

TWENTY-FOURTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Monday, March 5, 2007

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

CALL OF THE SENATE

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

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Kevin McDonough.

The members of the Senate gave the pledge of allegiance to the flag of the United States of America.

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

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

The President declared a quorum present.

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

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

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

S.F. No. 1223: A bill for an act relating to early childhood education finance; establishing after-school community learning grant program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new

law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

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

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

S.F. No. 1195: A bill for an act relating to education; establishing a three-year pilot project to transform high school education through academic and career-related curriculum developed jointly by college faculty, high school instructors, and business and industry advisors and offered through career academies at multiple high school locations throughout a designated region; appropriating money.

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

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

S.F. No. 940: A bill for an act relating to education; providing for an earth and space, life, and physical sciences assessment in grades 10 through 12; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 120B.30, subdivision 1a.

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

Page 1, line 18, after "2008" insert "through 2010-2011"

Page 1, line 19, delete "2008-2009" and insert "2011-2012"

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

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

S.F. No. 418: A bill for an act relating to education; incorporating a financial literacy curriculum into the economics course required for high school graduation; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 120B.024.

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

Page 2, after line 3, insert:

"(c) The financial literacy requirement may be fulfilled in a family and consumer science course."

Page 2, delete sections 2 and 3

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, delete "authorizing rulemaking;"

Page 1, line 4, delete "appropriating money;"

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

Amendments adopted. Report adopted.

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

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

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 2006, section 120B.021, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Required academic standards.** (a) The following subject areas are required for statewide accountability:

- (1) language arts;
- (2) mathematics;
- (3) science;
- (4) social studies, including history, geography, economics, and government and citizenship;
- (5) health and physical education, for which locally developed academic standards apply; ~~and~~
- (6) world languages for which a statewide intermediate-low standard of proficiency applies as determined by a statewide proficiency assessment; and

(7) the arts, for which statewide or locally developed academic standards apply, as determined by the school district. Public elementary and middle schools must offer at least three and require at least two of the following four arts areas: dance; music; theater; and visual arts. Public high schools must offer at least three and require at least one of the following five arts areas: media arts; dance; music; theater; and visual arts.

(b) The commissioner must submit proposed standards in science and social studies to the legislature by February 1, 2004.

For purposes of applicable federal law, the academic standards for language arts, mathematics, and science apply to all public school students, except the very few students with extreme cognitive or physical impairments for whom an individualized education plan team has determined that the required academic standards are inappropriate. An individualized education plan team that makes this determination must establish alternative standards.

(c) A school district, no later than the 2007-2008 school year, must adopt graduation requirements that meet or exceed state graduation requirements established in law or rule. A school district that incorporates these state graduation requirements before the 2007-2008 school year must provide students who enter the 9th grade in or before the 2003-2004 school year the opportunity to earn a diploma based on existing locally established graduation requirements in effect when the students entered the 9th grade. District efforts to develop, implement, or improve instruction or curriculum as a result of the provisions of this section must be consistent with

sections 120B.10, 120B.11, and 120B.20.

(d) A school district, no later than the 2010-2011 school year, must adopt graduation requirements for world languages that require a student to reach an intermediate-low level of proficiency on the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages performance guidelines for kindergarten through grade 12 learners. The standards apply to students who enter 5th grade in or after the 2010-2011 school year. To comply with the world languages requirement, a school district must offer students world languages instruction. The district may designate the grade levels for the instruction, which requires a district-selected high-quality, sustainable language acquisition program. To determine whether students have achieved an intermediate-low standard of proficiency, the commissioner must administer statewide an existing, nationally recognized, valid and reliable proficiency assessment that appropriately accommodates the age differences in the students taking the assessments. Students with limited English proficiency under section 124D.59, subdivision 2, satisfy the requirements of paragraph (a), clause (6), and this paragraph by demonstrating an intermediate-low level of proficiency in the students' first learned language, in English, or in another, third language.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 120B.022, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Elective standards.** A district must establish its own standards in ~~the following~~ subject areas:

- ~~(1) vocational and technical education; and~~
- ~~(2) world languages.~~

A school district must offer courses in ~~all the~~ elective subject ~~areas~~ area.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for the 2010-2011 school year and later.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 122A.18, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2c. **World languages.** By the 2010-2011 school year, all colleges and universities approved by the Board of Teaching to prepare persons for world languages teacher licensure must implement the foreign languages teacher preparation standards of the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages and the National Council for Accreditation of Teacher Education.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 4. **WORLD LANGUAGES ACADEMIC STANDARDS; IMPLEMENTATION TIME LINE.**

(a) The commissioner of education shall designate a full-time state coordinator for world languages education within the department by July 1, 2007. The commissioner shall seek input from the Quality Teaching Network before designating or hiring the coordinator. The coordinator, at a minimum, shall:

- (1) assist districts in developing plans for phasing in world languages as a required academic standard;

(2) work in cooperation with Minnesota world languages professionals in developing all aspects of the state's world languages program, consistent with applicable law governing curriculum and assessments;

(3) survey school districts throughout the state to determine the types of existing world languages programs, identify exemplary model world languages programs, and identify and address staff development needs of current world languages teachers, preservice teachers, and teacher preparation programs;

(4) determine the timing of the first statewide evaluation of world languages as a required academic standard, consistent with Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.021, subdivision 1, paragraph (d);

(5) identify successful world languages programs in other states;

(6) develop and implement a grant program for model pilot world languages programs, consistent with section 5;

(7) consult with interested stakeholders to prepare a report for the education commissioner to submit by February 15, 2008, to the education policy and finance committees of the legislature recommending how best to structure a statewide world languages graduation requirement under Minnesota Statutes, section 120B.021, subdivision 1; and

(8) beginning February 1, 2008, and until February 1, 2012, report annually to the education policy and finance committees of the legislature on the status of world languages in Minnesota and the needs identified by school district surveys, and make recommendations on how to address district needs.

(b) After carefully examining existing world languages assessments, the commissioner, by July 1, 2009, shall adopt an assessment tool for school districts to use in measuring student progress in world languages, consistent with section 120B.021, subdivision 1, paragraph (d).

(c) Beginning July 1, 2008, the department shall assist world languages teachers and other school district staff in developing and implementing world languages programs. The department shall consult with postsecondary institutions in developing related teacher and staff workshops. Each district must submit a plan to the department by June 1, 2010, describing how the district will fully implement required world languages standards.

(d) Beginning July 1, 2010, the commissioner must evaluate districts' implementation plans and continue to offer workshops and consultation to assist districts in implementing world languages programs. The department shall assist districts in monitoring local assessment results.

(e) By July 1, 2008, the department shall establish an incentive plan to recruit students into world languages teaching.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment.

Sec. 5. WORLD LANGUAGES PILOT PROGRAM GRANTS.

(a) A pilot program awarding world languages grants to interested and qualified school sites and school districts is established for fiscal year 2009 to develop and implement sustainable, high-quality model world languages programs at various grade levels from kindergarten through grade 12 and to

enhance existing world languages programs for students in kindergarten through grade 12.

(b) Interested school sites and school districts must apply to the education commissioner in the form and manner the commissioner determines. The application must indicate whether the applicant intends to develop a new world languages program or expand an existing world languages program and whether the applicant intends to offer more intensive programs or programs that are readily accessible to larger numbers of students. Applicants must agree to disseminate information about their programs to interested school sites and school districts.

(c) The commissioner must award grants to qualified applicants that satisfy the requirements in paragraphs (a) and (b). To the extent there are qualified applicants, the commissioner must award a grant in each congressional district to a qualified applicant that intends to develop a new world languages program and to a qualified applicant that intends to expand an existing world languages program. The commissioner must award at least one-half of all grants to K-8 sites. Grantees must expend the grant consistent with the content of their application and this section.

(d) The commissioner shall provide for an evaluation of the grantees to identify exemplary model world languages programs and the staff development needs of world languages teachers and report the findings of the evaluation to the education policy and finance committees of the legislature by February 15, 2010.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for the 2007-2008 school year.

Sec. 6. APPROPRIATIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Department of Education.** The sums indicated in this section are appropriated from the general fund to the Department of Education for the fiscal years designated.

Subd. 2. **World languages teacher recruitment.** For incentive programs to recruit students into world languages teaching:

\$	<u>50,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2008</u>
\$	<u>100,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2009</u>

Subd. 3. **Pilot world languages programs.** For world languages pilot program grants:

\$	<u>1,400,000</u>	<u>.....</u>	<u>2009</u>
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EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2007."

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

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

S.F. No. 914: A bill for an act relating to data practices; regulating business screening agencies; providing civil penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[332.70] BUSINESS SCREENING SERVICES; DATA PRACTICES.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section:

(a) "Business screening service" means a person regularly engaged in the business of collecting, assembling, evaluating, or disseminating criminal record information on individuals for a fee. Business screening service does not include a government entity, as defined in section 13.02, or the news media.

(b) "Conviction" has the meaning given in section 609.02, subdivision 5.

(c) "Criminal record" means a record of an arrest, citation, prosecution, criminal proceeding, or conviction.

Subd. 2. **Criminal records.** A business screening service must not disseminate a criminal record unless the record has been updated within the previous 30 days.

Subd. 3. **Correction and deletion of records.** (a) If the completeness or accuracy of a criminal record maintained by a business screening service is disputed by the individual who is the subject of the record, the screening service shall, without charge, investigate the disputed record. In conducting an investigation, the business screening service shall review and consider all relevant information submitted by the subject of the record with respect to the disputed record.

(b) If the disputed record is found to be inaccurate or incomplete, the business screening service shall promptly correct the record. If the disputed record is found to be sealed, expunged, or the subject of a pardon, the business screening service shall promptly delete the record.

(c) A business screening service may terminate an investigation of a disputed record if the business screening agency reasonably determines that the dispute is frivolous, which may be based on the failure of the subject of the record to provide sufficient information to investigate the disputed record. Upon making a determination that the dispute is frivolous, the business screening service shall inform the subject of the record of the specific reasons why it has determined that the dispute is frivolous and provide a description of any information required to investigate the disputed record.

(d) The business screening service shall notify the subject of the disputed record of the correction or deletion of the record or of the termination or completion of the investigation related to the record within 30 days of the date when the agency receives notice of the dispute from the subject of the record.

Subd. 4. **Date and notice required.** A business screening service that disseminates a criminal record must include the date when the record was collected and a notice that the information may include records that have been expunged, sealed, or otherwise have become inaccessible to the public since that date.

Subd. 5. **Remedies.** A business screening service that violates this section is liable to the individual who is the subject of the record for a penalty of \$1,000 or actual damages caused by the violation, whichever is greater, plus costs and disbursements and reasonable attorney fees.

Subd. 6. **Service of process; jurisdiction.** A business screening service that disseminates criminal record information in this state or that obtains a criminal record from a government entity, as defined in section 13.02, or a court in this state is deemed to have consented to service of

process in this state for purposes of section 5.25, subdivision 4, or other applicable law and to the jurisdiction of courts in this state for actions involving a violation of this section."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to data practices; regulating business screening services; providing civil penalties and remedies; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 332."

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

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

S.F. No. 771: A bill for an act relating to child care; requiring inspections of child care centers and homes; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 245A.04, subdivision 4; 245A.16, subdivision 1.

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

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

S.F. No. 534: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a crisis nursery grant program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256F.

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

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

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

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

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

S.F. No. 754: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying several child care provisions; consolidating the MFIP and basic sliding fee child care programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 119B.02, subdivisions 1, 2; 119B.03, subdivisions 3, 9, 10; 119B.035, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5; 119B.05, subdivision 5; 119B.08; 119B.09, subdivisions 1, 4a, 7, by adding a subdivision; 119B.10; 119B.11, subdivision 1; 119B.12, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 119B.13, subdivision 1; 119B.15; 119B.24; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 119B.011, subdivisions 20, 20a; 119B.03, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 6a, 6b, 8; 119B.05, subdivision 1;

119B.07; 119B.09, subdivision 3; 119B.11, subdivision 4.

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

Page 4, after line 3, insert:

"Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 119B.13, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Absent days.** (a) Child care providers may not be reimbursed for more than 25 full-day absent days per child, excluding holidays, in a fiscal year, or for more than ten consecutive full-day absent days, unless the child has a documented medical condition that causes more frequent absences. Absences due to a documented medical condition of a parent or sibling who lives in the same residence as the child receiving child care assistance do not count against the 25-day absent day limit in a fiscal year. Documentation of medical conditions must be on the forms and submitted according to the timelines established by the commissioner. A public health official or school nurse may verify the illness in lieu of a medical practitioner. If a provider sends a child home early due to a medical reason, including, but not limited to, fever or contagious illness, the child care center director or lead teacher may verify the illness in lieu of a medical practitioner. If a child attends for part of the time authorized to be in care in a day, but is absent for part of the time authorized to be in care in that same day, the absent time will be reimbursed but the time will not count toward the ten consecutive or 25 cumulative absent day limits. Children in families where at least one parent is under the age of 21, does not have a high school or general equivalency diploma, and is a student in a school district or another similar program that provides or arranges for child care, as well as parenting, social services, career and employment support, and academic support to achieve high school graduation, may be exempt from the absent day limits upon request of the program and approval of the county. If a child attends part of an authorized day, payment to the provider must be for the full amount of care authorized for that day. Child care providers may only be reimbursed for absent days if the provider has a written policy for child absences and charges all other families in care for similar absences.

(b) Child care providers must be reimbursed for up to ten federal or state holidays or designated holidays per year when the provider charges all families for these days and the holiday or designated holiday falls on a day when the child is authorized to be in attendance. Parents may substitute other cultural or religious holidays for the ten recognized state and federal holidays. Holidays do not count toward the ten consecutive or 25 cumulative absent day limits.

(c) A family or child care provider may not be assessed an overpayment for an absent day payment unless (1) there was an error in the amount of care authorized for the family, (2) all of the allowed full-day absent payments for the child have been paid, or (3) the family or provider did not timely report a change as required under law.

(d) The provider and family must receive notification of the number of absent days used upon initial provider authorization for a family and when the family has used 15 cumulative absent days. Upon statewide implementation of the Minnesota Electronic Child Care System, the provider and family authorization for a family and ongoing notification of the number of absent days used as of the date of the notification.

(e) A county may pay for more absent days than the statewide absent day policy established under this subdivision, if current market practice in the county justifies payment for those additional days. County policies for payment of absent days in excess of the statewide absent day policy and

justification for these county policies must be included in the county's child care fund plan under section 119B.08, subdivision 3."

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

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

S.F. No. 944: A bill for an act relating to child care; improving the quality of child care and expanding the professional development of child care practitioners; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 119B.21, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136A.

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

Page 2, line 14, delete "136A.126" and insert "119B.27"

Page 3, line 20, after "CHILDHOOD" insert "AND SCHOOL-AGE"

Page 3, delete lines 21 to 24 and insert:

"Subdivision 1. **Development and implementation of an early childhood and school-age professional development system.** (a) The commissioner of human services, in cooperation with the commissioners of education and health, shall develop and phase-in the implementation of a professional development system for practitioners serving children in early childhood and school-age programs.

The system must, at a minimum, include the following features:

(1) a continuum of training content based on the early childhood and school-age care practitioner core competencies that translates knowledge into improved practice to support children's school success;

(2) training strategies that provide direct feedback about practice to practitioners through ongoing consultation, mentoring, or coaching with special emphasis on early literacy and early math;

(3) an approval process for trainers;

(4) a professional development registry for early childhood and school-age care practitioners that will provide tracking and recognition of practitioner training/career development progress;

(5) a career lattice that includes a range of professional development and educational opportunities that provide appropriate coursework and degree pathways;

(6) development of a plan with public higher education institutions for an articulated system of education, training, and professional development that includes credit for prior learning and development of equivalences to two- and four-year degrees;

(7) incentives and support for early childhood and school-age care practitioners to seek

additional training and education, including TEACH, other scholarships, and career guidance; and

(8) coordinated and accessible delivery of training to early childhood and school-age care practitioners.

(b) The commissioner of human services must evaluate the professional development system and make continuous improvements.

(c) Beginning July 1, 2007, as appropriations permit, the commissioner shall phase-in the professional development system."

Page 3, line 28, delete everything before "new"

Page 3, line 30, after the period, insert "For licensed family child care, the commissioner will also seek the input of labor unions that serve licensed family child care providers, if the union has been recognized by a county to serve licensed family child care providers."

Page 4, line 2, after "program" insert "that offers geographic diversity to the current pilot program"

Page 4, line 12, delete "Office of" and insert "commissioner of human services"

Page 4, line 13, delete "Higher Education"

Page 4, line 14, delete "136A.126" and insert "119B.27"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Metzen from the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs, to which was referred

S.F. No. 828: A bill for an act relating to employee health; establishing the "Safe Patient Handling Act"; requiring safe patient handling programs and committees to be established; appropriating money for safe patient handling grants; transferring money from the workers compensation special fund to the assigned risk safety account; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 182.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[182.6551] CITATION.**

Sections 182.6551 to 182.6553 may be cited as the "Safe Patient Handling Act."

Sec. 2. **[182.6552] DEFINITIONS.**

Subdivision 1. **Direct patient care worker.** "Direct patient care worker" means an individual doing the job of directly providing physical care to patients including nurses, as defined by section 148.171, who provide physical care to patients.

Subd. 2. **Health care facility.** "Health care facility" means a hospital as defined in section 144.50,

subdivision 2, a medical facility as defined in section 144.561, subdivision 1, paragraph (b), a nursing home as defined in section 144A.01, subdivision 5, an outpatient clinic, or a physician's office.

Subd. 3. **Safe patient handling.** "Safe patient handling" means a process, based on scientific evidence on causes of injuries, that uses safe patient handling equipment rather than people to transfer, move, and reposition patients in all health care facilities to reduce workplace injuries. This process also reduces the risk of injury to patients.

Subd. 4. **Safe patient handling equipment.** "Safe patient handling equipment" means engineering controls, lifting and transfer aids, or mechanical assistive devices used by nurses and other direct patient care workers instead of manual lifting to perform the acts of lifting, transferring, and repositioning health care facility patients and residents.

Sec. 3. [182.6553] SAFE PATIENT HANDLING PROGRAM.

Subdivision 1. **Safe patient handling program required.** (a) By January 1, 2008, every licensed health care facility in the state shall adopt a written safe patient handling program establishing the facility's plan to achieve by January 1, 2011, the goal of minimizing manual lifting of patients by nurses and other direct patient care workers by utilizing safe patient handling equipment.

(b) The program shall address:

- (1) assessment of hazards with regard to patient handling;
- (2) the acquisition of an adequate supply of appropriate safe patient handling equipment;
- (3) initial and ongoing training of nurses and other direct patient care workers on the use of this equipment;
- (4) procedures to ensure that physical plant modifications and major construction projects are consistent with program goals; and
- (5) periodic evaluations of the safe patient handling program.

Subd. 2. **Safe patient handling committee.** (a) By July 1, 2008, every licensed health care facility in the state shall establish a safe patient handling committee either by creating a new committee or assigning the functions of a safe patient handling committee to an existing committee.

(b) Membership of a safe patient handling committee or an existing committee must meet the following requirements:

- (1) at least half the members shall be nonmanagerial nurses and other direct patient care workers; and
- (2) in a health care facility where nurses and other direct patient care workers are covered by a collective bargaining agreement, the union shall select the committee members proportionate to its representation of nonmanagement nurses and other direct patient care workers.

(c) A health care organization with more than one covered health care facility may establish a committee at each facility or one committee to serve this function for all the facilities. If the organization chooses to have one overall committee for multiple facilities, at least half of the members of the overall committee must be nonmanagerial nurses and other direct patient care

workers and each facility must be represented on the committee.

(d) Employees who serve on a safe patient handling committee must be compensated by their employer for all hours spent on committee business.

Subd. 3. **Facilities with existing programs.** A facility that has already adopted a safe patient handling policy and established a safe patient handling committee by January 1, 2008, that satisfies the requirements of this section is considered to be in compliance with those requirements. The committee must continue to satisfy the requirements of subdivision 2, paragraph (b), on an ongoing basis.

Subd. 4. **Committee duties.** A safe patient handling committee shall:

(1) complete a patient handling hazard assessment that:

(i) considers patient handling tasks, types of nursing units, patient populations, and the physical environment of patient care areas;

(ii) identifies problems and solutions;

(iii) identifies areas of highest risk for lifting injuries; and

(iv) recommends a mechanism to report, track, and analyze injury trends;

(2) make recommendations on the purchase, use, and maintenance of an adequate supply of appropriate safe patient handling equipment;

(3) make recommendations on training of nurses and other direct patient care workers on use of safe patient handling equipment, initially when the equipment arrives at the facility and periodically afterwards;

(4) conduct annual evaluations of the safe patient handling implementation plan and progress toward goals established in the safe patient handling plan; and

(5) recommend procedures to ensure that, when remodeling of patient care areas occurs, the plans incorporate safe patient handling equipment or the physical space and construction design needed to accommodate safe patient handling equipment at a later date.

Subd. 5. **Training materials.** The commissioner shall make training materials on implementation of this section available to all health care facilities at no cost as part of the training and education duties of the commissioner under section 182.673.

Sec. 4. **ENFORCEMENT.**

This section shall be enforced by the commissioner under Minnesota Statutes, section 182.661. A violation of this section is subject to the penalties provided under Minnesota Statutes, section 182.666.

Sec. 5. **RULES.**

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 14.388, subdivision 1, clause (3), the commissioner of labor and industry shall make the following changes in Minnesota Rules, chapter 5203:

(1) add projects at health care facilities, regardless of the number of employees or size of the

facility, to acquire safe patient handling equipment for use by nurses and direct patient care workers in performing the acts of lifting, transferring, or repositioning of patients and health care facility residents to the list of proposal preferences under Minnesota Rules, part 5203.0060, subpart 4; and

(2) increase the maximum safety grant award to 50 percent of project costs up to a maximum grant award of \$40,000.

Sec. 6. STUDY.

The commissioner of labor and industry shall study ways to require workers' compensation insurers to recognize compliance with section 3 in the workers' compensation premiums of health care and long-term care facilities. The commissioner shall report by January 15, 2008, the results of the study to the chairs of the policy committees of the legislature with primary jurisdiction over workers' compensation issues.

Sec. 7. APPROPRIATION FOR SAFE PATIENT HANDLING GRANTS.

\$..... is appropriated in fiscal years 2008 and 2009 from the general fund to the commissioner of labor and industry for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 79.253, to health care facilities, regardless of the number of employees or size of the facility, for the acquisition of safe patient handling equipment for use by nurses and direct patient care workers in performing the acts of lifting, transferring, or repositioning of patients and health care facility residents. Grants may also be used for the training of staff on safe patient handling and the use of safe patient handling equipment. Grants must be matched on a dollar-for-dollar basis by grantees. Grant awards cannot exceed 50 percent of the total project cost up to a maximum grant award of \$40,000."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to employee health; establishing the "Safe Patient Handling Act"; requiring safe patient handling programs and committees to be established; requiring training programs on safe patient handling; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 182."

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

Senator Metzen from the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs, to which was referred

S.F. No. 618: A bill for an act relating to occupations and professions; requiring licenses for plumbing work statewide; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.40, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 326; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.45.

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

Page 1, after line 6, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.38, is amended to read:

326.38 LOCAL REGULATIONS.

Any city having a system of waterworks or sewerage, or any town in which reside over 5,000

people exclusive of any statutory cities located therein, or the metropolitan airports commission, may, by ordinance, adopt local regulations providing for plumbing permits, bonds, approval of plans, and inspections of plumbing, which regulations are not in conflict with the plumbing standards on the same subject prescribed by the state commissioner of ~~health~~ labor and industry. No city or such town shall prohibit plumbers licensed by the state commissioner of ~~health~~ labor and industry from engaging in or working at the business, except cities and statutory cities which, prior to April 21, 1933, by ordinance required the licensing of plumbers. No city or town may require a license for persons performing building sewer or water service installation who have completed pipe laying training as prescribed by the commissioner of labor and industry. Any city by ordinance may prescribe regulations, reasonable standards, and inspections and grant permits to any person, firm, or corporation engaged in the business of installing water softeners, who is not licensed as a master plumber or journeyman plumber by the state commissioner of ~~health~~ labor and industry, to connect water softening and water filtering equipment to private residence water distribution systems, where provision has been previously made therefor and openings left for that purpose or by use of cold water connections to a domestic water heater; where it is not necessary to rearrange, make any extension or alteration of, or addition to any pipe, fixture or plumbing connected with the water system except to connect the water softener, and provided the connections so made comply with minimum standards prescribed by the state commissioner of ~~health~~ labor and industry."

Page 1, line 13, after the period, insert "A license is not required for persons performing building sewer or water service installation who have completed pipe laying training as prescribed by the commissioner of labor and industry."

Page 2, delete subdivision 1 and insert:

"Subdivision 1. **Licensure.** The commissioner of labor and industry shall grant a restricted journeyman or master plumber license to an individual if:

(1) the individual completes an application with information required by the commissioner of labor and industry;

(2) the completed application is accompanied by a fee of \$90;

(3) the commissioner of labor and industry receives the completed application and fee before January 1, 2008;

(4) the completed application demonstrates that the applicant has had at least two years for a restricted journeyman plumber license or four years for a restricted master plumber license of practical plumbing experience in the plumbing trade prior to the application; and

(5) during the entire time for which the applicant is claiming experience in contracting for plumbing work under clause (4), the applicant was in compliance with all applicable requirements of section 326.40."

Page 2, line 12, delete "only" and before "cities" insert "all areas of the state except in"

Page 2, line 13, delete "fewer" and insert "more"

Page 2, line 26, before the period, insert ", unless the exemption provided by section 326.40, subdivision 3, applies"

Page 2, line 27, delete "commissioner shall determine the"

Page 2, line 28, before the period, insert "is the same fee as for a master or journeyman plumber license, respectively"

Re-number the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon, insert "regulating the practice of plumbing;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Metzen from the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 563: A bill for an act relating to energy; requiring development of an economic strategy to maximize state economic development benefits from the renewable electric energy industry.

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

Page 1, after line 4, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 216C.051, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. **Expiration.** This section is repealed ~~June 30, 2007~~ December 31, 2010.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment."

Page 1, line 18, after the period, insert "The Legislative Electric Energy Task Force shall provide legislative oversight on the strategy and monitor its implementation."

Page 1, after line 18, insert:

"EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment."

Re-number the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, before the period, insert "; regulating the Legislative Electric Energy Task Force"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Metzen from the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs, to which was referred

S.F. No. 165: A bill for an act relating to economic development; authorizing certain investments; creating a program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.

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

Senator Metzger from the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1244: A bill for an act relating to energy; providing for a rural wind development assistance program; appropriating money.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications. Report adopted.

Senator Metzger from the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1277: A bill for an act relating to economic development; requiring a study of higher education training needs in the renewable energy economy; requiring a report; appropriating money.

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which were referred the following appointments:

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

Terri H. Ashmore

Bob Milbert

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

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

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. Nos. 914 and 563 were read the second time.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Olson, M. moved that the name of Senator Pappas be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 124. The motion prevailed.

Senator Olson, G. moved that her name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 436. The motion prevailed.

Senator Tomassoni moved that the name of Senator Clark be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 473. The motion prevailed.

Senator Olseen moved that the name of Senator Rummel be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 921. The motion prevailed.

Senator Chaudhary moved that the name of Senator Saxhaug be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1312. The motion prevailed.

Senator Marty moved that the name of Senator Sieben be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1370. The motion prevailed.

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. No. 1239 be withdrawn from the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security and re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion prevailed.

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. No. 1240 be withdrawn from the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security and re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion prevailed.

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. No. 1241 be withdrawn from the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security and re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion prevailed.

Senator Berglin moved that S.F. No. 612 be withdrawn from the Committee on Health, Housing and Family Security and re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappas moved that S.F. No. 969 be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary and re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion prevailed.

GENERAL ORDERS

The Senate resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, with Senator Metzen in the chair.

After some time spent therein, the committee arose, and Senator Metzen reported that the committee had considered the following:

S.F. Nos. 646, 227, 572 and H.F. No. 160, which the committee recommends to pass.

On motion of Senator Betzold, the report of the Committee of the Whole, as kept by the Secretary, was adopted.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senators Frederickson, Pogemiller and Lynch introduced—

S.F. No. 1457: A bill for an act relating to retirement; authorizing membership in the Minnesota State Retirement System general plan for certain middle management association employees.

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

Senators Metzen, Tomassoni, Sparks, Kubly and Ortman introduced—

S.F. No. 1458: A bill for an act relating to bioscience and technology; providing grants for bioscience business development and commercialization; requiring a report; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

Senator Neuville introduced–

S.F. No. 1459: A bill for an act relating to civil actions; providing certain remedies for neglect, abuse, and other actions against incapacitated and vulnerable adults; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 604.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Ortman introduced–

S.F. No. 1460: A bill for an act relating to liquor; retail liquor license fees; allowing fees to be set by local governments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 340A.408, subdivisions 2, 3a; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 340A.408, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Berglin introduced–

S.F. No. 1461: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying child care assistance absent days; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 119B.13, subdivision 7.

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

Senators Skogen, Chaudhary, Lourey and Skoe introduced–

S.F. No. 1462: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; removing ban on smokeless gunpowder; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.311.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Berglin, Scheid, Dibble, Torres Ray and Koering introduced–

S.F. No. 1463: A bill for an act relating to health; establishing grants for an AIDS prevention initiative focusing on African-born Minnesotans; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Skogen, Scheid, Metzen and Marty introduced–

S.F. No. 1464: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; requiring motor vehicle collision repair to include air bag repair or replacement; providing criminal penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Erickson Ropes, Marty, Koering, Rosen and Rest introduced–

S.F. No. 1465: A bill for an act relating to human services; authorizing new staff positions in the Office of Ombudsman for Older Minnesotans; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Ortman, Robling, Day and Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1466: A bill for an act relating to transportation; establishing a local bridge improvement grant program and criteria; expanding criteria for bridge improvement funds appropriated in fiscal year 2006; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 174.50, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2006, chapter 258, section 16, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Murphy introduced—

S.F. No. 1467: A bill for an act relating to transportation; creating highway safety improvement account; amending eligible purposes for expenditure of five percent of highway user tax distribution fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 161.081, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Larson introduced—

S.F. No. 1468: A bill for an act relating to education; appropriating money to the Office of Educational Accountability through the University of Minnesota; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 120B.31, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Olseen and Pogemiller introduced—

S.F. No. 1469: A bill for an act relating to retirement; providing for an actuarial cost estimate of a special retirement plan for postsentencing officers and emergency dispatchers; appropriating money.

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

Senator Murphy introduced—

S.F. No. 1470: A bill for an act relating to transportation; authorizing sale of trunk highway bonds for construction of interchanges; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Prettner Solon, Saxhaug, Bakk and Tomassoni introduced—

S.F. No. 1471: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for silvicultural research.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Kubly, Vickerman, Lourey and Frederickson introduced–

S.F. No. 1472: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; extending the prohibition on certain new open air swine basins; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 116.0714.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

Senators Olson, M.; Tomassoni and Dibble introduced–

S.F. No. 1473: A bill for an act relating to employment and economic development; appropriating money for opportunities industrialization centers.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Betzold and Ortman introduced–

S.F. No. 1474: A bill for an act relating to civil actions; modifying the limitation on actions for damages based on services or construction to improve real property for certain actions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 541.051, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Rest, Higgins, Rosen, Scheid and Prettnner Solon introduced–

S.F. No. 1475: A bill for an act relating to health; providing for an exception to the bed moratorium; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144A.071, subdivision 4c.

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

Senator Chaudhary introduced–

S.F. No. 1476: A bill for an act relating to the city of New Brighton; tax increment financing.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Saxhaug introduced–

S.F. No. 1477: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying restrictions on surety bonds for auction timber permits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 90.161, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Saxhaug introduced–

S.F. No. 1478: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; providing for no net loss of forest land and hunting opportunities; requiring a report; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 89; 97B.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Neuville introduced–

S.F. No. 1479: A bill for an act relating to property tax; excluding agricultural property from the tax base for school bonded debt levies; providing for valuation of agricultural land based on production value for property tax purposes; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 123B.53, subdivision 5; 126C.01, by adding subdivisions; 127A.48, subdivision 3; 273.111, subdivision 4; 275.08, subdivision 1b; 473H.10, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 273.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Pappas and Foley introduced–

S.F. No. 1480: A bill for an act relating to public safety; regulating international marriage brokers; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Higgins, Scheid, Murphy, Senjem and Michel introduced–

S.F. No. 1481: A bill for an act relating to crimes; providing testimonial confidentiality for certain sexual assault counselors; eliminating the "mistake of age" defense for certain criminal sexual assault offenders; enhancing penalties for certain nonconsensual sexual contact offenses committed by professionals engaged in massage or bodywork; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 595.02, subdivision 1; 609.341, subdivision 11; 609.344, subdivision 1; 609.345, subdivision 1; 609.3451, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Lynch, Saltzman, Bonoff, Latz and Senjem introduced–

S.F. No. 1482: A bill for an act relating to education; restoring funding for special education programs; making the appropriation for special education open and standing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 125A.76, subdivision 1; 125A.79, subdivision 1; 126C.20.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Lourey introduced–

S.F. No. 1483: A bill for an act relating to state government; eliminating the Minnesota Council on Disability sunset; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256.482, subdivisions 1, 8.

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

Senators Foley and Scheid introduced–

S.F. No. 1484: A bill for an act relating to education finance; indexing equalizing factors for the debt service and referendum equalization aid programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 123B.53, subdivisions 4, 5; 126C.01, by adding subdivisions; 126C.17, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Rummel and Anderson introduced—

S.F. No. 1485: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for ecological services to support implementation of the Clean Water Legacy Act.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Rummel, Torres Ray and Dibble introduced—

S.F. No. 1486: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for ecological services for native habitats.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Higgins introduced—

S.F. No. 1487: A bill for an act relating to the environment; requiring cardboard manufactured or sold in this state to be recyclable; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Higgins introduced—

S.F. No. 1488: A bill for an act relating to corrections; authorizing a grant to address domestic violence and intimate partner violence among offenders re-entering the community after a period of incarceration; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Betzold, by request, introduced—

S.F. No. 1489: A bill for an act relating to government data practices; classifying certain labor relations data related to the Metropolitan Council as nonpublic data; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.202, subdivision 11; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Jungbauer introduced—

S.F. No. 1490: A bill for an act relating to property tax; exempting personal property of a proposed electric generation peaking plant; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 272.02, by adding a subdivision.

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

Senators Jungbauer, Day, Hann, Pariseau and Gerlach introduced–

S.F. No. 1491: A bill for an act relating to energy; repealing ban on issuing certificate of need for construction of new nuclear-powered electric generating plant; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 216B.243, subdivision 3b.

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

Senators Erickson Ropes, Saltzman, Torres Ray, Jungbauer and Gerlach introduced–

S.F. No. 1492: A bill for an act relating to education; directing local school boards to adopt and implement a parent and family involvement policy; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senators Saltzman, Torres Ray, Scheid, Hann and Higgins introduced–

S.F. No. 1493: A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing a planning grant to establish supportive community partnerships; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Saltzman, Ingebrigtsen, Foley, Anderson and Vandever introduced–

S.F. No. 1494: A bill for an act relating to crimes; defining qualified domestic-related offenses and crimes of violence; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 609.02, subdivision 16; 609.377, subdivision 3; 624.712, subdivision 5; 629.725.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Sparks introduced–

S.F. No. 1495: A bill for an act relating to employment; regulating payroll cards; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 177.255; Laws 2005, chapter 158, section 4.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

Senators Scheid, Stumpf and Wiger introduced–

S.F. No. 1496: A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing funding for voluntary, full-day kindergarten; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 123B.41, subdivision 7; 126C.05, subdivisions 1, 15; 126C.12, subdivision 5; 126C.126; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 124D.081.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Dibble introduced–

S.F. No. 1497: A bill for an act relating to tax increment financing; changing provisions relating

to Minneapolis housing replacement districts; amending Laws 1995, chapter 264, article 5, sections 44, subdivision 4, as amended; 45, subdivision 1, as amended.

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

Senator Dibble introduced—

S.F. No. 1498: A bill for an act relating to the metropolitan area; modifying provisions for planning, designing, and constructing light rail transit in the metropolitan area; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 473.399; 473.3993, subdivision 3; 473.3994; 473.3997; 473.4051; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473; repealing Laws 1999, chapter 230, section 44.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Bonoff and Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 1499: A bill for an act relating to education; ensuring students' ability to participate in league-sponsored activities after completing licensed treatment programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 128C.02, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senators Higgins, Cohen, Moua and Berglin introduced—

S.F. No. 1500: A bill for an act relating to corrections; establishing a five-year demonstration project designed to apply best practices to improve and promote the recovery and success of high-risk adults who frequently use costly public services such as emergency rooms, treatment programs, jails, prisons, and detoxification facilities; combining an innovative management and governance structure; assembling core services currently provided separately, including housing, behavioral health, health care, employment, and community and family reengagement; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 241.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Michel, Wiger, Koch, Scheid and Rest introduced—

S.F. No. 1501: A bill for an act proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, section 4; providing staggered terms of office for senators.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senators Olson, G. and Dibble introduced—

S.F. No. 1502: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; changing certain requirements relating to the open space property tax law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 273.112, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Scheid and Bonoff introduced–

S.F. No. 1503: A bill for an act relating to education; providing for master teacher training in economics and personal finance; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Clark, Higgins, Robling and Michel introduced–

S.F. No. 1504: A bill for an act relating to human services; directing the commissioner to study child care provider standards; requiring reports; appropriating money.

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

Senators Marty and Limmer introduced–

S.F. No. 1505: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales tax; modifying definition relating to transfer of motor vehicle by charitable organization; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297B.01, subdivision 7.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Skoe introduced–

S.F. No. 1506: A bill for an act relating to state government finance; appropriating money for noncommercial radio stations.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Erickson Ropes, Anderson, Frederickson and Chaudhary introduced–

S.F. No. 1507: A bill for an act relating to taxation; modifying native prairie property tax provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 272.02, subdivision 12; 273.13, subdivision 23.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Sieben; Marty; Olson, M.; Olseen and Koering introduced–

S.F. No. 1508: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a child safety system and child safety fund; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256M.30, subdivisions 1, 2; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256N.

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

Senators Rest, Limmer, Larson, Latz and Hann introduced–

S.F. No. 1509: A bill for an act relating to Hennepin County; modifying design-build contract provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 383B.158, subdivisions 1, 3, 4; 383B.1581,

subdivisions 2, 3; 383B.1584; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 383B.1586.

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

Senators Olseen and Lourey introduced—

S.F. No. 1510: A bill for an act relating to energy; authorizing grant to Chisago, Isanti, and Pine Counties to study feasibility of a renewable energy facility.

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

Senator Olseen introduced—

S.F. No. 1511: A bill for an act relating to corrections; requiring predatory offender registration database checks for persons booked at jails; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 641.05.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Doll and Larson introduced—

S.F. No. 1512: A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing reimbursement rates for nursing facility in Hennepin County; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.434, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Dibble, Pappas, Sieben, Rummel and Anderson introduced—

S.F. No. 1513: A bill for an act relating to county regional railroad authorities; providing that certain costs for rail transit projects are not to be funded by county regional railroad authorities; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 398A.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Stumpf, Ortman, Limmer, Marty and Moua introduced—

S.F. No. 1514: A bill for an act relating to taxation; health care providers gross receipts tax; providing for responsibilities of third-party purchasers; authorizing itemization of tax on certain billings; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 295.582, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Vickerman, Koering, Lynch, Lourey and Skogen introduced—

S.F. No. 1515: A bill for an act relating to the financing of state government; military and veterans affairs; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Langseth introduced–

S.F. No. 1516: A bill for an act relating to education finance; providing a fund transfer for Independent School District No. 852, Campbell-Tintah.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Chaudhary, Pariseau, Skogen and Frederickson introduced–

S.F. No. 1517: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; providing for protection of ecological value and riparian rights in issuing aquatic farm licenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 17.4984, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Neuville, Foley and Higgins introduced–

S.F. No. 1518: A bill for an act relating to alternative dispute resolution; providing for a study and assessment of alternative dispute resolution; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Torres Ray, Bonoff and Saxhaug introduced–

S.F. No. 1519: A bill for an act relating to education; modifying basic alternative teacher compensation aid; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.10, subdivision 34.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senators Torres Ray, Moua, Marty and Prettner Solon introduced–

S.F. No. 1520: A bill for an act relating to health; providing for licensing of naturopathic doctors; providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 116J.70, subdivision 2a; 144.335, subdivision 1; 145.61, subdivision 2; 146.23, subdivision 7; 148B.60, subdivision 3; 151.01, subdivision 23; 214.23, subdivision 1; 604A.01, subdivision 2; 604A.015; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 147E.

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

Senators Tomassoni; Michel; Langseth; Olson, M. and Bakk introduced–

S.F. No. 1521: A bill for an act relating to retirement; providing additional benefits to certain teachers; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 354.

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

Senators Torres Ray, Rummel, Saxhaug, Stumpf and Wergin introduced–

S.F. No. 1522: A bill for an act relating to education; appropriating money to increase parent and community involvement in the education of their children; requiring a report.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Sparks and Kubly introduced–

S.F. No. 1523: A bill for an act relating to labor and industry; appropriating money for the Vinland Center for rehabilitation services.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Olseen introduced–

S.F. No. 1524: A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing payment rates for nursing facilities in Chisago County to geographic group III median rate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.434, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Doll, Olseen, Kubly and Murphy introduced–

S.F. No. 1525: A bill for an act relating to public safety; increasing fines relating to pipeline violations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 299F.60, subdivision 1; 299J.16, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Wiger introduced–

S.F. No. 1526: A bill for an act relating to education; requiring licensed school counselors to supervise nonlicensed individuals advising students on educational opportunities and academic planning; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 122A.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senators Larson, Rest and Pariseau introduced–

S.F. No. 1527: A bill for an act relating to elections; establishing a nonbinding presidential primary; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 207A.

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

Senators Rest, Higgins and Latz introduced–

S.F. No. 1528: A bill for an act relating to Hennepin County; clarifying the authority of the county housing and redevelopment authority; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 383B.77, subdivisions 1, 2.

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

Senators Kubly, Tomassoni and Cohen introduced—

S.F. No. 1529: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money to improve the Upper Sioux Community water system.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Olson, M.; Lynch; Prettner Solon and Skoe introduced—

S.F. No. 1530: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying day training and habilitation transportation rates; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Neuville, Day, Ingebrigtsen, Foley and Higgins introduced—

S.F. No. 1531: A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing penalties for unlawful acts relating to fraudulent identification cards; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609.652, subdivisions 1, 2, 3.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Scheid, Anderson, Pappas, Skogen and Vandever introduced—

S.F. No. 1532: A bill for an act relating to commerce; regulating the business of credit counseling and debt management services; providing remedies and criminal penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 325E.311, subdivision 6; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 332A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 332.12; 332.13; 332.14; 332.15; 332.16; 332.17; 332.18; 332.19; 332.20; 332.21; 332.22; 332.23; 332.24; 332.25; 332.26; 332.27; 332.28; 332.29.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Pappas, Marty, Anderson, Limmer and Vandever introduced—

S.F. No. 1533: A bill for an act relating to commerce; regulating certain transactions with homeowners whose homes are in foreclosure; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 325N.01; 325N.03; 325N.04; 325N.10, subdivisions 3, 4, by adding a subdivision; 325N.13; 325N.14; 325N.17; 325N.18, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2004, chapter 263, section 26.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Dibble, Saxhaug, Bakk, Rest and Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 1534: A bill for an act relating to railroads; enacting Railroad Walkways Safety Act; creating position of state rail safety inspector; establishing special account; authorizing imposition of administrative penalties after rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 218.041, subdivision 6; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 219.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Marty, Lourey, Tomassoni, Sparks and Dibble introduced—

S.F. No. 1535: A bill for an act relating to human services; requiring initial and continuing training in dementia care and mental illness care for certain direct care staff; requiring employers to maintain training records; establishing employee access to training records; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 182.653, by adding a subdivision; 182.654, subdivision 10.

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

Senators Michel, Anderson, Scheid, Betzold and Clark introduced—

S.F. No. 1536: A bill for an act relating to uniform laws; proposing enactment of the Uniform Principal and Income Act of 2000; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 501C; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 501B.59; 501B.60; 501B.61; 501B.62; 501B.63; 501B.64; 501B.65; 501B.665; 501B.67; 501B.68; 501B.69; 501B.705; 501B.71; 501B.72; 501B.73; 501B.74; 501B.75; 501B.76.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Neuville, Scheid, Betzold and Clark introduced—

S.F. No. 1537: A bill for an act relating to power of attorney; adopting the Uniform Power of Attorney Act; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 523A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 523.01; 523.02; 523.03; 523.04; 523.05; 523.06; 523.07; 523.075; 523.08; 523.09; 523.10; 523.11; 523.12; 523.13; 523.131; 523.14; 523.15; 523.16; 523.17; 523.18; 523.19; 523.20; 523.21; 523.22; 523.23; 523.24.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Chaudhary and Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 1538: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying restrictions related to off-highway vehicle use; creating an off-highway vehicle safety and conservation program; increasing the registration fee for all-terrain vehicles; providing for state forest traditional areas; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 84.777; 84.922, subdivision 5; Laws 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 167, subdivision 1, as amended; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 84; 89.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Rest introduced—

S.F. No. 1539: A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing a grants management process, governance, and structure; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 13; 16B.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Hann, Johnson and Murphy were excused from the Session of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Wednesday, March 7, 2007. The motion prevailed.

Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate

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