ASSETS.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The State Board of Investment, when requested by the city, may invest the funds or assets of the city's community investment trust fund in the combined investment funds established in section 11A.14, subject to the policies and procedures established by the State Board of Investment. Use of such funds is restricted to debt service payments for the city's street improvement program, or any other use approved in accordance with Section 54(E) of the home rule charter of the city of Duluth.

Subd. 2. **Account maintenance and investment.** The city may deposit and withdraw money for purposes approved by the Duluth City Council in accordance with Section 54(E) of the home rule charter of the city of Duluth. Such transactions must be in a time and manner required by the executive director of the State Board of Investments. Investments earnings must be credited to the account of the city. The account may be terminated by the city at any time.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment.

**Sec. 2. [353.95] ACCOUNT FOR DULUTH POSTEMPLOYMENT BENEFITS.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Public Employees Retirement Association must establish an irrevocable fund for the city of Duluth to be used only to fund and pay for the postemployment benefits owed to retired employees in accordance with language contained in labor agreements between the city and its employee bargaining units, or between participating subgroups in the city's health plan and their retirees.

Subd. 2. **Definition.** For purposes of this section, "postemployment benefit" means a benefit giving rise to a liability under Statement 45 of the Governmental Accounting Standards Board, and therefore does not include benefits to be paid by a Minnesota public pension plan listed in section 356.20, subdivision 2, or section 356.30, subdivision 3, and benefits provided on a defined contribution individual account basis.

Subd. 3. **Account maintenance and investment.** (a) The city may establish an account in the fund created in this section. The Public Employees Retirement Association may charge the city fees for reasonable administrative costs, and the amount of those fees is appropriated to the association from the account. The Public Employees Retirement Association may establish other terms and conditions for participation in the fund.

(b) The Public Employees Retirement Association must certify all money in the fund to the State Board of Investment for investment in the combined investment funds established in section 11A.14, subject to the policies and procedures established by the State Board of Investment. Investment earnings must be credited to the account of the city.

Subd. 4. **Management and termination of account.** The city may deposit and withdraw money as needed for postemployment benefits owed on behalf of retired employees of the city or its subgroups. Such transactions must be at a time and in a manner required by the executive director of the Public Employees Retirement Association. The executive director must ensure that withdrawals comply with the requirements of this section. The account may be terminated only to the extent the city's postemployment benefit actuarial liability is satisfied or otherwise defeased.

Subd. 5. **Status of irrevocable fund.** (a) All monies in the irrevocable fund created in this section are held in trust for the exclusive benefit of retired employees of the city or subgroups participating in the city's health plan, and are not subject to claims by creditors of the state, the city, the city's subgroups, or the current and former employees of the city or its subgroups.

(b) The irrevocable fund created in this section shall be deemed an arrangement equivalent to a trust for all legal purposes.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective the day following final enactment."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to local government; authorizing the city of Duluth to establish accounts to pay for postemployment benefits owed to retired employees and to generate revenue dedicated to meet certain city obligations; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 11A and 353."

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

**Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which were referred the following appointments:**

GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

Gerald E. Dexter  
Shirleen Hoffman  
Peggy Moon

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

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

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

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE  
COMMISSIONER  
Gene Hugoson

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

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

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Senator Prettner Solon moved that the name of Senator Dille be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 15. The motion prevailed.

Senator Stumpf moved that the name of Senator Clark be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 22. The motion prevailed.

Senator Prettner Solon moved that the names of Senators Bakk and Rest be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 108. The motion prevailed.

Senator Betzold moved that the name of Senator Sieben be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 121. The motion prevailed.

Senator Skoe moved that the name of Senator Stumpf be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 133. The motion prevailed.

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Senator Berglin moved that the names of Senators Clark, Torres Ray and Wiger be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 204. The motion prevailed.

Senator Skogen moved that the name of Senator Bonoff be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 270. The motion prevailed.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS**

The following bills were read the first time.

**Senators Higgins, Berglin and Moua introduced—**

**S.F. No. 312:** A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing the MFIP transitional standard; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256J.24, subdivision 5.

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

**Senators Bakk, Wiger and Bonoff introduced—**

**S.F. No. 313:** A bill for an act relating to higher education finance; appropriating money to the Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities for the Cook County higher education project.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Moua introduced—**

**S.F. No. 314:** A bill for an act relating to human services; restoring senior nutrition funding; providing senior nutrition grants to serve certain populations; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Olson, M. introduced—**

**S.F. No. 315:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; authorizing the city of Emily to impose a sales and use tax for certain purposes.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Bonoff, Rest, Latz, Hann and Olson, G. introduced—**

**S.F. No. 316:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing equity revenue for districts above the 95th percentile; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.10, subdivision 24.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Bonoff, Wiger, Rummel and Olson, G. introduced—**

**S.F. No. 317:** A bill for an act relating to education; requiring school districts to comply with the Schools Interoperability Framework specifications; establishing a working group.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senators Rummel, Scheid, Anderson and Robling introduced—**

**S.F. No. 318:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing the funding for developmental screening aid; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 121A.19.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Clark, Stumpf, Olseen, Hann and Saltzman introduced—**

**S.F. No. 319:** A bill for an act relating to education; establishing a grant program to promote professional teaching standards; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 122A.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Murphy, Erickson Ropes, Prettner Solon, Cohen and Dille introduced—**

**S.F. No. 320:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for port development assistance.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Betzold introduced—**

**S.F. No. 321:** A bill for an act relating to state government; including independent nonprofit firefighting corporations for joint exercise of powers agreements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.59, subdivision 1.

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

**Senator Betzold introduced—**

**S.F. No. 322:** A bill for an act relating to civil commitment; expanding early intervention services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 253B.065, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Olseen, Clark, Vickerman and Ingebrigtsen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 323:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; increasing booking fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 641.12, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Neuville, Marty and Moua introduced—**

**S.F. No. 324:** A bill for an act relating to judges; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 12; article VI, sections 1, 7, and 8; eliminating judicial elections; providing for initial appointment of judges by the governor with the advice and consent of the senate; providing for recommendations regarding appointments by a senate committee and expanding and modifying the duties of the commission on judicial selection; establishing procedures for reappointment of judges; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 2.722, subdivision 4; 3.011; 10A.01, subdivision 10; 175A.01, subdivision 2; 204B.06, subdivision 4a; 204B.11; 204D.02, subdivision 1; 204D.11, subdivision 5; 271.01, subdivision 1; 480A.02, subdivisions 3, 5; 480B.01, subdivisions 1, 3, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 10; 480B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 204B.06, subdivision 6; 204B.34, subdivision 3; 204B.36, subdivisions 4, 5; 204D.11, subdivision 6; 480A.02, subdivisions 2, 4.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Kubly; Stumpf; Wergin; Olson, G. and Wiger introduced—**

**S.F. No. 325:** A bill for an act relating to health; eliminating the second inspection fee and the statewide hospitality fee for elementary and secondary schools; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 157.16, subdivisions 3, 3a.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Robling, Rest, Vickerman, Lourey and Ingebrigtsen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 326:** A bill for an act relating to environment; allocating a portion of unclaimed lottery prize money to the environment and natural resources trust fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 349A.08, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Vickerman introduced–**

**S.F. No. 327:** A bill for an act relating to education; authorizing a fund transfer for Jackson County Central school district.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Vickerman introduced–**

**S.F. No. 328:** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; providing no-interest loans for dairy farmers to purchase additional mature dairy cows; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41B.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Rest, Berglin, Tomassoni, Murphy and Cohen introduced–**

**S.F. No. 329:** A bill for an act relating to state government; compensating state employees for time they were not able to work due to the 2005 partial government shutdown.

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

**Senator Frederickson introduced–**

**S.F. No. 330:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; extending homestead classification to certain property used for nonhomestead purposes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 273.124, subdivision 11.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Jungbauer; Doll; Olson, G.; Koch and Chaudhary introduced–**

**S.F. No. 331:** A bill for an act relating to the environment; providing zero discharge requirements for wastewater treatment grants and loans to municipalities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 446A.02, by adding a subdivision; 446A.07, by adding a subdivision; 446A.072, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Jungbauer; Olson, G. and Koch introduced–**

**S.F. No. 332:** A bill for an act relating to the environment; providing zero discharge grants to municipalities for wastewater treatment facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 446A.02, by adding a subdivision; 446A.072, subdivision 5a.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Scheid, Johnson, Metzen, Betzold and Tomassoni introduced–**

**S.F. No. 333:** A bill for an act relating to horse racing; providing for sharing of purse set-aside

and breeder's fund revenue; modifying certain restrictions on simulcasting and card club operation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 240.06, subdivision 5a, by adding a subdivision; 240.13, subdivision 6; 240.135; 240.30, subdivision 5.

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

**Senators Koering, Skogen, Sparks, Kubly and Murphy introduced—**

**S.F. No. 334:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; appropriating money to the commissioner of public safety for grants to local law enforcement agencies for the purchase of defibrillators.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Sieben, Frederickson, Marty, Olseen and Lourey introduced—**

**S.F. No. 335:** A bill for an act relating to lobbyists; prohibiting former legislators, constitutional officers, agency heads, and certain legislative employees from lobbying for legislative or administrative action for one year after leaving office; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A.

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

**Senators Senjem and Lynch introduced—**

**S.F. No. 336:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the sale of state bonds; appropriating money to Olmsted County for a grant to upgrade and expand capacity with a third combustion unit at the municipal solid waste combustor serving Dodge and Olmsted Counties.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Senjem introduced—**

**S.F. No. 337:** A bill for an act relating to highways; requiring specific service sign on highway 52 in Olmsted County.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senators Rosen, Sheran, Sparks, Senjem and Vickerman introduced—**

**S.F. No. 338:** A bill for an act relating to appropriations; canceling the balance of an appropriation; appropriating money for the historic preservation of the depot in the city of Wells and the Winnebago Museum.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Rosen, Sheran, Wergin and Anderson introduced—**

**S.F. No. 339:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; allowing a subtraction from federal taxable income for taxpayers who place an alternative fuel vehicle into service; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 290.01, subdivision 19b.



Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Pappas, Rummel, Marty, Anderson and Moua introduced–**

**S.F. No. 340:** A bill for an act relating to Ramsey County; appropriating money for summer employment for at-risk youth.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Ortman, Gerlach, Fischbach, Gimse and Koch introduced–**

**S.F. No. 341:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; repealing the MinnesotaCare provider taxes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 62J.041, subdivision 1; 214.16, subdivisions 2, 3; 270B.14, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 13.4967, subdivision 3; 295.50; 295.51; 295.52; 295.53; 295.54; 295.55; 295.56; 295.57; 295.58; 295.582; 295.59.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Ingebrigtsen, Gimse, Ortman and Wergin introduced–**

**S.F. No. 342:** A bill for an act relating to taxes; extending the abatement authority to delinquent taxes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 469.1813, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

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

**S.F. No. 343:** A bill for an act relating to Ramsey County; appropriating money for the mothers first program to fund early intervention efforts designed to discourage pregnant women from using alcohol and illegal drugs.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

**S.F. No. 344:** A bill for an act relating to Ramsey County; appropriating money for the all children excel program to provide intervention assistance to children ages ten and under.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Murphy, Michel, Dille, Higgins and Berglin introduced–**

**S.F. No. 345:** A bill for an act relating to health; providing for the medical use of marijuana; providing civil and criminal penalties; establishing application and renewal fees; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.3806, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 152.

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

**Senators Dille, Vickerman, Prettner Solon, Larson and Koering introduced—**

**S.F. No. 346:** A bill for an act relating to veterinary medicine; recognizing Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence certification; providing for certain fees; limiting use of certain drugs; changing certain requirements; eliminating a waiver; regulating prescription of drugs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 156.001, by adding a subdivision; 156.02, subdivisions 1, 2; 156.04; 156.072, subdivision 2; 156.073; 156.075, subdivision 2; 156.12, subdivisions 2, 4, 6; 156.15, subdivision 2; 156.16, subdivisions 3, 10; 156.18, subdivisions 1, 2; 156.19; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 156.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

**Senators Rest, Wergin, Dille, Berglin and Neuville introduced—**

**S.F. No. 347:** A bill for an act relating to adoption; providing access to certain adoption records by certain persons; changing classification of certain data; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 144.218, subdivision 1; 259.83, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 259.89.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

**S.F. No. 348:** A bill for an act relating to transportation finance; creating transit fund and accounts; changing the deposit of revenues from the sales tax on motor vehicle leases; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16A.88; 174.24, subdivision 1; 297A.815, by adding subdivisions; 297A.94.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Larson; Sieben; Olson, M.; Sparks and Olseen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 349:** A bill for an act relating to property taxation; replacing certain school district levies with state; modifying computation of the credits; increasing property tax refunds for homeowners and renters; increasing eligibility for senior deferral; increasing aids to cities and counties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 123B.53, subdivision 5; 126C.01, by adding subdivisions; 126C.10, subdivisions 13a, 29; 126C.17, subdivision 6; 126C.44; 273.1384, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding subdivisions; 290A.04, subdivisions 2, 2a; 290B.03, subdivision 1; 477A.013, subdivision 9; 477A.03, subdivisions 2a, 2b, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Sparks, Koering, Vickerman, Erickson Ropes and Murphy introduced—**

**S.F. No. 350:** A bill for an act relating to veterans; providing a day off with pay to certain veterans on Veteran's Day; requiring certain instruction; encouraging employers to honor Veteran's Day; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 197.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

**Senators Sieben, Murphy, Moua, Langseth and Pappas introduced–**

**S.F. No. 351:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; authorizing sale of state bonds; appropriating money for the Red Rock Corridor transit way.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Bonoff, Saltzman, Torres Ray, Pappas and Robling introduced–**

**S.F. No. 352:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing the general education basic formula allowance by three percent per year; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.10, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Wergin introduced–**

**S.F. No. 353:** A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; directing commissioner of public safety to issue pink ribbon breast cancer awareness emblems for special license plates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.1291, subdivisions 1, 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Bonoff, Wiger and Olson, G. introduced–**

**S.F. No. 354:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; modifying the alternative teacher pay calculation for intermediate school districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 122A.415, subdivision 1; 126C.10, subdivision 34.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Wiger and Olson, G. introduced–**

**S.F. No. 355:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing the building lease levy for school districts and intermediate school districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.40, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Berglin, Higgins and Anderson introduced–**

**S.F. No. 356:** A bill for an act relating to building codes; requiring window screens in certain residential dwellings to comply with safety standards; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

**Senator Berglin introduced—**

**S.F. No. 357:** A bill for an act relating to housing; regulating transactions between certain low-income and moderate-income housing developers and local units of government; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462A.

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

**Senators Olson, M.; Rest; Olseen; Ingebrigtsen and Berglin introduced—**

**S.F. No. 358:** A bill for an act relating to adoption; providing assistance to genetic siblings; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 259.83, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Lourey, Wergin, Sheran, Erickson Ropes and Olson, M. introduced—**

**S.F. No. 359:** A bill for an act relating to health; modifying the definition of income for self-employed farmers in MinnesotaCare; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256L.01, subdivision 4.

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

**Senator Murphy introduced—**

**S.F. No. 360:** A bill for an act relating to towns; appropriating money for town road signs.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Jungbauer, Doll, Olseen and Bonoff introduced—**

**S.F. No. 361:** A bill for an act relating to the environment; providing for the siting of waste transfer stations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 115A.54, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Jungbauer; Olson, G.; Robling; Erickson Ropes and Gimse introduced—**

**S.F. No. 362:** A bill for an act relating to the environment; requiring a drain filter or sedimentation vault for certain drain tiles; modifying eligibility for agriculture best management practices loan program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 17.117, subdivision 11a; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 17.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Frederickson, Higgins, Kubly and Rosen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 363:** A bill for an act relating to environment; providing for collection, transportation, and recycling of video display devices; providing civil penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Frederickson and Kubly introduced—**

**S.F. No. 364:** A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for the Minnesota Inventors Congress.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Frederickson, Vickerman, Sheran, Kubly and Rosen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 365:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; adding a loop extension to the Minnesota River Trail; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.015, subdivision 22.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Frederickson and Vickerman introduced—**

**S.F. No. 366:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; designating the Redwood River as a canoe and boating route; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.32, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Saltzman, Vandever and Sieben introduced—**

**S.F. No. 367:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Stillwater flood control levee project; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Saltzman, Skoe, Sieben, Rummel and Gerlach introduced—**

**S.F. No. 368:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing the equalizing factor on the equity, transition, and referendum revenue programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 126C.10, subdivisions 29, 32; 126C.17, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Saltzman, Sieben, Betzold and Vandever introduced—**

**S.F. No. 369:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for acquisition and development of Big Marine Park Reserve; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Cohen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 370:** A bill for an act relating to property taxes; extending the limited market value law for two years; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 273.11, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Prettner Solon, Rosen and Erickson Ropes introduced—**

**S.F. No. 371:** A bill for an act relating to human services; expanding eligibility for the chemical dependency treatment fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 254B.04, subdivision 1.

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

**Senators Gerlach, Scheid, Johnson, Tomassoni and Metzen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 372:** A bill for an act relating to crime; repealing the law prohibiting ticket scalping; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609.805.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Higgins, Berglin, Moua and Foley introduced—**

**S.F. No. 373:** A bill for an act relating to corrections; reestablishing the ombudsman for corrections; establishing the powers and duties of the ombudsman; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 15A.0815, subdivision 3; 243.48, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 241.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Sheran, Frederickson, Langseth, Anderson and Chaudhary introduced—**

**S.F. No. 374:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money to improve ditch systems and waterways in the Lake Titlow watershed.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Kubly, Erickson Ropes, Ingebrigtsen, Koering and Murphy introduced—**

**S.F. No. 375:** A bill for an act relating to veterans; education; clarifying and slightly extending eligibility for educational benefits for certain surviving military spouses and children under the War Orphans Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 197.75.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

**Senators Kubly, Lynch, Rosen, Koering and Sheran introduced—**

**S.F. No. 376:** A bill for an act relating to health; eliminating the statewide hospitality fee; appropriating money; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 157.15, subdivision 19; 157.16, subdivision 3a.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Kubly introduced–**

**S.F. No. 377:** A bill for an act relating to human services; authorizing a planned closure rate adjustment for a nursing facility in Big Stone County; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.437, by adding a subdivision.

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

**Senators Larson, Doll and Michel introduced–**

**S.F. No. 378:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for a feasibility study of an Interstate 494 corridor transit way.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Vickerman introduced–**

**S.F. No. 379:** A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money for floodplain management.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Wiger, Saxhaug, Rummel and Day introduced–**

**S.F. No. 380:** A bill for an act relating to elections; changing certain school district election provisions; eliminating an approval requirement for mail elections; authorizing certain school board primary elections; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 204B.46; 205A.03, subdivision 1; 205A.06, subdivision 1a; 205A.12, by adding a subdivision.

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

**Senators Lynch, Rummel and Hann introduced–**

**S.F. No. 381:** A bill for an act relating to education; repealing the Labor Day start provisions; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 120A.40.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senators Tomassoni, Erickson Ropes, Michel and Moua introduced–**

**S.F. No. 382:** A bill for an act relating to education; providing for statewide health and physical education requirements; directing the Education Department to post approved local school wellness policies on the department Web site; establishing a grant program to implement local school wellness policies; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 120B.021, subdivision 1; 120B.023, subdivision 2; 120B.024; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Torres Ray, Moua and Olson, M. introduced–**

**S.F. No. 383:** A bill for an act relating to health; establishing a working group to design a universal health care system; directing the commissioner of health to present a plan for universal coverage to the legislature; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XIII, by adding a section, affirming that every Minnesota resident has the right to a basic set of essential, effective health care services; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

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

**Senators Sheran, Erickson Ropes, Koering, Higgins and Marty introduced–**

**S.F. No. 384:** A bill for an act relating to health; appropriating money for support services for families with children who are deaf or who have a hearing loss.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Pogemiller and Moua introduced–**

**S.F. No. 385:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing an income tax credit for expenditures for historic structure rehabilitation; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Moua introduced–**

**S.F. No. 386:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for improvements of the National Great River Park in St. Paul; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Senators Dille, Frederickson, Johnson, Koering and Lourey were excused from the Session of today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 1, 2007. The motion prevailed.

Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate



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