

SECOND DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, January 8, 2009

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

CALL OF THE SENATE

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

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

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

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

The President declared a quorum present.

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

REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS FILED DURING THE INTERIM**WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

The following were received and filed with the Secretary of the Senate: University of Minnesota Supplemental Benefits Plan as of July 1, 2007; Minnesota Department of Health, Center for Health Care Purchasing Improvement (CHCPI) August, 2006-December 2007; Minnesota Department of Health, Blood Lead Testing Methods, February 2008; Minnesota Department of Human Services Medical Care Surcharge Fund Quarterly Report March 2008; Minnesota Department of Human Services County Responsibility for Filing Petitions for Civil Commitment as Sexually Dangerous Persons/Sexually Psychopathic Personality (SDEP/SPP) in 120 Days after Initial Referral from the Department of Corrections, February 2008; Minnesota Department of Education findings in the review of Tarek ibn Ziyad Academy (TiZA); Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Waters, Impacts of a New London Dam Failure; Metropolitan Council, Metropolitan Livable Communities

Report 2008; Minnesota Department of Human Services, Critical Access Dental Program – Results and Recommendation; Minnesota Department of Natural Resources Fisheries; Investigation Report No. 551; Minnesota Department of Corrections, Report on Goals of Court-Ordered Out-of-Home Placements 2007; University of Minnesota, Multi-Camera Monitoring of Human Activities at Critical Transportation Infrastructure Sites Final Report CTS 08-08; University of Minnesota, Integration of Infrared Imaging for a Head Up Display Lane Keeping and Collision Avoidance System, CTS 08-09; University of Minnesota, Advanced BRT Volume I: Innovative Technologies for Dedicated Roadways, CTS 08-06 Advanced BRT Volume II: Innovative Technologies for Dedicated Roadways, CTS 08-07; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Business and Community Development Division, June 30, 2008; Minnesota Board of Teaching, 2001-07 State Administration and Performance, on the Common Core Assessments of Knowledge and Skills; Minnesota Board of Teaching, 2001-07 State Administration and Performance on the Basic Skills Examination for Teacher Licensure; Minnesota Department of Health, Induced Abortions in Minnesota January – December 2007, July 2008; Minnesota Department of Human Services, Health Plan Audits, July 2008; University of Minnesota, Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions From Transportation Sources in Minnesota, CTS 08-10; University of Minnesota, A Smaller Carbon Footprint, June 2008; Office of Enterprise Technology, Alternative Financing for e-Licensing, July 29, 2008; Minnesota State Board of Investment, 2008 Prospectus for the Minnesota Supplemental Investment Fund; Minnesota Department of Human Services, Status of Long-Term Care in Minnesota, 2008; Minnesota Department of Human Services, Medical Care Surcharge Fund, June 2008; University of Minnesota, Fleet Asset Life Cycle Costing with Intelligent Vehicles, CTS 08-13; Department of Human Services, Status of Long-Term Care in Minnesota 2005; University of Minnesota, Portable Traffic Data Processor, CTS 08-14; Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board, July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008; Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe, Leech Lake Band of Ojibwe and Greater Leech Lake Adolescent Treatment Steering Committee Project Development Plan, September 25, 2008; Minnesota Department of Transportation, 2008 Municipal State Aid Street Needs Report; Minnesota Department of Human Services, Maltreatment Report; Minnesota Department of Transportation; 2007 Flood Damage to Houston County CSAS 9 & CSAH 13; University of Minnesota, Accident Prevention Based on Automatic Detection of Accident Prone Traffic Conditions: Phase I; University of Minnesota, TDRL Projects; Solar/Wind Hybrid Renewable Light Pole, Gravel-Road Traffic Counter, DLL-Based Traffic Software Development Kit; University of Minnesota, Development of Flexural Vibration Inspection Techniques to Rapidly Assess the Structural Health of Rural Bridge Systems; University of Minnesota, TDRL Projects: Solar/Wind Hybrid Renewable Light Pole, Gravel-Road Traffic Counter DLL-Based Traffic Software Development Kit; Officer of Revisor of Statutes, Rule Exceptions 2007-2008 School Year; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grants Annual Report; Minnesota Department of Health, Annual Summary of Communicable Diseases Reported to the Minnesota Department of Health, 2007; Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension List of Firearms Included Within the Definition of "Semiautomatic Military-Style Assault Weapon" August 1, 2008; Minnesota Department of Education, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Programs, May 2008; Minnesota Department of Health, Minnesota Cancer Surveillance System, September 2008; University of Minnesota, Access to Destinations: Computations of Travel Time Data for Access to Destinations Study, Taek Mu Kwon and Scott Klar, MN/RC 2008-28; University of Minnesota, Funding Surface Transportation in Minnesota: Past, Present and Prospects, Kirti Vardhan Das, Zhirong (Jerry) Zhao, CTS 08-23; Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Strategic Plan 2008; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Annual Report on Obsolete,

Unnecessary, or Duplicative Rules; Department of Employment and Economic Development, 2008 Business Assistance Report; Minnesota Department of Education, 2008 Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary, or Duplicative Rules, December 2008; Minnesota Management & Budget, Debt Capacity Report; Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, FY 2008 annual report for the Metropolitan Landfill Contingency Action Trust Account (MLCAT); Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Metro Area Construction and Demolition Waste Recycling Report, December 1, 2008; Minnesota Judicial Branch, Report to Legislature by State Court Administrator; Minnesota Department of Labor & Industry, Building Permit Surcharge, November 30, 2008; Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Closed Landfill Program 2008 Report; Minnesota Department of Human Resources, Medical Care Surcharge Fund; Metropolitan Council, Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission Year 2009 Budget; Minnesota Board of Animal Health Annual Report 2008; Pollution Control Agency, Draft 2008 Ground Water Monitoring Status Report; Clean Water Council, Biennial Report of the Clean Water Council - December 2008; University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies, Novel Battery-Less Wireless Sensors for Traffic Flow Measurement Krishna Vijayaraghavan and Rajesh Rajamani CTS 08-16; University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies, Enhanced Micro-Simulation Models for Accurate Safety Assessment of Traffic Management ITS Solutions, Wuping Xin, John Hourdos, and Panos Michalopoulos CTS 08-17; Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Citizen Monitoring of Surface Water Quality Report; Minnesota Department of Human Services, Compliance with County Involvement in Procurement for General Assistance Medical Care and the Medical Assistance Prepayment Plan; University of Minnesota, Lessons for High School Students: 2008 Implementation and Evaluation Report, David B. Glick, CTS 08-19; University of Minnesota, Center for Transportation Studies, a Bus Signal Priority System Using Automatic Vehicle Location/Global Position Systems and Wireless Communications Systems CTS 08-18; Minnesota Department of Health, a prescription for Meeting Minnesota's 2015 Interoperable Electronic Health Record Mandate, a Statewide Implementation Plan 2008; University of Minnesota Center for Transportation Studies Annual Report for the 2007-2008 year; State of Minnesota, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report for the year ended June 30, 2008.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received.

August 17, 2006

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

LEGISLATIVE - CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES

Alfred Berner, 634 Jenisa Dr., Saint Cloud, in the county of Stearns, effective August 24, 2006, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Nancy Gibson, 2712 Glenhurst Ave., Saint Louis Park, in the county of Hennepin, effective August

24, 2006, for a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

David Hartwell, 1767 Fremont Ave. S., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective August 24, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

John Hunt, 22302 Cty. Rd. 5, Big Lake, in the county of Sherburne, effective August 24, 2006, for a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Mary Mueller, 25859 - 577th Ave., Winthrop, in the county of Sibley, effective August 24, 2006, for a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.)

January 2, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSIONER

Dan McElroy, 12805 Welcome Ln., Burnsville, in the county of Dakota, effective January 2, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

(Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.)

February 9, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

IRON RANGE RESOURCES AND REHABILITATION
COMMISSIONER

Sandra Layman, 34671 Rebel Beach Rd., Cohasset, in the county of Itasca, effective January 2, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

(Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.)

April 18, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF THE ARTS

Edward Oliver, 20230 Cottagewood Rd., Deephaven, in the county of Hennepin, effective April 25, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Diana Lewis, 2120 Charlton Rd., Sunfish Lake, in the county of Ramsey, effective April 25, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Ken Kaffine, 410 Groveland Ave., #501, Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective April 25, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

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

April 23, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Gary Benson, 2064 Pleasantview Dr., New Brighton, in the county of Ramsey, effective April 30, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Kathryn Balstad Brewer, 380 Jackson St., Suite 450, Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey, effective April 30, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Janet Withoff, 870 Willow View Dr., Orono, in the county of Hennepin, effective April 30, 2007, to complete a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.)

April 26, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

Dawn G. Bidwell, 1118 Lake St., P.O. Box 443, Alexandria, in the county of Douglas, effective May

1, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Bonnie Engen, 44052 Maplewood Rd., Clearbrook, in the county of Clearwater, effective May 1, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Susan Jacobson, 2150 James Ave., Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey, effective May 1, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Lee Pyles, M.D., 5215 Green Farms Ct., Edina, in the county of Hennepin, effective May 1, 2007, to complete a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

James Rieber, 220 - 5th Ave. N.E., Perham, in the county of Otter Tail, effective May 1, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Mari C. Thomas, M.D., 45 N. Main St., Sauk Centre, in the county of Stearns, effective May 1, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

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

June 18, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

District One: Roger Scherer, 12001 Bass Lake Rd., Plymouth, in the county of Hennepin.

District Two: Tony Pistilli, 4309 Edinbrook Ter. N., Brooklyn Park, in the county of Hennepin.

District Three: Mary Hill Smith, 515 Ferndale Rd. N., Wayzata, in the county of Hennepin.

District Four: Brian D. Lundquist, 880 Lake Susan Hills Dr., Chanhassen, in the county of Carver.

District Five: Russell Susag, 7305 - 1st Ave. S., Richfield, in the county of Hennepin.

District Six: Margaret "Peggy" Leppik, 7500 Western Ave., Golden Valley, in the county of Hennepin.

District Seven: Annette Meeks, 19 S. 1st St., B-1501, Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin.

District Eight: Lynette Wittsack, 2322 Taylor St. N.E., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin.

District Nine: Natalie Haas Steffen, 7007 - 164th Ave. N.W., Ramsey, in the county of Anoka.

District Ten: Kris Sanda, 11730 Hastings St. N.E., Blaine, in the county of Anoka.

District Eleven: Georgeanne Hilker, 4698 Banning Ave., White Bear Lake, in the county of Ramsey.

District Twelve: Sherry Broecker, 1355 - 7th Ave. S.E., Forest Lake, in the county of Washington.

District Thirteen: Richard Aguilar, 204 Emerson Ave. E., West Saint Paul, in the county of Dakota.

District Fourteen: Kirstin Sersland Beach, 325 Otis Ave., Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey.

District Fifteen: Daniel J. Wolter, 2224 Water Lilly Ln., Eagan, in the county of Dakota.

District Sixteen: Brian McDaniel, 13115 Gable Ln., Apple Valley, in the county of Dakota.

The effective date of the above appointments is Monday, June 25, 2007. All sixteen members are appointed to terms that expire on Monday, January 3, 2011.

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

June 26, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
COMMISSIONER

Steve Sviggum, 42490 - 60th Ave., Kenyon, in the county of Goodhue, effective July 17, 2007, to complete a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

(Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.)

September 5, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION

Kernal C. Buhler, 10537 Misty Morning Ln., Eden Prairie, in the county of Hennepin, effective September 10, 2007, for a term that expires on June 30, 2013.

Jacqueline Duncanson, 56265 - 124th St., Mapleton, in the county of Blue Earth, effective September 10, 2007, for a term that expires on June 30, 2013.

Jesse M. Overton, 8108 W. 103rd St., Bloomington, in the county of Hennepin, effective September 10, 2007, for a term that expires on June 30, 2013.

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

December 20, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Craig J. Peterson, 1340 Oakside Cir., Chanhassen, in the county of Carver, effective December 26, 2007, to complete a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

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

February 6, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

J. Dennis O'Brien, 251 Summit Ave., Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey, effective February 7, 2008, for a term that expires on January 6, 2014.

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

February 28, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

Dr. Holly Jane Neaton, 11549 Hwy. 25, Watertown, in the county of Wright, effective March 3, 2008, for a term that expires January 2, 2012.

(Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.)

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April 21, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION
COMMISSIONER

Thomas K. Sorel, 11397 Halstead Tr., Woodbury, in the county of Washington, effective April 27, 2008, to complete a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

(Referred to the Committee on Transportation.)

April 22, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Daniel Sullivan, 535 E. Crystal Lake Rd., Burnsville, in the county of Dakota, effective April 28, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Louise A. Sundin, 5216 Vincent Ave. S., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective April 28, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

(Referred to the Committee on Education.)

May 5, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD ON JUDICIAL STANDARDS

Patrick D. Sexton, 5538 Upton Ave. S., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective May 12, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

(Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.)

May 7, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

Gloria J. Bostrom, 420 Owasso Hills Dr., Roseville, in the county of Ramsey, effective May 12, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Tony Goulet, 12 - 2nd Ave. S., Sauk Rapids, in the county of Benton, effective May 12, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

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

May 8, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

MINNESOTA HIGHER EDUCATION FACILITIES AUTHORITY

Mary Ives, 973 N.E. 4th St., Grand Rapids, in the county of Itasca, effective May 13, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Raymond VinZant, Jr., 605 Winthrop Ln., Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey, effective May 13, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

(Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.)

May 12, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF THE MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES

Martha Amundson, 1013 Fremont Cir., Northfield, in the county of Rice, effective September 25, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Alex Caddy, 2220 Hulett Ave., Faribault, in the county of Rice, effective September 25, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Walter Kramer, 425 N. 39th Ave. W., Duluth, in the county of Saint Louis, effective May 19, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

(Referred to the Committee on Education.)

May 14, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

LEGISLATIVE - CITIZEN COMMISSION ON MINNESOTA RESOURCES

Nancy Gibson, 2712 Glenhurst Ave., Saint Louis Park, in the county of Hennepin, effective May 19, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

(Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.)

May 16, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

Brenda Brown, 305 Marsh St., Tyler, in the county of Lincoln, effective May 21, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Elizabeth J. Consie, 1726 Dunedin Ave., Duluth, in the county of Saint Louis, effective May 21, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Paula Fink Kocken, M.D., 5515 - 26th Ave. S., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective May 21, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Paul Satterlee, M.D., 4803 Fremont Ave. S., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective May 21, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

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

June 6, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

Christine Long, 175 Nature Valley Pl., Owatonna, in the county of Steele, effective June 11, 2008, to complete a term that expires on June 30, 2008.

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

June 6, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

GAMBLING CONTROL BOARD

William B. Goede, 630 - 3rd Ave. N.W., Plainview, in the county of Wabasha, effective July 1, 2008, for a term that expires on June 30, 2012.

Christine Long, 175 Nature Valley Pl., Owatonna, in the county of Steele, effective July 1, 2008, for a term that expires on June 30, 2012.

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

June 11, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

MINNESOTA POLLUTION CONTROL AGENCY

Dennis Jensen, 2023 N. Robin Ave., Duluth, in the county of Saint Louis, effective June 16, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Kathy Lohmer, 8199 Hill Tr. N., Lake Elmo, in the county of Washington, effective June 16, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

(Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.)

June 20, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Polly Peterson Bowles, 4809 Wilford Way, Edina, in the county of Hennepin, effective June 25, 2008, to complete a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

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

June 20, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF ELECTRICITY

William M. Hoskins, 220 N. Sunnyside Dr., Caledonia, in the county of Houston, effective June 25, 2008, to complete a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.)

June 23, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF THE ARTS

Brooke Barsness, 1204 N. Burlington Ave., Fergus Falls, in the county of Otter Tail, effective June 25, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Michael Charron, 700 Terrace Heights, Winona, in the county of Winona, effective June 25, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Ellen McInnis, 3406 - 46th Ave. N., Robbinsdale, in the county of Hennepin, effective June 25, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Mary Beth Schubert, 9026 Carter Path, Inver Grove Heights, in the county of Dakota, effective June 25, 2008, to fulfill a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

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

June 25, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

BOARD OF THE PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

Virginia Katz, 7825 Congdon Blvd., Duluth, in the county of Saint Louis, effective June 30, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Susan Mackert, 2609 Meadowrose Blvd., Saint Cloud, in the county of Stearns, effective June 30, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Kaimay Terry, 5109 Ridge Rd., Edina, in the county of Hennepin, effective June 30, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

(Referred to the Committee on Education.)

June 27, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

**BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE MINNESOTA
STATE COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES**

Cheryl Dickson, 126 Prospect Blvd., Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey, effective July 2, 2008, for a term that expires on June 30, 2014.

Jacob Englund, 2651 Ulysses St. N.E., Apt. #2, Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective July 2, 2008, for a term that expires on June 30, 2010.

Clarence Hightower, 11510 - 62nd Pl. N., Plymouth, in the county of Hennepin, effective July 2, 2008, for a term that expires on June 30, 2014.

Allyson Lueneburg, 359 Huff St., Winona, in the county of Winona, effective July 2, 2008, to fulfill

a term that expires on June 30, 2009.

David Paskach, 70 Shoreview Cir., Cottonwood, in the county of Lyon, effective July 2, 2008, for a term that expires on June 30, 2014.

Louise Sundin, 5216 Vincent Ave. S., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective July 2, 2008, for a term that expires on June 30, 2014.

Terri Thomas, P.O. Box 8073, Rochester, in the county of Olmsted, effective July 2, 2008, for a term that expires on June 30, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.)

July 22, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Betsy L. Wergin, 14021 - 311th Ave., Princeton, in the county of Sherburne, effective August 1, 2008, to complete a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

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

September 24, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

CLEAN WATER COUNCIL

Keith Hanson, 332 W. Superior St., Duluth, in the county of Saint Louis, effective September 29, 2008, to fulfill a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Victoria Reinhardt, 15 W. Kellogg Blvd., #220, Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey, effective September 29, 2008, to fulfill a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

(Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.)

September 29, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

John J. Scanlon, 75 Upper Afton Ter., Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey, effective October 6, 2008, to complete a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

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

October 20, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY
COMMISSIONER

Daniel M. Bartholomay, 5153 Beard Ave. S., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective November 10, 2008, to complete a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

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

November 25, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointments are hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

LESSARD OUTDOOR HERITAGE COUNCIL

James Cox, 11790 Hwy. 284, Cologne, in the county of Carver, effective December 1, 2008, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Wayne Enger, 404 Mohr Ln., Perham, in the county of Otter Tail, effective December 1, 2008, for a term that expires on January 7, 2013.

Scott Rall, P.O. Box 635, Worthington, in the county of Nobles, effective December 1, 2008, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Robert Schroeder, 1707 Summit Ave., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective December

1, 2008, for a term that expires on January 7, 2013.

Sincerely,
Tim Pawlenty, Governor

December 2, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Speaker of the Minnesota House of Representatives

Dear Senator Metzen and Speaker Anderson Kelliher:

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency Commissioner Bradley Moore resigned from that position effective yesterday, Monday, December 1, 2008. As per Minnesota Statutes 15.06, subdivision 3, Deputy Commissioner Paul Eger is Temporary Commissioner of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

This letter provides notification to the Minnesota Senate and Minnesota House of Representatives as per Minnesota Statutes 15.06, subdivision 5.

Sincerely,
Tim Pawlenty, Governor

November 26, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The Subcommittee on the Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration on November 26, 2008, by appropriate action made the following appointments:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2008

14.97A.056: Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council - Senators Ellen Anderson and Bill Ingebritsen to serve a term ending January 7, 2013, Lester Bensch to serve a term expiring January 7, 2013, and Michael Kilgore to serve a term expiring January 3, 2011.

Sincerely,
Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Chair
Subcommittee on Committees

December 2, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Minnesota Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

As the Senate Majority Leader, I am hereby making the following appointment:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2008

124D.385: Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service - Senator Saltzman, replacing Senator Kubly who resigned, to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Sincerely,
Lawrence J. Pogemiller
Majority Leader

December 29, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

As the Senate Minority Leader, I am hereby making the following appointment:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2008

Section 15A.082: Compensation Council - Senator Paul Koering, for a term ending upon submission of recommendations of the Council by May 1 in each odd-numbered year.

Sincerely,
David H. Senjem
Senate Republican Leader

January 5, 2009

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration met on December 18, 2008, and noted that the following are serving by virtue of their position:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2008

3.305, Subd. 6: LCC Salary and Budget Review Subcommittee - Senator Pogemiller as Senate Majority Leader, Senator Metzen as President of the Senate and Senator Senjem as Senate Minority Leader.

3.8851: Legislative Energy Commission - Senator Prettnner Solon as Chair of the Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications Committee.

116P.05: Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources - Senator Anderson as chair of the

Environment and Natural Resources Finance Committee.

Sincerely,
Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Chair
Subcommittee on Committees

January 5, 2009

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

As the Senate Majority Leader, I am hereby making the following appointments:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2008

15A.082: Compensation Council - Senators Koering, Moua and Prettner Solon to serve a term expiring May 1, 2009.

124D.385: Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service - Senator Marty to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Pursuant to Executive Order 2006

06-12: Governor's Conservation Legacy Council - Senators Olson, G. and Saxhaug to serve a two-year term expiring the first Monday in January, 2011.

Sincerely,
Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Chair
Subcommittee on Committees

January 5, 2009

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The Subcommittee on the Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration met on December 18, 2008, and made the following appointments:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2008

3.85: Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement - Senators Betzold; Lynch; Olson, M.; Pappas and Rosen to serve a two-year term expiring January 16, 2011.

3.305, Subd. 6: LCC Airport Funding Advisory Task Force - Senator Clark to replace Senator Larson upon his resignation for the balance of the term expiring January 1, 2009.

3.305, Subd. 6: LCC Airport Funding Advisory Task Force - Senators Clark, Jungbauer and Rest to serve a two-year term expiring January 1, 2011.

3.305, Subd. 6: LCC Legislative Reference Library Subcommittee - Senators Frederickson and

Kelash to serve a two-year term expiring January 1, 2011.

3.305, Subd. 6: LCC Revisor of Statutes Subcommittee - Senators Jungbauer and Olseen to serve a two-year term expiring January 1, 2011.

3.305, Subd. 6: LCC Subcommittee on Rules - Senators Pariseau and Rest to serve a two-year term expiring January 1, 2011.

3.855: LCC Subcommittee on Employee Relations - Senators Betzold; Metzen; Olson, G.; Scheid and Sparks to serve a two-year term expiring January 1, 2011.

3.8841: Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government - Senators Bonoff, Dibble, Doll, Foley, Gerlach, Limmer and Michel to serve a two-year term expiring January 1, 2011.

3.8851: Legislative Energy Commission - Senators Anderson, Chaudhary, Dille, Doll, Kubly, Metzen, Pariseau, Rosen and Senjem to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

116J.421: Rural Policy and Development Center Board of Directors - Senator Sparks to serve a two-year term expiring the first Monday in January, 2011.

116P.05: Legislative Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources - Senators Chaudhary, Frederickson, Pariseau and Vickerman to serve a two-year term expiring December 31, 2010.

127A.81: Education Commission of the States - Senator Wiger to serve a two-year term expiring the first Monday in January, 2011.

135A.21: Midwestern Higher Education Commission - Senator Pappas to serve a two-year term expiring the first Monday in January, 2011.

136F.03: Board of Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Candidate Advisory Council - Nimco Ahmed, Nancy Black and Marilyn Cathcart to serve a six-year term expiring the first Monday in January, 2014.

218.75: Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact Commission - Senator Sieben to serve a two-year term expiring the first week of January, 2011.

240A.02: Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission - Senator Saltzman to serve a two-year term expiring the first week of January, 2011.

290.173: Multistate Tax Compact Advisory Committee - Senator Moua to replace Senator Larson upon his resignation, to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

298.22: Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board - Senators Bakk, Prettner Solon, Saxhaug, Skoe and Tomassoni to serve a two-year term expiring the first Monday in January, 2011.

423.1606: Advisory Council on Interstate Adult Offender Supervision - Senators Fobbe and Ortman to serve a four-year term expiring the first Monday in January, 2012.

Sincerely,
Lawrence J. Pogemiller, Chair
Subcommittee on Committees

January 6, 2009

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

As the Senate Minority Leader, I am hereby making the following appointment:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2008

Section 3.8841: Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government – Senator Chris Gerlach, for a two-year term ending upon appointment of a successor after the opening of the next regular Session of the Legislature in the odd-numbered year; Senator Warren Limmer, for a similar term; and Senator Geoff Michel, for a similar term.

Sincerely,
David H. Senjem
Senate Republican Leader

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce that the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota is now duly organized pursuant to law and has elected the following officers:

Margaret Anderson Kelliher, Speaker

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk

Patrick D. Murphy, First Assistant Chief Clerk

Gail C. Romanowski, Second Assistant Chief Clerk

Eric O. Bergstrom, First Assistant Sergeant at Arms

Julia Miller, Second Assistant Sergeant at Arms/Postmaster

Troy Olsen, Assistant Sergeant at Arms

Solving K. Kong, Assistant Postmaster

Carl T. Hamre, Index Clerk

Dennis J. Johnson, Chaplain

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted January 6, 2009

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce that the Speaker has appointed Sandra A. Dicke as Chief Sergeant at Arms.

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted January 6, 2009

Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives invites and is ready to meet with the Senate in Joint Convention at 11:45 a.m., on Thursday, January 15, 2009, to receive the message of the Honorable Tim Pawlenty, Governor of the State of Minnesota, said message to be delivered at 12:00 noon.

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted January 6, 2009

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate accept the invitation of the House of Representatives to meet in Joint Convention in the House Chamber at 11:45 a.m., Thursday, January 15, 2009, to receive the message of the Honorable Tim Pawlenty, Governor of the State of Minnesota. The motion prevailed.

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce that the House has appointed a committee of five members of the House to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate to escort the Governor to the Joint Convention to be held in the House Chamber on Thursday, January 15, 2009, said Joint Convention to be convened at 11:45 a.m., and said message of the Governor to be delivered at 12:00 noon.

Bigham; Kath; Sterner; Anderson, P., and Loon have been appointed as such committee on the part of the House.

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted January 6, 2009

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the adoption by the House of the following Senate Concurrent Resolution, herewith returned:

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 3: A Senate concurrent resolution relating to adjournment for more than three days.

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned January 6, 2009

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**Senators Pogemiller and Senjem introduced –**

Senate Resolution No. 11: A Senate resolution relating to appointment of a committee to escort the Governor to the House Chamber for a Joint Convention.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the State of Minnesota:

The President of the Senate shall appoint a committee of five members of the Senate to act with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the Honorable Tim Pawlenty, Governor of the State of Minnesota, to the House Chamber on the occasion of the Joint Convention on Thursday, January 15, 2009, at 11:45 a.m.

Senator Pogemiller moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion prevailed. So the resolution was adopted.

APPOINTMENTS

Pursuant to the foregoing resolution, the President made the following appointments:

Senators Bonoff, Day, Frederickson, Lynch and Olseen.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED**Senator Sheran introduced –**

Senate Resolution No. 12: A Senate resolution honoring Joe Gibson of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Saltzman introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 13: A Senate resolution congratulating Kent Weyrauch of Baytown Township, Minnesota, for receiving the Eagle Award.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Saltzman introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 14: A Senate resolution honoring Baytown Township on the occasion of its sesquicentennial.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senators Pogemiller and Senjem introduced –

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 4: A Senate concurrent resolution relating to the adjournment of the Senate and House of Representatives on January 15, 2009.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate, the House of Representatives concurring, that upon adjournment on January 15, 2009, the Senate and House of Representatives may each adjourn for more than three days.

Senator Pogemiller moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion prevailed. So the resolution was adopted.

Senator Pogemiller, for Senator Metzen, moved that the appointments of Dan McElroy, Department of Employment and Economic Development, Commissioner; Sandra Layman, Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation, Commissioner; and Steve Sviggum, Department of Labor and Industry, Commissioner, reported in the Journal for January 8, 2009, be withdrawn from the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs and placed on the Confirmation Calendar. The motion prevailed.

RECESS

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now recess until 2:30 p.m. The motion prevailed.

The hour of 2:30 p.m. having arrived, the President called the Senate to order.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senators Tomassoni, Cohen, Langseth, Berglin and Murphy introduced–

S.F. No. 1: A bill for an act relating to the Minnesota economy; creating a state partnership with federal efforts to restore the American economy; outlining appropriations and authorizing bonding for use in supplementing the federal Economic Rescue and Recovery Act; appropriating money; authorizing bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Cohen and Clark introduced–

S.F. No. 2: A bill for an act relating to state government; specifying the development of budget recommendations and requiring state agencies to provide information; requiring disclosure of status of fiscal note requests; modifying state budget requirements; requiring a forecast of cash flow for the general fund; specifying format for detailed budget estimates of expenditures; imposing deadline for notice of deficiency requests; providing additional whistleblower protection to state employees; requiring a budget working group; eliminating obsolete requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 3.885, by adding a subdivision; 3.98, subdivision 4; 3.987, subdivision 1; 16A.10, subdivisions 1, 2; 16A.11, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 181.932, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 16A; 43A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008,

section 16A.152, subdivision 1b.

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

Senators Berglin, Lynch and Clark introduced–

S.F. No. 3: A bill for an act relating to state government operations; eliminating unnecessary state mandates.

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

Senators Metzen, Tomassoni and Sparks introduced–

S.F. No. 4: A bill for an act relating to unemployment compensation; providing for a new base period for calculating benefits; providing for a limited extension of benefits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 268.035, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

Senators Anderson, Prettner Solon, Dibble, Jungbauer and Doll introduced–

S.F. No. 5: A bill for an act relating to energy; requiring the commissioner of commerce to develop a state plan for a green infrastructure; providing funding to create energy-efficient residences; authorizing bonding to fund energy-efficient public buildings, renewable energy for public schools, green industrial parks, and a solar certification laboratory.

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

Senators Latz, Fobbe, Dahle and Kelash introduced–

S.F. No. 6: A bill for an act relating to real estate; permitting homeowners to recover all damages incurred due to faulty construction; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 327A.05.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Betzold introduced–

S.F. No. 7: A bill for an act relating to animals; providing standards of care for dog and cat breeders; authorizing rulemaking; providing criminal penalties; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 347.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

Senator Latz introduced–

S.F. No. 8: A bill for an act relating to taxation; removing a deadline for establishing housing improvement districts without special legislation; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 428A.21.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Lourey, Prettner Solon, Clark, Koering and Carlson introduced—

S.F. No. 9: A bill for an act relating to human services; creating the Minnesota health security account; establishing the Minnesota health security program; specifying eligibility criteria, covered services, and administrative procedures; requiring a report on program expansion and service delivery; ensuring access to health care for all adults; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256N.

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

Senators Bonoff; Clark; Saltzman; Olson, G. and Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 10: A bill for an act relating to education finance; establishing a shared services purchasing program; requiring all school districts and charter schools to participate in the shared services program; requiring the Department of Education to administer the shared services program; requiring the Department of Education to enter a contract with a vendor to establish the shared services program; establishing a deduction from the general education program; setting state and district technology guidelines; creating a quality rating and improvement system; updating annual report on district passage rate; clarifying the definition of comprehensive scientifically based reading instruction; making requirements of kindergarten and elementary teachers; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 122A.06, subdivision 4; 122A.18, subdivisions 2, 2a, by adding a subdivision; 123B.143, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 123B; 124D; 125B; 127A.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Saxhaug, Saltzman and Clark introduced—

S.F. No. 11: A bill for an act relating to education; modifying requirements for online learning providers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 124D.095, subdivision 7.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Betzold introduced—

S.F. No. 12: A bill for an act relating to charitable gambling; providing for the gross receipts tax on pull-tabs and tipboards to be imposed and paid on a site-by-site basis; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 297E.02, subdivision 6.

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

Senators Sheran, Prettner Solon, Dibble and Murphy introduced—

S.F. No. 13: A bill for an act relating to energy; establishing standard to reduce carbon intensity of transportation fuels; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116.

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

Senators Sieben, Murphy, Dibble, Langseth and Erickson Ropes introduced–

S.F. No. 14: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the sale of state bonds; appropriating money for the state's share of rail line between St. Paul and Chicago.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Rest, Jungbauer, Clark, Murphy and Prettnr Solon introduced–

S.F. No. 15: A bill for an act relating to the financing of state government; requiring money transfer from general fund to state airports fund; repealing Laws 2008, chapter 363, article 11, section 10.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Olseen, Lourey, Erickson Ropes, Koch and Fobbe introduced–

S.F. No. 16: A bill for an act relating to property taxation; repealing the 2008 changes to the Green Acres law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 273.111, subdivisions 3, 4, 8, 9, 11, 11a; Laws 2008, chapter 366, article 6, section 52; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 273.111, subdivision 3a.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

Senators Limmer; Scheid; Olson, G.; Bonoff and Michel introduced–

S.F. No. 17: A bill for an act relating to public safety; authorizing continuation of existing domestic fatality review team and permitting all judicial districts to create domestic fatality review teams; amending Laws 1999, chapter 216, article 2, section 27, subdivisions 1, as amended, 3c, as added, 4; repealing Laws 2002, chapter 266, section 1, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Wiger introduced–

S.F. No. 18: A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to appoint an independent counsel to investigate the Prisoner of War - Missing in Action issue.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

Senator Wiger introduced–

S.F. No. 19: A bill for an act relating to education; increasing the compulsory attendance age; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 120A.22, subdivisions 5, 6; 120A.24, subdivision 1; 260C.007, subdivision 19; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 120A.22, subdivision 8.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 20: A bill for an act relating to elections; prohibiting use of deceptive names of candidates, political committees, and political funds; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 211B.

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

Senator Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 21: A bill for an act relating to education; establishing a P-20 education partnership; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 127A.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 22: A bill for an act relating to education; modifying the Labor Day school start provisions for two years.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 23: A bill for an act relating to education; repealing the Labor Day school start provisions; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 120A.40.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senators Murphy, Erickson Ropes, Senjem and Lynch introduced—

S.F. No. 24: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; extending the availability of 2007 flood relief appropriations.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Jungbauer, Ingebrigtsen and Hann introduced—

S.F. No. 25: A bill for an act relating to energy; abolishing moratorium on issuing certificate of need for new nuclear power plant; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 216B.243, subdivision 3b.

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

Senators Jungbauer and Ingebrigtsen introduced—

S.F. No. 26: A bill for an act relating to public safety; clarifying law on inattentive driving and failure to exercise due care; providing for enhanced criminal penalties for certain traffic violations that result in personal injury or property damage; requiring commissioner of public safety to include information on inattentive driving in driver's manual; requiring distribution of traffic law summary to

peace officers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 169.89, by adding subdivisions; 171.13, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Kelash, Tomassoni and Bakk introduced–

S.F. No. 27: A bill for an act relating to taxation; extending property tax exemption for apprenticeship training facilities to land; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 272.02, subdivision 86.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Prettner Solon, Vickerman, Skoe, Lourey and Dille introduced–

S.F. No. 28: A bill for an act relating to public safety; broadening eligibility criteria for peace officer reciprocity licensing exam to include certain persons in active military service; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 626.8517.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

Senators Sheran, Koering and Lourey introduced–

S.F. No. 29: A bill for an act relating to health; changing a provision for pharmacy practice in administering influenza vaccines; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 151.01, subdivision 27; 151.37, subdivision 2.

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

Senators Higgins; Olson, M.; Rosen and Moua introduced–

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

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

Senators Scheid and Gerlach introduced–

S.F. No. 31: A bill for an act relating to liquor; repealing certain restrictions relating to direct wine shipments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 340A.417.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Scheid, Rest and Sieben introduced–

S.F. No. 32: A bill for an act relating to elections; clarifying that election judge may affirm oath; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 204B.24.

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

Senators Olseen, Murphy, Saltzman, Hann and Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 33: A bill for an act relating to pupil transportation; modifying qualifications for type III school bus drivers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 171.02, subdivision 2b.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 34: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; establishing a state trail; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 85.015, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 35: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money for floodplain management.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Bakk and Prettner Solon introduced—

S.F. No. 36: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing the sale of state bonds; appropriating money for new terminal facilities at the Duluth airport.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Fischbach, by request, introduced—

S.F. No. 37: A bill for an act relating to occupations and professions; according status of emergency vehicle to vehicle operated by protective agent for escorting funeral procession or oversized loads; making technical correction; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 169.011, subdivision 3; 326.338, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Fischbach, by request, introduced—

S.F. No. 38: A bill for an act relating to traffic regulations; authorizing local governments to regulate use of escort motorcycles or vehicles by licensed protective agents; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, section 169.04.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 39: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a regional environmental science and nature education center in Jackson County; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 40: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for bridge replacement in the city of Windom; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 41: A bill for an act relating to Jackson County; providing a process for making office of county auditor-treasurer appointive.

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

Senator Murphy introduced—

S.F. No. 42: A bill for an act relating to traffic regulations; making seat belt violation a primary offense in all seating positions regardless of age; making technical changes; providing for surcharge; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 169.686, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 171.05, subdivision 2b; 171.055, subdivision 2; 357.021, subdivisions 6, 7.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Betzold introduced—

S.F. No. 43: A bill for an act relating to utilities; prohibiting public utility from acquiring nonutility company; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

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

Senator Latz introduced—

S.F. No. 44: A bill for an act relating to state lands; requiring private sale of certain surplus state land bordering public water in Cass County.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Betzold introduced—

S.F. No. 45: A bill for an act relating to retirement; allowing a bounce-back annuity when provided for by a marriage dissolution decree; amending Minnesota Statutes 2008, sections 353.30, by adding a subdivision; 518.58, subdivision 4.

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

Senator Murphy introduced—

S.F. No. 46: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a

biosolids processing facility in the city of Red Wing; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Dahle introduced—

S.F. No. 47: A bill for an act relating to transit; removing restrictions on Dan Patch commuter rail line planning and development; repealing Laws 2002, chapter 393, section 85.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Prettner Solon and Bakk introduced—

S.F. No. 48: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing the sale of state bonds; appropriating money for repairs to facilities at the Lake Superior Zoo in Duluth.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Bakk introduced—

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

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Berglin, Limmer, Ortman, Pariseau, Sieben and Torres Ray were excused from the Session of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Monday, January 12, 2009. The motion prevailed.

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

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