

STATE OF MINNESOTA

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THIRTEENTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, February 4, 1999

The Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

## CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Hottinger 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. Lonnie Titus.

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

Beckman	Higgins	Larson	Pappas	Solon
Berg	Hottinger	Lesewski	Pariseau	Spear
Berglin	Johnson, D.E.	Limmer	Piper	Stevens
Betzold	Johnson, D.H.	Lourey	Pogemiller	Stumpf
Cohen	Johnson, J.B.	Marty	Price	Ten Eyck
Day	Kelley, S.P.	Metzen	Ranum	Vickerman
Dille	Kiscaden	Morse	Robertson	Wiener
Fischbach	Kleis	Murphy	Robling	Wiger
Foley	Knutson	Novak	Sams	
Frederickson	Laidig	Oliver	Samuelson	
Hanson	Langseth	Olson	Scheid	

The President declared a quorum present.

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

## MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Anderson; Belanger; Flynn; Janezich; Johnson, D.J.; Kelly, R.C.; Krentz; Lessard; Moe, R.D.; Neuville; Ourada and Runbeck were excused from the Session of today.

## OATH OF OFFICE

Pursuant to his election by the Senate on January 5, 1999, the Assistant Sergeant at Arms, Roger Moening, advanced to the Bar of the Senate and subscribed to the oath of office as administered by the Honorable Allan H. Spear.

## REPORTS FILED WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE

The following reports were received and filed with the Secretary of the Senate: Departments of Administration and Transportation, Purchasing Pilot Project, 1998; Department of Health, Induced Abortion and Induced Abortion Complications Data, 1998; Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines

Commission, 1999; Department of Economic Security, Summer Youth Employment and Training Program Overview, 1998; Department of Corrections, Recommendations Regarding Educational Funding Mechanisms, Minnesota Correctional Facility-Red Wing, 1998; Department of Corrections, Efforts to Recruit a Workforce for the Rush City Facility, 1999; Department of Corrections, Inmate Health Care Report, 1998; Department of Corrections, Performance Report, 1998; Department of Corrections, Civil Commitment Study Group, 1998; Department of Corrections, Annual Contract Income and Expenditures from Housing Inmates, Fiscal Year 1998; Department of Corrections, Gang Intervention Services Pilot Program, 1998; Department of Corrections, Intentions to Collect Information on Job Placement Rates of Inmates Discharged from DOC Facilities; Department of Corrections, School Based Probation Pilot Project, 1998; Department of Corrections, Intensive Juvenile Monitoring Pilot Project, Status Report, 1999; Department of Corrections, Family Group Conferencing Pilot Project, 1998; School Bus Safety Advisory Committee, Annual Report, 1998; Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources, Biennial Report, 1999; Department of Agriculture, ACRRA Program Activity Summary Report, Fiscal Year 1998; Pollution Control Agency, Minnesota Environmental Response and Liability Act: Statute of Limitations, 1999; Minnesota- Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission, Biennial Report, 1997-1998; Department of Human Services, Child Welfare Reform Pilot Projects, 1999; Department of Human Services, Improving Child Protection Services, Report on the Maltreatment of Minors Reporting Act, 1999; Department of Human Services, Setting Goals for Child Welfare Services: Report on State Plan for Child Welfare, 1999; Pollution Control Agency, Environmental Improvement Pilot Project, 1999; Department of Health, School Immunization Law, Funding and Policy Issues, 1999; Department of Health, Juvenile Assessment Centers, 1999; Departments of Health and Commerce, Recommendations on Developing a Complaint Resolution Process for Health Plan Enrollees, 1998; Department of Health, Rehabilitation Therapy Board Study, 1999; Department of Human Services, Performance Report, 1999; Department of Human Services, Nursing Facility Performance-Based Contracting and Sunset of Rule 50, 1999; Department of Human Services, Implementation of the Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Recycling and Education Project, 1999; Department of Human Services, Alternative Grant Application Process for Small Counties, 1999; Department of Human Services, Improving Payments for Children in Foster Care: Report on the Difficulty of Care Assessment Pilot, 1999; Department of Economic Security, Youthbuild Program Overview, 1998; Department of Economic Security, Youth Intervention Program, Annual Report, 1999; Department of Economic Security, Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee, Annual Report, 1998; Department of Labor and Industry, Collection and Assessment of Fines and Penalties in Minnesota Workers' Compensation System, 1999; Department of Corrections, Institution Community Work Crew (ICWC), Affordable House Building Program, 1999; Board of Pardons, Annual Report, 1998; Department of Health, Medical Education and Research Costs (MERC), Recommendations on Distribution of PMAP/PGAMC Funds, 1998; Department of Health, Medical Education and Research Costs (MERC), Annual Report on Program Implementation and Recommendations, 1998; Department of Finance, Welfare Reform in Minnesota: MFIP and Pathways Preliminary Results, 1999; City of St. Paul, Half Cent Sales Taxes Collected by Saint Paul, 1997-1998; Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board, Access to Capitol Building from Tunnel Level, 1999; Board of Animal Health, John's Disease Program, 1999; Department of Transportation, Highway Access Management Policy Study, 1999; Minnesota State Lottery, Annual Report, 1998; Metropolitan Council Regional Report, Affordable and Life-Cycle Housing, 1999; City of Minneapolis, Office of the City Attorney, Study of Certain Prostitution Cases, 1998; Department of Public Safety, Performance Report, 1998; Department of Administration, Materials Management Division, Disparity Study.

### MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following House File, herewith transmitted: H.F. No. 26.

Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted February 1, 1999

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following House File, herewith transmitted: H.F. No. 77.

Edward A. Burdick, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted February 2, 1999

### FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

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

**H.F. No. 26:** A bill for an act relating to appropriations; changing a grantee for the Mississippi education center grant; imposing a condition; amending Laws 1998, chapter 404, section 5, subdivision 9.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration for comparison with S.F. No. 29.

**H.F. No. 77:** A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; providing for temporary registration permits; allowing surviving spouses to continue to purchase special license plates issued to veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 168.09, subdivision 7; 168.123, by adding a subdivision; and 168.124, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

### REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

#### **Senator Spear from the Committee on Crime Prevention, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 255:** A bill for an act relating to crime; providing that interference with an emergency call is a crime; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.78.

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

#### **Senator Spear from the Committee on Crime Prevention, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 99:** A bill for an act relating to crime; requiring offenders convicted for failure to appear after release to pay costs incurred by the prosecuting authority or governmental agency due to the failure to appear; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.49, subdivisions 1, 2, and by adding a subdivision.

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

Page 2, line 25, after the period, insert "A defendant shall pay the entire amount of any restitution ordered and fine imposed before paying costs ordered under this subdivision."

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

#### **Senator Spear from the Committee on Crime Prevention, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 117:** A bill for an act relating to crime; limiting the time period during which a defendant may challenge a restitution request; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 611A.045, subdivision 3.

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

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

**S.F. No. 241:** A bill for an act relating to health; modifying volunteer ambulance attendant provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 144E.001, by adding a subdivision; and 144E.35, subdivision 2.

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

Page 1, line 17, after the comma, insert "or other nominal fee,"

Page 1, line 18, before "is" insert "or other nominal fee"

Page 1, line 19, delete "does" and insert "and other nominal fees do"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

**Senator Hottinger from the Committee on Health and Family Security, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 90:** A bill for an act relating to civil actions; modifying the limitations provision governing health provider actions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 541.07; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 541.

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

Page 3, delete lines 6 to 12 and insert "commenced within four years from the date the cause of action accrued."

Page 3, line 24, delete "has" and insert "had" and before the period, insert "before that date"

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

**Senators Piper, Pogemiller and Stumpf from the Committee on Children, Families and Learning, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 29:** A bill for an act relating to appropriations; changing a grantee for the Mississippi education center grant; imposing a condition; amending Laws 1998, chapter 404, section 5, subdivision 9.

Report the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar. Report adopted.

**Senators Piper, Pogemiller and Stumpf from the Committee on Children, Families and Learning, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 297:** A bill for an act relating to education; modifying special education provisions; providing for rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 125A.03; 125A.07; 125A.08; 125A.09, subdivision 1; 125A.21, subdivision 2; 125A.30; 125A.33; 125A.44; and 125A.52, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 125A.53; and Laws 1998, chapter 398, article 2, section 53.

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

Page 10, after line 27, insert:

"Sec. 10. Laws 1998, chapter 398, article 2, section 53, is amended to read:

Sec. 53. [RULES AFFECTING SPECIAL EDUCATION INSTRUCTION AND SERVICES.]

(a) The state board of education must amend all the rules in paragraph (c) relating to providing special instruction and services to children with a disability so that the rules do not impose requirements that exceed federal law. ~~Consistent with the report from the commissioner to compare federal and state special education law, the state board may use the expedited process under Minnesota Statutes 1997, section 14.389, to amend these rules.~~

(b) As of July 1, 1999, ~~any~~ the rules in paragraph (c) relating to providing special instruction and services to children with a disability are invalid to the extent they exceed the requirements in federal law unless a law is enacted before July 1, 1999, indicating the intent of the state to exceed one or more federal requirements.

(c) The state board may amend the following rules according to this section: Minnesota Rules, parts 3525.0200; 3525.0550; 3525.1100, subpart 2, item D; 3525.1329; 3525.2325; 3525.2385; 3525.2470; 3525.2550; 3525.2750; 3525.2900; 3525.3300; and 3525.3700."

Page 11, line 30, delete "3525.1331" and insert "3525.1337"

Page 12, delete lines 17 to 19

Page 12, line 20, delete "(22)" and insert "(21)"

Page 12, line 23, delete "(23)" and insert "(22)"

Page 12, delete lines 27 to 29

Page 12, line 30, delete "(25)" and insert "(23)"

Page 12, line 33, delete "(26)" and insert "(24)"

Page 12, line 35, delete "(27)" and insert "(25)"

Page 13, line 1, delete "(28)" and insert "(26)"

Page 13, line 3, delete "(29)" and insert "(27)"

Page 13, line 5, delete "(30)" and insert "(28)"

Page 13, line 7, delete "(31)" and insert "(29)"

Page 13, line 10, delete "(32)" and insert "(30)"

Page 13, delete section 11

Reorder the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, delete lines 7 and 8 and insert "1; Laws 1998, chapter 398, article 2, section 53."

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

**Senator Metzen from the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 63:** A resolution memorializing the United States government to urge the Ethiopian government to respect the human rights of Eritreans in Ethiopia.

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

**Senator Metzen from the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 71:** A bill for an act relating to administrative procedure; changing certain requirements for notifying the legislature of proposed rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 14.116.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 14.116, is amended to read:

14.116 [NOTICE TO LEGISLATURE.]

When an agency mails notice of intent to adopt rules under section 14.14 or 14.22, the agency must ~~make reasonable efforts to~~ send a copy of the same notice and a copy of the statement of need and reasonableness to the ~~following~~:

(1) ~~all people who are still legislators and who were main authors, or supporting authors, of the law granting the agency the statutory authority the agency relies upon as authority to adopt the proposed rule; and~~

(2) the chairs of the legislative policy and budget committees with jurisdiction over the subject matter of the proposed rules. In addition, if the mailing of the notice is within two years of the effective date of the law the agency relies on as statutory authority to adopt the proposed rules, the agency must make a reasonable effort to send copies of the notice and the statement to all persons who are still legislators and who were chief authors of that law or any companion bills to the bill that was enacted.

And when so amended the bill do pass and be placed on the Consent Calendar. Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

**Senator Metzen from the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 160:** A bill for an act relating to state agencies; providing that agency and department heads must be confirmed by the senate within one year of appointment; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 15.06, subdivisions 2 and 5.

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

Page 2, lines 8 and 9, delete the new language and insert "No single appointment of a person to serve as temporary or acting commissioner may be for more than one year."

Page 2, line 27, delete "July 1" and insert "June 30"

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

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

**H.F. No. 6:** A bill for an act relating to recreational vehicles; modifying rulemaking authority; modifying certain restrictions on the use of snowmobile metal traction devices; modifying certain definitions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 84.86, subdivision 1; 85.015, subdivision 1c; and 169.1217, subdivision 1; Laws 1998, chapter 401, section 61; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 84.871, subdivision 2; and 84.8715; Laws 1998, chapter 401, section 23.

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

Page 2, line 36, before "A" insert "(a)"

Page 3, line 1, reinstate the stricken language and delete " state"

Page 3, line 2, reinstate the stricken language and after the period, insert "A violation of this section is punishable by a fine of no more than \$50 for the first offense, a fine of no more than \$300 for the second offense, and a fine of no more than \$600 for third and subsequent offenses."

(b) Field citations for offenses under this subdivision may be appealed under the procedures in section 116.072, subdivision 6, if the recipient of the citation requests a hearing by notifying the commissioner in writing within 15 days after receipt of the citation. If a hearing is not requested within the 15-day period, the citation becomes a final order not subject to further review. Field citations for offenses under this subdivision may be enforced under section 116.072, subdivisions 9 and 10. Penalty amounts must be remitted within 30 days of issuance of the penalty citation.

(c) Fines collected under this subdivision must be deposited in the snowmobile trails and enforcement account established by section 84.83, subdivision 1. The fines must be dedicated for repair of paved public trails."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, after the semicolon, insert "establishing fines for operation of snowmobiles with metal traction devices on paved public trails;"

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

**Senator Johnson, D.J. from the Committee on Taxes, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 396:** A bill for an act relating to public administration; providing a sales tax rebate; providing a permanent procedure for tax rebates; providing for deposit of tobacco settlement proceeds; abolishing certain accounts; converting capital project financing from general fund cash to general obligation bonding; authorizing spending for public purposes; authorizing spending to acquire and to better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature with certain conditions; authorizing state bonds; appropriating money; amending Laws 1998, chapter 404, section 27, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 16A.152, subdivision 2; and 16A.1521.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1  
SALES TAX REBATE

Section 1. [STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.]

(a) The state of Minnesota derives revenues from a variety of taxes, fees, and other sources, including the state sales tax.

(b) It is fair and reasonable to refund the existing state budget surplus in the form of a rebate of nonbusiness consumer sales taxes paid by individuals in calendar year 1997.

(c) Information concerning the amount of sales tax paid at various income levels is contained in the Minnesota tax incidence report, which is written by the commissioner of revenue and presented to the legislature according to Minnesota Statutes, section 270.0682.

(d) It is fair and reasonable to use information contained in the Minnesota tax incidence report to determine the proportionate share of the sales tax rebate due each eligible taxpayer since no effective or practical mechanism exists for determining the amount of actual sales tax paid by each eligible individual.

Sec. 2. [SALES TAX REBATE.]

(a) By July 15, 1999, the commissioner of finance shall certify to the commissioner of revenue the amount of revenues available for rebate. The amount available is the unrestricted general fund budgetary fund balance as of June 30, 1999, plus \$423,300,000.

(b) An individual who was eligible for a credit under Laws 1997, chapter 231, article 1, section 16, as amended by Laws 1997, First Special Session chapter 5, section 35, and Laws 1997, Third Special Session chapter 3, section 11, and Laws 1998, chapter 304, and Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 1, section 3, and who filed for that credit on or before April 15, 1999, shall receive a portion of the amount certified in paragraph (a) in the form of a sales tax rebate.

(c) The sales tax rebate for taxpayers who filed the claim for credit authorized under Laws 1997, chapter 231, article 1, section 16, as amended, as married filing joint or head of household must be computed according to the following schedule:

<u>Income</u>	<u>Sales Tax Rebate</u>
less than \$2,500	\$ 374
at least \$2,500 but less than \$5,000	\$ 476
at least \$5,000 but less than \$10,000	\$ 495
at least \$10,000 but less than \$15,000	\$ 555
at least \$15,000 but less than \$20,000	\$ 605
at least \$20,000 but less than \$25,000	\$ 646
at least \$25,000 but less than \$30,000	\$ 690
at least \$30,000 but less than \$35,000	\$ 737
at least \$35,000 but less than \$40,000	\$ 775
at least \$40,000 but less than \$45,000	\$ 815
at least \$45,000 but less than \$50,000	\$ 861
at least \$50,000 but less than \$60,000	\$ 924
at least \$60,000 but less than \$70,000	\$1,014
at least \$70,000 but less than \$80,000	\$1,098
at least \$80,000 but less than \$90,000	\$1,181
at least \$90,000 but less than \$100,000	\$1,269
at least \$100,000 but less than \$120,000	\$1,360
at least \$120,000 but less than \$140,000	\$1,531
at least \$140,000 but less than \$160,000	\$1,648
at least \$160,000 but less than \$180,000	\$1,747
at least \$180,000 but less than \$200,000	\$1,901
\$200,000 and over	\$2,000

(d) The sales tax rebate for individuals who filed the claim for credit authorized under Laws 1997, chapter 231, article 1, section 16, as amended, as single or married filing separately must be computed according to the following schedule:

<u>Income</u>	<u>Sales Tax Rebate</u>
less than \$2,500	\$ 197
at least \$2,500 but less than \$5,000	\$ 244
at least \$5,000 but less than \$10,000	\$ 302
at least \$10,000 but less than \$15,000	\$ 356
at least \$15,000 but less than \$20,000	\$ 418
at least \$20,000 but less than \$25,000	\$ 471
at least \$25,000 but less than \$30,000	\$ 522
at least \$30,000 but less than \$40,000	\$ 585
at least \$40,000 but less than \$50,000	\$ 671
at least \$50,000 but less than \$70,000	\$ 798
\$70,000 and over	\$1,000

(e) The sales tax rebate for individuals who filed a 1997 Minnesota income tax return and had a tax liability before refundable credits on that return of at least \$1 but did not file the claim for



credit authorized under Laws 1997, chapter 231, article 1, section 16, as amended, and who were not claimed as dependents on the 1997 Minnesota income tax return filed by another person, will receive a credit equal to \$50, multiplied by the fraction determined under Minnesota Statutes, section 290.06, subdivision 2c, paragraph (e), for nonresidents or part-year residents.

(f) "Income," for purposes of this section, is taxable net income as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 290.01, subdivision 22, and reported on the original return submitted to claim the credit under Laws 1997, chapter 231, article 1, section 16, as amended, or by subsequent adjustments to that return made within the time limits specified in paragraph (i). For an individual who was not a resident of Minnesota for the entire year, the sales tax rebate equals the sales tax rebate calculated under paragraph (c) or (d) multiplied by the percentage determined pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 290.06, subdivision 2c, paragraph (e), as calculated on the original return submitted to claim the credit under Laws 1997, chapter 231, article 1, section 16, as amended, or by subsequent adjustments to that return made within the time limits specified in paragraph (i).

(g) Prior to payment, the commissioner of revenue shall reduce the sales tax rebates calculated in paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) proportionately to account for the amount of credits described in Laws 1997, chapter 231, article 1, section 16, as amended, that are paid on or after January 1, 1999, but before July 1, 1999, so that the amount of sales tax rebates payable under paragraphs (c), (d), and (e) do not exceed \$1,063,000,000. The commissioner of revenue shall also increase or decrease all sales tax rebates computed under this section by the percentage that the amount of revenues available for rebate as certified by the commissioner of finance deviate from \$1,063,000,000. These adjustments are not rules subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14.

(h) The commissioner of revenue may begin making sales tax rebates by August 1, 1999. Sales tax rebates not paid by October 1, 1999, shall bear interest at the rate specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 270.75.

(i) A sales tax rebate shall not be adjusted based on changes to the return on which the claim for credit authorized under Laws 1997, chapter 231, article 1, section 16, as amended, made by order of assessment after April 15, 1999, or made by the taxpayer that are filed with the commissioner of revenue after April 15, 1999.

(j) Individuals who filed a joint claim for credit under Laws 1997, chapter 231, article 1, section 16, as amended, shall receive a joint sales tax rebate. After the sales tax rebate has been issued, but before the check has been cashed, either joint claimant may request a separate check for one-half of the joint sales tax rebate.

(k) The sales tax rebate is a "Minnesota tax law" for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 270B.01, subdivision 8.

(l) The sales tax rebate is "an overpayment of any tax collected by the commissioner" for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 270.07, subdivision 5. For purposes of this paragraph, a joint sales tax rebate is payable to each spouse equally.

(m) If the commissioner of revenue cannot locate an individual entitled to a sales tax rebate by July 1, 2001, or if an individual to whom a sales tax rebate was issued has not cashed the check by July 1, 2001, the right to the sales tax rebate shall lapse and the check shall be deposited in the general fund.

(n) Individuals entitled to a sales tax rebate pursuant to paragraph (b), but who did not receive one, and individuals who receive a sales tax rebate that was not correctly computed, must file a claim with the commissioner before July 1, 2000, in a form prescribed by the commissioner. These claims shall be treated as if they are a claim for refund under Minnesota Statutes, section 289A.50, subdivisions 4 and 7.

(o) The sales tax rebate is a refund subject to revenue recapture under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 270A. The commissioner of revenue shall remit the entire refund to the claimant agency, which shall, upon the request of the spouse who does not owe the debt, refund one-half of the joint sales tax rebate to the spouse who does not owe the debt.

(p) The amount necessary to make the sales tax rebates and interest provided in this section is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue in fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

(q) If a sales tax rebate check is cashed by someone other than the payee or payees of the check, and the commissioner of revenue determines that the check has been forged or improperly endorsed, the commissioner may issue an order of assessment for the amount of the check against the person or persons cashing it. The assessment must be made within two years after the check is cashed, but if cashing the check constitutes theft under Minnesota Statutes, section 609.52, or forgery under Minnesota Statutes, section 609.631, the assessment can be made at any time. The assessment may be appealed administratively and judicially. The commissioner may take action to collect the assessment in the same manner as provided by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 289A, for any other order of the commissioner assessing tax.

(r) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 9.031, 16A.40, 16B.49, 16B.50, and any other law to the contrary, the commissioner of revenue may take whatever actions the commissioner deems necessary to pay the rebates required by this section, and may, in consultation with the commissioner of finance and the state treasurer, contract with a private vendor or vendors to process, print, and mail the rebate checks or warrants required under this section and receive and disburse state funds to pay those checks or warrants.

#### Sec. 3. [APPROPRIATIONS.]

\$1,000,000 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue to administer the sales tax rebate for fiscal year 1999. Any unencumbered balance remaining on June 30, 1999, does not cancel but is available for expenditure by the commissioner of revenue until June 30, 2001.

#### Sec. 4. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

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

### ARTICLE 2

#### DEDICATED ACCOUNTS

##### Section 1. [ABOLISHING TAX REFORM AND REDUCTION ACCOUNT.]

The tax reform and reduction account created in Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 9, section 2, subdivision 2, clause (2), is abolished. The balance in the account shall revert to the unrestricted general fund balance.

##### Sec. 2. [16A.77] [TOBACCO SETTLEMENT FUND.]

(a) A tobacco settlement fund is established in the state treasury. Amounts in the fund are available only for purposes authorized by appropriation by the legislature. The governor shall make recommendations to the legislature regarding use of the money in the fund.

(b) The commissioner of finance shall credit all settlement payments received after July 1, 1998, as defined in Section IIB of the settlement document, filed May 18, 1998, in the State of Minnesota et al. vs. Phillip Morris et al., to the tobacco settlement fund. All other payments to the state resulting from the specified litigation shall be credited to the general fund.

#### Sec. 3. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.

### ARTICLE 3

#### AGRICULTURAL TAX RELIEF

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 270.67, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. [OFFER-IN-COMPROMISE PROGRAM.] (a) In implementing the authority provided in subdivision 1 or in section 8.30 to accept offers of installment payments or offers-in-compromise of tax liabilities, the commissioner of revenue shall prescribe guidelines for employees of the department of revenue to determine whether an offer-in-compromise or an offer to make installment payments is adequate and should be accepted to resolve a dispute. In prescribing the guidelines, the commissioner shall develop and publish schedules of national and local allowances designed to provide that taxpayers entering into a compromise have an adequate means to provide for basic living expenses. The guidelines must provide that the taxpayer's ownership interest in a motor vehicle, to the extent of the value allowed in section 550.37, will not be considered as an asset; in the case of an offer related to a joint tax liability of spouses, that value of two motor vehicles must be excluded. The guidelines must provide that employees of the department shall determine, on the basis of the facts and circumstances of each taxpayer, whether the use of the schedules is appropriate and that employees must not use the schedules to the extent the use would result in the taxpayer not having adequate means to provide for basic living expenses. The guidelines must provide that:

(1) an employee of the department shall not reject an offer-in-compromise from a low-income taxpayer solely on the basis of the amount of the offer; and

(2) in the case of an offer-in-compromise which relates only to issues of liability of the taxpayer:

(i) the offer must not be rejected solely because the commissioner is unable to locate the taxpayer's return or return information for verification of the liability; and

(ii) the taxpayer shall not be required to provide an audited, reviewed, or compiled financial statement.

(b) The commissioner shall establish procedures:

(1) for an independent administrative review of any rejection of a proposed offer-in-compromise or installment agreement made by a taxpayer under this section before the rejection is communicated to the taxpayer;

(2) that allow a taxpayer to appeal any rejection of the offer or agreement to the taxpayer rights advocate of the department of revenue;

(3) that provide for notification to the taxpayer when an offer-in-compromise has been accepted, and issuance of certificates of release of any liens imposed under section 270.69 related to the liability which is the subject of the compromise; and

(4) that require presentation of a counteroffer by the commissioner if the amount offered by the taxpayer in an offer-in-compromise is not accepted by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 290.491, is amended to read:

290.491 [TAX ON GAIN; DISCHARGE IN BANKRUPTCY.]

(a) Any tax due under this chapter on a gain realized on a forced sale pursuant to foreclosure of a mortgage or other security interest in agricultural production property, other real property, or equipment, used in a farm business that was owned and operated by the taxpayer shall be a dischargeable debt in a bankruptcy proceeding under United States Code, title 11, section 727.

(b) Income realized on a sale or exchange of agricultural production property, other real property, or equipment, used in a farm business that was owned and operated by the taxpayer shall be exempt from taxation under this chapter, if the taxpayer was insolvent at the time of the sale or would become insolvent if tax were payable on the income from the sale and the proceeds of the sale were used solely to discharge indebtedness secured by a mortgage, lien, or other security interest on the property sold. For purposes of this section, "insolvent" means insolvent as defined in section 108(d)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code. This paragraph applies only to the extent that the gain is includable in federal taxable income or in the computation of the alternative minimum

taxable income under section 290.091 for purposes of the alternative minimum tax. The amount of the exemption is limited to the excess of the taxpayer's (1) liabilities over (2) the total assets and any exclusion claimed under section 108 of the Internal Revenue Code determined immediately before application of this paragraph.

(c) For purposes of this section, any tax due under this chapter specifically includes, but is not limited to, tax imposed under sections 290.02 and 290.03 on income derived from a sale or exchange, whether constituting gain, discharge of indebtedness or recapture of depreciation deductions, or the alternative minimum tax imposed under section 290.091.

Sec. 3. [AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE IN 1999.]

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

(b) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of revenue.

(c) "Farm service agency" means the United States Farm Service Agency.

(d) "Farmer" means a person who produces an agricultural crop or livestock and is certified by the farm service agency as bearing a percentage of the risk for the production operation.

(e) "Livestock" means cattle, hogs, poultry, and sheep.

(f) "Livestock production facility" means a facility that has produced at least \$10,000 in sales of livestock or dairy products as reported on schedule F of the farmer's federal income tax return for either taxable years beginning in calendar year 1997 or 1998.

Subd. 2. [PAYMENT TO FARMERS.] Every farmer may apply to the commissioner by April 1, 1999, for a payment as provided under this subdivision. The payment is equal to \$4 for every acre in Minnesota on which the farmer produced an agricultural crop for crop year 1998 on at least 160 acres as certified by the farm service agency by December 31, 1998. The commissioner shall prepare application forms for the payment and ensure that they are available throughout the state. To receive a payment under this subdivision, a farmer must include with the application a certification from the farm service agency of the number of acres farmed, including any percentage of risk for particular acres. The commissioner shall make the payment to each eligible farmer by May 1, 1999.

Subd. 3. [LIVESTOCK PRODUCERS.] A farmer who operates a livestock production facility on 160 acres or less is eligible for the agricultural property tax refund under subdivisions 4 to 8. The refund is in lieu of the per acre payment under subdivision 2. To qualify, the farmer must apply for the refund as provided in subdivisions 4 to 8.

Subd. 4. [REFUND.] The refund equals the full amount of the property tax payment due and payable on May 15, 1999, on class 1b agricultural homestead property or class 2a agricultural homestead property as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 273.13, excluding that portion of the tax attributable to the house, garage, and surrounding acre of land. If a portion of the property was leased for the 1998 agricultural production year, the refund amount shall be prorated so that only the portion of the property which was not leased for the 1998 agricultural production year qualifies for the refund.

Subd. 5. [CERTIFICATION.] The commissioner shall develop a form by February 15, 1999, for use by the county auditors to ascertain qualification for the refund under subdivisions 4 to 8. The form shall require the property owner to certify that (1) the owner operates a livestock production facility on 160 acres or less, and (2) the percentage of that property, if any, that was leased to anyone for the 1998 agricultural production year. Any person qualifying under subdivision 3 shall contact the county auditor in the county where the livestock production facility is located and shall file the required form with the county auditor by April 1, 1999.

Subd. 6. [VERIFICATION.] The county auditor shall determine the amount of the refund for all qualifying properties in the county for which the owner has applied under subdivision 5. By April 10, 1999, the county auditor shall notify all applicants of the amount of the refund.

Subd. 7. [CERTIFICATION AND PAYMENT.] By April 20, 1999, any person eligible for the refund under subdivisions 4 to 8 shall send the commissioner a copy of the certification that the taxpayer received from the county auditor. The commissioner shall issue a refund to each qualifying taxpayer by May 10, 1999.

Subd. 8. [PROPERTY TAX REFUND.] Taxpayers benefiting from the refund under subdivisions 4 to 8 must deduct the amount of the refund from the net property taxes payable when applying for a property tax refund under Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 290A.04, subdivision 2.

Subd. 9. [LIMIT.] No person may receive a payment under subdivision 2 or a property tax refund under subdivisions 4 to 8 that exceeds \$3,000.

Subd. 10. [APPROPRIATION.] (a) The amount necessary to make the payments required under this section is appropriated from the general fund in the state treasury to the commissioner of revenue for fiscal year 1999.

(b) An amount not to exceed one percent of the total amount payable under subdivision 4 for fiscal year 1999 is appropriated to the commissioner of revenue for distribution to counties for the costs of administering subdivisions 4 to 8. The amount must be allocated among the counties in the ratio of the number of applications received in a county to the total number of applications received in all counties.

#### Sec. 4. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment, and applies to offers-in-compromise submitted after June 30, 1999. Section 2 is effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 1997. Section 3 is effective the day following final enactment."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to state finance; providing a sales tax rebate; providing for deposit of tobacco litigation settlement proceeds; abolishing the tax reform and reduction account; establishing an offer-in-compromise program in the department of revenue; excluding certain gains on sales of farm property from the income tax; providing for a property tax refund and other financial assistance to farmers; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 270.67, by adding a subdivision; and 290.491; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A."

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

### **SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS**

S.F. Nos. 255, 99, 117, 241, 29, 71, 160 and 396 were read the second time.

### **MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Senator Samuelson moved that the name of Senator Hanson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 27. The motion prevailed.

Senator Langseth moved that the name of Senator Johnson, D.E. be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 361. The motion prevailed.

Senator Langseth moved that the name of Senator Johnson, D.E. be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 362. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kleis moved that the name of Senator Johnson, D.E. be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 394. The motion prevailed.

Senator Moe, R.D. moved that the name of Senator Larson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 408. The motion prevailed.

Senator Neuville moved that the name of Senator Wiger be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 442. The motion prevailed.

**Senators Larson; Murphy; Moe, R.D.; Lesewski and Stumpf introduced--**

**Senate Resolution No. 29:** A Senate resolution recognizing February 14-20 as Vocational Technical Education Week in Minnesota.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS**

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

**Senators Wiger; Kelly, R.C.; Marty; Runbeck and Price introduced--**

**S.F. No. 446:** A bill for an act relating to historic sites; providing a grant to the city of Maplewood to relocate certain historic farm buildings; appropriating money.

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

**Senators Janezich, Pappas, Higgins and Robertson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 447:** A bill for an act relating to education; adjusting pupil weightings; providing employer-paid insurance benefits; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 126C.05, subdivision 1; and 126C.12, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Knutson; Johnson, D.J.; Runbeck; Johnson, D.H. and Murphy introduced--**

**S.F. No. 448:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; income; modifying the tax brackets and the alternative minimum tax exemption amount to reduce marriage penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 290.06, subdivisions 2c and 2d; and 290.091, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Murphy; Johnson, D.J.; Pappas; Scheid and Belanger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 449:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; making policy changes to certain taxes and tax administrative provisions; conforming certain state tax provisions to changes in the Internal Revenue Code; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 60A.19, subdivision 6; 270.07, subdivision 1; 270.65; 270.78; 270B.03, subdivisions 1 and 5; 270B.14, by adding a subdivision; 289A.02, subdivision 7; 289A.31, subdivision 2; 289A.40, subdivision 1a; 289A.50, subdivision 7; 289A.55, subdivision 9; 289A.56, subdivision 4; 290.01, subdivisions 19, 19b, and 31; 290.17, subdivisions 3, 4, and 6; 290A.03, subdivision 15; 291.005, subdivision 1; 295.50, subdivision 4; 295.53, subdivision 1; 297F.08, by adding a subdivision; and 297H.05.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Scheevel, Morse, Dille, Robertson and Kiscaden introduced--**

**S.F. No. 450:** A bill for an act relating to health; providing for an inactive status of licensed beds in nursing homes; establishing a two-year moratorium on certain nursing facility monetary

penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 144.122; 144A.01, by adding a subdivision; 256.9657, subdivision 1; 256B.0911, subdivision 6; and 256B.431, subdivisions 2r, 3a, and 22; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144A.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Vickerman, Sams, Dille, Scheevel and Knutson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 451:** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; regulating security interests in agricultural crops; modifying the treatment of certain collateral; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 336.9-203; 336.9-401; and 336.9-402.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

**Senators Knutson; Marty; Johnson, D.H. and Foley introduced--**

**S.F. No. 452:** A bill for an act relating to crime prevention; expanding the scope of murder in the second degree to include certain repeat violators of the criminal vehicular homicide crime; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.19, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senators Janezich; Johnson, D.J. and Stumpf introduced--**

**S.F. No. 453:** A bill for an act relating to education; creating a declining pupil unit aid by adjusting the definition of a pupil unit; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 126C.05, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Janezich; Johnson, D.J.; Pogemiller and Stumpf introduced--**

**S.F. No. 454:** A bill for an act relating to education; providing for a secondary student technical program; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Janezich; Johnson, D.J.; Pogemiller and Stumpf introduced--**

**S.F. No. 455:** A bill for an act relating to education; providing for a grant to the range association of municipalities and schools; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Pappas, Anderson, Higgins and Vickerman introduced--**

**S.F. No. 456:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing a subtraction from taxable income for certain amounts paid for health insurance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 290.01, subdivision 19b.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Knutson, Olson and Scheevel introduced--**

**S.F. No. 457:** A bill for an act relating to education; appropriating money for advanced placement and international baccalaureate programs.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Vickerman, Beckman and Sams introduced--**

**S.F. No. 458:** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; providing for a farm and small business loan guarantee program; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

**Senators Fischbach, Larson, Sams and Kleis introduced--**

**S.F. No. 459:** A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing public sale of certain tax-forfeited land that borders public water in Stearns county.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senator Fischbach introduced--**

**S.F. No. 460:** A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; allowing disability license plates to be issued for vehicles modified for use by disabled persons; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 168.021, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senator Fischbach introduced--**

**S.F. No. 461:** A bill for an act relating to local government; removing the limit on the amount a local government may contribute for historical work; permitting local governments to make contributions to public or private, nonprofit senior citizen centers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 471.93; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 471.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

**Senators Wiger; Kelley, S.P.; Kelly, R.C.; Olson and Scheid introduced--**

**S.F. No. 462:** A bill for an act relating to education; defining state expectations for schools; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 120B.35.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senator Johnson, J.B. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 463:** A bill for an act relating to watercraft; exempting certain collector watercraft from the watercraft licensing requirement; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 86B.301, subdivision 2; and 86B.401, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Kelly, R.C.; Spear; Knutson and Ranum introduced--**

**S.F. No. 464:** A bill for an act relating to controlled substances; delaying the effective date for classifying Carisoprodol as a schedule IV controlled substance; amending Laws 1997, chapter 239, article 4, section 15, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senators Pappas and Anderson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 465:** A bill for an act relating to counties; permitting county recorders to require minimum deposits in certain cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 386.78.



Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

**Senator Murphy introduced--**

**S.F. No. 466:** A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; providing for redesigned license plates to be issued in 2001 for passenger automobiles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 168.12, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senator Murphy introduced--**

**S.F. No. 467:** A bill for an act relating to public health; requiring the immunization of students attending the Minnesota state colleges and universities against hepatitis B; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136F.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Murphy and Neuville introduced--**

**S.F. No. 468:** A bill for an act relating to appropriations; providing for watershed protection in the Cannon river valley; appropriating money for a trail and joint powers planning.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senator Murphy introduced--**

**S.F. No. 469:** A bill for an act relating to liquor; lowering the drinking age to 18 years of age; instructing the revisor to make conforming changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 340A.503.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senator Murphy introduced--**

**S.F. No. 470:** A bill for an act relating to insurance; prohibiting a maximum lifetime benefit limit on certain policies of the Minnesota comprehensive health insurance plan; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 62E.12.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senator Murphy introduced--**

**S.F. No. 471:** A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money to the Mississippi river parkway commission.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senator Murphy introduced--**

**S.F. No. 472:** A bill for an act relating to education; appropriating money for a year-round school/extended week or day grant for independent school district No. 200, Hastings.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senator Murphy introduced--**

**S.F. No. 473:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for roof

repair and betterment on buildings 1, 2, and 4 of the Minnesota Veterans Home in Hastings, and for assistance for the installation of an elevator in building 1; authorizing state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

**Senators Murphy and Johnson, D.J. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 474:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; exempting vitamin, mineral, and whole food supplements from the sales and use tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 297A.25, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Solon introduced--**

**S.F. No. 475:** A bill for an act relating to welfare; exempting minor parents from MFIP orientation; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 256J.14; and 256J.45, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Pogemiller and Krentz introduced--**

**S.F. No. 476:** A bill for an act relating to education; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a new article XV, and by renumbering certain sections.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Morse; Vickerman; Johnson, J.B.; Dille and Murphy introduced--**

**S.F. No. 477:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; abolishing population threshold for municipal state-aid fund eligibility; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 160.02, subdivision 5, and by adding a subdivision; 161.083; 162.02, subdivision 1; 162.08, subdivisions 2, 3, and 4; 162.09, subdivision 1; 162.12, subdivisions 1 and 3; 162.13; 162.14, subdivision 1; 162.17, subdivision 1; and 162.18, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 162.02, subdivision 12; 162.08, subdivisions 1, 5, and 6; 162.09, subdivision 4; and 162.17, subdivisions 2 and 3.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senators Johnson, D.H. and Ten Eyck introduced--**

**S.F. No. 478:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; reducing the rate of tax on the first income bracket; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 290.06, subdivisions 2c and 2d.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Johnson, D.H. and Ten Eyck introduced--**

**S.F. No. 479:** A bill for an act relating to elections; providing term limits for state legislators and constitutional officers; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 6; and article V, sections 2 and 4.

Referred to the Committee on Election Laws.

**Senators Murphy; Johnson, J.B.; Morse; Flynn and Johnson, D.E. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 480:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; allowing port authorities to retain lease or management contract revenues from commercial navigation projects financed by the state; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 457A.04, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senators Morse, Piper and Kiscaden introduced--**

**S.F. No. 481:** A bill for an act relating to human services; transferring certain duties to the region 10 quality assurance commission from the commissioner of human services; requiring a waiver request to be submitted to the federal government; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 256B.0951, subdivisions 1 and 3; and 256B.0955.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Samuelson, Ten Eyck, Dille, Berglin and Lourey introduced--**

**S.F. No. 482:** A bill for an act relating to health; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Samuelson, Berglin, Lourey, Kiscaden and Stevens introduced--**

**S.F. No. 483:** A bill for an act relating to human services; transferring funds from the federal TANF block grant to the child care block grant, Title XX, and MFIP employment and training grants; making other changes in the area of welfare reform; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 256J.11, subdivision 2; and 256J.37, subdivision 9.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Neuville, Limmer, Foley, Knutson and Betzold introduced--**

**S.F. No. 484:** A bill for an act relating to traffic regulations; imposing criminal penalties on a motor vehicle owner who knowingly permits a person to operate the vehicle while under driver's license revocation; authorizing forfeiture of vehicles used to commit this crime; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 609.531, subdivision 1; and 609.5312, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 171.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senators Neuville, Day, Knutson and Kleis introduced--**

**S.F. No. 485:** A bill for an act relating to crime; providing a life imprisonment sentence for persons convicted of three or more violent felonies; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 244.05, subdivisions 4 and 5; and 609.1095, subdivisions 2, 3, and by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senators Junge; Knutson; Johnson, D.H.; Belanger and Krentz introduced--**

**S.F. No. 486:** A bill for an act relating to firefighters; authorizing certain background investigations; requiring disclosures of certain employment information; providing civil and criminal penalties; providing employers immunity for certain disclosures; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 604A.31, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299F.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senator Foley introduced--**

**S.F. No. 487:** A bill for an act relating to family law; reviving the summary dissolution process; repealing Laws 1991, chapter 271, section 9, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senator Kiscaden introduced--**

**S.F. No. 488:** A bill for an act relating to mental health; modifying membership, duties, and reporting requirements for the state advisory council on mental health; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 245.697.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senator Johnson, D.J. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 489:** A bill for an act relating to motor fuels; allowing bulk delivery of nonoxygenated gasoline for certain purchasers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 239.791, subdivision 1, and by adding subdivisions.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Betzold, Scheid and Foley introduced--**

**S.F. No. 490:** A bill for an act relating to highways; requiring commissioner of transportation to construct segment of marked trunk highway No. 252 to provide three lanes in each direction.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senator Anderson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 491:** A resolution memorializing the United States Senate to take prompt action in the case of the impeachment of President Clinton.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senator Moe, R.D. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 492:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; advancing the dates for sending notices of proposed property taxes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 275.065, subdivisions 1, 1a, 1c, and 3.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

**Senators Anderson, Betzold, Pappas and Vickerman introduced--**

**S.F. No. 493:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing a low-income housing tax credit; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

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

**Senators Knutson, Wiener, Kleis, Junge and Ten Eyck introduced--**

**S.F. No. 494:** A bill for an act relating to crime; including convictions for malicious punishment of a child within the enhanced penalty provisions of the domestic assault law; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.2242, subdivisions 2 and 4.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senators Knutson, Wiener, Junge and Ten Eyck introduced--**

**S.F. No. 495:** A bill for an act relating to crime; expanding the scope of the crime of adulteration to include adulterations capable of causing death or bodily harm; increasing penalties for certain acts of adulteration; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.687, subdivisions 2 and 3.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senators Knutson, Wiener, Kleis, Junge and Ten Eyck introduced--**

**S.F. No. 496:** A bill for an act relating to crime; allowing courts to extend the time period for search warrants for financial records; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 626.15.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senators Knutson, Wiener, Junge and Ten Eyck introduced--**

**S.F. No. 497:** A bill for an act relating to crime; clarifying the crime of wrongfully obtaining public assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 256.98, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senator Stevens introduced--**

**S.F. No. 498:** A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money to the city of Zimmerman for wastewater treatment facility repair.

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

**Senators Hottinger, Ten Eyck, Betzold, Knutson and Wiener introduced--**

**S.F. No. 499:** A bill for an act relating to employment; providing protection for disclosure of job reference information; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Junge; Moe, R.D. and Ourada introduced--**

**S.F. No. 500:** A bill for an act relating to elections; changing certain campaign finance provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 10A.065, subdivision 1; 10A.25, subdivision 2; and 10A.27, subdivision 10.

Referred to the Committee on Election Laws.

**Senators Flynn, Kleis, Marty and Moe, R.D. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 501:** A bill for an act relating to metropolitan government; providing for an elected metropolitan council; regulating economic interest statements of candidates and members; regulating contributions to candidates; requiring a study; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 10A.01, subdivision 5; 10A.09, subdivision 6a; 10A.25, subdivision 2; 10A.27, subdivision 1; 10A.315; 10A.322, subdivision 1; 10A.323; 10A.324, subdivision 1; 15.0597, subdivision 1; 204B.06, subdivision 4; 204B.09, subdivisions 1 and 1a; 204B.11; 204B.135, subdivision 2; 204B.32, subdivision 2; 204D.02, subdivision 1; 204D.08, subdivision 6; 204D.27, by adding a subdivision; 209.02, subdivision 1; 211A.01, subdivision 3; 211B.01, subdivision 3; 353D.01, subdivision 2; 375.09; and 473.123, subdivisions 1, 4, 7, and by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 10A; 204D; and 473; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 473.123, subdivisions 2a, 3, 3a, and 3c; Laws 1994, chapter 628, article 1, section 8.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

**Senators Krentz and Pogemiller introduced--**

**S.F. No. 502:** A bill for an act relating to education; providing Centennial school district with authority to lease two new kindergarten facilities.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Ten Eyck, Morse, Stumpf, Lessard and Frederickson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 503:** A bill for an act relating to recreation; appropriating money for alternative trails.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Metzen, Wiger, Stevens, Murphy and Robertson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 504:** A bill for an act relating to veterans; extending the application period for the Gulf War veterans bonus; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 197.79, subdivision 10.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

**Senators Wiener and Knutson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 505:** A bill for an act relating to education; providing for general obligation debt to prepay special assessments; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 123B.61.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Lourey, Janezich, Hottinger and Foley introduced--**

**S.F. No. 506:** A bill for an act relating to human services; clarifying that minor parents must live with an adult in order to receive MFIP assistance; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 256J.14.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Lourey, Sams, Dille, Samuelson and Ten Eyck introduced--**

**S.F. No. 507:** A bill for an act relating to health; modifying standards for ambulance services; modifying provisions for first responders; providing for certification of emergency medical technicians; providing for certification of medical response units; providing for emergency medical technician instructor certification; requiring approval of training programs; setting fees; providing for reports of misconduct; providing criminal and civil penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 13.99, subdivision 38a, and by adding a subdivision; 144E.001, by adding subdivisions; 144E.10, subdivision 1; 144E.11, by adding a subdivision; 144E.16, subdivision 4; 144E.18; 144E.27, by adding subdivisions; and 145A.02, subdivision 10; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144E; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 144E.16, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 6; 144E.17; 144E.25; and 144E.30, subdivisions 1, 2, and 6; Minnesota Rules, parts 4690.0100, subparts 4, 13, 15, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 26, 27, and 29; 4690.0300; 4690.0400; 4690.0500; 4690.0600; 4690.0700; 4690.0800, subparts 1 and 2; 4690.0900; 4690.1000; 4690.1100; 4690.1200; 4690.1300; 4690.1600; 4690.1700; 4690.2100; 4690.2200, subparts 1, 3, 4, and 5; 4690.2300; 4690.2400, subparts 1, 2, and 3; 4690.2500; 4690.2900; 4690.3000; 4690.3700; 4690.3900; 4690.4000; 4690.4100; 4690.4200; 4690.4300; 4690.4400; 4690.4500; 4690.4600; 4690.4700; 4690.4800; 4690.4900; 4690.5000; 4690.5100; 4690.5200; 4690.5300; 4690.5400; 4690.5500; 4690.5700; 4690.5800; 4690.5900; 4690.6000; 4690.6100; 4690.6200; 4690.6300; 4690.6400; 4690.6500; 4690.6600; 4690.6700; 4690.6800; 4690.7000; 4690.7100; 4690.7200; 4690.7300; 4690.7400; 4690.7500; 4690.7600; 4690.7700; 4690.7800; 4690.8300, subparts 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5; and 4735.5000.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Morse; Stumpf; Vickerman; Johnson, D.E. and Sams introduced--**

**S.F. No. 508:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; increasing the maximum supplemental benefit payable to volunteer firefighters; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 424A.10, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

**Senator Hottinger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 509:** A bill for an act relating to health; expanding eligibility and eliminating the funding cap for the senior drug program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 256.955, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4; Laws 1997, chapter 225, article 4, section 4.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Hottinger, Lourey, Berglin, Fischbach and Metzen introduced--**

**S.F. No. 510:** A bill for an act relating to health occupation; expanding the number of dental hygienists on the board of dentistry; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 150A.02, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Lourey, Berglin, Samuelson and Ten Eyck introduced--**

**S.F. No. 511:** A bill for an act relating to health; expanding the eligibility for single adults and households with no children for the MinnesotaCare program; creating an exemption in the health coverage requirement of the MinnesotaCare program; appropriating money for the senior citizen drug program; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 256L.04, subdivision 7; and 256L.07, subdivisions 1 and 3.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Johnson, J.B.; Langseth and Belanger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 512:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; establishing major transportation projects commission; requiring commissioner of transportation to enumerate major projects; requiring major transportation projects commission to report to legislature; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 174.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senators Vickerman, Langseth, Hanson, Day and Johnson, D.E. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 513:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; exempting certain purchases by counties for road and bridge maintenance from the sales tax and the sales tax on motor vehicles; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 297A.25, subdivision 11; and 297B.03.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Novak; Murphy; Janezich; Johnson, D.H. and Day introduced--**

**S.F. No. 514:** A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money for the labor interpretive center.

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

**Senators Junge, Olson and Janezich introduced--**

**S.F. No. 515:** A bill for an act relating to education; providing for charter school districts; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Scheid and Marty introduced--**

**S.F. No. 516:** A bill for an act relating to elections; providing for updated voter records; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 201.13, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Election Laws.

**Senators Vickerman, Fischbach, Lourey, Langseth and Robling introduced--**

**S.F. No. 517:** A bill for an act relating to local government; providing for reimbursement to officers and employees for costs and legal fees to defend criminal charges in certain cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 465.76.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

**Senator Hottinger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 518:** A bill for an act relating to education; authorizing building on a state university campus.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Scheid, Marty and Moe, R.D. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 519:** A bill for an act relating to elections; requiring certain special primaries and elections to be conducted by mail; changing certain election schedules; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 204D.19, subdivisions 1 and 2; 204D.20, subdivision 1; 204D.21, subdivisions 2 and 3; 204D.22, subdivision 3; and 204D.23, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 204D.19, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Election Laws.

**Senators Betzold, Ten Eyck, Knutson, Limmer and Ranum introduced--**

**S.F. No. 520:** A bill for an act relating to civil actions; establishing a two-year statute of limitations applicable to actions for intrusion upon seclusion, appropriation, and publication of private facts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 541.07.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Pappas, Hottinger and Spear introduced--**

**S.F. No. 521:** A bill for an act relating to insurance; requiring no-fault automobile insurance medical benefits to include sign interpreting and language translation; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 65B.44, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senator Pappas introduced--**



**S.F. No. 522:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; authorizing a purchase of service credit from the public employees retirement association.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

**Senator Morse introduced--**

**S.F. No. 523:** A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing private sale of certain surplus state land in Houston county.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Kelley, S.P.; Solon and Hottinger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 524:** A bill for an act relating to professions; establishing the board of licensed professional mental health counseling; requiring professional mental health counselors to be licensed; requiring rulemaking; providing penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 116J.70, subdivision 2a; 148A.01, subdivision 5; 148B.60, subdivision 3; 214.01, subdivision 2; 214.04, subdivision 3; and 609.341, subdivision 17; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 148B.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Belanger and Day introduced--**

**S.F. No. 525:** A bill for an act relating to individual income taxation; allowing the deduction for wagering losses in computing alternative minimum tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 290.091, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Johnson, D.E. and Ourada introduced--**

**S.F. No. 526:** A bill for an act relating to highways; requiring documents relating to contracts for the construction, improvement, and repair of trunk highways to express measurements in the English system of measurement only; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 161.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senators Samuelson; Moe, R.D.; Lourey; Knutson and Terwilliger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 527:** A bill for an act relating to health; establishing a state board of physical therapy; requiring rulemaking; providing licensing requirements for physical therapists; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 144A.46, subdivision 2; 148.66; 148.67; 148.70; 148.705; 148.71; 148.72, subdivisions 1, 2, and 4; 148.73; 148.74; 148.75; 148.76; 148.78; and 214.01, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 148.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Johnson, D.J.; Belanger and Scheid introduced--**

**S.F. No. 528:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; corporate franchise; adopting a single factor sales apportionment; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 290.191, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 290.191, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Betzold introduced--**

**S.F. No. 529:** A bill for an act relating to elections; providing for a runoff election if no candidate for certain offices at a state general or special election receives a majority of the votes cast; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 10A.25, subdivision 2; 204B.35, subdivision 4; and 204C.33, subdivisions 1 and 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 204D.

Referred to the Committee on Election Laws.

**Senators Foley, Krentz, Betzold and Runbeck introduced--**

**S.F. No. 530:** A bill for an act relating to education; providing an inflationary increase in the general education basic formula allowance; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 126C.10, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Junge, Olson and Hanson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 531:** A bill for an act relating to education; providing for a professional teaching permit; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 122A.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Junge and Betzold introduced--**

**S.F. No. 532:** A bill for an act relating to civil actions; eliminating provision relating to fraud under the economic loss statute; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 604.10.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Anderson and Spear introduced--**

**S.F. No. 533:** A bill for an act relating to criminal procedure; requesting a report on prosecutorial rebuttals; repealing the law providing for order of final argument; amending Laws 1997, chapter 239, article 3, sections 22 and 23; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 631.07.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senators Johnson, D.J.; Pogemiller; Stevens and Moe, R.D. introduced--**

**S.F. No. 534:** A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to enact laws that will expedite the exchange of intermingled state and federal lands located within the exterior boundaries of the Superior National Forest to consolidate land ownership for the purpose of enabling each government to properly discharge its respective management duties.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Lourey and Solon introduced--**

**S.F. No. 535:** A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing the MFIP exit level to 140 percent of the 1998 federal poverty guidelines; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Pappas, Price, Murphy, Olson and Pariseau introduced--**

**S.F. No. 536:** A bill for an act relating to taxes; reducing the general sales and use tax rate and the rate of the sales tax on motor vehicles; exempting sales to state and local governments from the sales tax; eliminating June accelerated payments for sales, liquor, and tobacco taxes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 289A.18, subdivision 4; 289A.20, subdivision 4; 297A.02, subdivision 1; 297A.25, subdivision 11; 297A.47; and 297F.09, subdivisions 1 and 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 289A.60, subdivision 15; 297F.09, subdivision 6; and 297G.09, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Marty introduced--**

**S.F. No. 537:** A bill for an act relating to the state lottery; prohibiting advertising in connection with the lottery; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 349A.02, subdivisions 2 and 3; and 349A.10, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 349A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 349A.02, subdivision 5; and 349A.09.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

**Senators Marty, Foley and Hottinger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 538:** A bill for an act relating to health; requiring tobacco manufacturers to report hazardous substances in their products; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 461; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 461.17.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Johnson, D.H.; Stevens; Lessard; Lesewski and Berg introduced--**

**S.F. No. 539:** A bill for an act relating to game and fish; authorizing a hunting season for mourning doves; requiring mourning dove stamps; requiring a report on the impact of the mourning dove season; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 97A.075, by adding a subdivision; and 97A.475, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 97B.731, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Berglin and Pappas introduced--**

**S.F. No. 540:** A bill for an act relating to economic development; authorizing the use of enterprise zone incentive grants for certain purposes by Minneapolis and St. Paul; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 469.305, subdivision 1.

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

**Senator Berglin introduced--**

**S.F. No. 541:** A bill for an act relating to the housing finance agency; appropriating money to the family homeless prevention and assistance program.

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

**Senators Berglin, Samuelson, Kiscaden, Foley and Stevens introduced--**

**S.F. No. 542:** A bill for an act relating to medical assistance; increasing the income standard for medical assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 256B.056, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Lourey, Hottinger and Piper introduced--**

**S.F. No. 543:** A bill for an act relating to welfare; striking language that counts \$100 of a housing subsidy as unearned income for purposes of MFIP eligibility; allowing MFIP participants to develop an exit plan; requiring the commissioner of human services to develop child support arrearage forgiveness policies; transferring money from the TANF block grant to decrease case loads and increase funding for the basic sliding fee child care program; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 256J.37, subdivision 9; 256J.50, subdivision 1; 256J.515; 256J.52, by adding a subdivision; and 256J.62, subdivision 9.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

**Senators Lourey, Scheid, Pappas, Ranum and Solon introduced--**

**S.F. No. 544:** A bill for an act relating to children; raising certain reimbursement rates for child care providers; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 119B.13, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Johnson, D.H.; Anderson; Novak; Beckman and Runbeck introduced--**

**S.F. No. 545:** A bill for an act relating to employment; establishing standards for employment support programs and services for persons with mental illness; requiring the commissioner of economic security to request funding for employment support services; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 268A.13; and 268A.14; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245.

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

**Senators Scheevel, Runbeck, Larson, Olson and Knutson introduced--**

**S.F. No. 546:** A bill for an act relating to education; repealing the prevailing wage provision for educational facility construction and remodeling; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 123B.71, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Ourada, Novak, Oliver and Scheevel introduced--**

**S.F. No. 547:** A bill for an act relating to utilities; authorizing performance-based electricity purchasing plans and regulation plans; authorizing rulemaking; removing sunset provisions that repeal performance-based utility service plans; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 216B.16, subdivision 7a and 16; 216B.167; and 216B.1675; repealing Laws 1997, chapter 25, section 3.

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

**Senators Spear, Berglin, Anderson and Pappas introduced--**

**S.F. No. 548:** A bill for an act relating to statutes; expanding the definition of family; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 645.44, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senator Wiger introduced--**

**S.F. No. 549:** A bill for an act relating to education funding; restoring training and experience revenue; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 126C.11.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

**Senators Kelly, R.C.; Spear; Neuville; Anderson and Kiscaden introduced--**

**S.F. No. 550:** A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money to the commissioner of corrections to expand the productive day initiative programs of the Dodge-Fillmore-Olmsted community corrections agency, the Arrowhead regional community corrections agency, and the Ramsey county community corrections agency.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senators Junge, Wiener, Knutson and Spear introduced--**

**S.F. No. 551:** A bill for an act relating to domestic abuse; authorizing service of short form notification in lieu of personal service for orders for protection; expanding the definition of first degree murder in situations involving domestic abuse; providing enhanced penalties based upon a previous conviction for malicious punishment of a child and other laws; adding assault in the fifth degree and domestic assault to definition of "crimes of violence"; increasing the cash bail for individuals charged with malicious punishment of a child; providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 518B.01, subdivisions 5, 8, and by adding subdivisions; 609.185; 609.224, subdivisions 2 and 4; 609.2242, subdivisions 2 and 4; 609.342, subdivision 3; 609.343, subdivision 3; 609.344, subdivision 3; 609.345, subdivision 3; 609.377; 609.749, subdivision 3; 624.712, subdivision 5; and 629.471, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

**Senators Betzold, Ranum, Knutson and Kiscaden introduced--**

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

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Hottinger moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 10:00 a.m., Monday, February 8, 1999. The motion prevailed.

Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate

