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NINETY-FOURTH LEGISLATURE

ELEVENTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Thursday, March 13, 2025

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

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Klein 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 Arielle Lekach-Rosenberg.

Johnson

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Lucero

Mann

Marty

Johnson Stewart

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 were present:

Duckworth Eichorn Farnsworth Frentz Green Gruenhagen Gustafson Hauschild Hawj Hoffman Housley Jasinski Mathews Maye Quade McEwen Miller Mitchell Mohamed Murphy Nelson Oumou Verbeten Pappas Pha Port Pratt

Putnam Rarick Rasmusson Rest Seeberger Utke Weber Wesenberg Westlin Westrom Wiklund Xiong

The President declared a quorum present.

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

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received.

March 7, 2025

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion President of the Senate

Dear Senator Champion:

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

PROFESSIONAL EDUCATOR LICENSING AND STANDARDS BOARD

Gift Saloka, 815 Golfview Ln., Saint Cloud, in the county of Stearns, effective March 12, 2025, for a term expiring on January 3, 2028.

Brandee Shoemaker, 1636 N. 5th St., Montevideo, in the county of Chippewa, effective March 12, 2025, for a term expiring on January 3, 2028.

Glazell Toldeo, 7300 Brooklyn Blvd., Brooklyn Park, in the county of Hennepin, effective March 12, 2025, for a term expiring on January 3, 2028.

(Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.)

Sincerely, Tim Walz, Governor

March 12, 2025

The Honorable Peggy Flanagan Lieutenant Governor

Dear Lieutenant Governor Peggy Flanagan:

As the President of the Senate, I hereby make the following appointments:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes

15B.03: Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board - Senators Sandra Pappas and Carla Nelson to serve a term until January 1, 2029.

Sincerely, Bobby Joe Champion President of the Senate

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following Senate File, herewith returned:

S.F. No. 1552: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; modifying financial reporting requirements for grain buyers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 223.17, subdivision 6.

Patrick Duffy Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned March 10, 2025

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following House File, herewith transmitted: H.F. No. 23.

Patrick Duffy Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted March 10, 2025

FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

The following bill was read the first time.

H.F. No. 23: A bill for an act relating to employment; providing definitions; modifying whistleblower protections for public employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 181.931, by adding subdivisions; 181.932, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

Senator Cwodzinski from the Committee on Education Policy, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2067: A bill for an act relating to education; allowing for administration of a nationally recognized college entrance exam; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 120B.30, subdivisions 11, 12, 13, 16; 120B.302, subdivision 1; 120B.303, subdivision 2; 120B.305, subdivision 2; 136F.302, subdivisions 1, 1a; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 120B.302, subdivision 2.

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

Page 3, line 26, delete everything after "that" and insert "assesses science skills."

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

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Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1046: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income and corporate franchise; modifying transfer and certification provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 290.0695, subdivisions 1, 3.

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

Senator Kunesh from the Committee on Education Finance, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1197: A bill for an act relating to education finance; establishing school district seasonal tax base replacement aid; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 126C.13, subdivision 4; 126C.17, by adding a subdivision.

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

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

S.F. No. 1024: A bill for an act relating to health insurance; establishing a premium subsidy program administered by MNsure; providing a sunset for the Minnesota premium security plan; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 62E.23, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62V; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 62E.21; 62E.22; 62E.23; 62E.24; 62E.25.

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

Page 2, line 16, delete "receiving" and insert "eligible for"

Page 2, line 18, delete "section 256B.055 or 256L.04" and insert "chapters 256B and 256L"

Page 3, line 21, delete everything after the period

Page 3, delete line 22

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Page 3, line 23, delete everything before "The"

Page 3, after line 32, insert:

"(e) The board may withhold payments, charge back payments, and otherwise utilize all authority granted to the board under state law to recover from health carriers premium subsidies provided but that do not comply with the applicable legal requirements of this section."

Page 4, delete subdivision 4

Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

Page 4, line 10, delete everything after the comma

Page 4, delete lines 11 to 13

Page 4, line 14, delete "(2)"

Page 4, line 15, delete "sections 256B.055 and 256L.04" and insert "chapters 256B and 256L"

Page 4, after line 29, insert:

"Sec. 6. REVISOR INSTRUCTION.

The revisor of statutes must remove or amend, as applicable, all references and provisions relating to the premium security account and the Minnesota premium security plan in Minnesota Statutes to reflect the expiration of the Minnesota premium security plan as intended in this act."

Renumber the sections in sequence

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 Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 1690: A bill for an act relating to environment; establishing stewardship program for circuit boards, batteries, and electrical products; prohibiting mercury in batteries; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 115.071, subdivision 1; 115A.121; 115A.554; 116.92, subdivision 6, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 115A.1310, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 12a, 12b, 12c, 13, 14, 15, 17, 18, 19, 20; 115A.1312; 115A.1314; 115A.1316; 115A.1318; 115A.1320; 115A.1322; 115A.1323; 115A.1324; 115A.1326; 115A.1328; 115A.1330; 115A.9155; 115A.9157, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; 115A.961, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 325E.125; 325E.1251.

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

Senator Xiong from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 447: A bill for an act relating to commerce; establishing a consumer protection restitution account; excluding consumer enforcement public compensation payments from certain calculations of income; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 8.31, subdivision 2c; 16A.151, subdivision 2; 290.0132, by adding a subdivision; 290.0693, subdivision 1; 290A.03, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 8.

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

Page 8, line 26, delete "retroactively"

Page 8, line 27, delete "2023" and insert "2025"

Page 10, line 14, delete "retroactively"

Page 10, line 15, delete "2023" and insert "2025"

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

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

S.F. No. 1876: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring pharmacy benefit managers and health carriers to include lower-cost drugs in their formularies; requiring formulary structure and formulary tiering for each health plan to give preference to the drug with the lowest out-of-pocket cost to the patient; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62W.

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

Page 2, line 12, delete the colon

Page 2, line 13, delete "(1)" and delete "; and" and insert a period

Page 2, delete line 14

Page 2, line 18, delete the colon

Page 2, line 19, delete "(1)" and delete "; and" and insert a period

Page 2, delete line 20

Page 3, line 4, delete everything after the first "drug"

Page 3, line 5, delete "cost"

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Amendments adopted.

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

S.F. No. 1877: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring pharmacy benefit managers and health carriers to use prescription drug rebates and other compensation to benefit covered persons; requiring a report; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62W.

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

Page 2, after line 9, insert:

(1) \$25 for a generic drug; and

(2) \$55 for a brand name drug."

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Amendments adopted.

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

S.F. No. 1806: A bill for an act relating to health; prohibiting certain formulary changes during the plan year; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.

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

Page 2, after line 15, insert:

"Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.0625, subdivision 13, is amended to read:

Subd. 13. **Drugs.** (a) Medical assistance covers drugs, except for fertility drugs when specifically used to enhance fertility, if prescribed by a licensed practitioner and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist, by a physician enrolled in the medical assistance program as a dispensing physician, or by a physician, a physician assistant, or an advanced practice registered nurse employed by or under contract with a community health board as defined in section 145A.02, subdivision 5, for the purposes of communicable disease control.

(b) The dispensed quantity of a prescription drug must not exceed a 34-day supply unless authorized by the commissioner or as provided in paragraph (h) or the drug appears on the 90-day supply list published by the commissioner. The 90-day supply list shall be published by the commissioner on the department's website. The commissioner may add to, delete from, and otherwise modify the 90-day supply list after providing public notice and the opportunity for a 15-day public comment period. The 90-day supply list may include cost-effective generic drugs and shall not include controlled substances.

(c) For the purpose of this subdivision and subdivision 13d, an "active pharmaceutical ingredient" is defined as a substance that is represented for use in a drug and when used in the manufacturing, processing, or packaging of a drug becomes an active ingredient of the drug product. An "excipient" is defined as an inert substance used as a diluent or vehicle for a drug. The commissioner shall establish a list of active pharmaceutical ingredients and excipients which are included in the medical assistance formulary. Medical assistance covers selected active pharmaceutical ingredients and excipients used in compounded prescriptions when the compounded combination is specifically approved by the commissioner or when a commercially available product:

(1) is not a therapeutic option for the patient;

(2) does not exist in the same combination of active ingredients in the same strengths as the compounded prescription; and

(3) cannot be used in place of the active pharmaceutical ingredient in the compounded prescription.

(d) Medical assistance covers the following over-the-counter drugs when prescribed by a licensed practitioner or by a licensed pharmacist who meets standards established by the commissioner, in consultation with the board of pharmacy: antacids, acetaminophen, family planning products, aspirin, insulin, products for the treatment of lice, vitamins for adults with documented vitamin deficiencies, vitamins for children under the age of seven and pregnant or nursing women, and any other over-the-counter drug identified by the commissioner, in consultation with the Formulary Committee, as necessary, appropriate, and cost-effective for the treatment of certain specified chronic diseases, conditions, or disorders, and this determination shall not be subject to the requirements of chapter 14. A pharmacist may prescribe over-the-counter medications as provided under this paragraph for purposes of receiving reimbursement under Medicaid. When prescribing over-the-counter drugs under this paragraph, licensed pharmacists must consult with the recipient to determine necessity, provide drug counseling, review drug therapy for potential adverse interactions, and make referrals as needed to other health care professionals.

(e) Effective January 1, 2006, medical assistance shall not cover drugs that are coverable under Medicare Part D as defined in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, section 1860D-2(e), for individuals eligible for drug coverage as defined in the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003, Public Law 108-173, section 1860D-1(a)(3)(A). For these individuals, medical assistance may cover drugs from the drug classes listed in United States Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(d)(2), subject to this subdivision and subdivisions 13a to 13g, except that drugs listed in United States Code, title 42, section 1396r-8(d)(2)(E), shall not be covered.

(f) Medical assistance covers drugs acquired through the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program and dispensed by 340B covered entities and ambulatory pharmacies under common ownership of the 340B covered entity. Medical assistance does not cover drugs acquired through the federal 340B Drug Pricing Program and dispensed by 340B contract pharmacies.

(g) Notwithstanding paragraph (a), medical assistance covers self-administered hormonal contraceptives prescribed and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist in accordance with section 151.37, subdivision 14; nicotine replacement medications prescribed and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist in accordance with section 151.37, subdivision 15; and opiate antagonists used for the treatment of an acute opiate overdose prescribed and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist in accordance with section 151.37, subdivision 15; and opiate antagonists used for the treatment of an acute opiate overdose prescribed and dispensed by a licensed pharmacist in accordance with section 151.37, subdivision 16.

(h) Medical assistance coverage for a prescription contraceptive must provide a 12-month supply for any prescription contraceptive if a 12-month supply is prescribed by the prescribing health care provider. The prescribing health care provider must determine the appropriate duration for which to prescribe the prescription contraceptives, up to 12 months. For purposes of this paragraph, "prescription contraceptive" means any drug or device that requires a prescription and is approved by the Food and Drug Administration to prevent pregnancy. Prescription contraceptive does not include an emergency contraceptive drug approved to prevent pregnancy when administered after

sexual contact. For purposes of this paragraph, "health plan" has the meaning provided in section 62Q.01, subdivision 3.

(i) Notwithstanding a removal of a drug from the drug formulary under subdivision 13d, except as provided in paragraphs (j) and (k), medical assistance covers a drug, with respect to an enrollee who was previously prescribed the drug during the calendar year and while the drug was on the formulary, at the same level until January 1 of the calendar year following the year in which the commissioner removed the drug from the formulary.

(j) Paragraph (i) does not apply if the commissioner changes the drug formulary:

(1) for a drug that has been deemed unsafe by the United States Food and Drug Administration (FDA);

(2) for a drug that has been withdrawn by the FDA or the drug manufacturer; or

(3) when an independent source of research, clinical guidelines, or evidence-based standards has issued drug-specific warnings or recommended changes with respect to a drug's use for reasons related to previously unknown and imminent patient harm.

(k) Paragraph (i) does not apply if the commissioner removes a brand name drug from the formulary if the commissioner:

(1) adds to the formulary a generic or multisource brand name drug rated as therapeutically equivalent according to the FDA Orange Book, or a biologic drug rated as interchangeable according to the FDA Purple Book, at the same or lower cost to the enrollee; and

(2) provides at least a 60-day notice to prescribers, pharmacists, and affected enrollees.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2026, or upon federal approval, whichever is later. The commissioner of human services shall notify the revisor of statutes when federal approval is obtained."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after the second semicolon, insert "prohibiting the medical assistance program from implementing changes to its formulary for certain enrollees;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

And when so amended the bill do pass and be re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. Amendments adopted.

Senator McEwen from the Committee on Labor, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2149: A bill for an act relating to labor and industry; making policy and technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 177.24, by adding a subdivision; 177.27, subdivision 5; 326B.0981, subdivision 4; 326B.31, subdivision 29; 326B.33, subdivision 21; 326B.36, subdivision 7; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 177.28, subdivision 5; Minnesota Rules, parts 5200.0030; 5200.0040.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services without recommendation. Report adopted.

Senator Port from the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2229: A bill for an act relating to local government; establishing the Minnesota Starter Home Act; modifying requirements related to comprehensive plan amendments; limiting the zoning authority of municipalities related to certain residential developments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462.355, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462.

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

Page 1, delete sections 2 and 3

Page 2, line 17, after "alteration" insert "built to the standards of Minnesota Rules, chapter 1309,"

Page 2, line 18, after "lot" insert "as a single-family dwelling"

Page 3, line 12, delete everything after "duplex" and insert "or multifamily housing."

Page 4, delete lines 1 and 2

Page 4, line 3, delete everything before "a" and insert "(d)"

Page 4, line 4, delete "the municipality permits" and insert "a lot can accommodate"

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, delete "modifying requirements related to comprehensive plan amendments;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Port from the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2286: A bill for an act relating to local government; modifying requirements related to comprehensive plan amendments; limiting the zoning authority of municipalities related to certain multifamily and mixed-use developments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462.355, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462.

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

Page 1, delete sections 1 and 2

Page 3, line 21, after the period, insert "<u>This provision does not apply to an affordable housing</u> development."

Page 5, line 29, before the semicolon, insert "or 30 percent, whichever is greater"

Page 5, line 30, delete everything after "(2)" and insert "an increase of at least 30 percent in allowed floor area ratio, units per acre, total number of units, or maximum lot coverage; or"

Page 5, delete lines 31 and 32

Page 6, delete line 1

Page 6, line 2, delete "(6)" and insert "(3) increases in"

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete everything after the semicolon

Page 1, line 3, delete "plan amendments;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

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

S.F. No. 1481: A bill for an act relating to trade regulations; requiring retailers to display signage warning about the dangers of mercury-containing skin-lightening products; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. [325F.998] SKIN-LIGHTENER NOTICE REQUIRED.

<u>Subdivision 1.</u> <u>Notice required.</u> After August 1, 2026, the commissioner of the Pollution Control Agency must send a notice to retailers who sell skin-lightening products which states that selling skin-lightening products that contain mercury is illegal and subject to penalties.

Subd. 2. Certification. Businesses who receive notice from the commissioner must self-certify on a form prescribed by the commissioner that they have received the notice and will comply with the law. Subd. 3. Penalties. Businesses who fail to self-certify may be subject to a fine not to exceed

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to commerce; requiring the Pollution Control Agency to provide notice to retailers that selling skin-lightening products that contain mercury is illegal; requiring businesses who receive notice to self-certify; imposing penalties on businesses who fail to self-certify; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F."

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

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

S.F. No. 1918: A bill for an act relating to health; modifying consent to electronic monitoring requirements; modifying provisions related to retaliation in nursing homes and assisted living facilities; expanding membership and duties of the home care and assisted living program advisory council; modifying the hospice bill of rights; prohibiting required binding arbitration agreements in assisted living contracts; modifying medication management requirements; modifying authority of health care agents to restrict visitation and communication; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 144.6502, subdivision 3; 144.6512, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 144A.04, by adding a subdivision; 144A.474, subdivision 11; 144A.4799, subdivisions 1, 3; 144A.751, subdivision 1; 144G.08, by adding a subdivision; 144G.31, subdivision 8; 144G.51; 144G.71, subdivisions 3, 5; 144G.92, by adding a subdivision; 145C.07, by adding a subdivision; 145C.10.

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the bill be re-referred to the Committee on Human Services without recommendation. Report adopted.

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

S.F. No. 856: A bill for an act relating to state government; creating the Office of the Inspector General; creating an advisory committee; requiring reports; transferring certain agency duties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.971, by adding a subdivision; 15A.0815, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 15D; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.321, subdivision 12; 127A.21.

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

Page 1, lines 13 and 14, delete "abuse" and insert "misuse"

Page 3, delete lines 20 to 22

Page 3, line 25, after "act" insert "or failure to act"

Page 3, line 27, delete "abuse" and insert "misuse" and delete "and"

Page 3, after line 27, insert:"(4) "misuse" means improper use of authority or position for personal gain or to cause harm to others, including the improper use of public resources or programs contrary to their intended purpose; and"

Page 4, delete section 6 and insert:

"Sec. 6. [15D.04] POWERS AND DUTIES.

Subdivision 1. Authorized powers and responsibilities. Except as provided under subdivision 2, the inspector general is authorized and responsible for:

(1) conducting inspections, evaluations, and investigations of state executive branch agencies and programs according to professional auditing standards to: (i) identify fraud; (ii) make recommendations for changes to programs for improving effectiveness and efficiency; and (iii) protect the integrity of the use of state funds;

(2) referring matters for civil, criminal, or administrative action to the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the attorney general's office, or other appropriate authorities;

(3) recommending legislative or policy changes to improve program efficiency and effectiveness;

(4) publishing reports on completion of an audit or investigation summarizing findings, recommendations, and outcomes of the inspector general's activities;

(5) investigating any public or private entity that receives public funds to ensure compliance with applicable laws, proper use of funds, and adherence to program requirements;

(6) submitting an annual report summarizing the work of the office to the Legislative Inspector General Advisory Commission and make the report publicly available by posting the report on the inspector general's website; and

(7) alerting relevant commissioners or heads of agencies on an emergency basis before an investigation is concluded that the inspector general has a reasonable suspicion that fraud or misuse is being committed, with a recommendation to freeze or cease distribution of funds.

Subd. 2. Exceptions. (a) The inspector general does not have jurisdiction over Medicaid fraud and abuse investigations, program integrity reviews related to Medicaid, background studies conducted by the Department of Human Services under chapter 245C, or human services licensing under chapter 245A. Any complaints or tips received by the inspector general relating to such functions must be referred to the appropriate division within the Department of Human Services in accordance with paragraph (e).

(b) The inspector general does not have jurisdiction over child care assistance program fraud investigations, program integrity reviews related to the child care assistance program, or children, youth, and families licensing under chapter 142B. Any complaints or tips received by the inspector general relating to such functions must be referred to the appropriate division within the Department of Children, Youth, and Families in accordance with paragraph (e).

(c) The inspector general does not have jurisdiction over the special supplemental nutrition program for women, infants, and children (WIC) fraud and abuse investigations. Any complaints

or tips received by the inspector general relating to such functions must be referred to the appropriate division within the Department of Health in accordance with paragraph (e).

(d) The inspector general does not have jurisdiction over general compliance reviews, information technology security audits, or administrative program integrity assessments that are not related to fraud or misuse. These functions must stay with the respective agencies.

(e) The inspector general must not investigate a tip or information provided by a third-party related to functions described in paragraphs (a), (b), and (c). The inspector general must promptly notify the commissioners of human services; children, youth, and families; and health of such tip or information and consult with the commissioner as to the inspector general's responsibilities and authority with respect to any resulting investigation.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2026."

Page 7, line 4, delete "or"

Page 7, line 6, delete the period and insert "; or"

Page 7, after line 6, insert:

"(3) the commissioner of human services or the commissioner of children, youth, and families if the data are subject to section 15D.04, subdivision 2."

Page 7, line 12, after "investigation" insert "by the inspector general or another government entity"

Page 8, after line 3, insert:

"Subd. 6. Departments of Human Services and Children, Youth, and Families. Data relating to complaints or tips that are subject to section 15D.04, subdivision 2, are private data on individuals or nonpublic data."

Page 8, line 4, delete "; APPROPRIATION"

Page 8, delete lines 23 to 24

Page 8, line 30, delete "abuse" and insert "misuse"

Page 12, delete lines 2 and 3 and insert:

"(4) legal counsel's office;

(5) data services, analytics, and insights division;"

Page 12, line 4, delete "and"

Page 12, line 6, delete the period and insert "; and"

Page 12, after line 6, insert:

"(8) functions of the fraud prevention investigations team in the program integrity oversight division related to Medicaid and MinnesotaCare."

Page 12, after line 12, insert:

"(d) Positions in the following divisions and teams in the Department of Children, Youth, and Families will not transfer to the Office of the Inspector General:

(1) licensing; and

(2) child care assistance program."

Page 12, after line 20, insert:

"Sec. 15. INTERAGENCY AGREEMENTS.

(a) By December 31, 2026, the Office of the Inspector General must enter into an interagency agreement with the Department of Human Services that governs how potential similar or duplicative investigations will be handled. The interagency agreement must include a clause on cost-sharing for investigations that may require multiagency coordination and a clause that details what process will be followed if a joint investigation is required. The interagency agreement must not limit the inspector general's authority or authorized powers and responsibilities pertaining to any investigation of the Department of Human Services.

(b) By December 31, 2026, the Office of the Inspector General must enter into an interagency agreement with the Department of Children, Youth, and Families that governs how potential similar or duplicative investigations will be handled. The interagency agreement must include a clause on cost-sharing for investigations that may require multiagency coordination and a clause that details what process will be followed if a joint investigation is required. The interagency agreement must not limit the inspector general's authority or authorized powers and responsibilities pertaining to any investigation of the Department of Children, Youth, and Families.

Sec. 16. APPROPRIATIONS.

(a) \$..... in fiscal year 2026 and \$..... in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the general fund to the Office of Administrative Hearings to support the creation of the Office of the Inspector General. This is a onetime appropriation.

(b) \$..... in fiscal year 2026 and \$..... in fiscal year 2027 are appropriated from the general fund to the Office of the Inspector General for the purposes of this act."

Page 12, before line 23, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 142A.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 35. Office of the Inspector General; reports. The commissioner must submit final investigative reports to the inspector general, serving under section 15D.01, for any investigation conducted by the commissioner into fraud or misuse, as defined in section 15D.02, within the child care assistance program.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256.01, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 44. Office of the Inspector General; reports. The commissioner must submit final investigative reports to the inspector general, serving under section 15D.01, for any investigation conducted by the commissioner into fraud or misuse, as defined in section 15D.02, within the Medicaid program."

Page 12, line 24, after the first comma, insert "section 6, subdivision 2, and"

Page 12, line 25, delete "abuse" and insert "misuse"

Page 13, line 4, after the second comma, insert "section 6, subdivision 2, and"

Page 13, line 12, delete "abuse" and insert "misuse"

Renumber the sections and clauses in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 2398: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for Lundstrum Center for the Performing Arts.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Koran, Bahr, and Drazkowski introduced--

S.F. No. 2399: A bill for an act relating to employment; exempting small local government employers from the Minnesota Paid Leave Law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 268B.01, subdivisions 15, 17, 18.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Farnsworth, Utke, Wesenberg, Gruenhagen, and Koran introduced--

S.F. No. 2400: A bill for an act relating to education policy; reinstating the teaching standards of effective practice.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

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Senators Putnam, Kupec, and Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 2401: A bill for an act relating to higher education; appropriating money for Minnesota State Colleges and Universities to provide hospital, medical, and dental benefits coverage to part-time or adjunct faculty; requiring a report.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senators Gruenhagen, Anderson, Drazkowski, and Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 2402: A bill for an act relating to education; requiring instruction to advance critical thinking skills; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senators Mohamed, Maye Quade, Lucero, Port, and Johnson Stewart introduced--

S.F. No. 2403: A bill for an act relating to state government; providing for recognition of federal standard time year-round beginning in 2025 and expiring upon enactment of a federal law authorizing states to recognize advanced standard time year-round; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 645.071.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Mohamed and Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 2404: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to All Square of Minnesota.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Mohamed, Putnam, and Port introduced--

S.F. No. 2405: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; modifying housing and redevelopment authority levy limits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 469.033, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 2406: A bill for an act relating to higher education; appropriating money to the Office of Higher Education for emergency grants to Minnesota State Colleges and Universities students.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senators Oumou Verbeten, Pappas, Hawj, and Murphy introduced--

S.F. No. 2407: A bill for an act relating to taxation; tax increment financing; proposing special rules for the city of St. Paul; amending Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 1, article 6, section 22.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Eichorn, Draheim, Drazkowski, Wesenberg, and Anderson introduced--

S.F. No. 2408: A bill for an act relating to environment; delaying prohibitions of certain PFAS-containing firefighting foam at airport hangars; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325F.072, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Eichorn, Draheim, Drazkowski, Wesenberg, and Anderson introduced--

S.F. No. 2409: A bill for an act relating to environment; exempting electronic and internal components from certain PFAS prohibitions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.943, subdivision 8.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Eichorn, Draheim, Drazkowski, Wesenberg, and Anderson introduced--

S.F. No. 2410: A bill for an act relating to environment; exempting electronic and internal components from certain PFAS prohibitions; delaying prohibitions on certain lead-containing products; delaying prohibitions of certain PFAS-containing firefighting foam at airport hangars; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116.943, subdivision 8; 325E.3892, subdivision 2; 325F.072, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Anderson introduced--

S.F. No. 2411: A bill for an act relating to local government; increasing the allowable number of statutory city public utility commission members; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 412.341, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Cwodzinski and Marty introduced--

S.F. No. 2412: A bill for an act relating to education; modifying requirements for charter school boards of directors and charter school chief administrators; requiring all local officials and charter school officials to file statements of economic interest; including charter school officials in the public official gift ban; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 10A.071, subdivision 1; 10A.09, subdivision 1; 124E.03, by adding a subdivision; 124E.07, subdivisions 2, 3, 5.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senator Mann introduced--

S.F. No. 2413: A bill for an act relating to human services; imposing an assessment on hospitals; requiring directed payments to hospitals in the medical assistance program; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 256.9657, by adding a subdivision; 256B.1973, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Klein introduced--

S.F. No. 2414: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for capital improvements to Heritage Village Park in the city of Inver Grove Heights; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 2415: A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing the Companion Animal Board; transferring duties; requiring reports; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 35.02, subdivision 1; 347.58, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 346.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Xiong introduced--

S.F. No. 2416: A bill for an act relating to state government; providing that the vice-chair of the Legislative Coordinating Commission alternates between the senate and house of representatives every two years; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 3.303, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Xiong introduced--

S.F. No. 2417: A bill for an act relating to state government; making Department of Administration technical changes; reviving and reenacting a statutory section; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 16B.055, subdivision 1; 16B.335, subdivision 2; 16B.48, subdivision 4; 16B.54, subdivision 2; 16C.137, subdivision 2; Laws 2023, chapter 62, article 2, section 133, subdivision 6; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 16B.328, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 2418: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring the commissioner of health to establish a provider orders for life-sustaining treatment program; authorizing rulemaking; classifying data; establishing immunity for certain acts; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.3806, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145C.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Kreun introduced--

S.F. No. 2419: A bill for an act relating to employment; requiring certain information be provided to businesses when determining worker classification; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 181.725, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senator Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 2420: A bill for an act relating to commerce; requiring insurers to provide a copy of a current policy to the insured; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 72A.20, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Port introduced--

S.F. No. 2421: A bill for an act relating to landlord and tenant; requiring landlords to provide an alternative payment method to a digital platform; clarifying a prohibition on disclosure of victim information; limiting rate for billing tenants for apportioned utility service; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 504B.118; 504B.206, subdivision 2; 504B.216, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Limmer, Gustafson, Seeberger, and Pratt introduced--

S.F. No. 2422: A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing for local correctional officers in Peace Officers Discipline Procedures Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 241.026, subdivision 1; 626.89, subdivisions 1, 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 2423: A bill for an act relating to housing; establishing the African American workforce and affordable homeownership development program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462A.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 2424: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for Capri.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 2425: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money to Stairstep Foundation for African American cultural festivals and events.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 2426: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to MAD DADS of Minneapolis for a youth workforce development program.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 2427: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to MNSBIR, Inc.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 2428: A bill for an act relating to state government; modifying board of cosmetology requirements for cosmetologists and hair technicians relating to textured hair training; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 155A.23, by adding a subdivision; 155A.27, subdivision 2; 155A.2705, subdivision 3; 155A.30, subdivision 2; repealing Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 3, section 2.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Westlin, Limmer, Housley, Johnson, and Murphy introduced--

S.F. No. 2429: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for security kiosks in the Minnesota Senate Building; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Kunesh and Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 2430: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for the local food purchasing assistance program.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senators Kupec and Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 2431: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; requiring a report on agricultural land trends; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Coleman introduced--

S.F. No. 2432: A bill for an act relating to liquor; allowing the city of Waconia to issue a social district license.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Coleman introduced--

S.F. No. 2433: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Chanhassen Bluffs Sports Complex; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Draheim, Port, Boldon, and Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 2434: A bill for an act relating to housing; modifying certain expenditure provisions of the housing development fund; repealing certain allowed expenditures for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 462A.20, subdivisions 2, 3; 462A.21, subdivisions 10, 12a; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.21, subdivisions 3b, 5, 23, 26.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senators Maye Quade, Dibble, and Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 2435: A bill for an act relating to education policy; modifying safe and supportive schools programming requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.031, subdivisions 5, 6.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

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Senators Maye Quade, Dibble, and Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 2436: A bill for an act relating to education; protecting access to culturally inclusive learning environments; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 121A.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senators Dibble and Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 2437: A bill for an act relating to taxation; solid waste management; modifying the definition of residential generator; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 297H.01, subdivision 8.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Maye Quade and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 2438: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying availability of crisis services and criteria for community-based program locations; removing expiration of 48-hour admission requirement; making conforming and technical changes to effectuate creation of Direct Care and Treatment agency; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.46, subdivisions 3, 4; 15.471, subdivision 6; 16A.103, subdivision 1j; 62J.495, subdivision 2; 97A.441, subdivision 3; 144.53; 144.651, subdivisions 2, 4, 20, 31, 32; 144A.07; 146A.08, subdivision 4; 147.091, subdivision 6; 147A.13, subdivision 6; 148.10, subdivision 1; 148.261, subdivision 5; 148.754; 148B.5905; 148F.09, subdivision 6: 150A.08, subdivision 6: 151.071, subdivision 10: 153.21, subdivision 2: 153B.70; 168.012, subdivision 1; 244.052, subdivision 4; 245.50, subdivision 2; 245.91, subdivision 2; 246.585; 246C.06, subdivision 11; 246C.12, subdivision 6; 246C.20; 252.291, subdivision 3; 252.50, subdivision 5; 253B.09, subdivision 3a; 253B.10, subdivision 1; 256.01, subdivisions 2, 5; 256.019, subdivision 1; 256.0281; 256.0451, subdivisions 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 18, 22, 23, 24; 256.4825; 256.93, subdivision 1: 256.98, subdivision 7: 256B.092, subdivision 10: 256G.09, subdivisions 4, 5; 299F.77, subdivision 2; 342.04; 352.91, subdivision 3f; 401.17, subdivision 1; 507.071, subdivision 1; 611.57, subdivisions 2, 4; 624.7131, subdivisions 1, 2; 624.7132, subdivisions 1, 2; 624.714, subdivisions 3, 4; 631.40, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 246C; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 245.4862; 246.015, subdivision 3; 246.50, subdivision 2; 246B.04, subdivision 1a; Laws 2024, chapter 79, article 1, sections 15; 16; 17.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senator Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 2439: A bill for an act relating to human services; requiring establishment of certain rates; modifying commissioner duties for certain day services; requiring case manager evaluation on informed decision making; correcting cross-references; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 252.43; 252.46, subdivision 1a; 256B.092, subdivisions 1a, 11a; 256B.49, subdivisions 13, 29.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senator Hoffman introduced---

S.F. No. 2440: A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing a grant for truancy crisis response; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 2441: A bill for an act relating to health care; modifying prompt payment requirements to health care providers; prohibiting discrimination against providers based on geographic location; modifying managed care organization's claims and payments to health care providers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 62Q.735, subdivision 2; 62Q.736; 62Q.75, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; 256B.0625, subdivision 31; 256B.69, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62K.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Weber, Johnson Stewart, Mann, McEwen, and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 2442: A bill for an act relating to environment; providing for outdoor use of rainwater and stormwater; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 2443: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying provisions relating to aging and disability services, behavioral health, Direct Care and Treatment, health care administration, the Office of the Inspector General, licensing and disqualification, and department operations; establishing human services programs criminal penalties; establishing the intermediate school district behavioral health grant program; correcting cross-references and making conforming and technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.46, subdivisions 3, 4; 15.471, subdivision 6; 16A.103, subdivision 1j; 62J.495, subdivision 2; 62M.17, subdivision 2; 97A.441, subdivision 3; 142B.10, subdivision 14; 142B.30, subdivision 1; 142B.51, subdivision 2; 142B.65, subdivision 8; 142B.66, subdivision 3; 142B.70, subdivision 7; 142C.06, by adding a subdivision; 142C.11, subdivision 8; 142C.12, subdivision 1; 142E.51, subdivisions 5, 6; 144.53; 144.651, subdivisions 2, 4, 20, 31, 32; 144A.07; 146A.08, subdivision 4; 147.091, subdivision 6; 147A.13, subdivision 6; 148.10, subdivision 1; 148.261, subdivision 5; 148.754; 148B.5905; 148F.09, subdivision 6; 150A.08, subdivision 6; 151.071, subdivision 10; 153.21, subdivision 2; 153B.70; 168.012, subdivision 1; 244.052, subdivision 4; 245.4871, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision; 245.4881, subdivision 3; 245.50, subdivision 2; 245.91, subdivision 2; 245A.04, subdivisions 1, 7; 245A.16, subdivision 1; 245A.18, subdivision 1; 245A.242, subdivision 2; 245C.05, by adding a subdivision; 245C.08, subdivision 3; 245C.22, subdivision 5; 245D.02, subdivision 4a; 245G.05, subdivision 1; 245G.06, subdivisions 1, 2a, 3a; 245G.07, subdivision 2; 245G.08, subdivision 6; 245G.09, subdivision 3; 245G.11, subdivision 11; 245G.18, subdivision 2; 245G.19, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision; 245G.22, subdivisions 1, 14, 15; 246.585; 246C.06, subdivision 11; 246C.12, subdivision 6; 246C.20; 252.291, subdivision 3; 252.43; 252.46, subdivision 1a; 252.50, subdivision 5; 253B.09, subdivision

3a; 253B.10, subdivision 1; 256.01, subdivisions 2, 5; 256.019, subdivision 1; 256.0281; 256.0451, subdivisions 1, 3, 6, 8, 9, 18, 22, 23, 24; 256.4825; 256.93, subdivision 1; 256.98, subdivisions 1, 7; 256B.0625, subdivision 25c; 256B.092, subdivisions 1a, 10, 11a; 256B.12; 256B.49, subdivisions 13, 29; 256G.09, subdivisions 4, 5; 299F.77, subdivision 2; 342.04; 352.91, subdivision 3f; 401.17, subdivision 1; 480.40, subdivision 1; 507.071, subdivision 1; 611.57, subdivisions 2, 4; 624.7131, subdivisions 1, 2; 624.7132, subdivisions 1, 2; 624.714, subdivisions 3, 4; 631.40, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 245; 246C; 609; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 245.4862; 245A.11, subdivision 8; 246.015, subdivision 3; 246.50, subdivision 2; 246B.04, subdivision 1a; Laws 2024, chapter 79, article 1, sections 15; 16; 17.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senator Eichorn introduced--

S.F. No. 2444: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for public infrastructure improvements in the city of Cohasset; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Eichorn, Draheim, Drazkowski, Wesenberg, and Anderson introduced--

S.F. No. 2445: A bill for an act relating to environment; exempting pens that contain lead from prohibition on manufacturing and selling lead-containing products; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325E.3892, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Eichorn, Draheim, Drazkowski, Wesenberg, and Anderson introduced--

S.F. No. 2446: A bill for an act relating to environment; delaying prohibitions on certain lead solder in products; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325E.3892, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Farnsworth, Hauschild, and Eichorn introduced--

S.F. No. 2447: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for renovations and exhibit upgrades at the United States Hockey Hall of Fame in Eveleth.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 2448: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for regional library systems; modifying prior appropriation; amending Laws 2023, chapter 40, article 4, section 2, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Kupec introduced--

S.F. No. 2449: A bill for an act relating to higher education; appropriating money for student programs and services at the University of Minnesota.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senators Hoffman and Abeler introduced--

S.F. No. 2450: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a new segment of the Elm Creek Greenway Trail Corridor in the city of Champlin; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Hoffman and Abeler introduced--

S.F. No. 2451: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a jetty and bank stabilization improvements near Mississippi Crossings in the city of Champlin; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Putnam, Nelson, Farnsworth, and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 2452: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money to assist individuals with disabilities with employment; requiring a report.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Limmer, Seeberger, and Anderson introduced--

S.F. No. 2453: A bill for an act relating to public safety; amending the authority of the Independent Use of Force Investigations Unit to investigate certain offenses that occur on state-owned military installations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299C.80, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator McEwen introduced---

S.F. No. 2454: A bill for an act relating to energy; appropriating money for geothermal planning grants.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

Senators Putnam, McEwen, and Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 2455: A bill for an act relating to commerce; requiring the commissioner of commerce to create a low-cost motor vehicle insurance program for low-income residents; requiring a report;

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appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 65B.49, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 65B; 297I.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Pratt, Eichorn, and Mathews introduced--

S.F. No. 2456: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for the disposal of emerald ash borer-infested trees.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Klein introduced--

S.F. No. 2457: A bill for an act relating to insurance; authorizing certain data calls; providing for and regulating limited long-term care insurance; modifying various provisions governing automobile insurance; classifying certain data; authorizing administrative rulemaking; providing penalties; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 45.027, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 65B.02, subdivision 7; 65B.05; 65B.06, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 65B.10, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 65B.10, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Putnam and Kupec introduced--

S.F. No. 2458: A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing a budget for the Department of Agriculture, the Board of Animal Health, and the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute; making policy and technical changes to agriculture provisions; modifying and establishing fees; requiring reports; providing civil penalties; transferring money; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 17.1017; 17.1018; 17.117, subdivisions 1, 3; 17.118, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 17.133, subdivision 1; 18B.26, subdivision 8; 18J.01; 18J.02; 18J.03; 18J.04, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4; 18J.05, subdivisions 1, 2, 6; 18J.06; 18J.07, subdivisions 3, 4, 5; 18J.09; 21.111; 21.112, by adding a subdivision; 21.113; 21.115; 21.117; 21.119; 21.1195; 21.1196, subdivision 2; 21.891, subdivision 2; 28A.03, subdivision 7, by adding subdivisions; 28A.04; 28A.05; 28A.06; 28A.07; 28A.0753, subdivision 3; 28A.08; 28A.085, subdivision 1; 28A.14; 28A.17; 32D.01, by adding a subdivision; 41B.039, subdivision 2; 41B.04, subdivision 8; 41B.042, subdivision 4; 41B.043, subdivision 1b; 41B.045, subdivision 2; 41B.047, subdivision 3; 41B.056, subdivision 1; 41B.057, subdivisions 1, 3; 223.17, subdivision 3; 232.22, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 21; 28A; 32D; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 21.116; 21.118; 21.1196, subdivision 3; 21.121; 21.122; Minnesota Rules, parts 1510.2300; 1510.2305; 1510.2310; 1510.2315; 1510.2320; 1510.2325; 1510.2330; 1510.2335; 1510.2340; 1510.2345; 1510.2350; 1510.2355, subparts 1, 2, 3a, 4, 5, 6, 7.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Pratt introduced--

S.F. No. 2459: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a segment of the Merriam Junction Regional Trail; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Pratt introduced--

S.F. No. 2460: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for wastewater treatment improvements in the city of Jordan; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Jasinski introduced--

S.F. No. 2461: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; appropriating money for a grant to Southeast Minnesota Workforce Development Area; requiring a report.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Lucero, Lieske, Gruenhagen, Anderson, and Wesenberg introduced--

S.F. No. 2462: A bill for an act relating to environment; reenacting prior law prohibiting weather modification; providing criminal penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 42.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Dahms, Hoffman, and Weber introduced--

S.F. No. 2463: A bill for an act relating to taxation; tax increment financing; authorizing special rules for the city of Marshall.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Drazkowski introduced--

S.F. No. 2464: A bill for an act relating to transportation; taxes; repealing the electric-assisted bicycle rebate; canceling an appropriation; transferring money; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 289A.51.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Pratt and Draheim introduced--

S.F. No. 2465: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; requiring annual reports on grantee performance by the commissioner of employment and economic development; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116L.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Pratt, Coleman, Draheim, Housley, and Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 2466: A bill for an act relating to employment; modifying the Minnesota Paid Leave Law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 268B.01, subdivisions 15, 23, 35; 268B.02, by adding a subdivision; 268B.04, subdivisions 3, 5; 268B.06, subdivision 9; 268B.14, subdivision 5a.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Hauschild introduced--

S.F. No. 2467: A bill for an act relating to liquor; authorizing the city of Two Harbors to issue a social district license.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Kreun, Coleman, Seeberger, Mathews, and Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 2468: A bill for an act relating to public safety; establishing mandatory minimum sentences for the malicious punishment of a child; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.377.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Kreun, Weber, and Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 2469: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; modifying the itemized deduction to exclude certain charitable contributions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 290.0122, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Johnson introduced--

S.F. No. 2470: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural resources; appropriating money to rehabilitate historic sites in city of Thief River Falls.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 2471: A bill for an act relating to electric cooperatives; improving member access to cooperative documents and meetings; requiring electronic voting and voting by mail for cooperative board directors; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 308A.327.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Hoffman introduced---

S.F. No. 2472: A bill for an act relating to veterans; appropriating money for the veterans resilience project; requiring reports.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 2473: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for the Minnesota Black Farmers Association to purchase advanced 21st century farming equipment for use by a cooperative of Black veteran farmers.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 2474: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; modifying the Board of Animal Health; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 35.02, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Klein introduced--

S.F. No. 2475: A bill for an act relating to commerce; appropriating money for membership in the National Council of Insurance Legislators.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Klein introduced--

S.F. No. 2476: A bill for an act relating to commerce; making technical and housekeeping changes to various provisions governing or administered by the Department of Commerce; authorizing administrative rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 45.24; 46A.04; 47.77; 53B.61; 55.07, by adding a subdivision; 58B.02, subdivision 8a; 62Q.73, subdivision 4; 80A.66.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Klein introduced--

S.F. No. 2477: A bill for an act relating to insurance; modifying Medicare supplement benefits; modifying provisions governing renewability and discontinuation of health plans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 62A.31, subdivisions 1r, 1w; 62A.65, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 62D.12, subdivisions 2, 2a; 62D.121, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Housley, Nelson, Weber, and Drazkowski introduced--

S.F. No. 2478: A bill for an act relating to taxation; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to article X; requiring that a portion of a projected budget surplus be returned to state taxpayers.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Frentz introduced--

S.F. No. 2479: A bill for an act relating to transportation; amending definition of qualifying agricultural products for purposes of special farm products permits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 169.865, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 2480: A bill for an act relating to human services; making effective a Nursing Home Workforce Standards Board rule establishing nursing home minimum wage standards affecting medical assistance reimbursement rates.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senators Putnam and Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 2481: A bill for an act relating to higher education; appropriating money for the Hunger-Free Campus grant program.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senator Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 2482: A bill for an act relating to higher education; making policy and technical changes to certain higher education provisions including sexual misconduct grievance procedures, student aid, and institutional grants; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 135A.15, subdivision 2a; 135A.1582; 136A.246, subdivisions 1a, 3; 136A.87; 136A.901, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 5.41, subdivision 2; 136A.057; 136A.1251, subdivision 5; 136A.1788, subdivision 5; 136A.1791, subdivision 9; 136A.246, subdivision 9; 136A.861, subdivision 7; 136A.901, subdivision 2; 136A.91, subdivision 3; Minnesota Rules, part 4850.0014, subparts 1, 2.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senator Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 2483: A bill for an act relating to higher education; providing funding and policy-related changes for the Office of Higher Education, Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, the University of Minnesota, and the Mayo Clinic; modifying certain scholarship and student aid programs; creating

and modifying grant programs to higher education institutions; providing authority to the Office of Higher Education for treatment of certain appropriations; providing for certain policy changes to student financial aid, institution eligibility, institutional licensure provisions, student loan programs, and institutional grant programs; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 135A.137; 136A.01, by adding a subdivision; 136A.101, subdivision 5a; 136A.103; 136A.121, subdivisions 5, 6, 7, 13; 136A.1465, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 136A.155; 136A.162; 136A.1701, subdivision 4; 136A.1796; 136A.658; 136A.69, subdivision 1; 136A.82; 136A.821, subdivisions 4, 5, by adding subdivisions; 136A.822, subdivisions 3, 6, 8, 13; 136A.824, subdivisions 1, 2, 6, 7; 136A.833; 136A.834, subdivisions 1, 5; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 136A.69, subdivisions 3, 5; 136A.824, subdivisions 3, 5.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senators Seeberger, Rarick, Kupec, and Wesenberg introduced--

S.F. No. 2484: A bill for an act relating to commerce; adding motorcycles to the Digital Fair Repair Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325E.72, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 7, 8.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 2485: A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing funding for library online databases; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 2486: A bill for an act relating to education finance; modifying the allowable uses of school library aid; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 124D.992, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senators Weber and Dahms introduced--

S.F. No. 2487: A bill for an act relating to legacy; appropriating money from the clean water fund to acquire land in Cottonwood County.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Koran, Bahr, Mathews, and Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 2488: A bill for an act relating to elections; improving access to voter reports in a timely manner; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.091, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senators Koran, Bahr, Mathews, and Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 2489: A bill for an act relating to elections; improving the testing of voting systems; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 206.83.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senators Koran, Bahr, Mathews, and Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 2490: A bill for an act relating to elections; improving access to voter history in a timely manner; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 201.171.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senators Koran, Bahr, Mathews, and Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 2491: A bill for an act relating to elections; requiring ballot board activity to be livestreamed; requiring the commissioner of information technology services to provide livestreaming services and retain data; classifying data; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 203B.121, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 203B.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senators Koran, Mathews, and Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 2492: A bill for an act relating to elections; classifying data in the statewide voter registration system; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.607, by adding a subdivision; 201.022, by adding a subdivision; 201.091, subdivisions 4, 4a, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.607, subdivision 6; 201.091, subdivision 9.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senators Koran, Bahr, and Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 2493: A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying requirements related to the return of absentee ballots on election day; modifying the absentee voting period for certain voters; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 203B.06, subdivision 3; 203B.08, subdivision 1; 203B.081, subdivisions 1, 4; 203B.21, subdivision 2; 204B.13, subdivision 8; 204B.35, subdivision 4; 204B.45, subdivision 2; 204C.28, by adding a subdivision; 204D.09, subdivision 2; 204D.16.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senator Kreun introduced--

S.F. No. 2494: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; establishing rental motor vehicle license plates; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 2495: A bill for an act relating to higher education; increasing the default living and miscellaneous expenses allowance for the state grant program; establishing a new State Grant Plus scholarship to supplement state grant awards; creating grant programs within the Office of Higher Education; creating working groups; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 136A.121, subdivision 6; 136A.1465, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136A.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senators Pratt and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 2496: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for a cultural, arts, and education center at the Hindu Society of Minnesota.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Farnsworth introduced--

S.F. No. 2497: A bill for an act relating to public safety; maintaining ten years of age as the minimum age of delinquency; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 260B.007, subdivisions 6, 16; 260C.007, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Draheim, Klein, and Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 2498: A bill for an act relating to health insurance; modifying preexisting condition limitations in Medicare supplement insurance policies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 62A.31, subdivisions 1, 1f, 1h, 1p, 1u, 4; 62A.44, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 62A.3099, subdivision 18b; 62A.31, subdivision 1w; Laws 2023, chapter 57, article 2, section 66.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Mohamed introduced--

S.F. No. 2499: A bill for an act relating to state government; modifying emergency medical services overdose data; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144E.123, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Mohamed introduced--

S.F. No. 2500: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to the Somali American Youth Enrichment Club (SAYEC).

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Xiong introduced--

S.F. No. 2501: A bill for an act relating to state government; changing provisions for state contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 16C.05, by adding a subdivision; 16C.16, subdivisions 6, 6a, 7; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 16C.36.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Maye Quade, Boldon, Abeler, Clark, and Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 2502: A bill for an act relating to education finance; appropriating money for a grant to Metro Deaf School.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 2503: A bill for an act relating to housing; appropriating money for the Iskufilan Village Workforce Housing Development in St. Cloud.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senator Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 2504: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; modifying the requirements for the senior citizens' property tax deferral program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 290B.03, subdivision 1; 290B.04, subdivisions 3, 4; 290B.05, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 2505: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; appropriating money for the Gateways2Growth Initiative to expand training in information technology, transportation, and health care across the state; requiring a report.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Boldon and Wiklund introduced--

S.F. No. 2506: A bill for an act relating to human services; the Department of Human Services behavioral health policy provisions; updating the Children's Mental Health Act; codifying the intermediate school-linked behavioral health grant program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 245.4871, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision; 245.4881, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Boldon and Wiklund introduced--

S.F. No. 2507: A bill for an act relating to children; modifying licensing and certification regulations relating to children and families; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 142B.10, subdivision 14; 142B.30, subdivision 1; 142B.51, subdivision 2; 142B.65, subdivision 8; 142B.66, subdivision 3; 142B.70, subdivision 7; 142C.06, by adding a subdivision; 142C.11, subdivision 8; 142C.12, subdivision 1; 245A.18, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Dibble, Pratt, Marty, Dornink, and Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 2508: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; increasing the income threshold for the child tax credit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 290.0661, subdivisions 4, 7.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Mohamed and Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 2509: A bill for an act relating to economic development; establishing a headwaters community food and water economic resiliency program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 2510: A bill for an act relating to public safety; increasing the criminal penalty for concealing a dead body; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.502, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Klein introduced--

S.F. No. 2511: A bill for an act relating to liquor; permitting persons that are 17 years of age to serve alcoholic beverages; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 340A.412, subdivision 10.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Klein introduced--

S.F. No. 2512: A bill for an act relating to commerce; removing obsolete language; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 45.0135, subdivision 7.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.
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Senator Klein introduced---

S.F. No. 2513: A bill for an act relating to commerce; removing obsolete language; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 53C.08, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators McEwen, Abeler, Pappas, Housley, and Duckworth introduced--

S.F. No. 2514: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for lead service line replacement grants.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Kreun, Port, and Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 2515: A bill for an act relating to background studies; modifying background study requirements for child care providers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 245C.08, by adding a subdivision; 245C.14, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Putnam and Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 2516: A bill for an act relating to higher education; appropriating money for CentraCare residency programs at Rice Memorial Hospital and St. Cloud Hospital.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senators Port, Bahr, Carlson, and Boldon introduced--

S.F. No. 2517: A resolution memorializing Congress to propose the For Our Freedom Amendment.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Kupec, Fateh, and Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 2518: A bill for an act relating to higher education; modifying workforce development scholarship program parameters; appropriating money for various needs of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136F.38, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senators Wesenberg, Lang, Lieske, Mathews, and Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 2519: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money to promote shooting sports for persons with a disability.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Hawj and Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 2520: A bill for an act relating to transportation; employment and economic development; appropriating money for construction mitigation grants to businesses affected by construction on Arcade Street and East 7th Street in the city of St. Paul; requiring a report.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Hawj, Xiong, Gustafson, and Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 2521: A bill for an act relating to local government; creating the Ramsey County Economic Development Authority; expanding the powers of the Ramsey County Housing and Redevelopment Authority; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 383A.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Mann and Mohamed introduced--

S.F. No. 2522: A bill for an act relating to health facilities; prohibiting certain conditions for admission to or continued residence in certain facilities; requiring review and approval of increases in amounts charged by assisted living facilities; prohibiting termination or nonrenewal of assisted living contracts on certain grounds; modifying provisions governing arbitration in assisted living contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 144G.09, subdivision 2; 144G.19, by adding a subdivision; 144G.51; 144G.52, by adding a subdivision; 144G.53; 245D.10, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 144A; 144G.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senators Cwodzinski and McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 2523: A bill for an act relating to retirement; Teachers Retirement Association; providing for an unreduced retirement annuity upon reaching age 60 with 30 years of service; modifying the early retirement reduction factors for annuity commencement before normal retirement age; increasing the postretirement adjustments; removing the postretirement adjustment delay for members who retire before the normal retirement age; increasing employer contributions; increasing the pension adjustment revenue for school districts; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 126C.10, subdivision 37; 354.42, subdivision 3; 354.44, subdivision 6; 356.415, subdivision 1d.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

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Senator Drazkowski introduced--

S.F. No. 2524: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; eliminating shotgun zone for taking deer; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.031, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.318.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Drazkowski introduced--

S.F. No. 2525: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; eliminating shotgun zone for taking deer; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.031, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.318.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Rarick introduced--

S.F. No. 2526: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; creating Outdoor School for All grant program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Rarick introduced--

S.F. No. 2527: A bill for an act relating to higher education; expanding program eligibility for workforce development scholarships; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136F.38, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senators Rarick, Farnsworth, Pratt, and Mathews introduced--

S.F. No. 2528: A bill for an act relating to higher education; imposing an in-state residency and work requirement for recipients of North Star Promise scholarships; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 136A.1465, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senator Rarick introduced--

S.F. No. 2529: A bill for an act relating to employment; delaying the implementation of the Minnesota Paid Leave Law by one year; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 268B.02, subdivision 6; 268B.14, subdivisions 6, 7; 268B.17; 268B.18; 268B.25; 268B.26.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Hauschild introduced--

S.F. No. 2530: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; facilitating the orderly and environmentally responsible development of the state's gas resources; requiring rulemaking; appropriating money; providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 11A.236; 86A.05, subdivision 6; 93.513, subdivision 1; 93.514; 93.516, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 93.55, subdivision 1a; 103I.001; 103I.005, subdivisions 9, 21, by adding subdivisions; 103I.601, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 272.02, subdivision 97; 272.03, subdivision 1; 273.12; 289A.02, subdivision 6; 289A.12, by adding a subdivision; 289A.19, subdivision 2; 290.0134, subdivision 9; 290.0135; 290.05, subdivision 1; 290.923, subdivision 1; 297A.68, subdivision 5; 297A.71, subdivision 14; 298.001, subdivision 3a, by adding subdivisions; 298.01, subdivisions 3, 3a, 3b, 4a, 4b, 5, 6; 298.015, subdivision 1; 298.016, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, by adding a subdivision; 298.018, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, by adding a subdivision; 298.17; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 93; 103I; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 93.513, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Westrom introduced--

S.F. No. 2531: A bill for an act relating to education; restricting female sports team participation to the female sex; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 121A.04, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 2532: A bill for an act relating to labor; requiring overtime pay on holidays; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 177.25, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Mann and McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 2533: A bill for an act relating to employment; providing that stay-or-pay provisions are prohibited, unenforceable, and against public policy; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 177.27, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senators Kreun, Bahr, Limmer, Duckworth, and Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 2534: A bill for an act relating to the Metropolitan Council; authorizing local governmental units to opt out of the Metropolitan Council regulatory jurisdiction; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 473.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

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Senator Kreun introduced--

S.F. No. 2535: A bill for an act relating to liquor; allowing the city of Blaine to issue a social district license; amending Laws 2022, chapter 86, article 2, section 5, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Rasmusson introduced--

S.F. No. 2536: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money to improve Lake Alice water quality.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Rasmusson introduced--

S.F. No. 2537: A bill for an act relating to health; making changes to assisted living facilities and services; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144G.70, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senators Rasmusson, Farnsworth, and Lang introduced--

S.F. No. 2538: A bill for an act relating to health; providing aid to certain licensed ambulance services; requiring reports; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Hawj, Mohamed, and Draheim introduced--

S.F. No. 2539: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money to Youthprise.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Rarick and Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 2540: A bill for an act relating to education finance; creating the Minnesota Young Readers Club program for literacy support; appropriating money to implement the program and contract for reading materials provided to eligible students; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124D.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senator Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 2541: A bill for an act relating to human services; prohibiting the commissioner of human services from limiting currently available day services or special minimum wage rules or policies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.4905, subdivision 5a.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senator Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 2542: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying payment methodologies for certain enteral nutrition equipment and supplies; modifying processes for establishing payment rates for certain medical equipment and supplies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 256B.766.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senator Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 2543: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for a grant to Siengkane Lao MN.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Seeberger and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 2544: A bill for an act relating to public safety; health and human services; permitting certain retired peace officers to be eligible to participate in the state insurance program; establishing a program for college degree holders to complete peace officer education and training; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 43A.316, subdivisions 2, 5, by adding subdivisions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Jasinski, Kupec, and Frentz introduced--

S.F. No. 2545: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to Rethos.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 2546: A bill for an act relating to mental health; establishing high-fidelity wraparound grants; funding mental health services for incarcerated youth; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Hawj and Hauschild introduced--

S.F. No. 2547: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money to the commissioner of natural resources for grants under the environment and natural resources trust fund community grant program.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 2548: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; establishing a baby bonus within the Minnesota child credit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 290.0661, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 2549: A bill for an act proposing a constitutional amendment to article VII, section 1; allowing political subdivisions to lower the voting age to 16 for local elections; making conforming changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 201.014, subdivision 1; 201.071, subdivision 1; 203B.21, subdivision 3; 204C.10; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 201.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senator Kupec introduced---

S.F. No. 2550: A bill for an act relating to veterans; appropriating money to construct a chapel at a national veterans cemetery.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 2551: A bill for an act relating to children, youth, and families; appropriating money for grants for forensic interview training scholarships.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Port and Boldon introduced--

S.F. No. 2552: A bill for an act relating to housing; modifying housing provisions; modifying funding provisions of the rental assistance program; expanding eligibility criteria for certain programs; removing certain funding restrictions for workforce housing projects; clarifying eligible uses for housing aid funds; modifying provisions in the high-rise sprinkler system program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 462A.051, subdivision 2; 462A.2095, subdivision 3; 462A.33, subdivision 9; 462A.40, subdivision 3; 477A.35, subdivision 5; 477A.36, subdivision 5; Laws 2023, chapter 37, article 1, section 2, subdivision 21; article 2, section 10.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

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Senator Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 2553: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money to African Career Education and Resource, Inc.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 2554: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; appropriating money for a grant to Equitable Development Action for training and support of direct support professionals.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Maye Quade and Duckworth introduced--

S.F. No. 2555: A bill for an act relating to education finance; expanding eligibility for special education separate sites funding; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 125A.81.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Oumou Verbeten introduced--

S.F. No. 2556: A bill for an act relating to consumer protection; establishing the Consumer Grocery Pricing Fairness Act; providing civil penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325D.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 2557: A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing funding for the school unemployment aid account in the special revenue fund; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senators Putnam and Rarick introduced--

S.F. No. 2558: A bill for an act relating to local government; restricting municipalities from imposing certain restrictions on residential development; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Kupec introduced--

S.F. No. 2559: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for local road improvements in the city of Hawley; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Kupec introduced--

S.F. No. 2560: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money to the city of Detroit Lakes to renovate the historic Washington Ball Field and grandstand.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Port, Mitchell, and Johnson Stewart introduced--

S.F. No. 2561: A bill for an act relating to early education; providing funding for early learning scholarships; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Westlin introduced---

S.F. No. 2562: A bill for an act relating to campaign finance; modifying the definitions of lobbyist and metropolitan governmental unit; modifying lobbying reporting requirements related to expert witnesses; requiring additional individuals to file statements of economic interest; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 10A.01, subdivisions 21, 24, 35, by adding a subdivision; 10A.04, subdivision 4; 10A.07, subdivision 1; 10A.08, subdivision 1; 10A.09, subdivisions 1, 6a.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senator Frentz introduced--

S.F. No. 2563: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for campus improvements at South Central College; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Frentz introduced--

S.F. No. 2564: A bill for an act relating to state government; designating the city of St. Peter as the honorary capital of Minnesota; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 1.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Cwodzinski introduced--

S.F. No. 2565: A bill for an act relating to education; providing for a civic seal designation for high school students; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

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Senators McEwen, Hauschild, and Johnson Stewart introduced--

S.F. No. 2566: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for the lawns to legumes program.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Mann introduced--

S.F. No. 2567: A bill for an act relating to civil law; creating default surrogate for health decisions and providing a process to appoint default surrogate for health decisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 145C.01, subdivision 2, by adding subdivisions; 145C.03, by adding a subdivision; 145C.10; 145C.11; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145C.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 2568: A bill for an act relating to judiciary; providing private attorneys with Minnesota Government Access to court records; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 484.94.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Clark and Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 2569: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; appropriating money for a grant to InspireMSP.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Hauschild introduced--

S.F. No. 2570: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for the community energy transition grant program.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Kupec introduced--

S.F. No. 2571: A bill for an act relating to health-related licensing; modifying occupational therapy licensure and application requirements; establishing fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 144A.43, subdivision 15; 144G.08, subdivision 45; 148.6401; 148.6402, subdivisions 1, 7, 8, 13, 14, 16, 16a, 19, 20, 23, 25, by adding subdivisions; 148.6403; 148.6404; 148.6405; 148.6408, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 148.6410, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 148.6412, subdivisions 2, 3; 148.6415; 148.6418; 148.6420, subdivision 1; 148.6423, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 148.6425, subdivision 2, by adding subdivisions; 148.6438; 148.6443, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8; 148.6445, by adding subdivisions; 148.6448, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 6; 148.6449, subdivisions 1, 2, 7; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 148; repealing Minnesota

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Statutes 2024, sections 148.6402, subdivision 22a; 148.6420, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; 148.6423, subdivisions 4, 5, 7, 8, 9; 148.6425, subdivision 3; 148.6430; 148.6445, subdivisions 5, 6, 8.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Xiong moved that the name of Senator Pratt be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 373. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rasmusson moved that the name of Senator Westrom be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 692. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mohamed moved that the name of Senator Oumou Verbeten be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 768. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mann moved that the name of Senator Kunesh be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 787. The motion prevailed.

Senator Champion moved that the names of Senators Hauschild, Westlin, and Mann be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 993. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mann moved that the name of Senator Klein be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1109. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved that the names of Senators Kupec and Klein be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 1359. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that the name of Senator Coleman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1469. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rasmusson moved that the name of Senator Mohamed be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1536. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mann moved that the name of Senator Coleman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1572. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mann moved that the name of Senator Boldon be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1622. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kupec moved that the name of Senator Carlson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1690. The motion prevailed.

Senator Putnam moved that the name of Senator Westrom be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1710. The motion prevailed.

Senator Klein moved that the name of Senator Latz be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1734. The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Carlson moved that the name of Senator Pappas be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1788. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mann moved that the name of Senator Pha be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1806. The motion prevailed.

Senator Housley moved that the name of Senator Hawj be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1869. The motion prevailed.

Senator Port moved that the name of Senator Johnson Stewart be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1890. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mohamed moved that the name of Senator Oumou Verbeten be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1895. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kunesh moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1899. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hawj moved that the name of Senator Nelson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1919. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mohamed moved that the name of Senator Seeberger be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1935. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kupec moved that the name of Senator Duckworth be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1940. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mohamed moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2029. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mohamed moved that the name of Senator Hoffman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2134. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dibble moved that the name of Senator Clark be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2148. The motion prevailed.

Senator Port moved that the name of Senator Boldon be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2205. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Lucero be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2215. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kupec moved that the name of Senator Lucero be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2244. The motion prevailed.

Senator Clark moved that the name of Senator Pha be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2286. The motion prevailed.

Senator Lucero moved that the name of Senator Mathews be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2294. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rasmusson moved that the name of Senator Mathews be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2304. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pratt moved that the name of Senator Rest be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2339. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mathews moved that the name of Senator Gruenhagen be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2369. The motion prevailed.

Senator Westlin moved that the name of Senator Rest be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2384. The motion prevailed.

Senator Marty moved that the name of Senator Rest be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2386. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mann moved that the name of Senator Hoffman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2392. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mann moved that the name of Senator Housley be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2394. The motion prevailed.

Senator Lang moved that the name of Senator Mitchell be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2396. The motion prevailed.

Senator Murphy, for Senator Champion, moved that S.F. No. 993 be withdrawn from the Committee on Education Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development. The motion prevailed.

Senator Nelson moved that S.F. No. 2175 be withdrawn from the Committee on Education Policy and returned to its author. The motion prevailed.

Senator Frentz moved that S.F. No. 2393 be withdrawn from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and re-referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate. The motion prevailed.

Senator Jasinski introduced --

Senate Resolution No. 18: A Senate resolution congratulating the Owatonna High School girls gymnastics team on winning the 2025 State High School Class AA girls gymnastics championship.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Howe and Kreun were excused from the Session of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Murphy moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Monday, March 17, 2025. The motion prevailed.

Thomas S. Bottern, Secretary of the Senate

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