Senate Committee Jurisdictions – 2007

The following list shows the jurisdiction of each standing committee of the Senate, as shown by the state agencies, confirmations, and other laws over which the committee has jurisdiction. This list will be used as the primary basis for making bill referrals on introduction. Where a bill deals with issues under the jurisdiction of more than one committee, it will normally be referred first to the committee of primary concern, from which it may be referred to additional committees.

No list can dictate the proper committee of first reference for all bills, especially bills dealing with complex or sensitive issues of public policy. Questions about references should normally be worked out between the author and the affected committee chairs, in consultation with the President and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration as necessary. A Rule 4 objection should be made when consultation fails to resolve the disagreement.
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AGRICULTURE & VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Agriculture and Veterans has jurisdiction over all bills relating to agriculture and rural development, pet animals, veterans, and military affairs.

State Agencies

Agriculture, Department of 17.01
Military Affairs, Department of 190.05
Veterans Affairs, Department of 196.01

Rural Finance Authority 41B.025

Agricultural Chemical Response Board 18E.05
Agricultural and Economic Development Board 41A.02, subd 3
Animal Health, Board of 35.02
Veterans’ Homes Board 198.002
Veterinary Medicine, Board of 156.01

Armory Building Commission, State 193.142

Agriculture Education Leadership Council 41D.01
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Beef Research and Promotion Council 17.54
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Soybeans Research and Promotion Council 17.54
Turkey Research and Promotion Council 17.54
Wheat Research and Promotion Council 17.54

Agricultural Utilization Research Institute 116O.09

Organic Advisory Task Force 31.94

Passing on the Farm Center 17.985
Rural Policy and Development Center 116J.421
State Agricultural Society 37.01
State Horticulture Society
Confirmations

Commissioner of Agriculture
Commissioner of Veterans Affairs

Animal Health, Board of – 5 members
Rural Finance Authority – 6 members
Veterans' Homes Board – 9 members

Other Laws

Corporate Farming Law
Drainage
Ethanol
Farm Credit
Farm Land
Farm Loss Modification
Pet Animals
BUSINESS, INDUSTRY & JOBS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Business, Industry, and Jobs has jurisdiction over all bills relating to workers compensation, unemployment compensation, fair labor standards, minimum wage, occupational safety and health, economic development, and world trade.

State Agencies

Employment and Economic Development, Department of 116J.01
Labor and Industry, Department of 175.001

Public Facilities Authority 446A.03

Bureau of Mediation Services 179.02

Access Review Board 471.471
Electricity, Board of 326.241
Invention, Board of 116J.988
Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board 298.22, subd 2
Job Skills Partnership Board 116L.03
Labor Interpretive Center Board of Directors 138A.01
Occupational Safety and Health Review Board 182.664
St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board 138.763

Humanities Commission 138.911
Interstate Industrialized/Modular Buildings Commission 16B.75
Sesquicentennial Commission Laws 2005, 1 Sp. ch. 1, art. 4, § 121

Workforce Development Council 116L.665

Apprenticeship Advisory Council 178.02
Explore Minnesota Tourism Advisory Council 116U.25
Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Council 182.656
Plumbing Code and Examinations, Advisory Council on 326.41
Rehabilitation Advisory Council 268A.02
Rehabilitation Advisory Council for the Blind 248.10
Urban Indians, Advisory Council on 3.922, subd 8
Workers’ Compensation, Advisory Council on 175.007

Minnesota Technology, Inc. 116O.03
Project Outreach 116O.091

Workers’ Compensation Court of Appeals 175A.01

Minnesota Historical Society 138.01
Sibley House
Victory Memorial Drive Implementation Steering Task Force Laws 2006, ch. 218, § 2
Confirmations

Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development
Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation
Commissioner of Labor and Industry
Commissioner of Mediation Services

Board of Invention - 11 members

Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals – 5 judges

Other Laws

Allocating Bond Authority
Amusement Rides
Economic Development Authorities
Elevators
Enterprise Zones
Food Shelves
Formaldehyde Pollution
Industrial Development Revenue Bonds
Minimum Wage
Neighborhood Revitalization
Pipefitters
Port Authorities
Rent Control
State Building Code
Tax Exempt Financing
CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee on Capital Investment has jurisdiction over all bills appropriating money for the acquisition and betterment of public lands and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature, whether from the proceeds of state general obligation bonds or from the general fund or another operating fund.
COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

The Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection has jurisdiction over all bills relating to banking, insurance, securities, nonhealth related occupational licensing boards, and liquor.

State Agencies

Commerce, Department of 45.012  
(except Energy and Telecommunications Division)

Abstractors, Board of 386.63
Accountancy, Board of 326.17
Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture, Board of 326.04
Barber Examiners, Board of 154.22
Examiners in Watchmaking, Board of 326.541

Cosmetology Advisory Council 115A.06

Credit Union Advisory Task Force 52.061
Uniform Conveyancing Forms, Advisory Task Force on 507.09

Comprehensive Health Association 62E.10
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Minnesota Insurance Guaranty Association 61C.02
Minnesota Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association 61B.04

Confirmations

Commissioner of Commerce

Other Laws

Cemeteries
Consumer Protection
Notaries Public
Real Estate Brokers
Weights and Measures
EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Committee on Education has jurisdiction over all bills relating to education, children, and libraries, except bills relating to higher education.

State Agencies

Education, Department of .................................................. 120A.02
Minnesota State Academies Board ..................................... 125A.62
Perpich Center for Arts Education Board .................... 129C.10
School Administrators, Board of ................................. 122A.12
Teaching, Board of ....................................................... 122A.07
Education Commission of the States ......................... 127A.80
Interagency Coordinating Council ................................. 125A.28
Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service 124D.385
Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee ............. 127A.30
Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation ............. 124D.94
Service Cooperatives ..................................................... 123A.21
Minnesota State High School League ......................... 128C.01

Confirmations

Commissioner of Education

Minnesota State Academies Board – 9 members
Perpich Center for Arts Education Board – 15 members
School Administrators, Board of - 9 members
Teaching, Board of - 11 members

Other Laws

Child Abuse Victim Services
Community Services
Libraries
Minnesota Academy of Science
The Committee on Energy, Utilities, Technology, and Communications has jurisdiction over all bills relating to energy, public utilities, and telecommunications.

State Agencies

Energy and Telecommunications Division, Department of Commerce 216C
Public Utilities Commission 216A.03
Legislative Electric Energy Task Force 216C.051

Confirmations

Public Utilities Commission – 5 members

Other Laws

Cable Communications
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
Oil Overcharge Money
ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources has jurisdiction over all bills relating to the environment or to the state’s natural resources.

State Agencies

Natural Resources, Department of 84.01
Pollution Control Agency 116.02
Environmental Assistance, Office of 115A.055
Environmental Quality Board 116C.03
Land Exchange Board 94.341,
Mississippi Headwaters Board 103F367
Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board 115C.07
Water and Soil Resources, Board of 103B.101
Zoological Board, State 85A.01
Great Lakes Commission 1.21
Minnesota-Ontario Matters, Legislative Commission on 3.884
Minnesota Resources, Legislative-Citizen Commission on 116P05
Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission 1.33
Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Legislative Advisory Commission 1.34
South Dakota-Minnesota Boundary Waters Commission 103B.451
Forest Resources Council 89A.03
Governor's Nuclear Waste Council 116C.711
Voyageurs National Park, Citizens Council on 84B.12
Listed Metals Advisory Council 115A.9651, subd 5
Small Business Air Quality Compliance Advisory Council 116.99
Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Advisory Council 115.741
Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Technical Advisory Task Force 1.35
Facility Siting Policy Development Committee 116C.842

Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area Advisory Committee Laws 1993, ch. 172, § 34
Individual Sewage Treatment System Rules, Advisory Committee on 115.55, subd 1
Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area Local Advisory Committee Laws 1996, ch. 407, § 32, subd 4
Watershed Districts, Advisory Committees 103D.331

Confirmations

Commissioner of Natural Resources

Clean Water Council - 19 members

Environmental Quality Board – 5 members

Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources - 5 members

Pollution Control Agency – Commissioner and 8 other members

Water and Soil Resources Board – Chair

Other Laws

Mosquito Abatement
Off-Highway Vehicles
Reinvest in Minnesota
Tax-Forfeited Lands
FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Finance has jurisdiction over all bills appropriating money, or obligating the state to expend money, or establishing a policy that to be effective will require the expenditure of money.

Confirmations

Commissioner of Finance
HEALTH, HOUSING & FAMILY SECURITY COMMITTEE

The Committee on Health and Family Security has jurisdiction over all bills relating to health care, housing, and family security.

State Agencies

Health, Department of 144.011
Human Services, Department of 245.03

Housing Finance Agency 462A.04

Aging, Board on 256.975
Chiropractic Examiners, Board of 148.02
Dentistry, Board of 150A.02
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board 144E.01
Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators, Board of 144A.19
Marriage and Family Therapy, Board of 148B.30
Medical Practice, Board of 147.01
Nursing, Board of 148.181
Optometry, Board of 148.52
Pharmacy, Board of 151.02
Podiatry, Board of 153.02
Psychology, Board of 148.90
Regional Treatment Center Review Boards (one for each regional treatment center) 253B.22
Social Work, Board of 148B.19

End Poverty in Minnesota by 2020,
Legislative Commission to Health Care Access, Legislative Commission on Laws 2006, ch. 282, art. 2, § 27 62J.07

Disability, Council on 256.482
Physical Therapy Council 148.67

Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council 254A.04
American Indian Advisory Council 254A.035
Licensed Traditional Midwifery, Advisory Council on 147D.05
Mortuary Sciences Advisory Council 149.02
Wells and Borings, Advisory Council on 103I.105

Community Health Advisory Committee 145A.10
Nonemergency Transportation Services, Advisory Committee on Laws 2005, 1 Sp. ch. 4, art. 8, § 81 144.1481
Rural Health Advisory Committee 151.13
Continuing Education, Advisory Task Force on
Services to Persons with Mental Retardation, Related Conditions, or Physical Handicaps, Advisory Task Force for 252.31
State Health Advisory Task Force 144.011

Mental Health-Mental Retardation, Ombudsman for 245.92
Office of Rural Health 144.1482
Older Minnesotans, Ombudsman for 256.974

Confirmations

Commissioner of Health
Commissioner of Housing Finance
Commissioner of Human Services

Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board - 12 members
Housing Finance Agency – 5 members

Other Laws

Clean Indoor Air Act
Compulsive Gambling
Health Care Data Collection & Research Initiatives
HMOs
Lead/Asbestos
Manufactured Housing
Nursing Homes
Safe Drinking Water Act
Social Services:
  Foster Care
  Adoption
  Family Preservation
  Child Protection/Abuse
Tobacco sales
Transitional Housing
Vital Statistics
Weatherization
HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Higher Education Committee has jurisdiction over all bills relating to higher education.

State Agencies

Office of Higher Education 136A.01

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Board of Trustees Minnesota State Colleges and Universities 136E.02
University of Minnesota Board of Regents Const. XIII, § 3

Midwestern Higher Education Commission 135A.21

Regent Nominations, Legislative Joint Committee on 137.0246

Higher Education Advisory Council 136A.031, subd 2
MnSCU Board of Trustees Candidate Advisory Council 136E.03
Regent Candidate Advisory Council 137.0245
Student Advisory Council 136A.031, subd 3

Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority 136A.26

Confirmations

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Board of Trustees – 15 members

Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority – 8 members
The Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over all bills relating to the judiciary, human rights, family law, property law, remedies, crime prevention, law enforcement, criminal justice, and corrections.

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Rules of Evidence, Advisory Committee on 480.0591, subd 2

Battered Women, State Advisory Council on 611A.34
Crime Victim and Witness Advisory Council 611A.71
Drug Abuse Resistance Education, Advisory Council on 299A.331
Fire Protection Advisory Council 299M.02
Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, Advisory Council on 243.1606

Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Policy Task Force 299C.65

Confirmations

Commissioner of Corrections
Commissioner of Human Rights
Commissioner of Public Safety

Judicial Standards, Board on – 6 members

Other Laws

Access by the Handicapped
Adoption
Attorneys and the Practice of Law
Child Abuse
Cigarette Fire Safety
Civil Procedure and Evidence
Commitment
Contracts
Corporations and Other Business Organizations
Dram Shop
Driving (or flying, hunting or boating) While Intoxicated
Eminent Domain
Equal Rights
Family Law:
  Child Support, Custody, and Parenting Rights
  Domestic Abuse
  Grandparent and Third-Party Visitation
  Marriage and Marriage Dissolution
Flag Desecration
Gun Control
Juvenile Law:
  Child Protection
  Foster Care
  Juvenile Court Records
  Parental Rights
Human Rights
Landlord-Tenant
Liens
Living Wills and Health Care Directives
Mortgages
Pornography
Privacy:
  Government Data Practices
  Information Policy
Probate
Property Interests
Remedies
Revisor's Bills
Tort Liability (including the state and municipalities)
Uniform Commercial Code
Vulnerable Adult Reporting
RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Committee on Rules and Administration has jurisdiction over all proposals to amend the Senate rules, over questions relating to the referral of bills and resolutions, and over Senate employees, supplies, equipment, and office space, and the Senate budget.

State Agencies

Legislative Coordinating Commission 3.303
STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight has jurisdiction over all bills creating a new state agency, substantially changing the organization of a state agency, or transferring duties from one state agency to another. The committee also has jurisdiction over all bills relating to state administrative services, state administrative rulemaking procedures, state employee compensation, state employee labor relations, pensions and retirement, gambling, lotteries, pari-mutuel wagering, elections, ethical practices, campaign financing, the structure of the Legislature, or redistricting seats in Congress, the Legislature, or the Metropolitan Council. The committee also has jurisdiction over all bills relating to the powers of local and metropolitan governmental units.

State Agencies

Auditor Const. V, § 1
Governor Const. V, § 1
Lieutenant Governor Const. V, § 1
Secretary of State Const. V, § 1

Administration, Department of 16B.02
Employee Relations, Department of 43A.01
Finance, Department of 16A.01
Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division, 299L.01
Department of Public Safety

Administrative Hearings, Office of 14.48

Arts, Board of the 129D.02
Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board 15B.03
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board 10A.02
Designer Selection Board, State 16B.33
Gambling Control Board 349.151
Investment, State Board of Const. XI, § 8

Amateur Sports Commission 240A.02
Legislative Advisory Commission 3.30
Legislative Audit Commission 3.97
Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government 3.8841
Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement 3.85
Metropolitan Airports Commission 473.603, 473.604
Metropolitan Mosquito Control Commission 473.701, 473.703
Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission 473.303
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission 473.553
Racing Commission 240.02
Regional Development Commissions 462.387

Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, Council on 3.9226
Black Minnesotans, Council on 3.9225
Chicano/Latino People, Council on Affairs of Compensation Council 3.9223
Executive Council 15A.082
Governor's Residence Council 9.011
Indian Affairs Council 16B.27
Metropolitan Council 3.922
Small Business and Targeted Group Procurement 473.123
Advisory Council 16B.20
Public Employees Retirement Association 353.03
State Patrol Retirement Association 352B.02
Teachers Retirement Association 354.06
Minnesota State Retirement System 352.03

Confirmations

Commissioner of Administration
Commissioner of Employee Relations
Gambling Control Board - Director
Office of Administrative Hearings – Chief Administrative Law Judge
Office of Enterprise Technology - Chief Information Officer
Public Employees Retirement Association – Executive Director
State Lottery - Director
Arts, Board of the – 11 members
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board – 6 members
Gambling Control Board - 7 members
Metropolitan Council - Chair and 16 members
Racing Commission - 9 members

Other Laws

Administrative Procedure Act
Affirmative Action in State Agencies
Airport Noise
Comparable Worth for Public Employees
Hospital Districts
Legal Newspapers
Metropolitan Airports
Open Meeting Law
Planning and Zoning
Public Broadcasting
Public Employment Labor Relations Act
Special Service Taxing Districts
TAX COMMITTEE

The Committee on Taxes has jurisdiction over all bills relating to taxes and aid to local governments.

State Agencies

Revenue, Department of 270.02
Assessors, Board of 270.41
Equalization, State Board of 270.12
Tax Court 271.01
Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy 3.885
Multistate Tax Compact Advisory Committee 290.173

Confirmations

Commissioner of Revenue

Tax Court – 3 judges

Other Laws

Budget Reserve
Fiscal Disparities
TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Transportation Committee has jurisdiction over all bills relating to transportation.

State Agencies

Transportation, Department of 174.01
Administration and Related Services Division, Department of Public Safety 168.325
Driver and Vehicle Services Division, Department of Public Safety 299J.03
Pipeline Safety Office, Department of Public Safety 299D.01
Traffic Safety Division, Department of Public Safety

State Airport Zoning Boards 360.063, subd 7

Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact Commission 218.75
Mississippi River Parkway Commission 161.1419

Minnesota Safety Council 144.055, 471.63

Confirmations

Commissioner of Transportation

Other Laws

Driver and Vehicle Licensing
Gasoline Taxes
Handicapped Parking
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax
Outdoor Advertising
 Pipelines
School Buses
Traffic Laws