

NINETY-FIRST DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Wednesday, March 13, 2024

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

CALL OF THE SENATE

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

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Jen Collins.

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:

Abeler	Duckworth	Johnson	Maye Quade	Rasmusson
Anderson	Eichorn	Klein	McEwen	Rest
Bahr	Farnsworth	Koran	Miller	Seeberger
Boldon	Frentz	Kreun	Mitchell	Utke
Carlson	Green	Kunesh	Mohamed	Weber
Champion	Gruenhagen	Kupec	Morrison	Wesenberg
Coleman	Gustafson	Latz	Murphy	Westlin
Cwodzinski	Hauschild	Lieske	Nelson	Westrom
Dahms	Hawj	Limmer	Oumou Verbeten	Wiklund
Dibble	Hoffman	Lucero	Pha	Xiong
Dornink	Housley	Mann	Pratt	
Draheim	Howe	Marty	Putnam	
Drazkowski	Jasinski	Mathews	Rarick	

The President declared a quorum present.

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

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was received.

March 11, 2024

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Champion:

As the Senate Minority Leader, I hereby make the following appointments:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes

15B.36: Capitol Art Exhibit Advisory Committee - Beau Bakken and Mara Hanel to serve until January 4, 2028.

Sincerely,
Mark Johnson
Senate Republican Leader

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following House Files, herewith transmitted: H.F. Nos. 3309, 3520, 3526, and 3868.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted March 11, 2024

FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

H.F. No. 3309: A bill for an act relating to civil actions; enacting the Uniform Public Expression Protection Act proposed for adoption by the National Conference of Commissioners on Uniform State Laws; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 554; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 554.01; 554.02; 554.03; 554.04; 554.045; 554.05; 554.06.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration for comparison with S.F. No. 3317, now on General Orders.

H.F. No. 3520: A bill for an act relating to public safety; conforming the age range for hiring a minor to engage in prostitution; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.324, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration for comparison with S.F. No. 3545, now on General Orders.

H.F. No. 3526: A bill for an act relating to consumer protection; changing application of abnormal market disruption and unconscionably excessive price prohibition; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 325E.80, subdivisions 1, 5, 6, 7.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration for comparison with S.F. No. 3909, now on General Orders.

H.F. No. 3868: A bill for an act relating to commerce; adopting amendments to the Uniform Commercial Code to accommodate emerging technologies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 336.1-201; 336.1-204; 336.1-301; 336.1-306; 336.2-102; 336.2-106; 336.2-201; 336.2-202; 336.2-203; 336.2-205; 336.2-209; 336.2A-102; 336.2A-103; 336.2A-107; 336.2A-201; 336.2A-202; 336.2A-203; 336.2A-205; 336.2A-208; 336.3-104; 336.3-105; 336.3-401; 336.3-604; 336.4A-103; 336.4A-201; 336.4A-202; 336.4A-203; 336.4A-207; 336.4A-208; 336.4A-210; 336.4A-211; 336.4A-305; 336.5-104; 336.5-116; 336.7-102; 336.7-106; 336.8-102; 336.8-103; 336.8-106; 336.8-110; 336.8-303; 336.9-102; 336.9-104; 336.9-105; 336.9-203; 336.9-204; 336.9-207; 336.9-208; 336.9-209; 336.9-210; 336.9-301; 336.9-304; 336.9-305; 336.9-310; 336.9-312; 336.9-313; 336.9-314; 336.9-316; 336.9-317; 336.9-323; 336.9-324; 336.9-330; 336.9-331; 336.9-332; 336.9-334; 336.9-341; 336.9-404; 336.9-406; 336.9-408; 336.9-509; 336.9-513; 336.9-605; 336.9-608; 336.9-611; 336.9-613; 336.9-614; 336.9-615; 336.9-616; 336.9-619; 336.9-620; 336.9-621; 336.9-624; 336.9-628; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 336.9-601; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 336.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

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

S.F. No. 3809: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying home and community-based services standards for out-of-home respite services for children; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245C.03, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 245D.

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

S.F. No. 4204: A bill for an act relating to human services; allowing ombudspersons access to the social service information system; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 3.9215, by adding a subdivision; 245.975, subdivision 4; 257.0762, by adding a subdivision; 260C.82, by adding a subdivision.

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

Page 1, line 11, delete everything after "duties" and insert a period

Page 1, delete lines 12 and 13

Page 2, lines 5, 17, and 27, delete everything after "duties" and insert a period

Page 2, delete lines 6, 18, 19, 28, and 29

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

S.F. No. 4761: A bill for an act relating to child protection; creating a Child Protection Advisory Council; requiring reports; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 260E.

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

Page 2, line 23, delete "human services" and insert "administration"

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

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

S.F. No. 3856: A bill for an act relating to drivers' licenses; amending eligibility for a veteran designation on drivers' licenses or Minnesota identification cards and burial in state veterans cemeteries; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 197.236, subdivision 8; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 171.07, subdivision 15.

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

Page 2, line 13, after "Guard" insert "or a reserve component of the United States armed forces"

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

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

S.F. No. 4098: A bill for an act relating to transportation; authorizing release of certain information on leased motor vehicles to licensed motor vehicle dealers; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 168.345, subdivision 2.

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

Page 2, after line 3, insert:

"EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective October 1, 2024."

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

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

S.F. No. 4107: A bill for an act relating to education; strengthening the Increase Teachers of Color Act; making permanent a pilot scholarship program for aspiring teachers of color; establishing a special revenue fund account; appropriating money; amending Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 2, article 2, section 45.

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

Page 4, delete section 2 and insert:

"Sec. 2. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 5, section 65, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Collaborative urban and greater Minnesota educators of color grants.** (a) For collaborative urban and greater Minnesota educators of color competitive grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.635:

\$	5,440,000	2024
	5,440,000		
\$	<u>6,440,000</u>	2025

(b) The board may retain up to \$100,000 of the appropriation amount to monitor and administer the grant program.

(c) Any balance does not cancel but is available in the following fiscal year.

(d) The base for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$5,440,000.

Sec. 3. Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 5, section 65, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Mentoring, induction, and retention incentive program grants for teachers of color.** (a) To develop and expand mentoring, induction, and retention programs designed for teachers of color or American Indian teachers under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.70:

\$	3,500,000	2024
	3,500,000		
\$	<u>8,500,000</u>	2025

(b) Any balance does not cancel but is available in the following fiscal year.

(c) The base for grants under Minnesota Statutes, section 122A.70, for fiscal year 2026 and later is \$4,500,000, of which at least \$3,500,000 each fiscal year is for grants to develop and expand mentoring, induction, and retention programs designed for teachers of color or American Indian teachers.

(d) The board may retain up to three percent of the appropriation amount to monitor and administer the grant program."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Murphy, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred

H.F. No. 3377 for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found identical and recommends the House File be given its second reading and substituted for its companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS		CONSENT CALENDAR		CALENDAR	
H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.
3377	3507				

and that the above Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 45, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Report adopted.

Senator Murphy, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred

H.F. No. 3466 for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found identical and recommends the House File be given its second reading and substituted for its companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS		CONSENT CALENDAR		CALENDAR	
H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.
3466	3730				

and that the above Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 45, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Report adopted.

Senator Murphy, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred

H.F. No. 3646 for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found identical and recommends the House File be given its second reading and substituted for its companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS		CONSENT CALENDAR		CALENDAR	
H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.
3646	3770				

and that the above Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 45, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Report adopted.

Senator Murphy, from the Committee on Rules and Administration, to which was referred

H.F. No. 3987 for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found identical and recommends the House File be given its second reading and substituted for its companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS		CONSENT CALENDAR		CALENDAR	
H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.
3987	3936				

and that the above Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

Pursuant to Rule 45, this report was prepared and submitted by the Secretary of the Senate on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration. Report adopted.

Senator Hoffman from the Committee on Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4276: A bill for an act relating to behavioral health; expanding client supports; modifying substance use disorder licensing requirements; creating a reporting system; modifying behavioral health reimbursement; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 144.226, by adding a subdivision; 171.06, by adding a subdivision; 254B.051; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 245G.07, subdivision 2; 254B.05, subdivision 5; 256B.761; Laws 2021, First Special Session chapter 7, article 17, section 18; Laws 2023, chapter 61, article 4, section 23; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

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

Page 10, after line 33, insert:

"Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 290.0682, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Credit allowed.** (a) An eligible individual is allowed a credit against the tax due under this chapter.

(b) The credit for an eligible individual equals the least of:

(1) eligible loan payments minus ten percent of an amount equal to adjusted gross income in excess of \$10,000, but in no case less than zero;

(2) the earned income for the taxable year of the eligible individual, if any;

(3) the sum of:

(i) the interest portion of eligible loan payments made during the taxable year; and

(ii) ten percent of the original loan amount of all qualified education loans of the eligible individual; or

(4) \$500.

(c) For an eligible individual employed in a program licensed under chapter 245G who has performed at least 1,000 hours of service as an employee in the taxable year, the credit equals the least of the calculation under paragraph (b), clauses (1) to (3), or \$6,000.

~~(e)~~ (d) For a part-year resident, the credit must be allocated based on the percentage calculated under section 290.06, subdivision 2c, paragraph (e).

~~(d)~~ (e) In the case of a married couple, each spouse is eligible for the credit in this section. For the purposes of paragraph (b), for married taxpayers filing joint returns, each spouse's adjusted gross income equals the spouse's percentage share of the couple's earned income, multiplied by the couple's combined adjusted gross income.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective for taxable years beginning after December 1, 2023."

Page 12, line 18, delete "and"

Page 12, line 20, delete the period and insert "; and"

Page 12, after line 20, insert:

"(6) the Minnesota Association of County Social Service Administrators."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, after the first semicolon, insert "modifying tax provisions for certain individuals employed in substance use disorder treatment programs;"

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. Report adopted.

Senator Hoffman from the Committee on Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 792: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing continuity of care requirements for seniors receiving personal assistance under medical assistance managed care; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256B.69, by adding a subdivision.

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

Page 1, line 12, delete "allow" and insert "offer the agency a contract for the purposes of allowing" and delete "continue to"

Page 1, line 13, delete "otherwise"

Page 1, line 17, delete everything after "full"

Page 1, line 18, delete "(1)"

Page 1, line 19, delete "; or" and insert ", and agrees to enter into a manage care plan's or county-based purchasing plan's contract for personal assistance."

Page 1, delete lines 20 and 21

Page 2, line 16, delete "July 1, 2023" and insert "January 1, 2025"

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

Senator Hoffman from the Committee on Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4478: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying the membership of the Commission of the Deaf, DeafBlind, and Hard of Hearing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256C.28, subdivision 1.

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

Page 1, line 10, after "the" insert "voting"

Page 1, line 12, delete "child" and insert "person"

Page 1, lines 21 and 22, strike "Commission" and insert "Voting" and after "members" insert "of the commission"

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

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

S.F. No. 1370: A bill for an act relating to housing; expanding eligible uses for housing infrastructure bonds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 462A.37, subdivision 2.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 15.99, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms shall have the meanings given.

(b) "Agency" means a department, agency, board, commission, or other group in the executive branch of state government; a statutory or home rule charter city, county, town, or school district; any metropolitan agency or regional entity; and any other political subdivision of the state.

(c) "Request" means a written application for a building permit, or a written application related to zoning, septic systems, watershed district review, soil and water conservation district review, or the expansion of the metropolitan urban service area, for a permit, license, or other governmental

approval of an action. A request must be submitted in writing to the agency on an application form provided by the agency, if one exists. The agency may reject as incomplete a request not on a form of the agency if the request does not include information required by the agency. A request not on a form of the agency must clearly identify on the first page the specific permit, license, or other governmental approval being sought. No request shall be deemed made if not in compliance with this paragraph.

(d) "Applicant" means a person submitting a request under this section. An applicant may designate a person to act on the applicant's behalf regarding a request under this section and any action taken by or notice given to the applicant's designee related to the request shall be deemed taken by or given to the applicant.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 15.99, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Deadline for response.** (a) Except as otherwise provided in this section, section 462.358, subdivision 3b, or 473.175, or chapter 505, and notwithstanding any other law to the contrary, an agency must approve or deny within 60 days a written request for a building permit, or a written request relating to zoning, septic systems, watershed district review, soil and water conservation district review, or expansion of the metropolitan urban service area for a permit, license, or other governmental approval of an action. Failure of an agency to deny a request within 60 days is approval of the request. If an agency denies the request, it must state in writing the reasons for the denial at the time that it denies the request.

(b) When a vote on a resolution or properly made motion to approve a request fails for any reason, the failure shall constitute a denial of the request provided that those voting against the motion state on the record the reasons why they oppose the request. A denial of a request because of a failure to approve a resolution or motion does not preclude an immediate submission of a same or similar request.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (b), if an agency, other than a multimember governing body, denies the request, it must state in writing the reasons for the denial at the time that it denies the request. If a multimember governing body denies a request, it must state the reasons for denial on the record and provide the applicant in writing a statement of the reasons for the denial. If the written statement is not adopted at the same time as the denial, it must be adopted at the next meeting following the denial of the request but before the expiration of the time allowed for making a decision under this section. The written statement must be consistent with the reasons stated in the record at the time of the denial. The written statement must be provided to the applicant upon adoption.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 326B.153, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 5. **Valuation.** The commissioner must establish a cost-per-square-foot valuation of residential buildings for the purpose of setting building permit fees by municipalities. Residential buildings include one- and two-family buildings, townhouse buildings, and accessory buildings.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 394.25, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. **Emergency shelter facility.** (a) "Emergency shelter facility" means a facility that provides a safe, sanitary, accessible, and suitable emergency shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, regardless of whether the facility provides emergency shelter during

the day, overnight, or both. The emergency shelter facility must conform with the State Building Code under chapter 326B and the State Fire Code under chapter 299F.

(b) A county shall not enact, amend, or enforce a zoning ordinance that prohibits emergency shelter facilities. A county may prohibit an emergency shelter facility in areas zoned for residential, agricultural, or heavy industrial uses, or as required by law to conform with the State Building Code, State Fire Code, or other state requirements.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 394.25, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 12. **Homeowners associations.** (a) A county must not condition approval of a residential building permit, residential subdivision development, or residential planned unit development on the creation of a homeowners association or on the inclusion of any terms in a homeowners association bylaws, articles of incorporation, or any other governing document that is not required under state law.

(b) A county must not require that a residential property be part of a homeowners association or provide an incentive for such membership. The county must also not require or incentivize a homeowners association to adopt terms or conditions not required under state law.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 462.357, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 1j. **Emergency shelter facility.** (a) "Emergency shelter facility" means a facility that provides a safe, sanitary, accessible, and suitable emergency shelter for individuals and families experiencing homelessness, regardless of whether the facility provides emergency shelter during the day, overnight, or both. The emergency shelter facility must conform with the State Building Code under chapter 326B and the State Fire Code under chapter 299F.

(b) A municipality shall not enact, amend, or enforce a zoning ordinance that prohibits emergency shelter facilities. A municipality may prohibit an emergency shelter facility in areas zoned for residential, or agricultural, or heavy industrial uses, or as required by law to conform with the State Building Code, State Fire Code, or other state requirements.

Sec. 7. **[462.3571] MULTIFAMILY RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENTS.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Affordable housing development" means a multifamily residential development in which:

(1) at least 20 percent of the residential units are for households whose incomes do not exceed 50 percent of the area median income; or

(2) at least 40 percent of the residential units are for households whose incomes do not exceed 60 percent of the area median income.

The deed or declaration for an affordable residential unit must also contain a restrictive covenant requiring the property to remain affordable housing for at least 30 years.

(c) "Municipality" means a home rule charter city, statutory city, or town.

(d) "Multifamily residential development" means a single residential building with more than eight dwelling units or a mixed-use building with commercial use on the ground floor and at least half of the usable square footage is for residential uses. Multifamily residential development is not middle housing as defined in section 462.3575, subdivision 1.

(e) "Residential unit" means a residential dwelling for the use of a single owner or tenant.

Subd. 2. **Multifamily residential developments.** (a) Multifamily residential developments are a permitted use in any mixed-use, multifamily, or commercial zoning district, subject to compliance with all municipal standards.

(b) A multifamily residential development may be mixed use so long as at least 50 percent of the usable square footage of the development is dedicated to residential use.

Subd. 3. **Applicable zoning standards.** (a) A municipality must not impose a height requirement on a multifamily residential development that is less than the tallest commercial or residential building within a one-quarter mile radius of the parcel on which the development will be built or the maximum height permitted under the municipality's official controls, whichever is higher.

(b) A municipality must not impose a setback requirement on a multifamily residential development that is more than the smallest minimum setback distance required of a new building within a one-quarter mile radius of the parcel on which the development will be built.

Subd. 4. **Parking requirements limited.** A municipality may not require more than one off-street parking space per residential unit.

Subd. 5. **Affordable housing development; height requirements.** (a) Subject to section 462.358, subdivision 2a, an affordable housing development must be permitted to exceed both a maximum height requirement and a maximum floor area ratio limitation imposed by municipality official controls as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c). The authority in paragraphs (b) and (c) that produces the tallest development with the most number of affordable housing units on the parcel shall be applied to the affordable housing development.

(b) An affordable housing development may either:

(1) exceed the height requirement for the zoning district where the affordable housing development will be located by 35 feet in height; or

(2) match the maximum allowed height in any zoning district within one mile of the affordable housing development.

(c) In addition to all previous allowances, an affordable housing development must be permitted to do one of the following, whichever results in the largest development:

(1) exceed the maximum floor area ratio or dwelling unit count permitted by municipality standards or the municipality's comprehensive plan by 30 percent, whichever allows for greater density;

(2) exceed the lot coverage ratio by 30 percent;

(3) exceed the floor area ratio by 30 percent; or

(4) exceed the maximum impervious lot coverage area by 30 percent.

(d) A municipality that does not approve a project under section 462.358, subdivision 2a, must provide the applicant with written justification and reasons for the disapproval within seven days of the disapproval. Where insufficient infrastructure is the reason for disapproval, a municipality must include credentialed evidence in the written justification.

Subd. 6. **State Building Code; State Fire Code.** This section is subject to the requirements under the State Building Code under chapter 326B and the State Fire Code under chapter 299F.

Sec. 8. [462.3575] MINIMUM RESIDENTIAL DENSITIES AND ASSOCIATED REQUIREMENTS.

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For the purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Accessory dwelling unit" means a smaller, independent residential dwelling unit located on the same lot as a dwelling. An accessory dwelling unit may be attached or detached from the existing dwelling. Accessory dwelling unit does not include sacred communities and micro-unit dwellings under section 327.30 and temporary family health care dwellings under section 462.3593.

(c) "Affordable housing" means a residential dwelling unit affordable to households at or below 115 percent of the area median household income, for an owner-occupied unit, or at or below 60 percent of the area median household income, for a unit that is leased. The deed or declaration for the unit must also contain a restrictive covenant requiring the property to remain affordable housing for at least ten years if the unit is owner-occupied, or at least 30 years if the unit is leased.

(d) "All-electric and efficient home" means a residential dwelling unit that utilizes electricity or a combination of electricity and thermal energy as its sole source of energy for heating, hot water heating, cooling, and appliances and meets the most current minimum efficiency standards of a zero energy ready home under the Zero Energy Ready Home Program administered by United States Department of Energy.

(e) "Cottage housing" means residential dwelling units on a lot with a common open space that either:

(1) is owned in common; or

(2) has units owned as condominium units with property owned in common and a minimum of 20 percent of the lot size as open space.

(f) "Courtyard apartment" means a building with up to four attached residential dwelling units arranged on two or three sides of a yard or garden.

(g) "Duplex" means a two-family home, classified as an IRC-2 in the State Building Code and not meeting the definition of townhouse.

(h) "Fiveplex" means a building containing five residential dwelling units intended for nontransient occupancy and not meeting the definition of townhouse.

(i) "Fourplex" means a building containing four residential dwelling units intended for nontransient occupancy and not meeting the definition of townhouse.

(j) "Lot" means any contiguous parcel of land in the possession of, owned by, or recorded as the property of the same claimant or person.

(k) "Major transit stop" means a stop or station for a guideway or busway, as the terms are defined in section 473.4485, subdivision 1.

(l) "Middle housing" means buildings that are single-family detached homes and residential properties that are compatible in scale, form, and character with single-family detached homes. Middle housing includes all of the following housing types:

(1) duplexes;

(2) triplexes;

(3) fourplexes;

(4) fiveplexes;

(5) sixplexes;

(6) townhouses;

(7) stacked flats;

(8) courtyard apartments;

(9) cottage housing;

(10) single-family detached homes; and

(11) twin homes.

(m) "Municipality" means a home rule charter city, statutory city, or town.

(n) "Residential dwelling unit" or "unit" means a residential dwelling unit for the use of a single owner or tenant and applies to any type of residential structure unless otherwise specified.

(o) "Single-family detached home" means any building that contains one residential dwelling unit used, intended, or designed to be built, used, rented, leased, let, or hired out to be occupied, or occupied for living purposes that is not attached to another structure.

(p) "Sixplex" means a building containing six residential dwelling units intended for nontransient occupancy and not meeting the definition of townhouse.

(q) "Stacked flat" means a nontransient residential building of no more than three stories on a lot zoned for residential development in which each floor is a residential dwelling unit.

(r) "Townhouse" means a single-family residential dwelling unit constructed in a group of three or more attached units in which each unit extends from the foundation to the roof and with open space on at least two sides. Each single-family residential dwelling unit shall be considered a separate building. Separate building service utilities shall be provided to each single-family residential dwelling unit when required by the State Building Code.

(s) "Triplex" means a building containing three residential dwelling units intended for nontransient occupancy and not meeting the definition of townhouse.

Subd. 2. **Middle housing types permitted.** A municipality must authorize at least six types of middle housing other than single-family detached homes to be built on residential lots in single-family zones in the municipality to achieve the density requirements in this section.

Subd. 3. **Cities of the first class; required residential densities.** (a) Subject to section 462.358, subdivision 2a, a city of the first class must permit the development of at least four residential dwelling units on any residential lot that is more than one-half mile from a major transit stop, unless one of the following criteria are met:

(1) if all of the units are all-electric and efficient homes, the city must permit the development of at least six residential dwelling units on the lot;

(2) if at least two of the units are affordable housing, the city must permit the development of at least six residential dwelling units on the lot; or

(3) if all of the units are all-electric and efficient homes and at least two of the units are also affordable housing, the city must permit the development of at least eight residential dwelling units on the lot.

(b) Subject to section 472.358, subdivision 2a, a city of the first class must permit the development of at least six residential dwelling units on any residential lot that is one-half mile or less from a major transit stop, unless one of the following criteria are met:

(1) if all of the units are all-electric and efficient homes, the city must permit the development of at least eight residential dwelling units on the lot;

(2) if at least two of the units are affordable housing, the city must permit the development of at least eight residential dwelling units on the lot; or

(3) if all of the units are all-electric and efficient homes and at least two of the units are also affordable housing, the city must permit the development of at least ten residential dwelling units on the lot.

(c) The requirements of this subdivision apply regardless of the types of middle housing authorized by the city under subdivision 2.

(d) A municipality that does not approve a project under section 462.358, subdivision 2a, must provide the applicant with written justification and reasons for the disapproval within seven days

of the disapproval. Where insufficient infrastructure is the reason for disapproval, a municipality must include credentialed evidence in the written justification.

Subd. 4. **Other cities and towns; required residential densities.** (a) Subject to section 462.358, subdivision 2a, a city of the second, third, or fourth class or town must permit the development of at least two residential dwelling units on any residential lot that is more than one-half mile from a major transit stop, unless one of the following criteria are met:

(1) if all of the units are all-electric and efficient homes, the city or town must permit the development of at least three residential dwelling units on the lot;

(2) if at least two of the units are affordable housing, the city or town must permit the development of at least three residential dwelling units on the lot; or

(3) if all of the units are all-electric and efficient homes and at least two of the units are also affordable housing, the city or town must permit the development of at least four residential dwelling units on the lot.

(b) Subject to section 462.358, subdivision 2a, a city of the second, third, or fourth class or town must permit the development of at least four residential dwelling units on any residential lot that is one-half mile or less from a major transit stop, unless one of the following criteria are met:

(1) if all of the units are all-electric and efficient homes, the city or town must permit the development of at least six residential dwelling units on the lot;

(2) if at least two of the units are affordable housing, the city or town must permit the development of at least six residential dwelling units on the lot; or

(3) if all of the units are all-electric and efficient homes and at least two of the units are also affordable housing, the city or town must permit the development of at least eight residential dwelling units on the lot.

(c) The requirements of this subdivision apply regardless of the types of middle housing authorized by the city or town under subdivision 2.

(d) A municipality that does not approve a project under section 462.358, subdivision 2a, must provide the applicant with written justification and reasons for the disapproval within seven days of the disapproval. Where insufficient infrastructure is the reason for disapproval, a municipality must include from a public works director or a similarly qualified person evidence in the written justification.

Subd. 5. **Municipal standards.** (a) Municipal official controls must not impose standards that create practical difficulties in the placement or building of residential units on any lot.

(b) Any standards, performance conditions, or requirements imposed by a municipality for residential dwelling units permitted under this section must allow for all missing middle types authorized under subdivision 2 to be built.

(c) Any limits or restrictions on missing middle development must directly relate to protecting public health, safety, and general welfare.

Subd. 6. **Accessory dwelling units authorized.** (a) An accessory dwelling unit may be built on any residential lot in a municipality, regardless of total lot size, street frontage, connectivity between the accessory dwelling unit and the primary dwelling on the lot, and whether the lot is occupied by the property owner.

(b) A municipality may permit more than one accessory dwelling unit to be built on a residential lot.

Subd. 7. **Minimum lot size permitted.** (a) A municipality may, by ordinance, require a minimum lot size in accordance with this subdivision to which the density requirements of subdivisions 3 and 4 apply.

(b) A minimum lot size for a city of the first class must not be greater than:

(1) 2,500 square feet for a single-family detached home, duplex, triplex, fourplex, fiveplex, sixplex, stacked flat, and courtyard apartment; or

(2) 1,200 square feet for a townhome and cottage housing.

(c) A minimum lot size for a city of the second, third, or fourth class or a town must not be greater than:

(1) 4,000 square feet for a single-family detached home, duplex, triplex, fourplex, fiveplex, sixplex, stacked flat, and courtyard apartment; or

(2) 1,200 square feet for a townhome and cottage housing.

Subd. 8. **Parking requirements limited.** (a) A municipality may not require an off-street parking space for a residential dwelling unit that is one-half mile or less from a major transit stop. A municipality may require that disability parking spaces be provided in compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

(b) A municipality may not require more than one off-street parking space per residential dwelling unit that is over one-half mile from a major transit stop, except that additional disability parking spaces may be required to meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Subd. 9. **Affordable housing; replacement required.** For cities of the first class, affordable housing on a residential lot may only be demolished or remodeled for the construction of middle housing if the middle housing development will create at least as many affordable housing units as exist in the structure to be demolished or remodeled. This subdivision does not apply to housing in a blighted area defined under section 469.002, subdivision 11.

Subd. 10. **Alternative density plans.** A municipality that adopts zoning controls prior to June 30, 2025, that would allow for residential construction leading to an increase in density of more than 100 percent in single family zones as permitted uses is not subject to the requirements in this section.

Subd. 11. **Exception.** This section does not apply to any parcel located in a floodplain.

Subd. 12. **State Building Code; State Fire Code.** This section is subject to the requirements under the State Building Code under chapter 326B and the State Fire Code under chapter 299F.

Sec. 9. [462.3576] LIMITATION ON AESTHETIC MANDATES FOR CITIES.

A municipality must not condition approval of a residential building permit, residential subdivision development, or residential planned unit development on the use of one or more of the following, unless to conform with state and local historic district requirements, the State Building Code in chapter 326B, and the State Fire Code in chapter 299F:

- (1) specific materials for aesthetic reasons;
- (2) residential building or accessory structure to a residential building minimum square footage or floor area ratios;
- (3) design elements for aesthetic reasons including, but not limited to, decks, balconies, porches, gables, roof pitch, and elevation design standards;
- (4) garage square footage; or
- (5) common space, pools, or any common property necessitating a homeowner's association.

Sec. 10. [462.3577] MUNICIPALITIES; HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATIONS.

(a) A municipality must not condition approval of a residential building permit, residential subdivision development, or residential planned unit development on the creation of a homeowners association or on the inclusion of any terms in a homeowners association bylaws, articles of incorporation, or any other governing document that is not required under state law.

(b) A municipality must not require that a residential property be part of a homeowners association or provide an incentive for such membership. The municipality must also not require or incentivize a homeowners association to adopt terms or conditions not required under state law.

Sec. 11. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This act is effective July 1, 2025."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to housing; amending provisions relating to building permit processing and fees; amending provisions relating to land use and planning; prohibiting counties and municipalities from enacting ordinances prohibiting emergency shelter facilities; establishing requirements for municipalities to allow multifamily residential developments; defining middle housing; requiring permitting middle housing types in residential areas; authorizing accessory dwelling units; limiting off-street parking requirements for residential development; limiting aesthetic mandates on residential project approvals; limiting requirements for homeowners associations on residential project approvals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 15.99, subdivisions 1, 2; 326B.153, by adding a subdivision; 394.25, by adding subdivisions; 462.357, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462."

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

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

S.F. No. 3846: A bill for an act relating to real property; providing for property insurance for grantee beneficiaries of transfer on death deeds; making technical, clarifying, and conforming changes to transfer on death deeds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 507.071; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 507.

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

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

S.F. No. 4314: A bill for an act relating to commerce; modifying provisions governing coerced debt; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 332.71, subdivisions 2, 4, 5, 7; 332.72; 332.73, subdivision 1; 332.74, subdivisions 3, 5; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 332.71, subdivision 8.

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

S.F. No. 4156: A bill for an act relating to financial institutions; modifying registration provisions in the Minnesota Securities Act; modifying franchise fee deferral; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 80A.61; 80A.66; 80C.05, subdivision 3; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 80A.50.

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

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

S.F. No. 4735: A bill for an act relating to commerce; regulating private student loan servicers; providing for civil penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 58B.06, subdivisions 4, 5; 58B.07, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 9, by adding subdivisions; 58B.09, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 58B.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 58B.02, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Student loan.** "Student loan" means a government, commercial, or foundation ~~loan~~ extension of credit for actual costs paid for tuition and reasonable education and living expenses.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 58B.02, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 8a. **Lender.** "Lender" means an entity engaged in the business of securing, making, or extending student loans. Lender does not include, to the extent that state regulation is preempted by federal law:

- (1) a bank, savings banks, savings and loan association, or credit union;
- (2) a wholly owned subsidiary of a bank or credit union; or
- (3) an operating subsidiary where each owner is wholly owned by the same bank or credit union.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 58B.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10. **Reporting.** (a) Beginning January 31, 2025, a student loan servicer that secures, makes, or extends student loans in the state must report to the commissioner on the form the commissioner provides:

(1) a list of all schools attended by borrowers who received a student loan from the student loan servicer and resided within the state at the time of the transaction and whose debt is still outstanding, including student loans used to refinance an existing debt;

(2) the total outstanding dollar amount owed by borrowers residing in the state who received student loans from the student loan servicer;

(3) the total number of student loans owed by borrowers residing in the state who received student loans from the student loan servicer;

(4) the total outstanding dollar amount and number of student loans owed by borrowers who reside in the state, associated with each school identified under clause (1);

(5) the total dollar amount of student loans provided by the student loan servicer to borrowers who resided in the state in the prior calendar year;

(6) the total outstanding dollar amount and number of student loans owed by borrowers who resided in the state, associated with each school identified under clause (1), that were provided in the prior calendar year;

(7) the rate of default for borrowers residing in the state who obtained student loans from the student loan servicer, if applicable;

(8) the rate of default for borrowers residing in the state who obtained student loans from the student loan servicer associated with each school identified under clause (1), if applicable;

(9) the range of initial interest rates for student loans provided by the student loan servicer to borrowers who resided in the state in the prior calendar year;

(10) of the total number of borrowers who received student loans under clause (9), and the percentage of borrowers who received each rate identified under clause (9);

(11) the total dollar amount and number of student loans provided in the prior calendar year by the student loan servicer to borrowers who resided in the state at the time of the transaction and had a cosigner for the student loans;

(12) the total dollar amount and number of student loans provided by the student loan servicer to borrowers residing in the state used to refinance a prior student loan or federal student loan in the prior calendar year;

(13) the total dollar amount and number of student loans for which the student loan servicer had sued to collect from a borrower residing in the state in the prior calendar year;

(14) a copy of any model promissory note, agreement, contract, or other instrument used by the student loan servicer in the previous year to substantiate that a borrower owes a new debt to the student loan servicer; and

(15) any other information considered necessary by the commissioner to assess the total size and status of the student loan market and well-being of borrowers in the state.

(b) A student loan servicer that acquires or assumes student loans in the state must report to the commissioner on the form the commissioner provides:

(1) a list of all schools attended by borrowers residing in the state who used, for attendance, any outstanding student loans assumed or acquired by the student loan servicer;

(2) the total outstanding dollar amount and number of student loans that have been acquired or assumed by the student loan servicer and owed by borrowers who reside in the state;

(3) the total outstanding dollar amount and number of student loans owed by borrowers who reside in the state that have been assumed or acquired by the student loan servicer, associated with each school identified under clause (1);

(4) the total dollar amount and number of student loans owed by borrowers who resided in the state that were acquired or assumed by the student loan servicer in the prior calendar year;

(5) the total dollar amount and number of student loans that were acquired or assumed by the student loan servicer and owed by borrowers who resided in the state in the prior year, associated with each school identified under clause (1);

(6) the rate of default for student loans acquired or assumed by the student loan servicer, if applicable;

(7) the rate of default for student loans acquired or assumed by the student loan servicer associated with each school identified under clause (1), if applicable;

(8) the total outstanding dollar amount and number of student loans owed by borrowers residing in the state who had a cosigner for the student loans, if applicable;

(9) the total outstanding dollar amount and number of student loans that were acquired or assumed by the student loan servicer and owed by borrowers residing in the state to refinance a prior student loan or federal student loan;

(10) the total dollar amount and number of student loans for which the student loan servicer had sued to collect from borrowers residing in the state in the prior calendar year; and

(11) any other information considered necessary by the commissioner to assess the total size and status of the student loan market and well-being of borrowers in the state.

Sec. 4. **[58B.051] REGISTRATION FOR LENDERS.**

(a) Beginning January 1, 2025, a lender must register with the commissioner as a lender before providing services in Minnesota. A lender must not offer or make a student loan to a resident of Minnesota without first registering with the commissioner as provided in this section.

(b) A registration application must include:

(1) the lender's name;

(2) the lender's address;

(3) the name of all officers, directors, partners, and owners of controlling interests in the lender;

(4) the addresses of all officers, directors, partners, and owners of controlling interests in the lender; and

(5) any other information the commissioner requires by rule.

(c) A lender must renew the lender's registration on an annual basis and may be required to pay a fee at the time of renewal.

(d) The commissioner may adopt and enforce:

(1) registration procedures for lenders, which may include using the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry;

(2) registration fees for lenders, which may include fees for using the Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry, to be paid directly by the lender;

(3) procedures and fees to renew a lender's registration, which may include fees for the renewed use of Nationwide Multistate Licensing System and Registry, to be paid directly by the lender; and

(4) alternate registration procedures and fees for institutions of postsecondary education that offer student loans.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 58B.06, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Transfer of student loan.** (a) If a borrower's student loan servicer changes pursuant to the sale, assignment, or transfer of the servicing, the original student loan servicer must:

(1) require the new student loan servicer to honor all benefits that were made available, or which may have become available, to a borrower from the original student loan servicer, including, without limitation, any benefits for which the student loan borrower has not yet qualified; and

(2) transfer to the new student loan servicer all information regarding the borrower, the account of the borrower, and the borrower's student loan, including but not limited to the repayment status of the student loan and the benefits described in clause (1).

(b) The student loan servicer must complete the transfer under paragraph (a), clause (2), less than 45 days from the date of the sale, assignment, or transfer of the servicing.

(c) A sale, assignment, or transfer of the servicing must be completed no less than seven days from the date the next payment is due on the student loan.

(d) A new student loan servicer must adopt policies and procedures to verify that the original student loan servicer has met the requirements of paragraph (a).

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 58B.06, subdivision 5, is amended to read:

Subd. 5. **Income-driven repayment.** (a) A student loan servicer must evaluate a borrower for eligibility for an income-driven repayment program before placing a borrower in forbearance or default.

(b) A student loan servicer must provide the following information on the student loan servicer's website:

(1) a description of any income-driven repayment programs offered by the student loan servicer; and

(2) information on the policies and procedures the student loan servicer implements to facilitate the evaluation of student loan income-driven repayment program requests, including accurate information regarding any options that may be available to the borrower through the promissory note or that may have been marketed to the borrower through marketing materials.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 58B.07, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Misleading borrowers.** A student loan servicer must not directly or indirectly employ any scheme, device, or artifice to attempt to defraud or mislead a borrower.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 58B.07, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Misapplication of payments.** A student loan servicer must not knowingly or negligently misapply student loan payments to the outstanding balance of a student loan.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 58B.07, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. **Incorrect information regarding student ~~loan forgiveness~~ loans.** (a) A student loan servicer must not misrepresent the availability of student loan forgiveness for which the servicer has reason to know the borrower is eligible. This includes but is not limited to student loan forgiveness

programs specific to military borrowers, borrowers working in public service, or borrowers with disabilities.

(b) A student loan servicer must not provide incorrect information related to forbearance. If a student loan servicer incorrectly suggests placing a borrower in forbearance and the borrower relies on this information, the student loan servicer shall be subject to the penalties provided under section 58B.09.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 58B.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. **Property.** A student loan servicer must not obtain property by fraud or misrepresentation.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 58B.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 12. **Customer service.** A student loan servicer must not allow a borrower to remain on hold with a customer service representative for more than two hours.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 58B.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 13. **Abusive acts or practices.** A student loan servicer must not engage in abusive acts or practices when servicing a student loan in this state. An act or practice is abusive in connection with the servicing of a student loan if that act or practice:

(1) materially interferes with the ability of a borrower to understand a term or condition of a student loan; or

(2) takes unreasonable advantage of any of the following:

(i) a lack of understanding on the part of a borrower of the material risks, costs, or conditions of the student loan;

(ii) the inability of a borrower to protect the interests of the borrower when selecting or using a student loan or feature, term, or condition of a student loan; or

(iii) the reasonable reliance by the borrower on a student loan servicer to act in the interests of the borrower.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 58B.07, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 14. **Violations.** A violation of this section is an unlawful practice under section 325D.44.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 58B.09, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 4. **Private right of action.** (a) A borrower who suffers damage as a result of the failure of a student loan servicer to comply with this chapter may bring an action on a borrower's own behalf and on behalf of a similarly situated class of persons against that student loan servicer to recover or obtain:

(1) actual damages, except that the total award of damages must be at least \$500 per plaintiff, per violation;

(2) an order enjoining the methods, acts, or practices;

(3) restitution of property;

(4) punitive damages;

(5) reasonable attorney fees; and

(6) any other relief that the court deems proper.

(b) In addition to any other remedies provided by this subdivision or otherwise provided by law, if a student loan servicer is shown, by a preponderance of the evidence, to have engaged in conduct that substantially interferes with a borrower's right to an alternative payment arrangement; loan forgiveness, cancellation, or discharge; or any other financial benefit established under the terms of a borrower's promissory note or under the Higher Education Act of 1965, United States Code, title 20, section 1070a, et seq., a borrower is entitled to damages of at least \$1,500 per plaintiff, per violation.

(c) At least 45 days before bringing an action for damages or injunctive relief under this chapter, a borrower must:

(1) provide written notice to the student loan servicer alleged to have violated this chapter regarding the nature of the alleged violations; and

(2) demand that the student loan servicer correct and remedy the method, act, or practice identified in the notice under clause (1).

(d) The notice required by this subdivision must be sent by certified or registered mail, return receipt requested, to the student loan servicer's address on file with the Department of Commerce or to the student loan servicer's principal place of business in Minnesota.

(e) An action for damages or injunctive relief brought by a borrower only on the individual borrower's behalf must not be maintained under paragraph (a) upon a showing by a student loan servicer that an appropriate correction and remedy is given, or is agreed to be given within a reasonable time, to the borrower within 30 days after the notice is received.

(f) An action for damages brought by a borrower on both the borrower's behalf and on behalf of a similarly situated class of persons must not be maintained under paragraph (a) upon a showing by a student loan servicer alleged to have employed or committed a method, act, or practice declared unlawful if:

(1) all borrowers similarly situated have been identified or a reasonable effort to identify other borrowers has been made;

(2) all borrowers identified have been notified that, upon the borrower's request, the student loan servicer must make the appropriate correction and remedy;

(3) the correction and remedy requested by the borrower has been given or is given within a reasonable amount of time; and

(4) the student loan servicer has ceased from engaging, or if immediate cessation is impossible or unreasonably expensive under the circumstances, the student loan servicer ceases to engage within a reasonable amount of time, in the method, act, or practice.

(g) An attempt to comply with a demand described in paragraph (c) by a student loan servicer that receives the demand is construed as an offer to compromise and is inadmissible as evidence under Minnesota Rules of Evidence, rule 408. An attempt to comply with a demand is not an admission of engaging in an act or practice declared unlawful by paragraph (a). Evidence of compliance or attempts to comply with this section may be introduced by a defendant to establish good faith or to show compliance with paragraph (a).

(h) An award of damages must not be given in an action based on a method, act, or practice in violation of paragraph (a) if the student loan servicer alleged to have employed or committed that method, act, or practice:

(1) proves by a preponderance of the evidence that the violation was not intentional and resulted from a bona fide error, notwithstanding the use of reasonable procedures adopted to avoid that error; and

(2) makes an appropriate correction, repair, replacement, or other remedy under paragraphs (e) and (f).

(i) The commissioner must administer and enforce this section and must adopt rules and issue orders consistent with the authority under this section.

Sec. 15. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This act is effective August 1, 2024."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after "servicers" insert "and lenders"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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. 4157: A bill for an act relating to commerce; adding and modifying various provisions governing financial institutions; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 47.20, subdivision 2; 47.54, subdivisions 2, 6; 48.24, subdivision 2; 58.02, subdivisions 18, 21, by adding a subdivision; 58.04, subdivisions 1, 2; 58.05, subdivisions 1, 3; 58.06, by adding subdivisions; 58.08, subdivisions 1a, 2; 58.10, subdivision 3; 58.115; 58.13, subdivision 1; proposing

coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 58; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 58.08, subdivision 3.

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

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

S.F. No. 4163: A bill for an act relating to commerce; adding an exemption for bulk delivery of certain volumes of nonoxygenated, unleaded premium grade gasoline; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 239.791, by adding a subdivision.

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

Page 1, after line 5, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 239.791, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Disclosure; reporting.** (a) A refinery or terminal, shall provide, at the time gasoline is sold or transferred from the refinery or terminal, a bill of lading or shipping manifest to the person who receives the gasoline. For oxygenated gasoline, the bill of lading or shipping manifest must include the identity and the volume percentage or gallons of oxygenate included in the gasoline, and it must state: "This fuel contains an oxygenate. Do not blend this fuel with ethanol or with any other oxygenate." For nonoxygenated gasoline, the bill or manifest must state: "This fuel is not oxygenated. It must not be sold at retail in Minnesota." This subdivision does not apply to sales or transfers of gasoline between refineries, between terminals, or between a refinery and a terminal.

(b) A delivery ticket required under section 239.092 for biofuel blended with gasoline must state the volume percentage of biofuel blended into gasoline delivered through a meter into a storage tank used for dispensing by persons not exempt under subdivisions 10 to 14 ~~and~~ 16, and 17.

(c) On or before the 23rd day of each month, a person responsible for the product must report to the department, in the form prescribed by the commissioner, the gross number of gallons of intermediate blends sold at retail by the person during the preceding calendar month. The report must identify the number of gallons by blend type. For purposes of this subdivision, "intermediate blends" means blends of gasoline and biofuel in which the biofuel content, exclusive of denaturants and other permitted components, is greater than ten percent and no more than 50 percent by volume. This paragraph only applies to a person who is responsible for selling intermediate blends at retail at more than ten locations. A person responsible for the product at fewer than ten locations is not precluded from reporting the gross number of intermediate blends if a report is available.

(d) All reports provided pursuant to paragraph (c) are nonpublic data, as defined in section 13.02, subdivision 9."

Page 1, line 11, delete everything after "the" and insert "conditions in paragraphs (b) to (d) are met."

Page 1, line 12, delete everything after "in" and insert "vehicles that would qualify for an exemption under subdivision 12, paragraph (a)"

Page 1, delete line 13

Page 1, line 14, delete "engine"

Page 1, after line 14, insert:

"(c) No more than one bulk fuel storage tank on the premises may be used for storage of the nonoxygenated gasoline.

(d) The bulk fuel delivery is 500 gallons or less."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

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

S.F. No. 3623: A bill for an act relating to cannabis; prohibiting the sale of empty packaging that would violate the limits on packaging for cannabis flower and related products; authorizing the attorney general to enforce the prohibition on sales of certain empty packaging; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 342.62, by adding a subdivision.

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

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

S.F. No. 2437: A bill for an act relating to child care assistance; removing obsolete language; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 245H.03, subdivision 1.

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

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

S.F. No. 4444: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring continued publication of the annual adverse health event report; prohibiting retaliation against patient care staff; providing for enforcement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 144.05, subdivision 7; 144.7065, subdivision 8; 144.7067, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 181.275, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.

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

Page 3, delete section 4

Page 4, after line 12, insert:

"Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** (a) For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given.

(b) "Assignment" means the designation of nursing tasks or activities to be performed by another nurse or unlicensed assistive person.

(c) "Emergency" means a period when replacement staff are not able to report for duty for the next shift or increased patient need, because of unusual, unpredictable, or unforeseen circumstances such as, but not limited to, an act of terrorism, a disease outbreak, adverse weather conditions, or natural disasters which impact continuity of patient care.

(d) "Emergency medical condition" means a condition manifesting itself by acute symptoms of sufficient severity, including severe pain, such that the absence of immediate medical attention could reasonably be expected to result in placing the individual's health in serious jeopardy, serious impairment to bodily functions, or serious dysfunction of bodily organs.

(e) "Facility" means:

(1) an acute care hospital licensed under sections 144.50 to 144.58; or

(2) any facility, regardless of the type of facility and regardless of the facility's license, where patient care staff employed by the state provide patient care.

(f) "Nurse" has the meaning given in section 148.171, subdivision 9, and includes nurses employed by the state of Minnesota.

(g) "Patient" means a patient of a facility.

(h) "Patient care staff" means a person in a nonsupervisory and nonmanagerial position who provides direct care; who provides supportive, rehabilitative, or therapeutic services to patients; or who directly provides nursing care to patients more than 60 percent of the time, but who is not:

(1) a licensed physician;

(2) a physician assistant licensed under chapter 147A; or

(3) an advanced practice registered nurse licensed under sections 148.171 to 148.285, unless working as a registered nurse."

Page 4, line 13, delete "(a)" and delete "4" and insert "5"

Page 4, line 14, delete "2" and insert "3" and delete "health care"

Page 4, lines 18 and 20, delete "2" and insert "3"

Page 4, delete lines 24 and 25

Page 5, line 8, after "workers" insert "and must include contact information for all individuals in the chain of command"

Page 5, line 22, delete "1" and insert "2"

Page 5, lines 27 and 28, delete "2" and insert "3"

Page 6, lines 10, 11, and 12, delete "subdivision 2" and insert "subdivision 3"

Renumber the subdivisions and sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Carlson from the Committee on Elections, to which was referred

S.F. No. 4785: A bill for an act relating to the legislature; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, sections 3, 5, and 12; by adding an article XV; establishing an Independent Redistricting Commission; establishing a Redistricting Commission Applicant Review Panel; establishing principles to be used in adopting legislative and congressional districts; prohibiting members of the legislature from being employed or engaged for compensation as a lobbyist for a period of one year following the end of their legislative service; amending requirements related to the convening and conduct of regular legislative sessions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 2.031, by adding a subdivision; 2.731; 10A.01, subdivision 35; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 2.91.

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

Page 4, line 27, delete everything after "reflects" and insert "the gender, socioeconomic, age, racial, language, ethnic, and geographic diversity of the state. Each congressional district must be represented by at least three applicants in each applicant pool."

Page 4, line 28, delete everything before "The"

Page 5, line 18, after "must" insert "convene and assess the demographic and geographic diversity of the nine members and must review and"

Page 5, line 19, delete "an additional" and insert "a total of six additional members,"

Page 5, line 20, after the period, insert "The six additional members shall be chosen to ensure the commission reflects this state's diversity, including but not limited to racial, ethnic, geographic, and gender diversity. It is not intended that formulas or specific ratios be applied for this purpose."

Page 10, delete lines 11 to 16

Page 10, line 17, delete "10" and insert "9"

Page 11, after line 11, insert:

"EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2030, if the constitutional amendments in article 1 are adopted."

Page 11, after line 18, insert:

"EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2030, if the constitutional amendments in article 1 are adopted."

Page 13, line 18, before "The" insert "(a)"

Page 13, line 26, delete everything after the period

Page 13, delete line 27 and insert:

"(b) Prior to January 1 in the year of the decennial census, the director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission must contract with a consultant who will provide the panel with operational and logistical support. The Legislative Coordinating Commission must assist the panel in hiring additional staff and securing adequate office and meeting space."

Page 13, after line 33, insert:

"Subd. 9. **Account established; appropriation.** (a) A redistricting commission applicant screening panel account is created in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the Redistricting Commission Applicant Screening Panel to fulfill the requirements of this section.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by law, in each fiscal year ending in zero, \$..... is transferred from the general fund to the redistricting commission applicant screening panel account. The commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the general fund any balance remaining in the account 120 days after the Independent Redistricting Commission established under section 2.95 expires."

Page 16, line 19, before "The" insert "(a)"

Page 16, line 28, delete everything after the period

Page 16, delete lines 29 and 30 and insert:

"(b) Prior to January 1 in the year of the decennial census, the director of the Legislative Coordinating Commission must contract with a consultant who will provide the commission with operational and logistical support. The Legislative Coordinating Commission must assist the commission in hiring additional staff and securing adequate office and meeting space."

Page 17, line 2, delete the second "the" and insert "any other"

Page 17, line 3, delete "section 2.036" and insert "law"

Page 18, after line 15, insert:

"Subd. 10. **Account established; appropriation.** (a) An independent redistricting commission account is created in the special revenue fund. Money in the account is appropriated to the Independent Redistricting Commission to fulfill the requirements of this section.

(b) Unless otherwise provided by law, in each fiscal year ending in zero, \$..... is transferred from the general fund to the independent redistricting commission account. The commissioner of management and budget must transfer to the general fund any balance remaining in the account 120 days after the Independent Redistricting Commission expires."

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

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. Nos. 3846, 4163, 3623, and 2437 were read the second time.

SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS

H.F. Nos. 3377, 3466, 3646, and 3987 were read the second time.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senators Nelson and Draheim introduced--

S.F. No. 4865: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income and corporate franchise; modifying the Minnesota housing tax credit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 290.0683, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 4866: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a shelter facility in Olmsted County; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Duckworth introduced--

S.F. No. 4867: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for a bridge interchange project on marked Interstate Highway 35 in the city of Lakeville; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Hauschild introduced--

S.F. No. 4868: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; providing a refundable exemption for construction materials used in certain housing development projects in St. Louis County.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 4869: 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 Boldon introduced--

S.F. No. 4870: A bill for an act relating to housing; creating a statewide landlord database; creating a civil penalty for a failure to register with the statewide landlord database; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462A.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senator Boldon introduced--

S.F. No. 4871: A bill for an act relating to education; creating a School Health Advisory Committee; requiring reports.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senator Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 4872: A bill for an act relating to health; modifying requirements relating to the provision of cause of death information; permitting administrative penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 144.221, by adding a subdivision; 144.227, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 4873: A bill for an act relating to health; exempting special event food stands from the requirement to pay the statewide hospitality fee; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 157.16, subdivision 3a.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Wiklund introduced--

S.F. No. 4874: A bill for an act relating to cybersecurity; requiring reporting of cybersecurity incidents impacting public-sector organizations in Minnesota; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16E.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senators Mitchell and Port introduced--

S.F. No. 4875: A bill for an act relating to taxation; state aids; imposing a maintenance of effort condition for receipt of local affordable housing aid; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 477A.35, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Hauschild, Kupec, Rasmusson, Hoffman, and Eichorn introduced--

S.F. No. 4876: A bill for an act relating to environment; improving efficiency of Wetland Conservation Act determinations; modifying permitting efficiency reporting requirements; improving the efficiency of the environmental and resource management permit application process; requiring the Pollution Control Agency to issue separate permits for the construction and operation of certain facilities; modifying the expedited permitting process of the Pollution Control Agency; requiring petitioners for environmental assessment worksheets to reside in the affected or adjoining counties; eliminating scoping environmental assessment worksheet requirements for projects requiring an environmental impact statement; requiring modification of the state implementation plan; providing for coordinated plans to complete environmental review and other state agency actions; requiring reports; requiring rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 15.99, subdivision 3; 116.03, subdivision 2b; 116.07, subdivision 4d; 116D.04, subdivision 2a; 116J.035, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 116.07, subdivision 4a; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 84; 116.

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

Senators Mitchell, Boldon, Morrison, and Abeler introduced--

S.F. No. 4877: A bill for an act relating to child protection; modifying membership and requirements for the child mortality review panel; modifying the review process for child fatalities and near fatalities related to maltreatment; modifying the Department of Human Services child systemic critical incident review team requirements; establishing the critical incident public information portal; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 256.01, subdivision 12b; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 260E; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.01, subdivisions 12, 12a; Minnesota Rules, part 9560.0232, subpart 5.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Frentz introduced--

S.F. No. 4878: A bill for an act relating to retirement; public employees police and fire retirement plan; increasing the postretirement adjustment; decreasing the waiting period for a postretirement adjustment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 356.415, subdivision 1c.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senators Dornink, Westrom, Kupec, and Drazkowski introduced--

S.F. No. 4879: A bill for an act relating to employment; modifying the definition of employee for purposes of earned sick and safe time; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 181.9445, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senator Wiklund introduced--

S.F. No. 4880: A bill for an act relating to health insurance; requiring health plan companies to include essential community providers in all health plans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 62Q.19, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Kreun, Bahr, Hoffman, Gustafson, and Abeler introduced--

S.F. No. 4881: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for a corridor improvement study along marked Trunk Highway 65 between the cities of Ham Lake and East Bethel; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Kreun, Kunes, Hoffman, Gustafson, and Abeler introduced--

S.F. No. 4882: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for a corridor improvement study along marked Trunk Highway 65 between the cities of Blaine and Spring Lake Park; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Kreun, Housley, Bahr, Gustafson, and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 4883: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for improvements to Hornsby Street Northeast in the city of Columbus; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Kreun, Housley, Bahr, Gustafson, and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 4884: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for improvements to Hornsby Street Northeast in the city of Columbus.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Kreun, Bahr, Kunesh, Hoffman, and Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 4885: A bill for an act relating to transportation; capital investment; amending previous appropriations for improvements along marked Trunk Highway 65 in Anoka County; amending Laws 2023, chapter 68, article 2, section 2, subdivision 4; Laws 2023, chapter 72, article 2, section 7, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Kreun, Bahr, Kunesh, Hoffman, and Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 4886: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for interchange improvements at marked Trunk Highway 65 and Bunker Lake Boulevard Northeast in the city of Ham Lake; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Kreun, Bahr, Kunesh, Hoffman, and Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 4887: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for interchange improvements at marked Trunk Highway 65 and Bunker Lake Boulevard Northeast in the city of Ham Lake; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Kreun, Bahr, Kunesh, Hoffman, and Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 4888: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for interchange improvements at marked Trunk Highway 65 and Bunker Lake Boulevard Northeast in the city of Ham Lake; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Mitchell and Frentz introduced--

S.F. No. 4889: A bill for an act relating to energy; appropriating money for an anaerobic digester energy system.

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

Senators Mohamed, Dziedzic, and Mitchell introduced--

S.F. No. 4890: A bill for an act relating to state government; ratifying certain compensation plans.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senator Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 4891: A bill for an act relating to administrative law; making technical and policy changes to the Administrative Procedure Act and Office of Administrative Hearings provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 14.05, subdivision 7; 14.08; 14.16, subdivision 3; 14.26, subdivision 3a; 14.386; 14.388, subdivision 2; 14.3895, subdivisions 2, 6; 14.48, subdivision 2; 14.62, subdivision 2a; 15A.083, subdivision 6a; 211B.33, subdivision 2; 211B.34, subdivisions 1, 2; 211B.35, subdivisions 1, 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 13; 14; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 211B.06.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senator Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 4892: A bill for an act relating to state government; clarifying discretionary powers and duties for the Department of Information Technology Services; making conforming changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 15.994; 16E.01, subdivision 2; 16E.03, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 7; 16E.04, subdivisions 2, 3; 16E.07; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 16E.01, subdivision 3; 16E.03, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 16E.03, subdivision 5; 16E.035; 16E.0465, subdivisions 1, 2; 16E.055; 16E.20.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senator Cwodziński introduced--

S.F. No. 4893: A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing a grant to the Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement to conduct a survey of Minnesota principals; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 4894: A bill for an act relating to redistricting; establishing an advisory citizens' redistricting commission; establishing redistricting principles and redistricting requirements; proposing a constitutional amendment to establish an independent citizens' redistricting commission; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 2A; 204B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 2.91, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senators Coleman and Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 4895: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; modifying certain driver's license online knowledge testing provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 171.13, subdivision 9.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Carlson and Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 4896: A bill for an act relating to transportation; amending requirements governing pavement life-cycle cost analyses; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 174.185.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Hawj, Pha, Hoffman, and Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 4897: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; classifying certain fur farm data; prohibiting the release of domestic hogs; clarifying agency jurisdiction; establishing civil penalties; requiring outreach; repealing voluntary fur farm registration; modifying fur farm licensing provisions; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 13.7931, by adding a subdivision; 97A.105; 97A.56, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 17.457; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 17.353.

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

Senators Hoffman, Pha, Putnam, and Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 4898: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; providing for native rough fish; making conforming changes for aquatic farm licenses and taking and possessing fish; authorizing rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 17.4983, subdivision 2; 17.4984, subdivision 2; 17.4988, subdivision 4; 17.4992, subdivisions 1, 3; 17.4996; 41A.02, subdivision 6; 84B.061; 97A.015, subdivisions 3b, 39, 43; 97A.075, subdivision 2; 97A.341, subdivision 1; 97A.421, subdivision 2; 97A.425, subdivision 4; 97A.475, subdivision 39; 97A.551, subdivision 2; 97B.055, subdivision 2; 97B.106; 97C.025; 97C.035, subdivision 3; 97C.045; 97C.081, subdivision 3a; 97C.211, subdivision 5; 97C.375; 97C.376, subdivisions 1, 5; 97C.381; 97C.385; 97C.391, subdivision 1; 97C.395, subdivision 2; 97C.505, subdivision 8; 97C.801, subdivision 2; 97C.805, subdivisions 1, 4; 97C.811, subdivision 2; 97C.831, subdivision 1; 97C.835, subdivisions 2, 3; 97C.865, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 97B.037; 97C.041; 97C.371, subdivision 1.

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

Senators Jasinski and Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 4899: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for the small cities assistance account.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Lucero, Green, Drazkowski, Rarick, and Mathews introduced--

S.F. No. 4900: A bill for an act relating to energy; allowing customers to decline the installation of an advanced energy meter; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

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

Senator Duckworth introduced--

S.F. No. 4901: A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing the general education basic formula allowance by two percent for fiscal year 2025; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 126C.10, subdivision 2; Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 1, section 36, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Wesenberg introduced--

S.F. No. 4902: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for improvements to water and sewer infrastructure and street reconstruction in the city of Flensburg; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Drazkowski, Lucero, Rarick, Mathews, and Wesenberg introduced--

S.F. No. 4903: A bill for an act relating to transportation; amending and repealing certain transportation-related taxes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 168.013, subdivision 1a; 296A.07, subdivision 3; 296A.08, subdivision 2; 297A.99, subdivision 1; 297B.02, subdivision 1; 297B.09, subdivision 1; 473.4051, subdivisions 2, 2a; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 297A.9915; 473.4465.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Limmer introduced--

S.F. No. 4904: A bill for an act relating to government data practices; extending the penalties and remedies available for a violation of the Government Data Practices Act to a violation of the Official Records Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 15.17, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Mohamed, Dibble, and Wiklund introduced--

S.F. No. 4905: A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing special education and English learner cross subsidy aid by the increase in the Consumer Price Index; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 124D.65, subdivision 5; 125A.76, subdivision 2e.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senators Mohamed and Dibble introduced--

S.F. No. 4906: A bill for an act relating to education finance; modifying the special education aid for unreimbursed costs to resident school districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 124E.21, subdivision 1; 127A.47, subdivision 7.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Cwodzinski introduced--

S.F. No. 4907: A bill for an act relating to education finance; creating a onetime aid to improve student attendance; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Mann introduced--

S.F. No. 4908: A bill for an act relating to education; requiring reporting on student attendance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 120A.22, subdivisions 12, 13; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 123B.147, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 127A.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senators McEwen, Marty, and Mitchell introduced--

S.F. No. 4909: A bill for an act relating to commerce; defining terms relating to virtual currency; adding additional disclosure requirements for virtual currency transactions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 53B.69, by adding subdivisions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 53B.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators McEwen, Morrison, Kunesh, and Mitchell introduced--

S.F. No. 4910: A bill for an act relating to climate; appropriating money for a study on climate-change adaptation costs; requiring a report.

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

Senator Mann introduced--

S.F. No. 4911: A bill for an act relating to public safety; establishing an office of gun violence prevention in the Department of Public Safety; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299A.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Wiklund, Abeler, and Morrison introduced--

S.F. No. 4912: A bill for an act relating to higher education; appropriating money for the academic health system at the University of Minnesota.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education.

Senator Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 4913: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to Block Builders Foundation.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Hawj, Mohamed, and Pha introduced--

S.F. No. 4914: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to the Coalition of Asian American Leaders.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Wesenberg, Mann, Drazkowski, Green, and Lieske introduced--

S.F. No. 4915: A bill for an act relating to elections; providing term limits for governor and lieutenant governor; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article V, section 2.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senators Wesenberg, Drazkowski, Eichorn, Green, and Kupec introduced--

S.F. No. 4916: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; requiring an open season for moose during any year in which there is an open season for elk; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 97B.515, subdivision 2.

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

Senators Weber, Green, Dahms, and Johnson introduced--

S.F. No. 4917: A bill for an act relating to public safety; appropriating money for public safety radio grants.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 4918: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; providing a refundable exemption for construction projects in a redevelopment district in the city of St. Cloud.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 4919: A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing special tax increment financing authority to the city of St. Cloud.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 4920: A bill for an act relating to corrections; modifying the eligibility terms for work release from prison; modifying the terms of the Minnesota Rehabilitation and Reinvestment Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 244.065, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 244.41, subdivision 10; 244.50, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 4921: A bill for an act relating to transportation; requiring transportation network companies to make vehicles wheelchair accessible; requiring nondiscrimination policies; establishing the wheelchair accessible vehicle services account; providing a civil penalty; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 221.091, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 221.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 4922: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; modifying appropriations for capital improvements at the Native American Community Clinic in the city of Minneapolis; amending Laws 2020, Fifth Special Session chapter 3, article 3, section 5, subdivision 8; Laws 2023, chapter 71, article 1, section 14, subdivision 76.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 4923: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to design a new entrepreneur innovation center.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 4924: A bill for an act relating to transportation; establishing a pavement art pilot program; requiring a report; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 4925: A bill for an act relating to economic development; making technical changes to the small business assistance partnerships grant program, Minnesota expanding opportunity fund program, Minnesota emerging entrepreneur program, and community wealth-building grant program pilot project; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 116M.18; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 116J.682, subdivisions 1, 3; 116J.8733; Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 15, section 33, subdivisions 4, 5.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 4926: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; modifying certain limitations on towing authority; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 168B.035, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Seeberger, Mitchell, and Jasinski introduced--

S.F. No. 4927: A bill for an act relating to veterans; modifying veterans home provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 198.006.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senator Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 4928: A bill for an act relating to public safety; increasing the criminal penalty for concealing a dead body; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.502, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 4929: A bill for an act relating to public safety; increasing the criminal penalty for assaulting a firefighter, EMS personnel, or certain health care providers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 609.2231, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Seeberger, Mitchell, and Bahr introduced--

S.F. No. 4930: A bill for an act relating to veterans; modifying veterans homes provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 198.005.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senator Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 4931: A bill for an act relating to human services; appropriating money to address the workforce shortage in disability services in Dakota County; requiring a report.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senators Maye Quade and Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 4932: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for improvements at the Dakota County Technical College campus; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Carlson and Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 4933: A bill for an act relating to campaign finance; expanding the definition of noncampaign disbursement to include certain child care expenses during a regular or special legislative session; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 10A.01, subdivision 26.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senator Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 4934: A bill for an act relating to environment; requiring a report on state agency nitrogen fertilizer purchases and establishing reduction goal; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116.

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

Senator Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 4935: A bill for an act relating to elections; allowing the use of a certificate of naturalization for election day voter registration; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 201.061, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senators Hauschild, Westlin, and Marty introduced--

S.F. No. 4936: A bill for an act relating to state finance; establishing a tax-forfeited lands settlement account; appropriating money; transferring money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 282.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Port introduced--

S.F. No. 4937: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for replacement of the Quentin Avenue Railroad Bridge in the city of Savage; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators McEwen, Dibble, Port, and Marty introduced--

S.F. No. 4938: A bill for an act relating to transit; providing for transition to zero-emission transit buses; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 174.24, by adding a subdivision; 473.388, by adding a subdivision; 473.3927; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 174.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 4939: A bill for an act relating to public safety; establishing limited drivers' licenses for certain participants in treatment court; requiring treatment court coordinators to provide certain information; providing for notification of termination from treatment court; classifying data; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 13.6905, by adding a subdivision; 171.30, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Xiong introduced--

S.F. No. 4940: A bill for an act relating to housing; expanding eligible uses of housing infrastructure bonds; providing for recapitalization; amending a prior appropriation for the housing infrastructure program; establishing task forces; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 462A.37, subdivisions 1, 2; Laws 2023, chapter 37, article 1, section 2, subdivision 17.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senator Xiong introduced--

S.F. No. 4941: A bill for an act relating to environment; modifying water appropriation allocation priorities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 103G.261.

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

Senator Frentz introduced--

S.F. No. 4942: A bill for an act relating to state government; repealing the renewable development account report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 116C.779, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans.

Senator Frentz introduced--

S.F. No. 4943: A bill for an act relating to energy; making technical and housekeeping changes to various provisions governing or administered by the Department of Commerce; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 216C.10; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, sections 216C.08; 216C.09.

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

Senator Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 4944: A bill for an act relating to solid waste; providing for management of wasted food; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A.

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

Senator Wklund introduced--

S.F. No. 4945: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for a Bloomington Small Business Development Center.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Wklund introduced--

S.F. No. 4946: A bill for an act relating to health insurance; establishing supplemental payments to eligible hospitals for graduate medical education costs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 256.969, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Wklund introduced--

S.F. No. 4947: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; tax increment financing; expanding eligible uses of increment from tax increment financing districts to include transfers to local housing trust funds; imposing requirements on use of transferred increment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 469.1763, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 469.1763, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Wklund introduced--

S.F. No. 4948: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring nonprofit hospitals to make certain information available to the public and report certain information to the commissioner of health; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 144.698, subdivision 1; 144.699, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 4949: A bill for an act relating to data practices; modifying certain data practices provisions to modernize and update data storage practices; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 13.05, subdivision 5; 13.055, subdivision 2; 13.08, subdivision 1; 13.40, subdivision 2; 15.17, subdivisions 1, 2; 138.17, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 4950: A bill for an act relating to public safety; limiting the requirement to participate in the ignition interlock program to individuals whose driver's license is revoked, canceled, or denied for an incident involving alcohol; establishing an intensive testing program for individuals whose driver's license is revoked, canceled, or denied for an incident involving a controlled substance or an intoxicating substance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, sections 169A.55, subdivision 4; 171.306, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2023 Supplement, section 169A.44, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 171.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 4951: A bill for an act relating to school boards; modifying the requirements to fill a vacancy in the office of school board member; amending Minnesota Statutes 2022, section 123B.09, subdivision 5b.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

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

Senator Morrison moved that the name of Senator Draheim be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2843. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dahms moved that the name of Senator Hoffman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3392. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Dibble be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3459. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kunesh moved that the name of Senator McEwen be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3557. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hauschild moved that the name of Senator McEwen be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 3693. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hauschild moved that the name of Senator Latz be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4038. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mitchell moved that the name of Senator Pha be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4084. The motion prevailed.

Senator Maye Quade moved that the name of Senator Gustafson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4112. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Hoffman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4170. The motion prevailed.

Senator Gustafson moved that the name of Senator Maye Quade be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4185. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mann moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4238. The motion prevailed.

Senator Putnam moved that the name of Senator Dibble be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4416. The motion prevailed.

Senator Port moved that the name of Senator Abeler be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4444. The motion prevailed.

Senator Abeler moved that his name be stricken as chief author, shown as a co-author, and the name of Senator Lieske be added as chief author to S.F. No. 4458. The motion prevailed.

Senator Maye Quade moved that the names of Senators Boldon and Morrison be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 4495. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mitchell moved that the name of Senator Rest be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4499. The motion prevailed.

Senator Fateh moved that the name of Senator Putnam be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4525. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dibble moved that the name of Senator Mitchell be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4579. The motion prevailed.

Senator Xiong moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4592. The motion prevailed.

Senator McEwen moved that her name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 4602. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kupec moved that the name of Senator Boldon be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4602. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Mitchell be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4618. The motion prevailed.

Senator Latz moved that the name of Senator Carlson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4625. The motion prevailed.

Senator Seeberger moved that the name of Senator Rasmusson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4697. The motion prevailed.

Senator Putnam moved that the name of Senator Boldon be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4700. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dibble moved that the name of Senator Pha be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4719. The motion prevailed.

Senator Fateh moved that the name of Senator Mohamed be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4780. The motion prevailed.

Senator Xiong moved that the name of Senator Mitchell be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4846. The motion prevailed.

Senator Morrison moved that the name of Senator Mitchell be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 4850. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved that S.F. No. 41 be withdrawn from the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate and returned to its author. The motion prevailed.

Senator Nelson moved that S.F. No. 727 be withdrawn from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and re-referred to the Committee on Transportation. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that S.F. No. 3344 be withdrawn from the Committee on Human Services and re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. The motion prevailed.

Senator Morrison moved that S.F. No. 3561 be withdrawn from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans. The motion prevailed.

Senator McEwen moved that S.F. No. 4165 be withdrawn from the Committee on State and Local Government and Veterans and re-referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kupec moved that S.F. No. 4602 be withdrawn from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and re-referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kreun moved that S.F. No. 4691 be withdrawn from the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety. The motion prevailed.

Senators Hoffman, Mathews, Kreun, and Abeler introduced --

Senate Resolution No. 81: A Senate resolution congratulating Connexus Energy CEO Greg Ridderbusch on his retirement.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Dziedzic, Lang, Pappas, and Port were excused from the Session of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Frentz moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 14, 2024. The motion prevailed.

Thomas S. Bottern, Secretary of the Senate