

TWENTIETH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, February 26, 2015

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

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Sieben 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. John Ward.

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	Dziedzic	Ingebrigtsen	Nienow	Sheran
Bakk	Eaton	Jensen	Ortman	Sieben
Benson	Eken	Kent	Osmek	Skoe
Bonoff	Fischbach	Kiffmeyer	Pappas	Sparks
Brown	Franzen	Koenen	Pederson, J.	Stumpf
Carlson	Gazelka	Latz	Petersen, B.	Thompson
Chamberlain	Goodwin	Limmer	Pratt	Tomassoni
Champion	Hall	Lourey	Reinert	Torres Ray
Clausen	Hann	Marty	Rosen	Weber
Cohen	Hawj	Metzen	Saxhaug	Westrom
Dahle	Hayden	Miller	Scalze	Wiger
Dahms	Hoffman	Nelson	Schmit	Wiklund
Dibble	Housley	Newman	Senjem	

The President declared a quorum present.

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

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was received.

February 9, 2015

The Honorable Sandra L. Pappas
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Pappas:

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

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

Carol Flynn, 1235 Yale Pl., #1409, Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective February 14, 2015, for a term expiring on January 7, 2019.

Christian Sande, 310 Clifton Ave., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective February 14, 2015, for a term expiring on January 7, 2019.

(Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration - Subcommittee on Elections.)

Sincerely,
Mark Dayton, Governor

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Madam President:

I have the honor to announce that the House has acceded to the request of the Senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee, consisting of 5 members of the House, on the amendments adopted by the House to the following Senate File:

S.F. No. 174: A bill for an act relating to financing and operation of state government; providing deficiency funding for food assistance, the Minnesota Security Hospital, natural resources enforcement activities, Ebola-related costs, and the Zoological Board; freezing agency head salaries; appropriating money.

There has been appointed as such committee on the part of the House:

Knoblach, Peterson, McNamara, Carlson and Johnson, C.

Senate File No. 174 is herewith returned to the Senate.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned February 23, 2015

Madam President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following House File, herewith transmitted: H.F. No. 8.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted February 23, 2015

FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

The following bill was read the first time.

H.F. No. 8: A bill for an act relating to human services; updating child protection provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 626.556, subdivisions 1, 7.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration for comparison with S.F. No. 807, now on General Orders.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

Senator Sheran from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 139: A bill for an act relating to health; eliminating the MNsure Board; designating MNsure as a state agency; changing rulemaking provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 15.01; 15A.0815, subdivision 2; 62V.02, subdivisions 2, 11; 62V.03; 62V.04; 62V.05; 62V.06; 62V.07; 62V.08; 62V.09; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62V.11.

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

Page 3, line 22, strike "under section" and delete "3.972"

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

Senator Sheran from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which was referred

S.F. No. 501: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring health care quality measures and payment methods to identify and adjust for health disparities related to race, ethnicity, language, and sociodemographic risk factors; establishing a health equity data plan; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 62U.02, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4; 256B.072.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62U.02, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Development.** (a) The commissioner of health shall develop a standardized set of measures by which to assess the quality of health care services offered by health care providers, including health care providers certified as health care homes under section 256B.0751. Quality measures must be based on medical evidence and be developed through a process in which providers participate. The measures shall be used for the quality incentive payment system developed in subdivision 2 and must:

(1) include uniform definitions, measures, and forms for submission of data, to the greatest extent possible;

(2) seek to avoid increasing the administrative burden on health care providers;

(3) be initially based on existing quality indicators for physician and hospital services, which are measured and reported publicly by quality measurement organizations, including, but not limited to, Minnesota Community Measurement and specialty societies;

(4) place a priority on measures of health care outcomes, rather than process measures, wherever possible; and

(5) incorporate measures for primary care, including preventive services, coronary artery and heart disease, diabetes, asthma, depression, and other measures as determined by the commissioner; and

(6) effective July 1, 2016, be stratified by race, ethnicity, preferred language, and country of origin. On or after January 1, 2018, the commissioner may require measures to be stratified by other sociodemographic factors that according to reliable data are correlated with health disparities and have an impact on performance on quality or cost indicators. The commissioner shall consider, among other factors, poverty, homelessness, household size and composition, zip code, disability, gender identity, and sexual orientation. New methods of stratifying data must be tested and evaluated through pilot projects prior to adding them to the statewide system. In determining whether to add additional sociodemographic factors and developing the methodology to be used, the commissioner shall consider the reporting burden on providers and determine whether there are alternative sources of data that could be used. The commissioner shall ensure that categories and data collection methods are developed in consultation with those communities impacted by health disparities using culturally appropriate community engagement principles and methods. The commissioner shall implement this clause in coordination with the contracting entity retained under section 62U.02, subdivision 4, in order to build upon the data stratification methodology that has been developed and tested by the entity. Nothing in this clause expands or changes the commissioner's authority to collect, analyze, or report health care data. Any data collected to implement this clause must be data that is available or is authorized to be collected under other laws. Nothing in this clause grants authority to the commissioner to collect or analyze patient-level or patient-specific data of the patient characteristics identified under this clause.

(b) The measures shall be reviewed at least annually by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62U.02, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Quality incentive payments.** (a) By July 1, 2009, the commissioner shall develop a system of quality incentive payments under which providers are eligible for quality-based payments that are in addition to existing payment levels, based upon a comparison of provider performance against specified targets, and improvement over time. The targets must be based upon and consistent with the quality measures established under subdivision 1.

(b) To the extent possible, the payment system must adjust for variations in patient population in order to reduce incentives to health care providers to avoid high-risk patients or populations, including those with risk factors related to race, ethnicity, language, country of origin, and sociodemographic factors.

(c) The requirements of section 62Q.101 do not apply under this incentive payment system.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62U.02, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Quality transparency.** (a) The commissioner shall establish standards for measuring health outcomes, establish a system for risk adjusting quality measures, and issue annual public reports on provider quality beginning July 1, 2010.

(b) Effective July 1, 2017, the risk adjustment system established under this subdivision shall adjust for patient characteristics identified under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (6), that are correlated with health disparities and have an impact on performance on cost and quality measures. The risk adjustment method may consist of reporting based on an actual-to-expected comparison

that reflects the characteristics of the patient population served by the clinic or hospital. The commissioner shall implement this paragraph in coordination with any contracting entity retained under section 62U.02, subdivision 4.

(c) By January 1, 2010, physician clinics and hospitals shall submit standardized electronic information on the outcomes and processes associated with patient care to the commissioner or the commissioner's designee. In addition to measures of care processes and outcomes, the report may include other measures designated by the commissioner, including, but not limited to, care infrastructure and patient satisfaction. The commissioner shall ensure that any quality data reporting requirements established under this subdivision are not duplicative of publicly reported, communitywide quality reporting activities currently under way in Minnesota. Nothing in this subdivision is intended to replace or duplicate current privately supported activities related to quality measurement and reporting in Minnesota.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62U.02, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Contracting.** The commissioner may contract with a private entity or consortium of private entities to complete the tasks in subdivisions 1 to 3. The private entity or consortium must be nonprofit and have governance that includes representatives from the following stakeholder groups: health care providers, including providers serving high concentrations of patients and communities impacted by health disparities, health plan companies, consumers, including consumers representing groups who experience health disparities, employers or other health care purchasers, and state government. No one stakeholder group shall have a majority of the votes on any issue or hold extraordinary powers not granted to any other governance stakeholder.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.072, is amended to read:

256B.072 PERFORMANCE REPORTING AND QUALITY IMPROVEMENT SYSTEM.

(a) The commissioner of human services shall establish a performance reporting system for health care providers who provide health care services to public program recipients covered under chapters 256B, 256D, and 256L, reporting separately for managed care and fee-for-service recipients.

(b) The measures used for the performance reporting system for medical groups shall include measures of care for asthma, diabetes, hypertension, and coronary artery disease and measures of preventive care services. The measures used for the performance reporting system for inpatient hospitals shall include measures of care for acute myocardial infarction, heart failure, and pneumonia, and measures of care and prevention of surgical infections. In the case of a medical group, the measures used shall be consistent with measures published by nonprofit Minnesota or national organizations that produce and disseminate health care quality measures or evidence-based health care guidelines. In the case of inpatient hospital measures, the commissioner shall appoint the Minnesota Hospital Association and Stratis Health to advise on the development of the performance measures to be used for hospital reporting. To enable a consistent measurement process across the community, the commissioner may use measures of care provided for patients in addition to those identified in paragraph (a). The commissioner shall ensure collaboration with other health care reporting organizations so that the measures described in this section are consistent with those reported by those organizations and used by other purchasers in Minnesota.

(c) The commissioner may require providers to submit information in a required format to a health care reporting organization or to cooperate with the information collection procedures

of that organization. The commissioner may collaborate with a reporting organization to collect information reported and to prevent duplication of reporting.

(d) By October 1, 2007, and annually thereafter, the commissioner shall report through a public Web site the results by medical groups and hospitals, where possible, of the measures under this section, and shall compare the results by medical groups and hospitals for patients enrolled in public programs to patients enrolled in private health plans. To achieve this reporting, the commissioner may collaborate with a health care reporting organization that operates a Web site suitable for this purpose.

(e) Performance measures must be stratified as provided under section 62U.02, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (6), and risk-adjusted as specified in section 62U.02, subdivision 3, paragraph (b).

Sec. 6. HEALTH DISPARITIES PAYMENT ENHANCEMENT.

The commissioner of human services shall develop a methodology to pay a higher payment rate for health care providers and services that takes into consideration the higher cost, complexity, and resources needed to serve patients and populations who experience the greatest health disparities in order to achieve the same health and quality outcomes that are achieved for other patients and populations. In developing the methodology, the commissioner shall take into consideration all existing payment methods and rates, including add-on or enhanced rates paid to providers serving high concentrations of low-income patients or populations or providing access in underserved regions or populations. The new methodology must not result in a net decrease in total payment from all sources for those providers who qualify for additional add-on payments or enhanced payments, including, but not limited to, critical access dental, community clinic add-ons, federally qualified health centers payment rates, and disproportionate share payments. The commissioner shall develop the methodology in consultation with affected stakeholders, including communities impacted by health disparities, using culturally appropriate methods of community engagement. The proposed methodology must include recommendations for how the methodology could be incorporated into payment methods used in both fee-for-service and managed care plans. The commissioner shall submit a report and recommendations, and draft legislative language to implement the new methodology to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over health care policy and finance by December 15, 2015, including the proposed methodology for providing a health disparities payment adjustment.

Sec. 7. APPROPRIATIONS.

Subdivision 1. Commissioner of health. \$..... is appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2017, from the general fund to the commissioner of health for the following:

(1) the development of the quality incentive payment system specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 62U.02, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (6);

(2) the development of the risk adjustment system specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 62U.02, subdivision 3, paragraph (b); and

(3) community engagement with those communities impacted by health disparities.

Subd. 2. Commissioner of human services. \$..... is appropriated for the biennium ending June 30, 2017, from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the modification

of provider performance measures under Minnesota Statutes, section 256B.072, paragraph (e), to implement stratification and risk adjustment methods."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, delete "establishing a health equity data plan;"

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

Senator Skoe from the Committee on Taxes, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 188: A bill for an act relating to the State Lottery; suspending sale of certain lottery tickets through a Web site or self-service device.

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

Page 1, after line 4, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 349A.13, is amended to read:

349A.13 RESTRICTIONS.

~~Nothing in this chapter~~ The director shall not:

(1) ~~authorizes the director to~~ conduct a lottery game or contest the winner or winners of which are determined by the result of a sporting event other than a horse race conducted under chapter 240;

(2) ~~authorizes the director to~~ install or operate a lottery device operated by coin or currency which when operated determines the winner of a game; ~~and~~

(3) ~~authorizes the director to~~ sell pull-tabs as defined under section 349.12, subdivision 32;

(4) sell lottery tickets through a self-service device that is part of, shares a display with, or is adjacent to a retail petroleum dispenser under section 239.751;

(5) sell lottery tickets through a self-service device that is part of, shares a display with, or is adjacent to an electronic financial terminal under section 47.61, subdivision 3; and

(6) sell instant win lottery tickets through a Web site. The restriction in this clause does not apply to the sale of tickets of a joint lottery within the meaning of section 349A.02, subdivision 3, or games that rely on a drawing to select a winner.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective 130 days following final enactment."

Page 1, line 6, after "suspend" insert "all contracts relating to"

Page 1, line 8, delete ", including all contracts"

Page 1, line 9, delete "related to this activity"

Page 1, line 11, delete ", including all contracts related to this activity"

Page 1, line 13, after "suspend" insert "all contracts related to"

Page 1, line 14, delete ", including all contracts related to this activity"

Page 1, line 16, after "to" insert "contracts relating to"

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Skoe from the Committee on Taxes, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 229: A bill for an act relating to gambling; making clarifying, conforming, and technical changes relating to lawful gambling; modifying games, prizes, and other provisions regulating the conduct of lawful gambling; prohibiting director of State Lottery from offering casino-style games; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 349.12, subdivision 18, by adding subdivisions; 349.16, by adding a subdivision; 349.163, by adding subdivisions; 349.1635, subdivision 4; 349.17, subdivisions 5, 6, 9; 349.1711, subdivisions 1, 2; 349.1721, subdivision 4; 349.173; 349.181, subdivision 3; 349.19, subdivisions 2, 10, 11; 349.211, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, by adding a subdivision; 349A.13; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 349.169; 349.19, subdivision 9.

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

Page 12, delete section 25 and insert:

"Sec. 25. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 349A.13, is amended to read:

349A.13 RESTRICTIONS.

Nothing in this chapter The director shall not:

(1) ~~authorizes the director to~~ conduct a lottery game or contest the winner or winners of which are determined by the result of a sporting event other than a horse race conducted under chapter 240;

(2) ~~authorizes the director to~~ install or operate a lottery device operated by coin or currency which when operated determines the winner of a game; ~~and~~

(3) ~~authorizes the director to~~ sell pull-tabs as defined under section 349.12, subdivision 32;

(4) offer the play of, on an electronic terminal, through a Web site, or by any other means or device, casino-style games, including but not limited to blackjack, craps, keno, dice games, roulette, or poker;

(5) sell lottery tickets through a self-service device that is part of, shares a display with, or is adjacent to a retail petroleum dispenser under section 239.751;

(6) sell lottery tickets through a self-service device that is part of, shares a display with, or is adjacent to an electronic financial terminal under section 47.61, subdivision 3; and

(7) sell instant win lottery tickets through a Web site. The restriction in this clause does not apply to the sale of tickets of a joint lottery within the meaning of section 349A.02, subdivision 3, or games that rely on a drawing to select a winner.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective 130 days following final enactment.

Sec. 26. **STATE LOTTERY; SELF-SERVICE DEVICE AND ONLINE SALES.**

(a) The director of the State Lottery shall suspend all contracts relating to the sale of lottery tickets through: (1) a self-service device that is part of, shares a display with, or is adjacent to a retail petroleum dispenser under Minnesota Statutes, section 239.751; and (2) a self-service device that is part of, shares a display with, or is adjacent to an electronic financial terminal under Minnesota Statutes, section 47.61, subdivision 3. The suspension under this paragraph remains in effect until repealed or amended by law.

(b) The director of the State Lottery shall suspend all contracts related to the sale of instant win lottery tickets through a Web site. The suspension under this paragraph remains in effect until repealed or amended by law. The suspension under this paragraph does not apply to contracts relating to the sale of tickets of a joint lottery within the meaning of Minnesota Statutes, section 349A.02, subdivision 3, or games that rely on a drawing to select a winner.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective 130 days following final enactment."

Page 13, line 15, delete "26" and insert "24 and 27"

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Kent, for Senator Dibble, from the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 345: A bill for an act relating to transportation; establishing purple heart designation on driver's licenses and Minnesota identification cards; providing for state park permits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 85.053, by adding a subdivision; 171.07, by adding a subdivision.

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

Page 2, line 2, delete "later" and insert "earlier"

Page 2, line 3, delete "2016" and insert "2017" and delete everything after "the" and insert "date after which the commissioner has entered into a new contract and coordinated production of a new license and card design with modifications required by law."

Page 2, delete lines 4 to 6

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

Senator Bonoff from the Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 713: A bill for an act relating to higher education; creating a pilot grant program for student loan debt repayment counseling; appropriating money.

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

Page 1, line 11, after the period, insert "The number of individuals receiving counseling may be limited to those capable of being served with available appropriations for that purpose."

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

Senator Bonoff from the Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 766: A bill for an act relating to higher education; creating a grant program for spinal cord injury and traumatic brain injury research; establishing the spinal cord and traumatic brain injury advisory council; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136A.

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

Page 2, after line 21, insert:

"(9) one member who is a veteran who has a spinal cord injury or a traumatic brain injury;"

Page 2, line 22, delete "(9)" and insert "(10)"

Page 2, line 23, delete "(10)" and insert "(11)" and after the semicolon, insert "and"

Page 2, line 24, delete "(11)" and insert "(12)"

Page 2, line 25, delete everything after "injury" and insert a period

Page 2, delete line 26

Page 3, line 12, delete "director" and insert "commissioner"

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

Senator Bonoff from the Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 293: A bill for an act relating to taxation; income; establishing a credit and subtraction for certain contributions for higher education expenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.01, subdivision 19b; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

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

Page 4, line 34, before the period, insert ". The subtraction allowed under this clause must not include any amount used to claim the credit allowed under section 290.0693"

Page 5, line 11, delete "less than zero, but"

Page 5, after line 36, insert:

"(d) The amount used to claim the credit under this section must be excluded from any amount subtracted from federal taxable income under section 290.01, subdivision 19b, clause (22)."

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

Senator Sparks from the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 525: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; providing grants to employers for job training; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116L.

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

Page 3, line 3, delete "is" and insert "are"

Page 3, line 28, delete "least" and insert "lesser"

Page 4, line 5, delete "and"

Page 4, line 6, delete the period and insert a semicolon

Page 4, after line 6, insert:

"(6) the number of women and minority owned businesses participating in the program; and
(7) the number of women and minorities participating in the program."

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

Senator Sparks from the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 526: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; providing a job training tax credit; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 116L; 290.

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

Page 5, line 6, delete "and"

Page 5, line 7, delete the period and insert a semicolon

Page 5, after line 7, insert:

"(6) the number of women and minority owned businesses participating in the program; and
(7) the number of women and minorities participating in the program."

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

Senator Sparks from the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 764: A bill for an act relating to economic development; creating an Office of Workforce Housing; creating a workforce housing grant program; creating tax credits for workforce housing; appropriating money for grants for workforce housing; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 290.06, by adding a subdivision; 297A.71, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[116J.549] OFFICE OF WORKFORCE HOUSING.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given in this subdivision.

(b) "City" means any statutory or home rule charter city.

(c) "Consolidated population center" means a census block with a population density over 200 persons per square mile according to the most recent United States census data available, or an eligible county.

(d) "Director" means the director of the Office of Workforce Housing.

(e) "Eligible county" means a county that is not a metropolitan county as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4, with a population of 7,000 or less, based on the most recent United States census data available.

(f) "Family" means a family member within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code, section 267(c)(4).

(g) "Fund" means the workforce housing fund created under subdivision 5.

(h) "Greater Minnesota" means the area of Minnesota located outside the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2.

(i) "Market rate residential rental properties" means properties that are rented at market value and excludes: (i) properties constructed with financial assistance requiring the property to be occupied by residents that meet income limits under federal or state law of initial occupancy; and (ii) properties constructed with federal, state, or local flood recovery assistance, regardless of whether that assistance imposed income limits as a condition of receiving assistance.

(j) "Nonstate funding" means funding that is not part of a state-funded grant program, including any funds from the workforce housing fund created under this section.

(k) "Office" means the Office of Workforce Housing.

(l) "Officer" means a person elected or appointed by the board of directors to manage the daily operations of a business.

(m) "Principal" means a person having authority to act on behalf of a business.

(n) "Qualified investment" means a cash investment or the fair market value equivalent for common stock, a partnership or membership interest, preferred stock, debt with mandatory conversion to equity, land, or an equivalent ownership interest as determined by the director that is made in a qualified workforce housing project.

(o) "Qualified local investor" means an investor who has been certified by the director under subdivision 7.

(p) "Qualified project investor" means an investor who has been certified by the director under subdivision 8.

(q) "Qualifying workforce housing project" means a project:

- (1) for market rate residential rental properties with a minimum of three dwelling units;
- (2) with an average cost per unit of no more than \$250,000;
- (3) located in a greater Minnesota city or in an eligible county where the median number of full time private sector jobs was 500 or more for the last five years;
- (4) located in a city or eligible county with a rental vacancy rate lower than three percent for more than two years based on the most recently available data in a city or county housing analysis;
- (5) have more than 50 percent nonstate funding proposed to fund the project;
- (6) have a jobs-to-population ratio of greater than 40 percent as measured by the median number of jobs in a city or eligible county for the last five years compared with the median population of the city or county for the last five years;
- (7) located in a consolidated population center; and
- (8) that has been designated by the director as a qualifying workforce housing project.

Subd. 2. **Office of Workforce Housing; purpose.** (a) The Office of Workforce Housing is established within the Department of Employment and Economic Development. The director must be appointed by the governor and serves in the unclassified service. The director must be qualified by experience and training in housing development and community development. The office may employ staff necessary to carry out the office's duties under subdivision 4.

(b) The purpose of the office is to encourage, foster, develop, and improve workforce housing within the state in order to promote job creation and to provide a high quality workforce for Minnesota businesses by increasing the supply of housing in greater Minnesota.

Subd. 3. **Director and staff.** The office consists of a director of the Office of Workforce Housing and any other staff necessary to carry out the office's duties under subdivision 4.

Subd. 4. **Duties.** The office has the power and duty to:

- (1) administer the workforce housing fund for the state of Minnesota;
- (2) coordinate with state, regional, local, and private entities to develop workforce housing;
- (3) provide consultation services to local units of government or other project sponsors in connection with the financing, planning, acquisition, improvement, construction, or development of any workforce housing project;
- (4) consult with the Housing Finance Agency and community housing organizations to organize workforce housing projects and programs;
- (5) serve as an information clearinghouse for other programs that provide assistance and funding to developers or others seeking to build workforce housing;
- (6) provide grants and certify investor tax credits for qualifying workforce housing projects;
- (7) provide an annual report as required by subdivision 12;

(8) set and collect reasonable application fees for grant programs and tax credit applications available under this section; and

(9) perform any other activities consistent with the office's purpose.

Subd. 5. **Workforce housing fund.** (a) The workforce housing fund is created as a separate account in the special revenue fund in the state treasury. Money in the account may be used for the purpose of construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, demolition, removal, and development, including the cost of infrastructure and materials necessary for the creation and production of workforce housing in greater Minnesota.

(b) The fund shall consist of:

(1) state appropriations;

(2) contributions made by companies, individuals, and others including local units of government, nonprofits, and tribes;

(3) investment earnings on money in the fund; and

(4) application fees paid pursuant to programs in this section.

(c) Money in the fund is appropriated to the director of workforce housing to carry out the purposes of this section.

(d) Contributions made to the fund are not refundable.

Subd. 6. **Grants; project eligibility and preferences.** (a) The director shall award grants through a competitive grants program for the purposes defined in this section using the eligibility and preferences provided in this subdivision. If a project meets the qualifications in paragraph (b), the director may certify the project as a qualifying workforce housing project based on the eligibility of the program and the preference in paragraph (c). The total grant to a qualified workforce housing project must not exceed \$1,000,000.

(b) To be eligible for a grant, the project must:

(1) be for market rate residential rental properties with a minimum of three dwelling units;

(2) have an average cost per unit of no more than \$250,000;

(3) be located in a greater Minnesota city or eligible county where the median number of full time private sector jobs was 500 or more for the last five years;

(4) be located in a city or eligible county with a rental vacancy rate lower than three percent for more than two years based on the most recently available data in a city or county housing analysis;

(5) have more than 50 percent nonstate funding proposed to fund the project;

(6) have a jobs-to-population ratio of greater than 40 percent as measured by the median number of jobs in a city or eligible county for the last five years compared with the median population of the city or county for the last five years; and

(7) be located in a consolidated population center.

(c) Preferences for grants from the workforce housing fund must be given to projects that have the largest total private investment in a project per total project cost.

Subd. 7. **Qualified local investor tax credit.** (a) A qualified local investor is allowed a tax credit in an amount equal to 80 percent of the qualified investment in a qualified workforce housing project but no more than \$1,000,000 in the taxable year to reduce the taxpayer's income or corporate franchise tax imposed under chapter 290 in the year that the qualified workforce housing project has housing units that are certified for occupancy by the Department of Labor and Industry or a city inspector. The director must not allocate more than \$10,000,000 in credits to qualified local investors for a taxable year, except that the director may use available tax credit allocations from subdivision 8 for qualified local investor tax credits under this subdivision when necessary to achieve the goals of the Office of Workforce Housing. The director must not exceed a total allocation of tax credits for both programs in an amount greater than \$30,000,000 annually.

(b) For the purposes of this section, a qualified local investor is an investor that is:

(1) an individual or a business with less than 50 full-time equivalent employees;

(2) located in greater Minnesota; and

(3) resides or has an office or production facility within 120 miles of a qualified workforce housing project.

(c) The director shall not allocate a credit to a qualified local investor if the investor is an officer or principal of a business or a family member of an officer or principal of a business, or sole proprietorship that is competing for a grant through the workforce housing fund in the year the tax credit would be awarded. A taxpayer may only be awarded one tax credit available in this section, however a taxpayer may apply for a credit under both this subdivision and subdivision 8.

(d) Applications for tax credits for a taxable year must be made available by the office by November 1 of the prior year. The office must make every effort to provide applications and relevant data to applicants in a simple, concise manner using plain language. Tax credits must be allocated to qualified local investors in the order that the tax credit request applications are filed with the office. The director must approve or reject tax credit request applications within 15 days of receiving the application. The investment specified in the application must be made within 60 days of the allocation of the credit. If the investment is not made within 60 days, the credit allocation is canceled. A qualified local investor that fails to invest as specified in the application must notify the commissioner immediately and no later than five business days after the expiration of the 60-day investment period. The director may require an application fee for the applications submitted under this subdivision.

(e) All tax credit request applications filed with the department on the same day must be treated as having been filed contemporaneously. If two or more qualified local investors file tax credit request applications on the same day, and the aggregate amount of credit allocation claims exceeds the aggregate limit of credits under this section or the lesser amount of credits that remain unallocated on that day, then the credits must be allocated among the qualified local investors who filed on that day on a pro rata basis with respect to the amounts claimed. The pro rata allocation for any one qualified local investor is the product obtained by multiplying a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of the credit allocation claim filed on behalf of a qualified local investor and the denominator of which is the total of all credit allocation claims filed on behalf of all applicants on that day, by the amount of credits that remain unallocated on that day for the taxable year.

(f) The director must notify the commissioner of revenue of credit certificates issued under this subdivision.

Subd. 8. **Qualified project investor tax credits.** (a) A taxpayer who makes a qualified investment in a qualified workforce housing project is allowed a tax credit for 50 percent of the amount of the qualified investment, up to \$1,000,000, to reduce the taxpayer's income or corporate franchise tax under chapter 290 in the year that the qualified workforce housing project has housing units that are certified for occupancy by the Department of Labor and Industry or a city inspector. The director must not allocate more than \$20,000,000 in credits to qualified project investors for a taxable year, except that the director may use available tax credit allocations from subdivision 7 for the qualified project investor tax credits under this subdivision when necessary to achieve the goals of the Office of Workforce Housing. The director must not exceed a total allocation of tax credits for both programs in an amount greater than \$30,000,000 annually.

(b) The director shall not allocate a credit if the investor is an officer or principal of a business or sole proprietorship, or a family member of an officer or principal of a business or sole proprietorship, that is competing for a grant through the workforce housing fund in the year the tax credit would be awarded.

(c) Applications for tax credits for a taxable year must be made available by the Office of Workforce Housing by November 1 of the prior year. The office must make every effort to provide applications and relevant data to applicants in a simple, concise manner using plain language. Tax credits must be allocated to qualified project investors in the order that the tax credit request applications are filed with the office. The director must approve or reject tax credit request applications within 15 days of receiving the application. The investment specified in the application must be made within 60 days of the allocation of the credit. If the investment is not made within 60 days, the credit allocation is canceled. A qualified project investor who fails to invest as specified in the application must notify the commissioner immediately and no later than five business days after the expiration of the 60-day investment period. The director may require an application fee for the applications submitted under this subdivision. A taxpayer may only be awarded one tax credit available in this section, however a taxpayer may apply for a credit under both subdivision 7 and this subdivision.

(d) All tax credit request applications filed with the department on the same day must be treated as having been filed contemporaneously. If two or more qualified project investors file tax credit request applications on the same day, and the aggregate amount of credit allocation claims exceeds the aggregate limit of credits under this section or the lesser amount of credits that remain unallocated on that day, then the credits must be allocated among the qualified project investors who filed on that day on a pro rata basis with respect to the amounts claimed. The pro rata allocation for any one qualified project investor is the product obtained by multiplying a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of the credit allocation claim filed on behalf of a qualified project investor and the denominator of which is the total of all credit allocation claims filed on behalf of all applicants on that day, by the amount of credits that remain unallocated on that day for the taxable year.

(e) The director must notify the commissioner of revenue of credit certificates issued under this subdivision.

Subd. 9. **Transfer and revocation of credits.** (a) A tax credit under this section is not transferable to any other taxpayer.

(b) If the director discovers that a qualified local investor or qualified project investor did not meet the eligibility requirements for the tax credits under this section after the credits have been allocated, the director may determine that credit allocated is revoked and must be repaid by the investor. The director must notify the commissioner of revenue of every credit revoked and subject to full or partial repayment under this section.

Subd. 10. **Reporting.** Beginning in 2016, the director must annually report by March 15 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over taxes and economic development in the senate and house of representatives, in compliance with sections 3.195 and 3.197, on tax credits issued under this section and the workforce housing projects funded by the workforce housing development fund. The report must include:

- (1) information about the availability of workforce housing in greater Minnesota;
- (2) information from employers and communities in greater Minnesota about whether or not workforce housing needs are being met;
- (3) which projects have been funded by the workforce housing fund and whether previously funded projects have created economic growth;
- (4) a summary of the Office of Workforce Housing activities to coordinate workforce housing for the state;
- (5) any suggested legislation to accelerate construction of workforce housing;
- (6) the number and amount of tax credits issued and the identity of the recipients;
- (7) the amount of investments made to the fund and whether or not those funds were for a preferred project;
- (8) the number and amount of tax credits revoked under subdivision 10; and
- (9) any other relevant information needed to evaluate the effect of the grants and tax credits available through the Office of Workforce Housing.

Subd. 11. **Appropriations.** Amounts in the workforce housing fund are appropriated to the commissioner of employment and economic development for costs associated with the administration of applications and for the personnel and administrative expenses related to administering the workforce housing grant program and investor tax credit programs.

EFFECTIVE DATE. The tax credits in this section are effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 37. **Workforce housing tax credit.** (a) A taxpayer is allowed a credit against the tax under subdivision 1 or 2c equal to the amount certified by the director of workforce housing under section 116J.549, to the taxpayer for the taxable year.

(b) Credits allowed to a partnership, limited liability company taxed as a partnership, corporation, or multiple owners of property are passed through to the partners, members, shareholders, or owners, respectively, pro rata to each partner, member, shareholder, or owner based on that person's share of the entity's income for the taxable year.

(c)(1) The credit is limited to the liability for tax. "Liability for tax" for purposes of this subdivision means the tax imposed under subdivision 1 or 2c, as applicable, for the taxable year reduced by the sum of the nonrefundable credits allowed under this chapter.

(2) For a corporation that is a partner in a partnership, the credit allowed for the taxable year is limited to the lesser of the amount determined under clause (1) for the taxable year or an amount, separately computed with respect to the corporation's interest in the trade, business, or entity, equal to the amount of tax attributable to that portion of taxable income that is allocable or apportionable to the corporation's interest in the trade, business, or entity.

(3) If the amount of the credit determined under this subdivision for any taxable year exceeds the limitation under clause (1), the excess is a credit carryover to each of the ten succeeding taxable years. The entire amount of the excess unused credit for the taxable year is carried first to the earliest of the taxable years to which the credit may be carried and then to each successive year to which the credit may be carried. The amount of the unused credit that may be added under this clause is limited to the taxpayer's liability for tax, less the credit for the taxable year.

EFFECTIVE DATE. The tax credits in this section are effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2015.

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\$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for deposit in the workforce housing fund account for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.549, subdivision 6. Up to five percent of the appropriation in each year is available to the commissioner for the administration of Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.549."

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Sparks from the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 816: A bill for an act relating to taxation; economic development; providing for a workforce housing grant program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.01, subdivisions 19a, 19c; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 116J; 290.

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

Page 1, line 22, delete "1,500" and insert "500"

Page 2, line 17, delete "1,500" and insert "500"

Page 8, line 21, delete "1,500" and insert "500"

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

Senator Sparks from the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 468: A bill for an act relating to workforce housing; establishing a workforce housing grants program; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Laws 2014, chapter 308, article 6, section 14, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.

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

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

S.F. No. 253: A bill for an act relating to health occupations; providing for an interstate medical licensure compact project; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 147.

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

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

S.F. No. 338: A bill for an act relating to state government; permitting a government entity to release certain military release forms to another government entity for a limited purpose; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 196.08.

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

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

S.F. No. 337: A bill for an act relating to education; making a technical change to conform the definition of directory information with federal law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 13.32, subdivision 5.

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

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

S.F. No. 578: A bill for an act relating to trusts; establishing the Minnesota Trust Code; recodifying certain provisions; modifying power of appointments; making conforming and technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 48.01, subdivision 2; 48A.07, subdivision 6; 317A.161, subdivision 24; 353.95, subdivision 4; 500.17, subdivision 2; 501B.31, subdivisions 2, 4, 5; 501B.41, subdivision 3; 501B.46; 508.62; 508A.62; 524.2-804, subdivision 1; 524.5-417; 529.06; 529.12; 529.14; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 502; 507; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 501C; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 501B.01; 501B.012; 501B.02; 501B.03; 501B.04; 501B.05; 501B.06; 501B.07; 501B.08; 501B.09; 501B.12; 501B.13; 501B.14; 501B.15; 501B.151; 501B.152; 501B.154; 501B.155; 501B.16; 501B.17; 501B.18; 501B.19; 501B.20; 501B.21; 501B.22; 501B.23; 501B.24; 501B.25; 501B.56; 501B.561; 501B.57; 501B.571; 501B.59; 501B.60; 501B.61; 501B.62; 501B.63; 501B.64; 501B.65; 501B.665; 501B.67; 501B.68; 501B.69; 501B.705; 501B.71; 501B.72; 501B.73; 501B.74; 501B.75; 501B.76; 501B.79; 501B.80; 501B.81; 501B.82; 501B.87; 501B.88; 501B.89; 501B.895; 501B.90; 502.62; 502.63; 502.64; 502.65; 502.66; 502.67; 502.68; 502.69; 502.70; 502.71; 502.72; 502.73; 502.74; 502.75; 502.76; 502.77; 502.78; 502.79.

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

Page 1, delete section 2 and insert:

"Sec. 2. **501C.0102] SCOPE.**

(a) This chapter applies to express trusts, charitable or noncharitable, and trusts created pursuant to a statute, judgment, or decree that require the trust to be administered in the manner of an express trust.

(b) Sections 501C.0201 to 501C.0208 do not apply to trusts in the nature of mortgages or to trusts commonly known as voting trusts. Sections 501C.0201 to 501C.0208 apply, unless otherwise provided in the trust instrument, to trusts established in connection with bonds issued under chapter 469, and, at the sole election of the issuer of bonds issued under chapter 469, without a trust indenture, to the pledges and other bond covenants made by the issuer in one or more resolutions with respect to the bonds. If the issuer elects to apply sections 501C.0201 to 501C.0208, for such purposes only, pledges and other bond covenants shall be deemed the "trust," the resolution or resolutions shall be deemed the "trust instrument," and the issuer shall be deemed the "trustee" notwithstanding the absence of any fiduciary responsibility owed by the "issuer" toward the bondholders. Nothing in this section precludes the issuer from seeking approval under sections 501C.0201 to 501C.0208 of the creation of any express trust under a trust indenture and the appointment of a trustee to act as fiduciary for the benefit of the bondholders. As used in sections 501C.0201 to 501C.0208, "beneficiary" includes a bondholder.

(c) This chapter does not apply to corporate trusts, except that sections 501C.0201 to 501C.0208 apply to corporate trusts that are administered by a trustee located in this state. For purposes of this paragraph, the following terms have the meanings given:

(1) "Corporate trust" means any trust created pursuant to a corporate trust agreement; and

(2) "Corporate trust agreement" means any indenture, pooling and servicing agreement, collateral agency agreement, or other contractual arrangement that establishes an express trust either before or upon the occurrence of an event of default and was entered into with a trustee as a party to facilitate a commercial transaction for the issuance of debt or equity securities or for the creation of other similar rights or interests, whether or not the securities are subject to any securities laws, including but not limited to the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended."

Page 57, after line 31, insert:

"Subd. 6. **Income payable to spouse.** If a gift or bequest is made in trust that is intended to qualify for the federal estate tax deduction for transfers under Section 2056 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or the federal gift tax deduction under Section 2523 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, all distributions of income to the transferor's spouse shall not be made less frequently than annually."

Page 82, lines 9, 16, 18, 22, 23, 25, and 27, delete "501C.1014" and insert "501C.1208"

Page 83, lines 2 and 8, delete "501C.1014" and insert "501C.1208"

Page 83, line 5, delete "501C.1014" and insert "501C.1208" in both places

Page 108, after line 14, insert:

"Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 541.05, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Six-year limitation.** Except where the Uniform Commercial Code otherwise prescribes, the following actions shall be commenced within six years:

(1) upon a contract or other obligation, express or implied, as to which no other limitation is expressly prescribed;

(2) upon a liability created by statute, other than those arising upon a penalty or forfeiture or where a shorter period is provided by section 541.07;

(3) for a trespass upon real estate;

(4) for taking, detaining, or injuring personal property, including actions for the specific recovery thereof;

(5) for criminal conversation, or for any other injury to the person or rights of another, not arising on contract, and not hereinafter enumerated;

(6) for relief on the ground of fraud, in which case the cause of action shall not be deemed to have accrued until the discovery by the aggrieved party of the facts constituting the fraud;

~~(7) to enforce a trust or compel a trustee to account, where the trustee has neglected to discharge the trust, or claims to have fully performed it, or has repudiated the trust relation;~~

~~(8)~~ (7) against sureties upon the official bond of any public officer, whether of the state or of any county, town, school district, or a municipality therein; in which case the limitation shall not begin to run until the term of such officer for which the bond was given shall have expired;

~~(9)~~ (8) for damages caused by a dam, used for commercial purposes; or

~~(10)~~ (9) for assault, battery, false imprisonment, or other tort resulting in personal injury, if the conduct that gives rise to the cause of action also constitutes domestic abuse as defined in section 518B.01."

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Sparks from the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 472: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; appropriating money to the commissioner of employment and economic development for career counseling services; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116L.

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

Page 1, line 8, after "districts" insert "and charter schools"

Page 1, line 15, delete the first "district" and after "district" insert "or charter school"

Page 2, line 8, after "report" insert "annually by January 15"

Page 2, line 9, delete the period and insert "on:"

Page 2, after line 9, insert:

"(1) the number of students counseled;

(2) the number of students enrolling in a postsecondary institution following secondary school graduation; and

(3) other information related to the program requested by the commissioner."

Page 2, line 12, delete "workforce development" and insert "general"

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

Senator Wiger from the Committee on Education, to which was referred the following appointment:

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION
COMMISSIONER
Brenda L. Cassellius

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

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

Senator Marty from the Committee on Environment and Energy, to which was referred the following appointment:

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION
John Tuma

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

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

Senator Marty from the Committee on Environment and Energy, to which was referred the following appointment:

DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
COMMISSIONER
Thomas J. Landwehr

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

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

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. Nos. 188, 229, 338, 337 and 578 were read the second time.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senator Bakk introduced—

S.F. No. 1104: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a wastewater collection and treatment facility in Silver Creek Township; authorizing the issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Ingebrigtsen introduced—

S.F. No. 1105: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for West Leaf Lake Dam in Otter Tail County; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Pederson, J. introduced—

S.F. No. 1106: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use tax; allocating the estimated revenue from the sale of motor vehicle parts to the highway user tax distribution fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297A.94.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Clausen, Jensen, Gazelka, Dahle and Carlson introduced—

S.F. No. 1107: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; providing a credit for the additional tax paid on early withdrawals from retirement accounts if used for long-term care expenses; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Kent, Gazelka, Jensen, Metzen and Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1108: A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring proof of insurance to register, reregister, or transfer ownership of a motor vehicle or motorcycle; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.798, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

Senators Pratt, Clausen, Chamberlain and Hoffman introduced—

S.F. No. 1109: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; allowing a tax credit for K-12 teachers who complete a master's degree in a content area directly related to their licensure field; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Rest, Champion, Hann, Wiger and Stumpf introduced—

S.F. No. 1110: A bill for an act relating to the West Metro Education Program; conveying school buildings to member districts; providing for an orderly transition.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Koenen introduced—

S.F. No. 1111: A bill for an act relating to transportation; providing that bus driver is not subject to seat belt fines arising out of violations by certain passengers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.686, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

Senator Eken introduced—

S.F. No. 1112: A bill for an act relating to human services; providing a nursing facility operating payment rate increase for certain facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.441, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senator Lourey introduced—

S.F. No. 1113: A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring third-party payer payments within a certain time limit; requiring third-party payers to include certain information; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 62A.045; 256.015, subdivision 7.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Saxhaug, Dzedzic, Tomassoni and Anderson introduced—

S.F. No. 1114: A bill for an act relating to employment; appropriating money for extended employment services for persons with severe disabilities.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Carlson, Clausen and Chamberlain introduced—

S.F. No. 1115: A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring the commissioner of administration to ensure that service-disabled, veteran-owned businesses receive a percentage of state procurement; providing bid preferences; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Reinert, Saxhaug and Lourey introduced—

S.F. No. 1116: A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing a grant for the Duluth Children's Museum; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Schmit and Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1117: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Goodhue Pioneer State Trail; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Schmit and Miller introduced—

S.F. No. 1118: A bill for an act relating to transportation; capital investment; appropriating money for construction of a railroad crossing quiet zone in the cities of Goodview and Minnesota City; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Pappas, Marty and Kiffmeyer introduced—

S.F. No. 1119: A bill for an act relating to health occupations; changing the regulatory agency for licensed midwives from the Board of Medical Practice to the commissioner of health; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 147D.01, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 7; 147D.05, subdivision 1; 147D.07, subdivisions 2, 3; 147D.09; 147D.13, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; 147D.15, subdivision 2; 147D.17, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13; 147D.19; 147D.21, subdivisions 1, 2, 5; 147D.25, subdivisions 1, 3; 147D.27, subdivisions 1, 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 147D; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 147D.17, subdivision 4; 147D.23.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senators Sheran and Jensen introduced—

S.F. No. 1120: A bill for an act relating to public safety; expanding fourth-degree assault protections to employees supervising and working directly with mentally ill and dangerous patients; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.2231, subdivision 3a.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Saxhaug and Housley introduced—

S.F. No. 1121: A bill for an act relating to government contracting; clarifying the responsible contractor law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16C.285, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Senjem; Pederson, J.; Jensen; Reinert and Schmit introduced—

S.F. No. 1122: A bill for an act relating to transportation; crediting surcharge on vehicle parking violations to highway user tax distribution fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 357.021, subdivision 7.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

Senators Senjem, Sheran, Metzen and Koenen introduced—

S.F. No. 1123: A bill for an act relating to public safety; establishing a grant program to assist local law enforcement agencies to develop or expand lifesaver programs that locate lost or wandering persons who are mentally impaired; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299C.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Stumpf introduced—

S.F. No. 1124: A bill for an act relating to education; providing for teacher development and evaluation revenue and equalized levy; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 122A.40, subdivisions 5, 8; 122A.41, subdivisions 2, 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 122A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 122A.413; 122A.414; 122A.4144; 122A.415, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6; 122A.4155; 122A.416.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Skoe and Stumpf introduced—

S.F. No. 1125: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for trailhead development for the Heartland Trail near Park Rapids; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Sparks, Koenen, Saxhaug, Senjem and Miller introduced—

S.F. No. 1126: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for veterinary facilities at the University of Minnesota; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Dahms introduced—

S.F. No. 1127: A bill for an act relating to MNsure; requiring premium rates for health insurance coverage offered through MNsure to be available to the public 30 days before open enrollment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62A.02, subdivisions 2, 8.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senators Hawj, Dibble, Pappas, Kent and Marty introduced—

S.F. No. 1128: A bill for an act relating to transportation; authorizing the city of St. Paul to regulate engine braking on a segment of Interstate Highway 94.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

Senator Eken introduced—

S.F. No. 1129: A bill for an act relating to education; permitting Independent School District No. 2164, Dilworth-Glyndon-Felton, Independent School District No. 146, Barnesville, and Independent School District No. 2854, Ada-Borup, to start the school year before Labor Day.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Dahms introduced—

S.F. No. 1130: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; providing for local approval of certain local sales and use tax and validation of prior act.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Pappas, Housley and Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 1131: A bill for an act relating to liquor; allowing some transfers of wine between commonly owned liquor stores; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 340A.412, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Scalze, Ingebrigtsen, Saxhaug, Benson and Schmit introduced—

S.F. No. 1132: A bill for an act relating to solid waste; amending uses of state grants to counties for solid waste reduction and recycling; amending allocation of solid waste management tax revenues; requiring a study; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 115A.557, subdivision 2; 297H.13, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy.

Senators Stumpf, Eken, Sparks, Ingebrigtsen and Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 1133: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for flood hazard mitigation grants; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Koenen, Hall, Sheran and Sieben introduced—

S.F. No. 1134: A bill for an act relating to corrections; developing a formula to divide community supervision funds between county and state; requiring a report.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Sheran, Rosen, Eaton, Marty and Wiklund introduced—

S.F. No. 1135: A bill for an act relating to health; prohibiting use of electronic delivery devices in certain places; allowing sampling of vapor from electronic delivery devices; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 144.413, subdivision 4; 144.4167, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senators Hoffman, Marty, Hawj, Tomassoni and Dahle introduced—

S.F. No. 1136: A bill for an act relating to accessibility; modifying traffic and parking signs, restroom signs, and digital media; removing the words "handicap" and "disability" from parking and traffic signs and state digital media; requiring modification of symbol indicating accessibility; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 326B.106, subdivision 9.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development.

Senators Jensen, Sheran, Dahle, Ruud and Limmer introduced—

S.F. No. 1137: A bill for an act relating to public safety; expanding criminal sexual conduct offenses for persons in current or recent positions of authority over juveniles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 609.341, subdivision 10; 609.342, subdivision 1; 609.343, subdivision 1; 609.344, subdivision 1; 609.345, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Dahle, Saxhaug, Wiklund, Jensen and Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 1138: A resolution urging the President and Congress to overhaul the Elementary and Secondary Education Act.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Pappas introduced—

S.F. No. 1139: A bill for an act relating to retirement; modifying the Public Employees Retirement Association general plan provisions; merging the Minneapolis employees retirement fund division into the general employees retirement plan; eliminating obsolete language resulting from the merger; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 256D.21; 353.01, subdivisions 2a, 6, 48; 353.03, subdivision 1; 353.05; 353.06; 353.27, subdivisions 1, 3b, by adding a subdivision; 353.34, subdivision 1; 353.37, subdivision 1; 353.46, subdivisions 2, 6; 353.50, subdivision 6; 353.505; 356.214, subdivision 1; 356.215, subdivision 11; 356.30, subdivision 3; 356.302, subdivision 7; 356.303, subdivision 4; 356.32, subdivision 2; 356.401, subdivision 3; 356.407, subdivision 2; 356.415, subdivision 2; 356.461, subdivision 2; 356.465, subdivision 3; 480.181, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 353.01, subdivision 49; 353.27, subdivision 1a; 353.50, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 9, 10; 354.71.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Pappas introduced—

S.F. No. 1140: A bill for an act relating to retirement; voluntary statewide lump-sum volunteer firefighter retirement plan; clarifying the calculation of the short service alternative pension computation for former defined contribution relief association members; adding additional service pension levels; relaxing certain deadlines for approval of service pension level increases; clarifying

the application of the vesting provisions for portable service pensions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 353G.09, subdivision 3; 353G.11, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 4; 353G.13, subdivisions 1, 2.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Johnson, Dahle and Chamberlain introduced—

S.F. No. 1141: A bill for an act relating to education finance; implementing the school facilities working group recommendation number four; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.40, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 123B.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 1142: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Big Rivers Regional Trail; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Pederson, J.; Skoe; Brown and Rosen introduced—

S.F. No. 1143: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; modifying rules for restrictions on transfer for divided lands; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 272.16, subdivision 2; 272.162.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Kent; Housley; Petersen, B.; Pappas and Scalze introduced—

S.F. No. 1144: A bill for an act relating to liquor; permitting off-sale intoxicating liquor sales on Sunday; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 340A.504, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senator Dahms introduced—

S.F. No. 1145: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; creating an exemption for certain electric generation facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 272.02, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Dahle, Tomassoni, Koenen, Kiffmeyer and Gazelka introduced—

S.F. No. 1146: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; modifying rules for mandatory appeals and equalization courses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 274.014, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Latz, Pratt, Metzen, Dziedzic and Newman introduced—

S.F. No. 1147: A bill for an act relating to real property; clarifying the mortgage foreclosure by advertisement publication requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 582.25; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 580.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Jensen introduced—

S.F. No. 1148: A bill for an act relating to insurance; repealing the Minnesota comprehensive health insurance annual contributing member assessments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62E.11, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Dibble and Kiffmeyer introduced—

S.F. No. 1149: A bill for an act relating to human services; providing nursing facility construction project rate adjustments for certain facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.434, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senators Schmit and Hoffman introduced—

S.F. No. 1150: A bill for an act relating to health insurance; requiring coverage for telemedicine for health carriers and medical assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.0625, subdivision 3b; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senators Hayden; Petersen, B.; Rest and Hoffman introduced—

S.F. No. 1151: A bill for an act relating to redistricting; requiring use of actual residence for redistricting purposes; allowing population modifications; requiring certain data transfers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 204B.145; 205.84, subdivision 1; 375.025, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 241.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senators Eken, Eaton, Lourey, Housley and Rosen introduced—

S.F. No. 1152: A bill for an act relating to human services; appropriating money to expand the statewide text message suicide prevention program.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Hoffman, Marty and Dahle introduced—

S.F. No. 1153: A bill for an act relating to higher education; establishing a merit-based academic excellence grant program for certain Minnesota undergraduate students; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136A.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Dziezic, Osmek, Scalze and Hawj introduced—

S.F. No. 1154: A bill for an act relating to economic development; modifying the urban challenge grants program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 116M.14, by adding a subdivision; 116M.18, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 8.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development.

Senators Hoffman, Eken and Brown introduced—

S.F. No. 1155: A bill for an act relating to employment; appropriating money for grants to day training and habilitation providers to implement Olmstead Plan employment goals.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development.

Senator Gazelka introduced—

S.F. No. 1156: A bill for an act relating to MNsure; creating a user fee to fund the operations of MNsure; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62V.05, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senators Torres Ray and Wiklund introduced—

S.F. No. 1157: A bill for an act relating to education; making information and resources for parents of young children more accessible; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Sparks, Brown, Saxhaug and Ingebrigtsen introduced—

S.F. No. 1158: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying funding of soil and water conservation districts; providing that county levies for soil and water conservation districts are special taxing district levies; appropriating money for soil and water conservation district grants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 275.066; 275.07, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103C.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy.

Senator Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1159: A bill for an act relating to local government aid; dedicating a portion of aid to cities for housing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 477A.011, by adding a subdivision; 477A.013, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1160: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; allowing property to qualify for agricultural homestead classification under certain conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.124, subdivision 14.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1161: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; requiring the establishment of a rural service district in cities containing agricultural property; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 272.67, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1162: A bill for an act relating to education; amending the definition of public employee to include replacement employees who are employed for more than 60 days as a replacement teacher or faculty member; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 179A.03, subdivision 14.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1163: A bill for an act relating to local government; requiring counties and cities to have written procedures that are available to the public and to provide notice of availability to the public; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 471.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1164: A bill for an act relating to health; providing certain protections for persons under quarantine; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senator Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1165: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a demonstration project to provide employment opportunities for persons with disabilities; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256C.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senator Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1166: A bill for an act relating to energy; establishing a revolving loan fund to facilitate the dredging of lakes to improve water flow for hydroelectric projects; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116C.779, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy.

Senator Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1167: A bill for an act relating to labor; restricting public union release time; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 179A.07, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1168: A bill for an act relating to environment; dedicating a portion of local government aid to create a loan program to renovate rural municipal water treatment facilities; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 477A.013, subdivisions 8, 9; 477A.03, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 446A.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy.

Senator Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1169: A bill for an act relating to public safety; aiding victims of economic crimes; providing public outreach initiatives; authorizing an identity theft passport; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 299A.681, subdivisions 3, 8; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1170: A bill for an act relating to economic development; establishing a business expansion low-interest loan program; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development.

Senators Cohen, Pappas, Metzen and Scalze introduced—

S.F. No. 1171: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for predesign and design of an environmental learning center in Crosby Farms Regional Park; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Lourey introduced—

S.F. No. 1172: A bill for an act relating to state government; enacting the Radon Mitigation Licensing Act; changing provisions for lead work standards and methods; modifying supplemental nursing services provisions; establishing an Excellence in Mental Health demonstration project; establishing an opioid prescribing improvement program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 144.9508; 144A.72; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 144; 245; 256B.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Nienow, Pratt, Chamberlain, Weber and Dahms introduced—

S.F. No. 1173: A bill for an act relating to education; establishing basic needs revenue; reserving revenue for essential uses identified by school boards; providing limited-term relief from state mandates.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Tomassoni and Cohen introduced—

S.F. No. 1174: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money to renovate historic Hibbing High School auditorium.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Housley introduced—

S.F. No. 1175: A bill for an act relating to health care; modifying health plan contracting requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 62Q.733, subdivision 3; 62Q.735, subdivisions 2, 5.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Pappas, Saxhaug and Eken introduced—

S.F. No. 1176: A bill for an act relating to military officers; providing for reimbursement grants to local units of government for public safety personnel on authorized leave; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 190.16, by adding a subdivision; 192.26, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Latz introduced—

S.F. No. 1177: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a community center in Golden Valley; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Hoffman, Hawj, Weber and Rosen introduced—

S.F. No. 1178: A bill for an act relating to energy; conservation; modifying eligibility for energy conservation plans; establishing a Made in Minnesota energy storage system rebate program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 216B.241, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy.

Senators Hoffman and Eken introduced—

S.F. No. 1179: A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing a grant for a fabrication lab for the Anoka-Hennepin school district's Secondary Technical Education Program.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Carlson and Dibble introduced—

S.F. No. 1180: A bill for an act relating to transportation; requiring drivers to move a lane over when passing parked utility company vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.18, subdivision 12.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

Senators Franzen, Benson, Hoffman, Nelson and Eken introduced—

S.F. No. 1181: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying human services licensing actions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 245A.06, by adding a subdivision; 245A.07, by adding a subdivision; 245A.08, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 626.557, subdivision 12b; 626.5572, subdivision 17.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senators Saxhaug, Stumpf, Bonoff, Sieben and Miller introduced—

S.F. No. 1182: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for Minnesota Public Radio.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Reinert, Bakk and Lourey introduced—

S.F. No. 1183: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a combined heat and power system for the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Reinert and Bakk introduced—

S.F. No. 1184: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Duluth Steam system; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Petersen, B.; Pratt; Weber; Bonoff and Kent introduced—

S.F. No. 1185: A bill for an act relating to education; providing for placement of a practice or student teacher; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.69.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senators Koenen, Dahms, Schmit, Gazelka and Eken introduced—

S.F. No. 1186: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; expanding the exemption for telecommunications equipment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297A.68, subdivisions 5, 35a.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Clausen introduced—

S.F. No. 1187: A bill for an act relating to insurance; requiring coverage for treatment and services provided by mental health professionals and clinical trainees; requiring a denial of a claim for mental health services be made or reviewed by a licensed mental health professional; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62A.15, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Torres Ray and Clausen introduced—

S.F. No. 1188: A bill for an act relating to education; providing training and technical assistance to school districts to reduce use of seclusion and restraint; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 1189: A bill for an act relating to education; recodifying charter school statutes; making technical corrections; removing obsolete and duplicative provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 124D.10, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 8; 124D.11, subdivision 9.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Newman introduced—

S.F. No. 1190: A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing continued health insurance coverage to families of noncareer firefighters who die in the line of duty; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 299A.465, subdivision 5, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Newman introduced—

S.F. No. 1191: A bill for an act relating to family law; custody and parenting time; modifying best interests standards; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 257.025; 518.167, subdivision 2; 518.17, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 518.17, subdivisions 1a, 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Dziezic, Dibble and Rest introduced—

S.F. No. 1192: A bill for an act relating to taxation; tobacco; providing penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 289A.63, subdivisions 1, 2; 297F.01, subdivision 14; 297F.03, subdivisions 5, 6; 297F.04, subdivisions 1, 2; 297F.13, subdivision 4; 297F.19, by adding a subdivision; 297F.20, by adding subdivisions; 609.035, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 297F.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senator Hayden introduced—

S.F. No. 1193: A bill for an act relating to elections; requiring signatures on political party petitions to be collected in the year the petition is filed; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 200.02, subdivisions 7, 23.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senators Bonoff, Cohen, Champion, Clausen and Petersen, B. introduced—

S.F. No. 1194: A bill for an act relating to higher education; regulating the state grant program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 136A.101, subdivision 5a.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development.

Senators Cohen, Bonoff and Clausen introduced—

S.F. No. 1195: A bill for an act relating to higher education; appropriating money to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Dibble introduced—

S.F. No. 1196: A bill for an act relating to trusts; providing for animal care; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 501B.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Sheran and Lourey introduced—

S.F. No. 1197: A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing for indeterminate lifetime and statutory maximum sentences for certain repeat sex offenders; adjusting when certain sex offenders are eligible for release from prison; establishing a special review panel to make release decisions regarding sex offenders; precluding the subsequent civil commitment of certain sex offenders subject to enhanced prison sentences; providing for lifetime supervision for all sex offenders; requiring minimal levels of sex offender treatment; requiring counties to provide housing for sex offenders in the community; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 244.05, subdivisions 1, 1b, 4, 5; 244.101, by adding a subdivision; 609.135, by adding a subdivision; 609.3455; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 244; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.3455, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Sheran, Reinert and Eken introduced—

S.F. No. 1198: A bill for an act relating to economic development; job creation; appropriating money for the small business development center program.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Hayden, Wiklund, Eken and Carlson introduced—

S.F. No. 1199: A bill for an act relating to health and human services; modifying child care assistance program provider rates; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 119B.13, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senators Hayden, Wiklund and Eken introduced—

S.F. No. 1200: A bill for an act relating to child care; modifying child care assistance program provider rates; expanding the dependent care credit; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 119B.13, subdivision 1; 290.067, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.067, subdivisions 2, 2b.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senator Hayden introduced—

S.F. No. 1201: A bill for an act relating to health; establishing a pilot grant program for outreach to communities of color and other under-represented minority groups who are or may be afflicted

with dementia but are not yet diagnosed; appropriating money for health outreach grants and specific education activities.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senators Hayden and Pappas introduced—

S.F. No. 1202: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a task force to identify evidence-based and evidence-informed solutions to reduce children's exposure to adverse childhood experiences.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senator Hayden introduced—

S.F. No. 1203: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income and corporate franchise; providing a child abuse prevention checkoff; requiring tax preparers to notify clients of option to contribute; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 270C.445, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senator Hayden introduced—

S.F. No. 1204: A resolution relating to the use of current science on childhood brain development, adverse childhood experiences, and toxic stress to prevent child abuse and neglect before it starts and ensure the well-being of all Minnesota children.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senators Ortman, Newman, Housley, Pratt and Pederson, J. introduced—

S.F. No. 1205: A bill for an act relating to elections; changing the date of the state primary from August to March; requiring a presidential primary with the state primary; changing the date of local primary elections in certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 202A.13; 204B.03; 204B.06, subdivision 4; 204B.14, subdivisions 2, 4; 204B.21, subdivision 1; 204D.03, subdivision 1; 204D.09, subdivision 1; 204D.28, subdivision 5; 205.065, subdivisions 1, 2; 205A.03, subdivisions 1, 2; 205A.06, subdivision 1a; 205A.11, subdivision 2a; 206.61, subdivision 5; 206.82, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 204D.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senators Johnson, Eaton, Franzen and Tomassoni introduced—

S.F. No. 1206: A bill for an act relating to education; providing for full-service community schools; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Lourey introduced—

S.F. No. 1207: A bill for an act relating to human services; simplifying the treatment of income for public assistance programs; simplifying requirements for reporting income and changes and for correcting overpayments and underpayments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 119B.011, subdivision 15; 119B.025, subdivision 1; 119B.035, subdivision 4; 119B.09, subdivision 4; 256D.01, subdivision 1a; 256D.02, subdivision 8, by adding a subdivision; 256D.06, subdivision 1; 256D.405, subdivision 3; 256I.03, subdivision 7, by adding a subdivision; 256I.04, subdivision 1; 256I.06, subdivision 6; 256J.08, subdivisions 26, 86; 256J.30, subdivisions 1, 9; 256J.35; 256J.40; 256J.95, subdivision 19; 256P.001; 256P.01, subdivision 3, by adding subdivisions; 256P.02, by adding a subdivision; 256P.03, subdivision 1; 256P.04, subdivisions 1, 4; 256P.05, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256P; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 256D.0513; 256J.38; Minnesota Rules, part 3400.0170, subparts 5, 6, 12, 13.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senators Rosen and Nelson introduced—

S.F. No. 1208: A bill for an act relating to chemical dependency; appropriating money to the commissioner of human services for grants for chemical dependency prevention programs.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Hoffman introduced—

S.F. No. 1209: A bill for an act relating to transportation; requiring an applicant for provisional license to possess an instruction permit for 12 months; increasing number of required driving hours to qualify for provisional license; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 171.04, subdivision 1; 171.041; 171.05, subdivision 2a; 171.055, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

Senators Hoffman and Johnson introduced—

S.F. No. 1210: A bill for an act relating to education; granting teaching licensee to public postsecondary faculty experienced teaching subjects for which secondary and postsecondary credits are available; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.09, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senators Miller and Reinert introduced—

S.F. No. 1211: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; modifying the terms for reciprocity with Wisconsin; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.081.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Reinert introduced—

S.F. No. 1212: A bill for an act relating to liquor; authorizing an intoxicating liquor license for a golf course in Duluth.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Marty, Dibble, Lourey, Franzen and Sheran introduced—

S.F. No. 1213: A bill for an act relating to health; prohibiting conversion therapy with children or vulnerable adults; prohibiting medical assistance coverage for conversion therapy; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 214.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

Senators Cohen, Stumpf and Clausen introduced—

S.F. No. 1214: A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money for equipment grants to Minnesota Public Radio.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Marty, Dziejcz, Pappas, Hall and Rosen introduced—

S.F. No. 1215: A bill for an act relating to health; prohibiting the use of certain flame-retardant chemicals in certain products; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy.

Senators Tomassoni, Bakk and Reinert introduced—

S.F. No. 1216: A bill for an act relating to public safety; appropriating funds to the community offender reentry program.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Dziejcz, Reinert, Eaton and Tomassoni introduced—

S.F. No. 1217: A bill for an act relating to taxation; income; establishing a new markets tax credit program; authorizing rulemaking; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297I.20, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116X.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Wiger moved that the name of Senator Hoffman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 155. The motion prevailed.

Senator Jensen moved that the name of Senator Benson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 383. The motion prevailed.

Senator Bonoff moved that the name of Senator Sieben be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 539. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Wiklund be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 628. The motion prevailed.

Senator Carlson moved that the name of Senator Hayden be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 691. The motion prevailed.

Senator Eken moved that the name of Senator Housley be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 738. The motion prevailed.

Senator Eken moved that the name of Senator Housley be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 739. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dahms moved that the names of Senators Marty and Nelson be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 922. The motion prevailed.

Senator Nelson moved that her name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 923. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pratt moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 1017. The motion prevailed.

Senator Sparks moved that the name of Senator Dziejcz be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1022. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1099. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dahms moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 1101. The motion prevailed.

Senator Bonoff moved that S.F. No. 106 be withdrawn from the Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development and re-referred to the Committee on Education. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hawj moved that S.F. No. 966 be withdrawn from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing and re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion prevailed.

Senators Reinert and Skoe introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 80: A Senate resolution congratulating Navy Reserve Sailors from the state of Minnesota.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Scalze introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 81: A Senate resolution congratulating David McLernon for receiving the Eagle Award.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senators Bakk and Hann introduced –

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 5: A Senate concurrent resolution relating to adjournment for more than three days.

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring:

1. Upon their adjournments on Thursday, March 26, 2015, the Senate and House of Representatives may each set its next day of meeting for Tuesday, April 7, 2015.
2. Each house consents to adjournment of the other house for more than three days.

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

RECESS

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

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

CALL OF THE SENATE

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

S.F. No. 174 and the Conference Committee Report thereon were reported to the Senate.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S.F. NO. 174

A bill for an act relating to financing and operation of state government; providing deficiency funding for food assistance, the Minnesota Security Hospital, natural resources enforcement activities, Ebola-related costs, and the Zoological Board; freezing agency head salaries; appropriating money.

February 25, 2015

The Honorable Sandra L. Pappas
President of the Senate

The Honorable Kurt L. Daudt
Speaker of the House of Representatives

We, the undersigned conferees for S.F. No. 174 report that we have agreed upon the items in dispute and recommend as follows:

That the House recede from its amendments and that S.F. No. 174 be further amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 3.855, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Other salaries and compensation plans.** The commission shall also:

(1) review and approve, reject, or modify a plan for compensation and terms and conditions of employment prepared and submitted by the commissioner of management and budget under section 43A.18, subdivision 2, covering all state employees who are not represented by an exclusive bargaining representative and whose compensation is not provided for by chapter 43A or other law;

(2) review and approve, reject, or modify a plan for total compensation and terms and conditions of employment for employees in positions identified as being managerial under section 43A.18, subdivision 3, whose salaries and benefits are not otherwise provided for in law or other plans established under chapter 43A;

(3) review and approve, reject, or modify recommendations for salaries submitted by ~~an~~ the governor or other appointing authority other than the governor under section 15A.0815, subdivision 5, covering agency head positions listed in section 15A.0815;

(4) review and approve, reject, or modify recommendations for salary range of officials of higher education systems under section 15A.081, subdivision 7c;

(5) review and approve, reject, or modify plans for compensation, terms, and conditions of employment proposed under section 43A.18, subdivisions 3a, 3b, and 4; and

(6) review and approve, reject, or modify the plan for compensation, terms, and conditions of employment of classified employees in the office of the legislative auditor under section 3.971, subdivision 2.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 15A.0815, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Salary limits.** The governor or other appropriate appointing authority shall set the salary rates for positions listed in this section within the salary limits listed in subdivisions 2 to 4. ~~If the appointing authority is not the governor,~~ The governor's or other appointing authority's action is subject to approval of the Legislative Coordinating Commission and the legislature as provided by subdivision 5 and section 3.855.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 15A.0815, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Determining individual salaries.** (a) ~~When~~ The governor is the or other appointing authority, the governor must establish salaries may submit to the Legislative Coordinating Commission recommendations for salaries within the salary limits for the positions listed in subdivisions 2 to 4. Before establishing recommending a salary, the governor or other appointing authority must consult with the commissioner of management and budget concerning the salary. In establishing the recommending a salary, the governor or other appointing authority shall consider

the criteria established in section 43A.18, subdivision 8, and the performance of individual incumbents. The performance evaluation must include a review of an incumbent's progress toward attainment of affirmative action goals. The governor or other appointing authority shall establish an objective system for quantifying knowledge, abilities, duties, responsibilities, and accountabilities, and in determining recommendations rate each position by this system.

~~(b) An appointing authority other than the governor may submit to the Legislative Coordinating Commission recommendations for salaries within the salary limits for the positions listed in subdivisions 2 to 4.~~

~~Before submitting the recommendations, the appointing authority shall consult with the commissioner of management and budget concerning the recommendations.~~

~~In making recommendations, the appointing authority shall consider the criteria established in section 43A.18, subdivision 8, and the performance of individual incumbents. The performance evaluation must include a review of an incumbent's progress toward attainment of affirmative action goals. The appointing authority shall establish an objective system for quantifying knowledge, abilities, duties, responsibilities, and accountabilities, and in determining recommendations, rate each position by this system.~~

Before the governor or other appointing authority's recommended salaries take effect, the recommendations must be reviewed and approved, rejected, or modified by the Legislative Coordinating Commission and the legislature under section 3.855, subdivisions 2 and 3.

(c) The governor or other appointing authority may propose additions or deletions of positions from those listed in subdivisions 2 to 4.

(d) The governor or other appointing authority shall set the initial salary of a head of a new agency or a chair of a new metropolitan board or commission whose salary is not specifically prescribed by law after consultation with the commissioner, whose recommendation is advisory only. The amount of the new salary must be comparable to the salary of an agency head or commission chair having similar duties and responsibilities.

(e) The salary of a newly appointed head of an agency or chair of a metropolitan agency listed in subdivisions 2 to 4 ~~who is appointed by someone other than the governor~~; may be increased or decreased by the governor or other appointing authority from the salary previously set for that position within 30 days of the new appointment after consultation with the commissioner. If the appointing authority increases a salary under this paragraph, the appointing authority shall submit the new salary to the Legislative Coordinating Commission and the full legislature for approval, modification, or rejection under section 3.855, subdivisions 2 and 3.

~~(f) Within 30 days of approving a change in a salary for a position in subdivisions 2 to 4, the governor must inform the Legislative Coordinating Commission of the change in salary and its effective date.~~

Sec. 4. AGENCY HEAD SALARY FREEZE.

Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, section 15A.0815, subdivisions 1 and 5, the salary rate for positions listed in Minnesota Statutes, section 15A.0815, for positions appointed by the governor, may not be set at a salary rate in excess of the previous calendar year.

Sec. 5. DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES; APPROPRIATION.

(a) \$10,683,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services in fiscal year 2015 for the purposes specified by and to supplement the appropriations in Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 14, as amended by Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 30, and Laws 2013, chapter 108, article 15. This is a onetime appropriation.

(b) The commissioner of human services shall expend the appropriation in paragraph (a) as follows:

(1) \$246,000 for the Minnesota Food Assistance program under Minnesota Statutes, section 256D.053; and

(2) \$10,437,000 for the Minnesota Security Hospital under Minnesota Statutes, section 253.20.

(c) The appropriation in paragraph (b), clause (2), must be spent only on increased staffing levels, renovations, and improvements at the Minnesota Security Hospital in St. Peter as required by the conditional licenses issued to the facility.

Sec. 6. DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES; APPROPRIATION.

(a) \$568,000 is appropriated to the commissioner of natural resources in fiscal year 2015 for enforcement activities under Laws 2013, chapter 114, article 3, section 4, subdivision 7.

(b) The appropriation under paragraph (a) shall consist of the following:

(1) \$69,000 from the general fund;

(2) \$128,000 from the natural resources fund; and

(3) \$371,000 from the game and fish fund.

(c) This is a onetime appropriation.

Sec. 7. DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH; APPROPRIATION.

(a) \$891,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of health in fiscal year 2015 for costs of statewide planning, coordination, preparation, and response activities related to Ebola. The commissioner shall use federal funds awarded to the state for Ebola-related costs on or after December 19, 2014, to the extent permitted under federal law, before spending any of this appropriation. This appropriation is available for expenditures between July 1, 2014, and June 30, 2016. Any unspent funds shall cancel.

(b) \$2,000,000 is appropriated in fiscal year 2015 from the general fund to the commissioner of health to provide grants to eligible hospitals and the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board for Ebola-related expenditures. The grants under this paragraph must only be awarded to the following hospitals and the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board for the amounts shown:

(1) Unity Hospital in Fridley, \$221,000;

(2) Children's Hospitals and Clinics of Minnesota, St. Paul Campus, \$710,000;

(3) Mayo Clinic Hospital, St. Mary's Campus, \$413,000;

(4) the University of Minnesota Medical Center, \$508,000; and

(5) \$148,000 to the Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board for service providers who can demonstrate extraordinary costs directly attributable to maintaining a state of readiness with respect to the public health threat posed by Ebola. The Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board shall proportionally allocate this grant to these service providers.

The commissioner shall make no payments under this paragraph for expenses that are reimbursable with federal funds.

(c) The appropriations in this section are onetime.

Sec. 8. ZOOLOGICAL BOARD; APPROPRIATION.

(a) \$1,350,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the Zoological Board in fiscal year 2015 to supplement the appropriation in Laws 2013, chapter 114, article 3, section 8. This is a onetime appropriation.

(b) By December 15, 2015, the Zoological Board shall submit a report to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house of representatives and senate committees and divisions with jurisdiction over the Minnesota Zoological Garden that details the board's financial plan to ensure the long-term financial stability and success of the zoo. The board shall submit an interim report to the chairs and ranking minority members by April 1, 2015.

Sec. 9. BUDGET REDUCTIONS.

The commissioner of management and budget must reduce previously enacted general fund appropriations for fiscal year 2015 to the Departments of Health, Human Services, and Natural Resources as follows:

- (1) \$16,000 for the Department of Health;
- (2) \$6,000 for the Department of Human Services; and
- (3) \$18,000 for the Department of Natural Resources.

To the extent possible, the commissioner of management and budget must allocate each reduction to the agency appropriation that supports that agency's commissioner's salary. These are onetime reductions.

Sec. 10. EFFECTIVE DATE.

(a) Sections 1 to 3 are effective July 2, 2015.

(b) Section 4 is effective the day following final enactment and applies to salaries for positions listed under Minnesota Statutes, section 15A.0815, where the governor is the appointing authority, between the day following final enactment and June 30, 2015. The restriction provided under section 4 applies to current incumbents and any successors.

(c) Sections 5 to 9 are effective the day following final enactment."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to financing and operation of state government; providing deficiency funding for food assistance, the Minnesota Security Hospital, natural resources enforcement activities, Ebola-related costs, and the Zoological Board; requiring legislative approval of salaries

for certain executive branch officials; freezing salary increases; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 3.855, subdivision 3; 15A.0815, subdivisions 1, 5."

We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

Senate Conferees: Richard Cohen, Kathy Sheran, David J. Tomassoni

House Conferees: Jim Knoblach, Roz Peterson, Denny McNamara, Lyndon Carlson Sr., Clark Johnson

Senator Cohen moved that the foregoing recommendations and Conference Committee Report on S.F. No. 174 be now adopted, and that the bill be repassed as amended by the Conference Committee. The motion prevailed. So the recommendations and Conference Committee Report were adopted.

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Cohen imposed a call of the Senate for the balance of the proceedings on S.F. No. 174. The Sergeant at Arms was instructed to bring in the absent members.

S.F. No. 174 was read the third time, as amended by the Conference Committee, and placed on its repassage.

The question was taken on the repassage of the bill, as amended by the Conference Committee.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 35 and nays 29, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Bakk	Dziedzic	Jensen	Pappas	Skoe
Bonoff	Eaton	Kent	Reinert	Sparks
Carlson	Franzen	Koenen	Saxhaug	Stumpf
Champion	Goodwin	Latz	Scalze	Tomassoni
Cohen	Hawj	Lourey	Schmit	Torres Ray
Dahle	Hayden	Marty	Sheran	Wiger
Dibble	Hoffman	Metzen	Sieben	Wiklund

Those who voted in the negative were:

Anderson	Eken	Ingebrigtsen	Nienow	Rosen
Benson	Fischbach	Kiffmeyer	Ortman	Senjem
Brown	Gazelka	Limmer	Osmek	Thompson
Chamberlain	Hall	Miller	Pederson, J.	Weber
Clausen	Hann	Nelson	Petersen, B.	Westrom
Dahms	Housley	Newman	Pratt	

So the bill, as amended by the Conference Committee, was repassed and its title was agreed to.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Johnson, Rest and Ruud were excused from the Session of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Bakk moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 2, 2015. The motion prevailed.

JoAnne M. Zoff, Secretary of the Senate

