

## TWENTY-SIXTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, March 8, 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, Rabbi Stacy Offner.

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

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

The President declared a quorum present.

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

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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

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

**S.F. No. 536:** A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying child care provisions; reducing license fees; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 245A.10, subdivision 2.

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 245A.10, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

**Subd. 2. County fees for background studies and licensing inspections.** (a) For purposes of family and group family child care licensing under this chapter, a county agency may charge a fee ~~to an applicant or license holder to recover the actual cost of background studies, but in any case not to exceed \$100 annually. A county agency may also charge a license fee to an applicant or license holder to recover the actual cost of licensing inspections, but in any case not to exceed \$150 annually~~ \$50 for a one-year license or \$100 for a two-year license.

(b) A county agency may charge a fee to a legal nonlicensed child care provider or applicant for authorization to recover the actual cost of background studies completed under section 119B.125, but in any case not to exceed \$100 annually.

(c) Counties may elect to reduce or waive the fees in paragraph (a) or (b):

- (1) in cases of financial hardship;
- (2) if the county has a shortage of providers in the county's area;
- (3) for new providers; or
- (4) for providers who have attained at least 16 hours of training before seeking initial licensure.

(d) Counties may allow providers to pay the applicant fees in paragraph (a) or (b) on an installment basis for up to one year. If the provider is receiving child care assistance payments from the state, the provider may have the fees under paragraph (a) or (b) deducted from the child care assistance payments for up to one year and the state shall reimburse the county for the county fees collected in this manner.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 245A.16, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

**Subdivision 1. Delegation of authority to agencies.** (a) County agencies and private agencies that have been designated or licensed by the commissioner to perform licensing functions and activities under section 245A.04 ~~and, background studies for adult foster care, family adult day services, and child foster care under chapter 245C, to recommend denial of applicants under section 245A.05, to issue correction orders, to issue variances, and recommend a conditional license under section 245A.06, or to recommend suspending or revoking a license or issuing a fine under section 245A.07, shall comply with rules and directives of the commissioner governing those functions and with this section. The following variances are excluded from the delegation of variance authority and may be issued only by the commissioner:~~

- (1) dual licensure of family child care and child foster care, dual licensure of child and adult foster care, and adult foster care and family child care;
- (2) adult foster care maximum capacity;
- (3) adult foster care minimum age requirement;
- (4) child foster care maximum age requirement;

(5) variances regarding disqualified individuals except that county agencies may issue variances under section 245C.30 regarding disqualified individuals when the county is responsible for conducting a consolidated reconsideration according to sections 245C.25 and 245C.27, subdivision 2, clauses (a) and (b), of a county maltreatment determination and a disqualification based on serious or recurring maltreatment; and

(6) the required presence of a caregiver in the adult foster care residence during normal sleeping hours.

(b) County agencies must report:

(1) information about disqualification reconsiderations under sections 245C.25 and 245C.27, subdivision 2, clauses (a) and (b), and variances granted under paragraph (a), clause (5), to the commissioner at least monthly in a format prescribed by the commissioner; and

(2) for relative child foster care applicants and license holders, the number of relatives, as defined in section 260C.007, subdivision 27, and household members of relatives who are disqualified under section 245C.14; the disqualifying characteristics under section 245C.15; the number of these individuals who requested reconsideration under section 245C.21; the number of set-asides under section 245C.22; and variances under section 245C.30 issued. This information shall be reported to the commissioner annually by January 15 of each year in a format prescribed by the commissioner.

(c) For family day care programs, the commissioner may authorize licensing reviews every two years after a licensee has had at least one annual review.

(d) For family adult day services programs, the commissioner may authorize licensing reviews every two years after a licensee has had at least one annual review.

(e) A license issued under this section may be issued for up to two years.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 245A.16, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Recommendations to the commissioner.** The county or private agency shall not make recommendations to the commissioner regarding licensure without first conducting an inspection, and for adult foster care, family adult day services, and child foster care, a background study of the applicant, and evaluation pursuant to chapter 245C. The county or private agency must forward its recommendation to the commissioner regarding the appropriate licensing action within 20 working days of receipt of a completed application.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 245C.04, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Licensed programs.** (a) The commissioner shall conduct a background study of an individual required to be studied under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, at least upon application for initial license for all license types.

(b) The commissioner shall conduct a background study of an individual required to be studied under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, at reapplication for a license for ~~family child care, child foster care, and adult foster care.~~

(c) The commissioner is not required to conduct a study of an individual at the time of reapplication for a license if the individual's background study was completed by the commissioner

of human services for an adult foster care license holder that is also:

- (1) registered under chapter 144D; or
- (2) licensed to provide home and community-based services to people with disabilities at the foster care location and the license holder does not reside in the foster care residence; and
- (3) the following conditions are met:
  - (i) a study of the individual was conducted either at the time of initial licensure or when the individual became affiliated with the license holder;
  - (ii) the individual has been continuously affiliated with the license holder since the last study was conducted; and
  - (iii) the last study of the individual was conducted on or after October 1, 1995.
- (d) From January 1, 2008, to December 31, 2009, the commissioner shall conduct a study of an individual required to be studied under section 245C.03, at the time of reapplication for a family child care license. The county shall collect and forward to the commissioner the information required under section 245C.05, subdivision 1, paragraphs (a) and (b); and subdivision 5, paragraphs (a) and (b). The background study conducted by the commissioner under this paragraph must include a review of the information required under section 245C.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (4) and subdivision 3.
- (e) The commissioner shall conduct a background study of an individual specified under section 245C.03, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (2) to (6), who is newly affiliated with a family child care license holder. The county shall collect and forward to the commissioner the information required under section 245C.05, subdivisions 1 and 5. The background study conducted by the commissioner under this paragraph must include a review of the information required under section 245C.08, subdivision 1, paragraph (a) and subdivision 3.
- (f) Applicants for licensure, license holders, and other entities as provided in this chapter must submit completed background study forms to the commissioner before individuals specified in section 245C.03, subdivision 1, begin positions allowing direct contact in any licensed program.
- (g) For purposes of this section, a physician licensed under chapter 147 is considered to be continuously affiliated upon the license holder's receipt from the commissioner of health or human services of the physician's background study results.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 245C.05, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 2a. **County agency.** For background studies related to family child care, county agencies must collect the information under subdivision 1 and forward it to the commissioner.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 245C.05, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Electronic transmission.** For background studies conducted by the Department of Human Services, the commissioner shall implement a system for the electronic transmission of:

- (1) background study information to the commissioner; ~~and~~
- (2) background study results to the license holder; and

(3) background study results to county agencies for background studies conducted by the commissioner for family child care.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 245C.05, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Probation officer and corrections agent.** (a) A probation officer or corrections agent shall notify the commissioner of an individual's conviction if the individual is:

(1) affiliated with a program or facility regulated by the Department of Human Services or Department of Health, a facility serving children or youth licensed by the Department of Corrections, or any type of home care agency or provider of personal care assistance services; and

(2) convicted of a crime constituting a disqualification under section 245C.14.

(b) For the purpose of this subdivision, "conviction" has the meaning given it in section 609.02, subdivision 5.

(c) The commissioner, in consultation with the commissioner of corrections, shall develop forms and information necessary to implement this subdivision and shall provide the forms and information to the commissioner of corrections for distribution to local probation officers and corrections agents.

(d) The commissioner shall inform individuals subject to a background study that criminal convictions for disqualifying crimes will be reported to the commissioner by the corrections system.

(e) A probation officer, corrections agent, or corrections agency is not civilly or criminally liable for disclosing or failing to disclose the information required by this subdivision.

(f) Upon receipt of disqualifying information, the commissioner shall provide the notice required under section 245C.17, as appropriate, to agencies on record as having initiated a background study or making a request for documentation of the background study status of the individual.

(g) This subdivision does not apply to ~~family child care and~~ child foster care programs.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 245C.08, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Background studies conducted by a county or private agency.** (a) For a background study conducted by a county or private agency for child foster care, and adult foster care, ~~and family child care homes,~~ the commissioner shall review:

(1) information from the county agency's record of substantiated maltreatment of adults and the maltreatment of minors;

(2) information from juvenile courts as required in subdivision 4 for individuals listed in section 245C.03, subdivision 1, clauses (2), (5), and (6);

(3) information from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension; and

(4) arrest and investigative records maintained by the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, county attorneys, county sheriffs, courts, county agencies, local police, the National Criminal Records Repository, and criminal records from other states.

(b) If the individual has resided in the county for less than five years, the study shall include the records specified under paragraph (a) for the previous county or counties of residence for the past five years.

(c) Notwithstanding expungement by a court, the county or private agency may consider information obtained under paragraph (a), clauses (3) and (4), unless the commissioner received notice of the petition for expungement and the court order for expungement is directed specifically to the commissioner.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 245C.17, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. **Notice to county agency.** For studies on individuals related to a license to provide family child care, the commissioner shall also provide a notice of the background study results to the county that initiated the background study.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 245C.21, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1a. **Submission of reconsideration request to county agency.** (a) For disqualifications related to studies conducted by county agencies, and for disqualifications related to studies conducted by the commissioner for family child care, the individual shall submit the request for reconsideration to the county that initiated the background study.

(b) A reconsideration request shall be submitted within the time frames specified in subdivision 2.

(c) The county agency shall forward the individual's request for reconsideration and provide the commissioner with a recommendation whether to set aside the individual's disqualification.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 245C.23, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

**Subd. 2. Commissioner's notice of disqualification that is not set aside.** (a) The commissioner shall notify the license holder of the disqualification and order the license holder to immediately remove the individual from any position allowing direct contact with persons receiving services from the license holder if:

(1) the individual studied does not submit a timely request for reconsideration under section 245C.21;

(2) the individual submits a timely request for reconsideration, but the commissioner does not set aside the disqualification for that license holder under section 245C.22;

(3) an individual who has a right to request a hearing under sections 245C.27 and 256.045, or 245C.28 and chapter 14 for a disqualification that has not been set aside, does not request a hearing within the specified time; or

(4) an individual submitted a timely request for a hearing under sections 245C.27 and 256.045, or 245C.28 and chapter 14, but the commissioner does not set aside the disqualification under section 245A.08, subdivision 5, or 256.045.

(b) If the commissioner does not set aside the disqualification under section 245C.22, and the license holder was previously ordered under section 245C.17 to immediately remove the disqualified individual from direct contact with persons receiving services or to ensure that the individual is under

continuous, direct supervision when providing direct contact services, the order remains in effect pending the outcome of a hearing under sections 245C.27 and 256.045, or 245C.28 and chapter 14.

(c) For background studies related to family child care, the commissioner shall also notify the county that initiated the study of the results of the reconsideration.

Sec. 12. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$...... is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services for the biennium beginning July 1, 2007, for purposes of completing background studies for family and group family child care providers under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245C. This appropriation shall become part of the base appropriation.

Sec. 13. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Section 1 is effective the day following final enactment. Sections 2 to 13 are effective January 1, 2008."

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 Carlson, for Senator Murphy, from the Committee on Transportation, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 470:** A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; changing effective date authorizing permit for special paper products vehicle; amending Laws 2005, First Special Session chapter 1, article 4, section 39.

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

Page 1, after line 5, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.864, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Special three-unit vehicle permit.** The commissioner may issue a permit for a vehicle that meets the following requirements:

(1) is a combination of vehicles, including a truck-tractor and a semitrailer drawing one additional semitrailer, which may be equipped with an auxiliary dolly, and no semitrailer used in the three-vehicle combination has an overall length in excess of 28-1/2 feet;

(2) has a maximum gross vehicle weight of 108,000 pounds;

(3) complies with the axle weight limits in section 169.824 or with the federal bridge formula for axle groups not described in that section;

(4) complies with the tire weight limits in section 169.823 or the tire manufacturers' recommended load, whichever is less;

(5) is operated only in this state on Trunk Highway marked 2 between Grand Rapids and the port of Duluth; on Trunk Highway marked 169 between Grand Rapids and its junction with Trunk

Highway marked 53; on Trunk Highway marked 194 between Trunk Highway marked 2 and Trunk Highway marked 53; and on Trunk Highway marked 53 between Virginia and the port of Duluth; and

(6) the seasonal weight increases authorized under section 169.826, subdivision 1, do not apply.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.864, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Special two-unit vehicle permit.** The commissioner may issue a permit for a vehicle that meets the following requirements:

(1) is a combination of vehicles consisting of a truck-tractor and a single semitrailer that may exceed 48 feet, but not 53 feet, if the distance from the kingpin to the centerline of the rear axle group of the semitrailer does not exceed 43 feet;

(2) has a maximum gross vehicle weight of 90,000 pounds or 97,000 pounds if the truck has seven axles;

(3) has a maximum gross vehicle weight of 98,000 pounds during the time when seasonal weight increases authorized under section 169.826, subdivision 1, are in effect;

(4) complies with the axle weight limits in section 169.824 or with the federal bridge formula for axle groups not described in that section;

(5) complies with the tire weight limits in section 169.823 or the tire manufacturers' recommended load, whichever is less; and

(6) is operated only on the highways specified in subdivision 1, clause (5)."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after the semicolon, insert "extending permissible route for three-unit paper products vehicles; allowing certain trucks to qualify for special paper products vehicle permit;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

**Senator Prettner Solon from the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1151:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; increasing 911 emergency telecommunications service fee; providing for completion of statewide public safety radio communication system; authorizing sale of state bonds; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 403.11, subdivision 1; 403.31, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 403.31, subdivision 6.

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



**Senator Prettner Solon from the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 477:** A bill for an act relating to energy; appropriating money for feasibility study for plasma torch gasification facility.

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

**Senator Prettner Solon from the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 904:** A bill for an act relating to energy; creating a revolving loan fund for geothermal heating and cooling applications in public buildings; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216C.

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

**Senator Prettner Solon from the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 480:** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; bioenergy development; establishing a bioenergy producer payment program for cellulosic biofuel production; establishing a bioenergy production incentive program; establishing a bioenergy working lands conservation program; authorizing general obligation bonds; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 17; 41A; 103F.

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

Page 1, line 14, after "production" insert "or bioenergy producers using agricultural feed stocks, both plant, animal, and their by-products"

Page 5, line 26, after "material" insert "or other material composed of agricultural feed stocks, both plant, animal, and their by-products"

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

**Senator Prettner Solon from the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1282:** A bill for an act relating to energy; creating renewable hydrogen initiative; modifying policies to foster use of hydrogen energy; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 216B.812, subdivisions 1, 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

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

Page 3, line 9, delete "216B.013" and insert "216B.8109"

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

**Senator Prettner Solon from the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 538:** A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing a heating and cooling policy for building projects funded with state appropriations; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**"Section 1. [16B.326] HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS; STATE-FUNDED BUILDINGS.**

Geothermal and other renewable energy applications must be considered for heating or cooling for all building projects subject to a predesign review under section 16B.335 that receive any state funding for replacement or initial installation of heating or cooling systems.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2007, and applies to cooling or heating system replacement or installation in buildings that are constructed or maintained with state funds that are subject to predesign review on or after that date."

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

**Senator Scheid from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1168:** A bill for an act relating to commerce; amending insurance requirements for building contractors; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326.94, subdivision 2.

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

Page 1, line 16, after "notice" insert "of cancellation"

Page 1, line 17, delete "of cancellation"

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

**Senator Scheid from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 726:** A bill for an act relating to health care; creating a demonstration project for northeastern Minnesota to operate a community-based health care coverage program; removing references to federal grant program; changing the evaluation report due dates; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 62Q.80, subdivisions 3, 4, 13, 14, by adding a subdivision.

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

Page 1, line 21, strike "the federal grant"

Page 1, line 22, strike "requirements and"

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

**Senator Scheid from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 761:** A bill for an act relating to commerce; regulating franchise agreements between outdoor sport equipment dealers and manufacturers; imposing title requirements; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapters 80G; 86C; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 86B.820; 86B.825; 86B.830; 86B.835; 86B.840; 86B.845; 86B.850; 86B.855; 86B.860; 86B.865; 86B.870; 86B.875; 86B.880; 86B.885; 86B.890; 86B.895; 86B.900; 86B.905; 86B.910; 86B.915; 86B.920.

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

Page 3, line 31, after "(a)" insert "If a dealership agreement is terminated, canceled, or discontinued,"

Page 4, line 23, after "(b)" insert "If a dealership agreement is terminated, canceled, or discontinued,"

Page 6, line 18, delete "merchandise" and insert "outdoor sport equipment"

Page 8, line 24, delete "customer"

Page 9, line 30, delete "now" and insert "then"

Page 10, delete article 2 and insert:

**"ARTICLE 2**

**SPORT EQUIPMENT REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS**

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84.788, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 12. **Proof of sales tax payment.** A person applying for initial registration of an off-highway motorcycle must provide a purchaser's certificate, showing a complete description of the off-highway motorcycle, the seller's name and address, the full purchase price of the off-highway motorcycle, and the trade-in allowance, if any. The certificate must include information showing either (1) that the sales and use tax under chapter 297A was paid or (2) the purchase was exempt from tax under chapter 297A. The commissioner of public safety, in consultation with the commissioner and the commissioner of revenue, shall prescribe the form of the certificate.

The certificate is not required if the applicant provides a receipt, invoice, or other document that shows the off-highway motorcycle was purchased from a retailer maintaining a place of business in this state as defined in section 297A.66, subdivision 1.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for registrations after June 30, 2007.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84.798, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. **Proof of sales tax payment.** A person applying for initial registration of an off-road vehicle must provide a purchaser's certificate, showing a complete description of the off-road vehicle, the seller's name and address, the full purchase price of the off-road vehicle, and the trade-in allowance, if any. The certificate must include information showing either (1) that the sales and use tax under chapter 297A was paid or (2) the purchase was exempt from tax under chapter 297A. The commissioner of public safety, in consultation with the commissioner and the commissioner of revenue, shall prescribe the form of the certificate.

The certificate is not required if the applicant provides a receipt, invoice, or other document that shows the off-road vehicle was purchased from a retailer maintaining a place of business in this state as defined in section 297A.66, subdivision 1.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective for registrations after June 30, 2007."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, delete everything after the first semicolon

Page 1, line 4, delete "money" and insert "establishing registration requirements"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

**Senator Vickerman from the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 409:** A bill for an act relating to consumer protection; regulating certain contracts entered into by military service personnel; authorizing cancellations; requiring utilities to establish payment arrangements for military service personnel; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 325E; 325G.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**"Section 1. [325E.027] UTILITY PAYMENT ARRANGEMENTS FOR MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL.**

Subdivision 1. **Restriction on disconnection; payment schedules.** (a) A municipal utility, cooperative electric association, or public utility must not disconnect the utility service of a residential customer if a member of the household has been issued orders into active duty, for deployment, or for a permanent change in duty station during the period of active duty, deployment, or change in duty station if such a residential customer:

(1) has a household income below the state median household income or is receiving energy assistance and enters into an agreement with the municipal utility, cooperative electric association, or public utility under which the residential customer pays ten percent of the customer's gross monthly income toward the customer's bill and the residential customer remains reasonably current with

those payments; or

(2) has a household income above the state median household income and enters into an agreement with the municipal utility, cooperative electric association, or public utility establishing a reasonable payment schedule that considers the financial resources of the household and the residential customer remains reasonably current with payments under the payment schedule.

(b) For purposes of this subdivision, "household income" means household income measured after the date of the orders specified in paragraph (a).

Subd. 2. **Annual notice to all customers; inability to pay forms.** (a) A municipal utility, cooperative electric association, or public utility must notify all residential customers annually of the provisions of this section.

(b) A municipal utility, cooperative electric association, or public utility must provide a form to a residential customer to request the protections of this section upon the residential customer's request.

Subd. 3. **Application to service limiters.** For the purposes of this section, "disconnection" includes a service or load limiter or any device that limits or interrupts electric service in any way.

Subd. 4. **Income verification.** Verification of income may be conducted by the local energy assistance provider or the municipal utility, cooperative electric association, or public utility unless the customer is automatically eligible for protection against disconnection as a recipient of any form of public assistance, including energy assistance, that uses income eligibility in an amount at or below the income eligibility in subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clause (1).

Subd. 5. **Appeal process.** (a) The municipal utility, cooperative electric association, or public utility shall provide the residential customer with a commission-approved written notice of the right to appeal to the commission when the utility and residential customer are unable to agree on the establishment, reasonableness, or modification of a payment schedule, or on the reasonable timeliness of the payments under a payment schedule, provided for by this section. Any appeal must be made within seven working days after the residential customer's receipt of personally served notice, or within ten working days after the utility has deposited first class mail notice in the United States mail.

(b) The utility shall not disconnect service while a payment schedule is pending appeal, or until any appeal involving payment schedules has been determined by the commission.

## Sec. 2. **[325G.53] CANCELLATION WITHOUT PENALTY OF WIRELESS CONTRACTS BY MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL.**

Subdivision 1. **Authority.** Any service member who has been issued orders into active duty, for deployment, or for a permanent change of duty station, or the spouse of the service member, may terminate, without penalty, a wireless service contract, or some portion of it, that is executed by or on behalf of the service member or by the spouse of that service member. "Service member" includes any business entity wholly owned by the service member or the service member's spouse.

Subd. 2. **When effective.** Termination of the wireless service contract is not effective until both of the following occur:

(1) 30 days after the service member or the service member's spouse gives notice by certified mail, return receipt requested, of the intention to terminate the wireless service contract or part of it, and provides a copy of the service member's order for activation, deployment, or change of duty station; and

(2) if the service member or the service member's spouse owns the wireless telephone, the wireless telephone is returned to the custody or control of the wireless carrier, or the service member or the service member's spouse agrees in writing to return the wireless telephone as soon as practicable after the military service is completed.

**Sec. 3. [325G.54] CANCELLATION WITHOUT PENALTY OF RENTAL, CLUB, SERVICE, AND MEMBERSHIP TRAVEL CONTRACTS BY MILITARY SERVICE PERSONNEL.**

**Subdivision 1. Application.** This section applies to any rental contracts, club contracts under section 325G.23, service contracts, and membership travel contracts under section 325G.50 in which:

(1) such a contract was executed by or on the behalf of a person who, after the execution of the contract, was issued orders into active duty, for deployment, or for a permanent change of duty station; and

(2) where as a result of the orders it is impractical for the person to enjoy the benefits of the contract. For purposes of this subdivision, "service member" includes any business entity wholly owned by the service member or the service member's spouse.

**Subd. 2. Authority.** A service member who enters into a rental, club, service, or membership travel contract, and who is issued orders into active duty, for deployment, or for a permanent change of duty station, subsequent to the execution of the contract, is entitled to cancel the contract at no penalty and with a full refund of any money which may have been placed on deposit where the service member's military activation, deployment, or change in duty station causes it to be impractical for the service member to abide by the terms and conditions of the contract. For purposes of this subdivision, "service member" includes any business entity wholly owned by the service member or the service member's spouse. For purposes of this section, "service contract" includes those for services such as television, computer, Internet service, or any other type of service.

**Subd. 3. Notice.** Any such contract may be terminated by notice in writing sent to the contractor by the person issued orders for active duty, for deployment, or for a permanent change of duty station, canceling the service member's rental, club, or membership travel contract within two weeks of the service member's receipt of the orders, and the notice must include a copy of the orders in question. Delivery of the notice must be made by certified mail addressed to the contractor. For purposes of this subdivision, "service member" includes any business entity wholly owned by the service member or the service member's spouse.

**Sec. 4. [325G.55] OTHER RIGHTS AND PROTECTIONS.**

The rights and protections afforded to service members under the Servicemembers Civil Relief Act, United States Code, title 50, Appendix, sections 501 to 596, also apply in Minnesota to any business wholly owned by the service member or the service member's spouse.

**Sec. 5. ENFORCEMENT.**

Section 1 may be enforced pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B. Sections 2, 3, and 4 may be enforced by the attorney general pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 8.31, and are subject to the penalties set forth in that section."

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

**Senator Vickerman from the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 170:** A bill for an act relating to the military; authorizing deferment of special assessments for certain members of the armed forces; clarifying that grants from the Support Our Troops account may be made to eligible individuals to pay special assessments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 190.19, subdivision 2; 435.193.

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

Page 1, delete section 1

Page 2, line 22, strike "FOR SENIORS OR"

Page 2, line 23, strike "DISABLED"

Page 2, line 31, delete "for a period of one year or more,"

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title accordingly

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 Pappas from the Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 653:** A bill for an act relating to higher education; regulating the charging of resident tuition; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 135A.

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

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

**S.F. No. 851:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; expanding the crimes for which sex offender assessments must be conducted; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609.3457, subdivision 4.

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

Page 1, line 9, delete "609.322; 609.324" and insert "609.322, subdivision 1; 609.324, subdivision 1"

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. 1053:** A bill for an act relating to Ramsey County; modifying corrections provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 383A.08, subdivisions 6, 7.

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

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

**S.F. No. 1340:** A bill for an act relating to public defense; requiring the Board of Public Defense to allocate and distribute funds based on weighted caseload; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 611.27, subdivision 1.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **PUBLIC DEFENDER STUDY AND REPORT REQUIRED.**

The State Board of Public Defense and the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners shall jointly prepare a report to the legislature on the history of the funding of the public defender's office in the Fourth Judicial District provided by the state and Hennepin County. The report must compare the costs and services provided by the Fourth Judicial District Public Defender's Office to the costs and services provided by the state Board of Public Defense in all other public defender district offices. The report must detail the amount of funding provided by Hennepin County to the Fourth Judicial District Public Defender's Office and the amount necessary for the state to assume the full costs of the public defender duties in the Fourth Judicial District as in the other judicial districts throughout the state. The report must also recommend specific legislation that would provide for an appropriate resolution of the state and local funding of the Fourth Judicial District Public Defender's Office. The report must be completed by October 1, 2007, and be submitted to the commissioner of finance, the chairs and ranking minority members of the senate and house committees and divisions with jurisdiction over finance, judiciary, judiciary finance, and public safety finance, and the house Ways and Means Committee."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to public defense; requiring a report to the legislature on public defender services in the Fourth Judicial District."

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

**Senator Bakk from the Committee on Taxes, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1024:** A bill for an act relating to state debt collection; changing certain time limits, collection costs, and referrals relating to debt collection duties of commissioner of revenue; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16D.04, subdivisions 1, 2; 16D.11, subdivisions 2, 7; 270C.56, subdivision 1; 270C.63, subdivision 9.

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



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

**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.

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

Page 1, line 11, after the second "a" insert "recovery-focused"

Page 1, line 15, delete "from enforcing a league" and insert "or school district from enforcing a league or district"

Page 1, line 16, after "league" insert "or district"

Page 1, line 17, delete everything after "effective" and insert "the day following final enactment."

Page 1, delete line 18

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

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS**

S.F. Nos. 470, 538, 1168, 653, 1053, 1340 and 1499 were read the second time.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Senator Metzen moved that his name be stricken as chief author, and the name of Senator Chaudhary be shown as chief author to S.F. No. 561. The motion prevailed.

Senator Torres Ray moved that the name of Senator Erickson Ropes be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 578. The motion prevailed.

Senator Wiger moved that the name of Senator Sheran be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1314. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved that the names of Senators Robling and Moua be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 1539. The motion prevailed.

Senator Bonoff moved that the name of Senator Saltzman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1613. The motion prevailed.

Senator Bonoff moved that the name of Senator Saltzman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1614. The motion prevailed.

Senator Limmer moved that the name of Senator Tomassoni be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1617. The motion prevailed.

Senator Wiger moved that S.F. No. 387 be withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight. The motion prevailed.

Senator Koch moved that S.F. No. 797 be withdrawn from the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs and re-referred to the Committee on Finance. The motion prevailed.

**Senator Michel introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 54:** A Senate resolution recognizing April 9, 2007, as the 65th anniversary of the start of the Bataan Death March.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Bakk moved that S.F. No. 1378 be withdrawn from the Committee on Taxes and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**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. 108 and 563, which the committee recommends to pass.

S.F. No. 112, which the committee recommends to pass, after the following motion:

Senator Neuville moved to amend S.F. No. 112 as follows:

Page 1, after line 17, insert:

"Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.343, subdivision 1, is repealed."

Amend the title accordingly

Senator Betzold questioned whether the amendment was germane.

The Chair ruled that the amendment was not germane.

Senator Limmer appealed the decision of the Chair.

The question was taken on "Shall the decision of the Chair be the judgment of the Senate?"

The roll was called, and there were yeas 43 and nays 22, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Anderson	Dibble	Lourey	Prettner Solon	Skogen
Bakk	Doll	Lynch	Rest	Sparks
Berglin	Erickson Ropes	Marty	Rummel	Stumpf
Betzold	Foley	Metzen	Saltzman	Tomassoni
Bonoff	Higgins	Moua	Saxhaug	Torres Ray
Carlson	Kubly	Olseen	Scheid	Vickerman
Chaudhary	Langseth	Olson, M.	Sheran	Wiger
Clark	Larson	Pappas	Sieben	
Cohen	Latz	Pogemiller	Skoe	

Those who voted in the negative were:

Day	Gimse	Koch	Olson, G.	Vandev eer
Dille	Hann	Koering	Pariseau	Wergin
Fischbach	Ingebrigtsen	Limmer	Robling	
Frederickson	Johnson	Michel	Rosen	
Gerlach	Jungbauer	Neuvill e	Senjem	

So the decision of the Chair was sustained.

On motion of Senator Pogemiller, 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.

#### **Senator Rest introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1620:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; creating a new component of general education revenue to support school counselors; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.10, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### **Senators Pogemiller, Senjem and Rest introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1621:** A bill for an act relating to the legislature; abolishing the legislative commission on Minnesota-Ontario matters; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 3.884.

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

#### **Senators Rest, Anderson, Chaudhary, Vickerman and Dille introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1622:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; providing for emergency management of invasive species; appropriating money for invasive species management; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84D.02, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

#### **Senators Sieben, Langseth, Chaudhary, Dille and Frederickson introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1623:** A bill for an act relating to income tax; establishing the Minnesota Land Conservation Incentives Act of 2007; providing a credit for certain land donations; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 84; 290.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

#### **Senators Rest, Murphy, Bonoff, Sieben and Day introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1624:** A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; increasing vehicle registration taxes,

title transaction fees, and driver's license fees; making technical and clarifying changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 168.013, subdivisions 1a, 1b, 1c, 1d, 1e, 1f, 1g, 1h, 18; 168A.29, subdivision 1; 171.06, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1625:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; providing declining pupil unit aid to Independent School District No. 38, Red Lake.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1626:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; Minnesota State Retirement System and Public Employees Retirement Association; providing annuity back payments to a certain annuitant who was not timely accorded a combined service annuity.

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

**Senator Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1627:** A bill for an act relating to human services; providing a group residential housing supplemental rate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256I.05, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Scheid, Marty, Metzen and Olseen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1628:** A bill for an act relating to commerce; providing a payment mechanism for technology used by the Department of Commerce in connection with licensing requirements for mortgage originators and servicers, insurance agents, real estate agents, real estate closing agents, real estate appraisers, debt collection agencies, and real estate abstractors; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 58.10, subdivision 1; 60K.55, subdivision 2; 82.24, subdivisions 1, 4; 82B.09, subdivision 1; 332.33, subdivisions 3, 6; 386.68; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 45.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

**Senators Michel; Scheid; Wiger; Olson, M. and Moua introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1629:** A bill for an act relating to uniform acts; providing for the Uniform Real Property Electronic Recording Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 325L.03; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 508B.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senator Limmer introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1630:** A bill for an act relating to tax increment financing; allowing city of Dayton to establish a district subject to special rules.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Metzen, Gerlach, Day, Sparks and Tomassoni introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1631:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing a temporary reduction in lawful gambling tax rates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297E.02, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Betzold introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1632:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; establishing dates for full funding for certain retirement plans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 356.215, subdivision 11.

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

**Senator Betzold introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1633:** A bill for an act relating to property taxation; property tax refund; increasing property tax refunds for homeowners; modifying household income for persons age 65 or older; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 290A.03, subdivision 3; 290A.04, subdivisions 2, 4.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Skogen, Skoe, Langseth and Koering introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1634:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing a tax-free renaissance zone for the site of the Fergus Falls regional treatment center campus; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 272.02, by adding a subdivision; 290.01, subdivisions 19b, as amended, 29; 290.06, by adding subdivisions; 290.091, subdivision 2; 290.0921, subdivision 3; 290.0922, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 469.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Kubly introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1635:** A bill for an act relating to energy; increasing capacity of wind energy that a school board may own; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 123B.02, subdivision 21.

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

**Senator Rest introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1636:** A bill for an act relating to education; establishing a State Board of Education; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 120A.05, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding

for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 127A.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senator Latz introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1637:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money to reconstruct Trunk Highway 100; authorizing sale of trunk highway bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Latz introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1638:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for construction of interchange at Trunk Highway 7; authorizing sale of trunk highway bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Langseth, Larson, Senjem, Dibble and Moua introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1639:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing for an income tax credit for investments in qualified business ventures in Minnesota; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 290.06, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

**Senators Senjem and Wergin introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1640:** A bill for an act relating to utilities; requiring consumer disclosure of renewable energy mandate costs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 216B.1691, by adding a subdivision.

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

**Senators Senjem and Wergin introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1641:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; allocating motor vehicle sales tax proceeds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297B.09, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Senjem and Wergin introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1642:** A bill for an act relating to education; establishing a six-year pilot program to examine the impact of school calendar arrangements on student learning; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senator Senjem introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1643:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; Public Employees Retirement Association; authorizing application for a retirement annuity.

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

**Senator Senjem introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1644:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; Public Employees Retirement Association police and fire plan; authorizing survivor benefit for the survivor of a deceased member.

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

**Senator Senjem introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1645:** A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying restrictions on using artificial lights to locate animals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.081, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senator Senjem introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1646:** A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing payment rates for nursing facilities in Dodge and other specified counties to the Olmsted County median rate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.434, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Vandever; Olson, G.; Olseen; Senjem and Moua introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1647:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; expanding the class 4c property classification to certain nonprofit community service oriented organizations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 273.13, subdivision 25.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Larson, Rest, Dibble and Jungbauer introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1648:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; establishing minimum standards for compatible land uses in airport safety zones; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 360.066, subdivisions 1, 1a, 1b, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 360.066, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senators Kubly, Frederickson, Ortman and Neuville introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1649:** A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a grant to the Minnesota Valley Regional Rail Authority to rehabilitate railroad track; authorizing issuance

of general obligation bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Betzold introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1650:** A bill for an act relating to data practices; modifying provisions governing classification of public pension plan data; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 13.63, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 13.43, subdivision 2a; 13.632.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Torres Ray, Moua, Marty, Pappas and Larson introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1651:** A bill for an act relating to elections; requiring certain voting materials to be printed in languages other than English; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 204B.27, subdivisions 3, 11.

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

**Senator Chaudhary introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1652:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; requiring a wild rice management plan.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senators Koering; Olson, M.; Skoe; Erickson Ropes and Kubly introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1653:** A bill for an act relating to sales tax; providing a sales tax exemption for construction materials used in wastewater and water treatment facilities in the cities of Brainerd and Baxter; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297A.71, by adding subdivisions.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Kubly and Vickerman introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1654:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; establishing the greater Minnesota facilities aid grant program; establishing eligibility of school districts; defining the use of grant funds; creating a match requirement; creating criteria for qualification; establishing an application process; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 126C.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Koering; Saxhaug; Larson; Olson, M. and Tomassoni introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1655:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing funding for hotel fire inspections; removing inspection fees; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 299F.46, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 299F.46,



subdivisions 3, 4.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Tomassoni introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1656:** A bill for an act relating to farm wineries; allowing farm wineries to operate restaurants on site; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 340A.315, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

**Senators Langseth, Skoe and Dille introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1657:** A bill for an act relating to the Minnesota State Agricultural Society; authorizing the society to retain certain admissions sales tax proceeds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 37.13, by adding a subdivision; 289A.31, subdivision 7.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

**Senator Sieben introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1658:** A bill for an act relating to local government aid; adding to the city base adjustment for certain cities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 477A.011, subdivision 36.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Wergin, Clark and Jungbauer introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1659:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales tax; providing a sales tax exemption for materials and supplies used in the construction of a public works building in Sherburne County; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297A.71, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Lourey and Dille introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1660:** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; establishing a food safety and defense task force; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 28A.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

**Senators Olson, M.; Marty; Rosen; Fischbach and Lourey introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1661:** A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money to support activities to help people with disabilities relocate from nursing facilities to community settings.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Betzold introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1662:** A bill for an act relating to state employees; establishing a pilot project to provide employees with electronic health records; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Betzold introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1663:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; extending filing deadlines; requiring certain written applications; amending disability benefit provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 352.113, subdivision 4; 352.95, subdivisions 3, 4, 5; 352B.10, subdivision 5, by adding a subdivision.

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

**Senator Betzold introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1664:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; amending certain correctional employee disability benefit provisions; defining terms; amending age limits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 352.95, subdivisions 1, 2, 5, 7, by adding subdivisions.

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

**Senator Wiger introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1665:** A bill for an act relating to education; providing for a hearing loss early education intervention coordinator; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 125A.63, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senator Clark introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1666:** A bill for an act relating to bioscience and technology; establishing a bioscience business promotion and marketing program in the Department of Employment and Economic Development; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

**Senator Wiger introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1667:** A bill for an act relating to education; modifying certain provisions of charter school law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 124D.10, subdivisions 3, 4, 4a, 6, 8, 9, 14, 16, 17, 20, 21, 23; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 124D.10, subdivision 2a.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senators Torres Ray, Saltzman and Bonoff introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1668:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; creating an extended year kindergarten program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Rest and Pogemiller introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1669:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; income tax administration; appropriating money for grants to nonprofit entities to facilitate the delivery of volunteer assistance to low-income taxpayers.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Vickerman introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1670:** A bill for an act relating to veterans affairs; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Dibble introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1671:** A bill for an act relating to the environment; restricting outdoor light pollution; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

**Senator Dibble introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1672:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; authorizing counties to form joint powers boards to impose a 0.50 percent local sales tax for transportation and transit purposes; requiring joint powers boards to establish grant process and award grants for transportation and transit projects; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 297A.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senator Dibble introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1673:** A bill for an act relating to student transportation; establishing procedures and standards for contracting for private student transportation services; establishing a grant program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 123B.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Kubly introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1674:** A bill for an act relating to biosciences and technology; establishing a technology and commercialization unit in the Department of Employment and Economic Development;

requiring a report; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

**Senator Lourey introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1675:** A bill for an act relating to the military; expanding uses for money in the Minnesota "Support Our Troops" account; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 190.19, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

**Senators Chaudhary and Olson, M. introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1676:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; reorganizing the Minnesota Financial Crimes Oversight Council and Task Force; transferring responsibility over the oversight council and task force from the commissioner of public safety to the attorney general; providing the oversight council with more autonomy, including more control over appropriated money; striking the requirement that the oversight council seek a nonstate match to state-appropriated funds; expanding the oversight council's and task force's jurisdiction to include organized retail crime; expanding the authority of the oversight council over the task force commander; adding legislators to the oversight council; requiring a \$1 surcharge on each driver's license and Minnesota identification card issued and statutorily appropriating this money for the oversight council and task force; requiring an annual report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 171.06, subdivision 2; 299A.681; Laws 2005, chapter 136, article 1, section 9, subdivision 6; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 8.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Higgins, Scheid, Tomassoni, Bakk and Johnson introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1677:** A bill for an act relating to occupations; registration required for hair braiding; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 154.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

**Senators Scheid and Ortman introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1678:** A bill for an act relating to public defense; providing for public defender representation for certain minors and persons; removing certain provisions requiring mandatory representation by the public defender; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 611.14; 611.16; 611.18.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senator Betzold introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1679:** A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money to the secretary of state.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Olseen introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1680:** A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; modifying vehicle weight schedules for purposes of the vehicle registration tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 168.013, subdivisions 1e, 12.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senators Saltzman, Metzen, Rummel and Wiger introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1681:** A bill for an act relating to health and the environment; establishing a Health Risk Advisory Council; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 103H.201, by adding a subdivision.

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

**Senator Olseen introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1682:** A bill for an act relating to traffic regulations; modifying provisions relating to commercial vehicle inspections; making clarifying changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 169.781; 169.782, subdivision 1; 169.783, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

**Senators Saltzman, Metzen, Sieben, Rummel and Marty introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1683:** A bill for an act relating to health; appropriating money for evaluation of point of use water treatment.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Gerlach introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1684:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; Teachers Retirement Association; revising contribution rates; authorizing service credit grant for periods of uniformed service until July 1, 2012; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 354.42, subdivisions 2, 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 354.

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

**Senators Hann and Michel introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1685:** A bill for an act relating to insurance; providing Minnesota employers and residents with the freedom to buy coverage approved for sale in any state; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 62A.02, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

**Senators Chaudhary, Pogemiller and Pappas introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1686:** A bill for an act relating to higher education; establishing an India Center at the University of Minnesota; requiring a report; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Marty introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1687:** A bill for an act relating to state government; prohibiting contracts under competitive bidding process for certain offenses; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

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

**Senators Scheid, Jungbauer, Dibble, Sieben and Day introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1688:** A bill for an act relating to motor carriers; regulating insurance requirements for certain carriers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 221.141, subdivision 1e.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

**Senators Prettner Solon, Dille and Bonoff introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1689:** A bill for an act relating to health; providing for universal health care coverage; requiring guaranteed issue of minimum coverage by all health plans; requiring individuals to have minimum health coverage; establishing the Minnesota Health Care Access Portal; extending dependent coverage of nonstudents to age 25; creating an income tax credit for health care costs; allowing deductions for health insurance premiums; eliminating the MinnesotaCare four-month uninsured requirement; authorizing medical home demonstration projects; promoting the adoption of electronic health information systems; establishing prevention and public health programs; requiring studies; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 62A.65, by adding a subdivision; 62E.02, subdivision 7; 62L.02, subdivision 11; 62Q.165; 120B.021, subdivision 1; 120B.023, subdivision 2; 120B.024; 256B.0625, subdivision 3b; 256L.07, subdivisions 1, 3; 290.01, subdivision 19b, as amended; 290.091, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 62Q; 121A; 290; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 62A.301; 62A.65, subdivision 6.

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

**Senators Lynch and Senjem introduced–**

**S.F. No. 1690:** A bill for an act relating to health; clarifying the purpose of the health care access fund; providing for a contingent reduction in the MinnesotaCare provider tax; eliminating certain transfers from the health care access fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16A.724; 295.52, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16A.724, subdivision 2; 295.581.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**RECESS**

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now recess until 5:45 p.m. The motion prevailed.

The hour of 5:45 p.m. having arrived, the President called the Senate to order.

**CALL OF THE SENATE**

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

**RECESS**

Senator Pogemiller 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.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Senators Murphy and Ortman were excused from the Session of today. Senator Jungbauer was excused from the Session of today from 11:50 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Senators Day and Latz were excused from the Session of today at 5:45 p.m.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 12, 2007. The motion prevailed.

The Senate adjourned to attend the Joint Convention to elect members to the Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota.

Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate





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