

## FOURTEENTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, February 8, 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. Geoff Bohleen.

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

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

The President declared a quorum present.

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

## REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

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

**S.F. No. 238:** A bill for an act relating to health; establishing the Freedom to Breathe Act of 2007; establishing public policy to protect employees and the general public from the known hazards of secondhand smoke; requiring persons to refrain from smoking in certain areas; amending

Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 144.412; 144.413, subdivisions 2, 4, by adding subdivisions; 144.414; 144.416; 144.417; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.415.

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

Page 6, delete section 11

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete "establishing the Freedom to Breathe Act of 2007;"

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

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

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

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

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

**S.F. No. 76:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing an income and corporate franchise tax credit for qualifying investment in dairy operations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 290.06, by adding a subdivision.

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

## MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Vandever moved that the name of Senator Olseen be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 18. The motion prevailed.

**Senator Prettnner Solon introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 34:** A Senate resolution recognizing students participating in National Student Employment Week from April 9-13, 2007.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senator Sieben introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 35:** A Senate resolution honoring Jim "Huffy" Huffman for his 30 years of dedicated public service.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Pogemiller moved that the appointment relating to the Department of Employment and Economic Development Commissioner be taken from the table and re-referred to the Committee on Taxes. The motion prevailed.

**SUSPENSION OF RULES**

Senator Pogemiller moved that Rule 24.2 be suspended as to the lie-over requirement on the Calendar. The motion prevailed.

**CALENDAR**

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

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

The question was taken on the passage of the bill.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 66 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

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

So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

**S.F. No. 4:** A bill for an act relating to energy; establishing renewable energy standard; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 216B.1691; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 216B.169.

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

The question was taken on the passage of the bill.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 63 and nays 3, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

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

Those who voted in the negative were:

Hann	Ingebrigtsen	Skoe
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So the bill passed and its title was agreed to.

### INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

#### **Senators Tomassoni, Bakk, Larson and Olseen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 639:** A bill for an act relating to human services; providing assistive technology for people with disabilities; requiring the commissioner to undertake a statewide study; requiring reports; appropriating money.

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

#### **Senators Foley and Marty introduced—**

**S.F. No. 640:** A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying the definition of participation in a state health care program for certain pediatric dentists; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.0644.

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

#### **Senators Prettner Solon, Erickson Ropes, Sheran, Rosen and Lynch introduced—**

**S.F. No. 641:** A bill for an act relating to health; establishing a Health Care Access Fund Oversight Commission; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62J.

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

#### **Senators Sparks, Chaudhary, Frederickson, Vickerman and Erickson Ropes introduced—**

**S.F. No. 642:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying requirements for ditch buffers; modifying drainage repair and inspection requirements; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 103E.021, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, by adding a subdivision;

103E.315, subdivision 8; 103E.321, subdivision 1; 103E.701, by adding a subdivision; 103E.705, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 103E.728, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Moua, Torres Ray, Higgins, Lynch and Limmer introduced—**

**S.F. No. 643:** A bill for an act relating to crimes; making it a crime to use the Internet to solicit children to engage in sexual conduct, communicate with children in a sexually explicit manner, or distribute sexually explicit material to children; providing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609.352.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Betzold, Torres Ray, Higgins, Lynch and Limmer introduced—**

**S.F. No. 644:** A bill for an act relating to crimes; defining identity theft to include posing as another person for purposes of harassing or defaming; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609.527, subdivisions 1, 2, 3.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Betzold, Torres Ray, Higgins, Lynch and Limmer introduced—**

**S.F. No. 645:** A bill for an act relating to harassment; authorizing use of restraining orders against Internet and other computer systems publishing harassing information; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609.748, subdivisions 1, 5.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Moua, Torres Ray, Scheid, Saltzman and Limmer introduced—**

**S.F. No. 646:** A bill for an act relating to education; prohibiting electronic and Internet intimidation and bullying; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 121A.0695.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senators Olseen; Olson, G.; Dibble; Fischbach and Murphy introduced—**

**S.F. No. 647:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying school bus equipment standards; clarifying pupil transportation requirements; defining multifunctional school activity bus; creating a licensure exception; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 123B.88, subdivision 12; 123B.90, subdivision 2; 123B.92, subdivision 5; 169.01, subdivision 6, by adding a subdivision; 169.443, by adding a subdivision; 169.447, subdivision 2; 169.4501, subdivisions 1, 2; 169.4502, subdivision 5; 169.4503, subdivisions 13, 20; 171.02, subdivisions 2, 2a; 171.321, subdivision 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 169.4502, subdivision 15; 169.4503, subdivisions 17, 18, 26.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senator Betzold introduced—**

**S.F. No. 648:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; extending certain benefits to certain members of the Teachers Retirement Association; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 354.05, subdivision 38; 354.42, subdivisions 2, 3; 354.44, subdivision 6.

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

**Senators Marty, Rummel and Carlson introduced—**

**S.F. No. 649:** A bill for an act relating to negative campaign advertising and elections; establishing a voluntary Clean Campaign Council, a clean campaign pledge, and a clean campaign advertising code; clarifying definitions of campaign expenditures and independent expenditures; clarifying requirements for disclaimers on campaign material; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 10A.01, subdivisions 9, 18; 10A.14, subdivision 2; 10A.24, by adding a subdivision; 211B.04; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 10A.

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

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

**S.F. No. 650:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; appropriating money for the courts, public defenders, public safety, corrections, and other criminal justice agencies; modifying fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 363A.06, subdivision 1; 403.11, subdivision 1; 403.31, subdivision 1; 609.3457, subdivision 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 403.31, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Pappas, Sieben, Pogemiller and Chaudhary introduced—**

**S.F. No. 651:** A bill for an act relating to the environment; restricting the manufacture and sale of certain polybrominated diphenyl ethers; requiring a report; providing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Scheid and Wiger introduced—**

**S.F. No. 652:** A bill for an act relating to education; increasing and restoring funding for special education programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 125A.76, subdivisions 2, 5; 125A.79, subdivision 7; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 125A.76, subdivision 4; 125A.79, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Pappas, Robling, Neuville, Pogemiller and Cohen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 653:** A bill for an act relating to higher education; regulating the charging of resident tuition; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 135A.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

**Senators Pappas, Hann, Wiger, Stumpf and Anderson introduced—**

**S.F. No. 654:** A bill for an act relating to education; making world languages a required academic standard; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 120B.021, subdivision 1; 120B.022, subdivision 1; 122A.18, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Dille and Vickerman introduced—**

**S.F. No. 655:** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; providing for a checkoff for fertilizer, soil amendment, and plant amendment; establishing a Minnesota Agricultural Fertilizer Research and Education Council and program; exempting on-farm storage from fertilizer facility safeguarding and permitting; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 18C.305, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 18C.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

**Senator Koering introduced—**

**S.F. No. 656:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for state parks and trails.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Sparks introduced—**

**S.F. No. 657:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing funding for voluntary, full-day kindergarten; phasing in full funding; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 126C.05, subdivisions 1, 15; 126C.12, subdivision 5; 126C.126.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Saltzman, Wiger, Pappas, Moua and Jungbauer introduced—**

**S.F. No. 658:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money and authorizing bonds for transportation and transit improvements in Interstate Highway 94 Corridor.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 659:** A bill for an act relating to housing; appropriating money for urban and tribal Indian housing programs.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 660:** A bill for an act relating to corrections; authorizing withdrawal by a county from a regional jail system; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 641.265, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senator Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 661:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; completing security improvements at Independent School District No. 38, Red Lake; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 662:** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; ethanol development; establishing a producer payment program for cellulosic ethanol production; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41A.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Erickson Ropes, Lynch and Michel introduced—**

**S.F. No. 663:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; encouraging school programs offering alternative school year calendars; authorizing grants; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 124D.12; 124D.126, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Kubly and Stumpf introduced—**

**S.F. No. 664:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing levy authority for certain unfunded severance and retirement costs faced by school districts that have participated in the cooperative secondary facilities program.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Rest, Bakk, Bonoff, Limmer and Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 665:** A bill for an act relating to tax administration; providing for electronic filing of individual income tax returns through the Department of Revenue Web site; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 289A.08, by adding subdivisions.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Rest, Senjem, Langseth, Pogemiller and Pappas introduced—**

**S.F. No. 666:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for restoration and expansion of the capitol building.



Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Michel, Koch, Fischbach and Gimse introduced—**

**S.F. No. 667:** A bill for an act relating to MinnesotaCare taxes; providing for a contingent reduction in tax rates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 295.52, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Sheran, Murphy, Langseth, Vickerman and Frederickson introduced—**

**S.F. No. 668:** A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for Mankato district transportation headquarters; authorizing sale of trunk highway bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Ingebritsen, Pariseau, Hann, Koch and Wergin introduced—**

**S.F. No. 669:** A bill for an act proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article I; providing that the right of citizens to keep, bear, and use arms for certain purposes is fundamental and shall not be infringed.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Wergin, Robling, Ingebritsen and Gimse introduced—**

**S.F. No. 670:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for highways, local roads, and bridges; requiring report.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Wergin, Robling, Limmer, Fischbach and Koch introduced—**

**S.F. No. 671:** A bill for an act relating to communications; providing for customer choice for cable and satellite television customers; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

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

**Senator Day introduced—**

**S.F. No. 672:** A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing payment rates for nursing facilities in Steele County to the geographic group III median rate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.434, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Berglin, Higgins, Koering, Prettner Solon and Anderson introduced—**

**S.F. No. 673:** A bill for an act relating to human services; waiving the moratorium regarding

beds and expending group residential housing supplemental rates; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256I.05, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

**S.F. No. 674:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for a digital elevation model of the Red River basin.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Higgins, Pogemiller, Foley, Berglin and Michel introduced—**

**S.F. No. 675:** A bill for an act relating to crime; correcting an unintentional repeal; resuming the payment of certain bail proceeds to the municipalities and subdivisions of government in Hennepin County; reimbursing same for past due proceeds; removing obsolete references and provisions concerning the Fourth Judicial District; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 484.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

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

**S.F. No. 676:** A bill for an act relating to human services; appropriating money for the Remembering With Dignity project.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Scheid, Limmer, Foley, Rest and Bonoff introduced—**

**S.F. No. 677:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for asset preservation at the Brooklyn Park campus of Hennepin Technical College; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Dibble, Berglin, Marty, Cohen and Koering introduced—**

**S.F. No. 678:** A bill for an act relating to health; appropriating money for an HIV information and referral service.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Marty, Prettner Solon, Koering, Fischbach and Berglin introduced—**

**S.F. No. 679:** A bill for an act relating to human services; providing long-term care provider rate increases; requiring the use of new nursing facility case mix indices; providing an exemption from the MinnesotaCare program prohibition on employer-subsidized coverage; requiring workforce initiatives; requiring a study of nursing facility rate rebasing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006,

sections 256B.434, by adding subdivisions; 256B.438, by adding a subdivision; 256B.5012, by adding a subdivision; 256L.07, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256.

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

**Senators Latz and Neuville introduced—**

**S.F. No. 680:** A bill for an act relating to drivers' licenses; authorizing payment of driver's license reinstatement fee and surcharge in installment payments; removing obsolete language; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 171.29, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senators Ortman, Skoe, Senjem, Hann and Wergin introduced—**

**S.F. No. 681:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; providing a property tax cap for long-term homeowners age 65 or older; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290D.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Neuville, Johnson, Hann, Koch and Olson, G. introduced—**

**S.F. No. 682:** A bill for an act relating to health; developing a statewide plan for the redesign of the health care system.

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

**Senators Erickson Ropes, Jungbauer, Vickerman, Kubly and Dille introduced—**

**S.F. No. 683:** A bill for an act relating to veterans homes; authorizing certain commissary privileges; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 198.075.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

**Senators Koering and Pappas introduced—**

**S.F. No. 684:** A bill for an act relating to higher education; appropriating money to support and reward innovations promoting excellence, efficiency, and the removal of barriers.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

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

**S.F. No. 685:** A bill for an act relating to crimes; modifying records expungement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609A.01.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Torres Ray, Anderson, Berglin, Rosen and Wergin introduced—**

**S.F. No. 686:** A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a family, friend, and neighbor grant program to promote children's early literacy, healthy development, and school readiness, and to foster community partnerships to promote children's school readiness; appropriating money.

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

**Senators Neuville, Vickerman, Frederickson, Sheran and Dille introduced—**

**S.F. No. 687:** A bill for an act relating to economic development; extending the time period for JOBZ treatment for biodiesel fuel plants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 469.312, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

**Senators Betzold and Pogemiller introduced—**

**S.F. No. 688:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; Public Employees Police and Fire Retirement Plan; reimbursing the retirement fund for the actuarial cost of the enhanced survivor benefit granted in Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1, article 4, section 97; appropriating money.

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

**Senators Pariseau and Murphy introduced—**

**S.F. No. 689:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a pedestrian bridge over the Cannon River; authorizing sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Marty, Foley, Anderson and Scheid introduced—**

**S.F. No. 690:** A bill for an act relating to workers' compensation; providing coverage for mental injury caused by mental stress; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 176.011, subdivision 16.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

**Senators Marty and Higgins introduced—**

**S.F. No. 691:** A bill for an act relating to integrity and fairness in medical examinations; regulating certain medical examinations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 65B.56, subdivision 1; 176.136, subdivision 1c; 176.155, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision.

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

**Senator Lourey introduced—**

**S.F. No. 692:** A bill for an act relating to taxes; authorizing the city of Cloquet to impose a local sales tax.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Prettner Solon, Tomassoni, Bakk, Saxhaug and Cohen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 693:** A bill for an act relating to education; appropriating money for the Duluth Children's Museum.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Prettner Solon, Tomassoni, Bakk, Saxhaug and Clark introduced—**

**S.F. No. 694:** A bill for an act relating to education; appropriating money for the Duluth Children's Museum to expand the early childhood learning space.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Erickson Ropes, Koering, Sheran, Dibble and Marty introduced—**

**S.F. No. 695:** A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing the medical assistance asset limit and excess income standard for aged, blind, or disabled persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.056, subdivisions 3, 5c.

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

**Senators Rest, Prettner Solon, Koering and Erickson Ropes introduced—**

**S.F. No. 696:** A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a home care tax credit; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 256B.0911, subdivision 3; 256B.0917, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

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

**Senator Pogemiller introduced—**

**S.F. No. 697:** A bill for an act relating to economic development; allowing use of the appropriation to include a study of the business plans for international trade zones; amending Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 3, article 10, section 23.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Senator Ortman was excused from the Session of today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Monday, February 12, 2007. The motion prevailed.

Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate

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