

SIXTY-EIGHTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, March 2, 2006

The Senate met at 9:00 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Johnson, D.E. 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. Jim Nelson.

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

Anderson	Foley	Kubly	Olson	Skoe
Bakk	Frederickson	Langseth	Pappas	Skoglund
Belanger	Gerlach	Larson	Pariseau	Solon
Berglin	Hann	LeClair	Pogemiller	Sparks
Betzold	Higgins	Limmer	Reiter	Stumpf
Bonoff	Johnson, D.E.	Marko	Rest	Tomassoni
Chaudhary	Johnson, D.J.	Marty	Robling	Vickerman
Clark	Jungbauer	McGinn	Rosen	Wergin
Cohen	Kelley	Metzen	Ruud	Wiger
Day	Kierlin	Michel	Sams	
Dibble	Kiscaden	Murphy	Saxhaug	
Dille	Koch	Neuville	Scheid	
Fischbach	Koering	Nienow	Senjem	

The President declared a quorum present.

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

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

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

House Concurrent Resolution No. 5: A House concurrent resolution relating to the adjournment of the House of Representatives and Senate on March 2, 2006.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the State of Minnesota, the Senate concurring, that upon adjournment on March 2, 2006, the House of Representatives and Senate

may each adjourn for more than three days.

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted March 1, 2006

Senator Johnson, D.E. moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion prevailed. So the resolution was adopted.

Mr. President:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 3.02(a), the Conference Committee on House File No. 1915 was discharged after adjournment on May 23, 2005 and the bill was laid on the table.

H.F. No. 1915: A bill for an act relating to health; providing an exception to the hospital construction moratorium; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 144.551, subdivision 1.

House File No. 1915 has been taken from the table and Zellers, Abrams and Carlson have been reappointed as such committee on the part of the House.

House File No. 1915 is herewith transmitted to the Senate with the request that the Senate appoint a like committee.

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted March 1, 2006

Senator Limmer moved that the Senate accede to the request of the House for a Conference Committee on H.F. No. 1915, and that the bill be re-referred to the Conference Committee as formerly constituted for further consideration. The motion prevailed.

Mr. President:

I have the honor to inform the Senate that the House of Representatives invites and is ready to meet with the Senate in Joint Convention at 11:45 a.m., on Thursday, March 9, 2006, to receive the message of the Honorable Tim Pawlenty, Governor of the State of Minnesota, said message to be delivered at 12:00 noon.

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

March 1, 2006

Senator Johnson, D.E. moved that the Senate accept the invitation of the House of Representatives to meet in Joint Convention in the House Chamber at 11:45 a.m., Thursday, March 9, 2006, to receive the message of the Honorable Tim Pawlenty, Governor of the State of Minnesota. The motion prevailed.

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce that the House has appointed a committee of five members of the House to act with a similar committee on the part of the Senate to escort the Governor to the Joint Convention to be held in the House Chamber on Thursday, March 9, 2006, said Joint Convention to be convened at 11:45 a.m., and said message of the Governor to be delivered at 12:00 noon.

Soderstrom, Urdahl, Heidgerken, Clark and Sertich have been appointed as such committee on the part of the House.

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

March 1, 2006

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senators Johnson, D.E. and Day introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 147: A Senate resolution relating to appointment of a committee to escort the Governor to the House Chamber for a Joint Convention.

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

The President of the Senate shall appoint a committee of five members of the Senate to act with a like committee on the part of the House of Representatives to escort the Honorable Tim Pawlenty, Governor of the State of Minnesota, to the House Chamber on the occasion of the Joint Convention on Thursday, March 9, 2006, at 11:45 a.m.

Senator Johnson, D.E. moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion prevailed. So the resolution was adopted.

APPOINTMENTS

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

Senators Metzen, Bonoff, Clark, Koch and Day.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

Senator Pappas moved that her name be stricken as chief author and the name of Senator Clark be added as chief author to S.F. No. 894. The motion prevailed.

Senator Neuville moved that the name of Senator Rosen be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1324. The motion prevailed.

Senator Sams moved that the name of Senator Anderson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1785. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cohen moved that the name of Senator Skoe be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1953. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pogemiller moved that the names of Senators Johnson, D.E.; Michel and Metzen be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 2460. The motion prevailed.

Senator Vickerman moved that the name of Senator Larson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2591. The motion prevailed.

Senator Bakk moved that the name of Senator Tomassoni be added as a co-author to S.F. No.

2615. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rosen moved that the name of Senator Berglin be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2653. The motion prevailed.

Senator Anderson introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 148: A Senate resolution recognizing the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of Lyngblomsten on February 17, 2006

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Without objection, remaining on the Order of Business of Motions and Resolutions, the Senate reverted to the Order of Business of Reports of Committees.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senator Pogemiller from the Committee on Taxes, to which was referred the following appointment:

TAX COURT

George W. Perez

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

Senator Johnson, D.E. moved that the foregoing committee report be laid on the table. The motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senators Skoglund, Langseth, Higgins, Koering and Day introduced–

S.F. No. 2658: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds; appropriating money for a grant to Hennepin County for emergency building stabilization at Fort Snelling Upper Bluff.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Higgins, Langseth, Pogemiller and Day introduced–

S.F. No. 2659: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for Phase II of the Lowry Avenue corridor in Minneapolis; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Higgins introduced—

S.F. No. 2660: A bill for an act relating to local government; permitting the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board and the Minneapolis City Council to impose a park dedication fee on new housing units.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

Senator Gerlach introduced—

S.F. No. 2661: A bill for an act relating to funerals; prohibiting the disruption of a funeral, burial service, or memorial service; creating penalties and providing civil remedy; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Higgins and Anderson introduced—

S.F. No. 2662: A bill for an act relating to housing; creating a blighted housing rehabilitation program; providing for transfer of possession or ownership of nuisance properties to nonprofit housing organizations; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 463.

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

Senators Higgins and Anderson introduced—

S.F. No. 2663: A bill for an act relating to taxation; regulating the cancellation of assessments related to tax-forfeited lands; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 282.07.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Skoglund introduced—

S.F. No. 2664: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for Minneapolis parkway improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Skoe introduced—

S.F. No. 2665: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature; appropriating money for flood hazard mitigation projects in the Wild Rice Watershed District; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Skoe introduced—

S.F. No. 2666: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for an emergency training administration center.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Skoe introduced—

S.F. No. 2667: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for development of the Big Bog State Recreation Area.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Skoe introduced—

S.F. No. 2668: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; providing for a grant to Independent School District No. 38, Red Lake, for school construction costs and related improvements; appropriating money; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Skoe introduced—

S.F. No. 2669: A bill for an act relating to housing; appropriating money; amending Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1, article 3, section 5, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Skoe introduced—

S.F. No. 2670: A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing equalizing factor for debt service equalization aid program; indexing the equalizing factor; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 123B.53, subdivision 5; 126C.01, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Lourey, Berglin, Anderson, Foley and Marty introduced—

S.F. No. 2671: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring disclosure of employers of applicants for publicly funded health programs; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62J.

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

Senators Lourey, Anderson, Pappas, Marty and Berglin introduced—

S.F. No. 2672: A bill for an act relating to employment; requiring certain health cost payments by large employers; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 177.

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

Senators Lourey, Ranum, Langseth, Bakk and Chaudhary introduced—

S.F. No. 2673: A bill for an act relating to health; creating the fair share health care fund; requiring large employers to report information on employee health benefit spending; requiring

certain large employers to pay assessments; requiring assessments to be deposited into the fair share health care fund; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 16A; 175.

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

Senators Lourey, Murphy, Skoglund, Foley and Tomassoni introduced–

S.F. No. 2674: A bill for an act relating to health; establishing the Fair Share Health Care Fund; requiring large employers to report information on health care costs; requiring certain large employers to make payments to the Fair Share Health Care Fund; requiring the designation and provision of subsidies for approved health coverage options; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 16A; 175.

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

Senator Dille introduced–

S.F. No. 2675: A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing the rate reimbursement for a day training and habilitation provider.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Ruud, Rosen, Ortman and Wergin introduced–

S.F. No. 2676: A bill for an act relating to funerals; prohibiting the disruption of a funeral service, funeral ceremony, graveside service, or memorial service; creating penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Pappas introduced–

S.F. No. 2677: A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing a climate neutral policy for state building projects funded with state bonds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 16B.325.

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

Senator Pappas introduced–

S.F. No. 2678: A bill for an act relating to higher education; modifying certain requirements relating to president search and selection process at the University of Minnesota and Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 13.43, by adding a subdivision; 13D.01, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 13.43, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Pappas, Ranum, Anderson, Moua and Marty introduced–

S.F. No. 2679: A bill for an act relating to human services; authorizing a pilot project in Ramsey

County to coordinate services for teen parents.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Johnson, D.J. and Hann introduced—

S.F. No. 2680: A bill for an act relating to property taxation; providing that cities make annual payments to towns following annexations under certain conditions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 275.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

Senators Johnson, D.J. and Hann introduced—

S.F. No. 2681: A bill for an act relating to local government; providing for incorporation in certain circumstances; prohibiting annexation in certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 414.02, by adding a subdivision; 414.031, by adding a subdivision; 414.033, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

Senator Johnson, D.E. introduced—

S.F. No. 2682: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds; appropriating money for Glacial Lakes State Park and Sibley State Park camper cabins.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Johnson, D.E. introduced—

S.F. No. 2683: A bill for an act relating to aeronautics; prohibiting commissioner of transportation from requiring repayment by city of Willmar to state airports fund for costs related to airport relocation; prohibiting reductions of future funding from state airports fund; requiring city to spend money not required to be repaid for runway extension and other airport improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Johnson, D.E. introduced—

S.F. No. 2684: A bill for an act relating to corrections; authorizing the commissioner of corrections to enter into contracts that exceed two years in certain situations; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 241.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety.

Senators Saxhaug, Tomassoni and Bakk introduced—

S.F. No. 2685: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for public infrastructure to support a steel plant in Itasca County.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Saxhaug, Tomassoni and Bakk introduced—

S.F. No. 2686: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for public infrastructure to support a power plant in Itasca County.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 2687: A bill for an act relating to employment; requiring leaves of absence for employees to spend time with an immediate family member who, as a military member, has been mobilized for active military service in support of a war or other national emergency; amending Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 192.502, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.

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

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 2688: A bill for an act relating to employment; requiring leaves of absence for employees to attend a send-off or homecoming ceremony for an immediate family member who, as a military member, has been mobilized for active military service in support of a war or other national emergency; amending Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 192.502, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.

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

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 2689: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; allowing a subtraction for military pensions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, sections 290.01, subdivision 19b; 290.091, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator LeClair introduced—

S.F. No. 2690: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Minnesota Correctional Facility - Stillwater; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Clark, Pappas, Wergin, Koering and Dille introduced—

S.F. No. 2691: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for capital improvements to the Wick Science Building at St. Cloud State University.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Wiger, Skoglund and Hottinger introduced—

S.F. No. 2692: A bill for an act relating to traffic regulations; prohibiting use of mobile telephones during operation of motor vehicles; providing a defense; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Sparks, Langseth, Wergin, Larson and Stumpf introduced—

S.F. No. 2693: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for library accessibility and improvement grants; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Betzold, Belanger and Pogemiller introduced—

S.F. No. 2694: A bill for an act relating to eminent domain; providing for and regulating the use of eminent domain; providing for notice, hearing, appeal, and other procedural requirements; allowing attorney fees under certain conditions; providing for a right of first refusal; providing definitions; making clarifying, conforming, and technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 117.036; 117.055; 117.075, by adding subdivisions; 117.085; 117.51; 117.52, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 163.12, subdivisions 1a, 1b; 469.012, subdivision 1g; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 117; 469.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Larson introduced—

S.F. No. 2695: A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing a conveyance of certain surplus state land in Otter Tail County.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Stumpf introduced—

S.F. No. 2696: A bill for an act relating to economic development; providing eligibility for inclusion in a JOBZ zone for certain businesses; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 469.

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

Senator Stumpf introduced—

S.F. No. 2697: A bill for an act relating to economic development; providing a grant to the city of Hallock; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Stumpf introduced—

S.F. No. 2698: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for flood mitigation in Kittson County.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Foley introduced—

S.F. No. 2699: A bill for an act relating to public safety; increasing penalties for certain child pornography offenses; directing the sentencing guidelines commission to rank dissemination and possession of child pornography on the offense severity reference table; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 617.247, subdivisions 2, 3, 4.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety.

Senators Reiter, Day and LeClair introduced—

S.F. No. 2700: A bill for an act relating to the legislature; prohibiting per diem payments to members during certain special sessions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 3.099, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Skoe introduced—

S.F. No. 2701: A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing the referendum equalization levy factor; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 126C.10, subdivisions 29, 32; 126C.17, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Anderson, Metzen, Marko and Chaudhary introduced—

S.F. No. 2702: A bill for an act relating to employment; regulating eligibility for unemployment and dislocated worker benefits.

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

Senators Hottinger, Rosen, Neuville, Frederickson and Sparks introduced—

S.F. No. 2703: A bill for an act relating to transportation; authorizing sale of trunk highway bonds for Mankato district headquarters building; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Hottinger, Frederickson, Neuville and Rosen introduced—

S.F. No. 2704: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for the St. Peter Regional Treatment Center.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Senjem and Kubly introduced—

S.F. No. 2705: A bill for an act relating to economic development; making technical and housekeeping changes to programs in the Department of Employment and Economic Development; requiring the commissioner of employment and economic development to assist small businesses with accessing certain federal funds; requiring the department to implement certain fees for services; appropriating the revenue from fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 43A.08, subdivision 1a; 116L.04, subdivisions 1, 1a; 116L.12, subdivision 4; 446A.03, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.

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

Senator Stumpf introduced—

S.F. No. 2706: A bill for an act relating to vocational rehabilitation; providing for affirmative-business enterprise employment; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 268A.

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

Senators Sparks and Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2707: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for capital improvements at Riverland Community College.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Sparks introduced—

S.F. No. 2708: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for grants to the Shell Rock River Watershed District for storm water retention and flood mitigation.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Sparks introduced—

S.F. No. 2709: A bill for an act relating to taxation; extending the application of the 4d property classification; amending Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 273.128, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Sparks introduced—

S.F. No. 2710: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds; appropriating money to upgrade the city of Albert Lea lift stations.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Sparks introduced—

S.F. No. 2711: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds; appropriating money for a grant to Albert Lea for contamination clean up in North Edgewater Park.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Sparks introduced—

S.F. No. 2712: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds; appropriating money for a grant to Albert Lea for a new bridge to Katherine Island.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Sparks introduced—

S.F. No. 2713: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for the Shooting Star Trail.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Sparks, Metzen and Langseth introduced—

S.F. No. 2714: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for flood mitigation in the city of Austin.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Rosen, Hottinger, Neuville, Frederickson and Sparks introduced—

S.F. No. 2715: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for Minnesota State University, Mankato, Trafton Hall; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Hottinger, Rosen, Neuville, Frederickson and Sparks introduced—

S.F. No. 2716: A bill for an act relating to higher education; authorizing the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Board of Trustees to construct an academic building in Mankato.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Saxhaug, Bakk, Johnson, D.E.; Pariseau and Stumpf introduced—

S.F. No. 2717: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing issuance of state bonds; appropriating money to the commissioner of natural resources for forestland acquisition.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Larson, Kierlin, Ruud, Robling and Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 2718: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature with certain conditions; establishing new programs and modifying existing programs; authorizing sale of state bonds; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 16A.11, subdivision 1; 16A.86, subdivision 2; 86A.05, subdivision 3; Laws 2005, chapter 20, article 1, sections 7, subdivision 14; 23, subdivision 12; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 16B; 116J.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Larson introduced—

S.F. No. 2719: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for the Northern Connections pilot project in West Central Minnesota.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Murphy introduced—

S.F. No. 2720: A bill for an act relating to public safety; authorizing the imposition of a fee upon criminal offenders to be used to pay rewards for crime prevention tips; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 609.10, subdivision 1; 609.125, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention and Public Safety.

Senators Kelley, Clark, Lourey, Higgins and Rosen introduced—

S.F. No. 2721: A bill for an act relating to occupations and professions; modifying provisions for medical licenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 147.02, subdivision 1; 147.03, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Cohen, Berglin, Rest and Johnson, D.E. introduced—

S.F. No. 2722: A bill for an act relating to finance; providing an appropriation for emergencies; requiring reports and recommendations to bring the state budget into compliance with generally accepted governmental accounting principles; requiring disclosure of the impact of inflation on state expenditures; requiring consultation on expenditure data; requiring a report of cash flow for the general fund; providing continuing appropriations for the operation of state government under certain conditions; providing for an increase in the budget reserve to five percent of forecast net

general fund revenue; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 9.061, subdivision 5; 16A.055, subdivision 1; 16A.103, subdivisions 1a, 1b, 1c, 1e; 16A.11, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 16A.152, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Saxhaug, Johnson, D.E.; Rosen and Frederickson introduced—

S.F. No. 2723: A bill for an act relating to the environment; requiring a report by the Pollution Control Agency on new public wastewater treatment facilities that do not meet water quality discharge standards; requiring bids for new wastewater treatment facilities to include information on operating costs during the first five years of operation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 115.447; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Saxhaug, Sams, Stumpf, Frederickson and Langseth introduced—

S.F. No. 2724: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for state parks.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Berglin, Koering, Solon and Johnson, D.E. introduced—

S.F. No. 2725: A bill for an act relating to health care; creating a prescription drug discount program; expanding the benefit set for single adults; increasing the eligibility income limit for single adults; increasing the cap for inpatient hospitalization benefits for adults; modifying the definition of income for self-employed farmers; establishing a small employer option; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 256L.03, subdivision 3; 256L.04, subdivision 7; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, sections 256L.01, subdivision 4; 256L.03, subdivisions 1, 5; 256L.07, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 256; 256L; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 256L.035.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senator Berglin introduced—

S.F. No. 2726: A bill for an act relating to health; extending the essential community provider designation to a mental health provider located in Hennepin County; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 62Q.19, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senator Murphy introduced—

S.F. No. 2727: A bill for an act relating to sales tax; providing a sales tax exemption for the Dover, Eyota, St. Charles Area Sanitary District; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 297A.71, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 297A.75,

subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Kiscaden, Ranum, Senjem, Vickerman and Frederickson introduced–

S.F. No. 2728: A resolution memorializing the President and the United States Congress to name the Rochester Veterans Outpatient Clinic the Corporal Chuck Lindberg Clinic.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming.

Senators Frederickson; Johnson, D.E.; Vickerman; Kubly and Kierlin introduced–

S.F. No. 2729: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for Southwest Minnesota State University; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Kiscaden and Senjem introduced–

S.F. No. 2730: A bill for an act relating to health occupations; permitting certain foreign medical school graduates to use a credentials verification service; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 147.037, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Frederickson; Sams; Saxhaug; Johnson, D.E. and Rosen introduced–

S.F. No. 2731: A bill for an act relating to public facilities; increasing the bonding authority of the Public Facilities Authority; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 446A.12, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Johnson, D.J.; Gerlach; Reiter; Limmer and Koch introduced–

S.F. No. 2732: A bill for an act relating to real property; eminent domain; defining public use; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 117.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Belanger; McGinn; Larson; Johnson, D.J. and Pogemiller introduced–

S.F. No. 2733: A bill for an act relating to taxes; individual income; conforming to marriage penalty relief in the standard deduction in the Working Families Tax Relief Act of 2004; amending Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 290.01, subdivision 19a.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Sams; Saxhaug; Cohen; Johnson, D.E. and Pogemiller introduced–

S.F. No. 2734: A bill for an act relating to natural and cultural resources; proposing an

amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XI; increasing the sales tax rate by one-fourth of one percent and dedicating the receipts for natural and cultural resource purposes; creating an arts, humanities, museum, and public broadcasting fund; creating a heritage enhancement fund; creating a parks and trails fund; creating a clean water fund; establishing a Heritage Enhancement Council; establishing a Clean Water Council; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 297A.62, subdivision 1; 297A.94; 297B.02, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 10A.01, subdivision 35; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 85; 97A; 103F; 129D.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Rest, Metzen, Kiscaden, Robling and Neuville introduced—

S.F. No. 2735: A bill for an act relating to legislature; regulating the Legislative Audit Commission; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 3.97, subdivisions 2, 3a; 3.9741, subdivision 1; 37.06; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 3.97, subdivision 3; 3.979, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations.

Senators Bakk, Tomassoni and Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 2736: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; allowing for the replacement and repair of watercraft storage structures on public waters; amending Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 103G.245, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Ranum, Hottinger, Marty, Higgins and Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 2737: A bill for an act relating to elections; allowing eligible voters to vote by absentee ballot under certain public health circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 203B.02, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senators Ranum, Foley, Berglin, Rosen and Neuville introduced—

S.F. No. 2738: A bill for an act relating to public safety; appropriating money to allow courts to better address alcohol and other drug addicted offenders.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Rosen, Senjem and Hottinger introduced—

S.F. No. 2739: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for the Southern Minnesota Educational Campus.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Kiscaden, Bakk, Sams, Senjem and Frederickson introduced—

S.F. No. 2740: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; creating a 72-hour nonresident license for taking geese; specifying a fee; granting rulemaking authority; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 97A.475, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97A.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Lourey, Ranum, Pappas, Higgins and Langseth introduced—

S.F. No. 2741: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing the Runaway and Homeless Youth Act; establishing a pilot project for youth during out-of-school time; requiring a report from the commissioner of education on out-of-school time opportunities for youth ages ten to 15; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256K.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Lourey, Berglin, Kiscaden, Solon and Foley introduced—

S.F. No. 2742: A bill for an act relating to human services; requiring the commissioner of human services to provide detailed budget information for state-operated services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 256.01, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Pariseau, Hottinger, Koch, Scheid and Fischbach introduced—

S.F. No. 2743: A bill for an act relating to elections; setting the criteria for voting systems to be used in elections; amending Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, sections 206.56, subdivisions 1b, 3, 7a, 7b, 8; 206.61, subdivision 5; 206.80; 206.805, subdivision 1; 206.83; 206.90, subdivision 8.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senators Stumpf, Kelley, Bonoff and Clark introduced—

S.F. No. 2744: A bill for an act relating to education finance; adding a program growth factor for regular special education; increasing regular special education aid; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 125A.76, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2005 Supplement, section 125A.76, subdivision 4; Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 5, article 3, section 18, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Johnson, D.E.; Fischbach and Dille introduced—

S.F. No. 2745: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the sale of state bonds; appropriating money for Glacial Lakes Trail and the Lake Koronis Trail.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Marty, Pogemiller, Betzold and Scheid introduced–

S.F. No. 2746: A bill for an act relating to insurance; amending retaliatory provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 60A.14, subdivision 2; 297I.05, subdivision 11.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Jungbauer, Sams, Gerlach, Murphy and Rest introduced–

S.F. No. 2747: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; offsetting a transfer of money from the airports fund and making a transfer from the tax relief account to the general fund; amending Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 18, article 1, section 2.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Belanger, McGinn, Gerlach, Metzen and Pogemiller introduced–

S.F. No. 2748: A bill for an act relating to the city of Burnsville; authorizing creation of certain tax increment financing districts; extending certain time deadlines applicable to a tax increment financing district; repealing certain tax increment financing district authority; repealing Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 11, section 18.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Frederickson, Vickerman, Belanger, Murphy and Pariseau introduced–

S.F. No. 2749: A bill for an act relating to counties; removing limit in county expenditures for soldiers' rest; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, section 375.36, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans and Gaming.

Senators Bakk, Kiscaden, Bachmann, Chaudhary and Kubly introduced–

S.F. No. 2750: A bill for an act relating to eminent domain; defining public use or purpose; prohibiting the use of eminent domain for economic development; requiring clear and convincing evidence for certain takings; providing for attorney fees and other additional elements of compensation; making other changes in the exercise of eminent domain; amending Minnesota Statutes 2004, sections 117.025; 117.075, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 117.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

RECESS

Senator Johnson, D.E. 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.

APPOINTMENTS

Senator Johnson, D.E. from the Subcommittee on Committees recommends that the following Senators be and they hereby are appointed as a Conference Committee on:

H.F. No. 1915: Senators Limmer, Berglin and Scheid.

Senator Johnson, D.E. moved that the foregoing appointments be approved. The motion prevailed.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Bachmann, Lourey, Moua and Ranum were excused from the Session of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Johnson, D.E. moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 12:00 noon, Wednesday, March 8, 2006. The motion prevailed.

Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate

