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SEVENTIETH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Monday, February 7, 2000

The Senate met at 11:30 a.m. and was called to order by the President.

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Betzold 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. Wanda R. Copeland.

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

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

Anderson	Hottinger	Krentz	Oliver	Scheevel
Belanger	Janezich	Laidig	Olson	Scheid
Berg	Johnson, D.E.	Langseth	Pappas	Solon
Berglin	Johnson, D.H.	Larson	Pariseau	Spear
Betzold	Johnson, D.J.	Lesewski	Piper	Stevens
Cohen	Junge	Lessard	Pogemiller	Stumpf
Day	Kelley, S.P.	Limmer	Price	Terwilliger
Dille	Kelly, R.C.	Lourey	Ranum	Vickerman
Fischbach	Kierlin	Marty	Ring	Wiener
Flynn	Kinkel	Metzen	Robertson	Wiger
Foley	Kiscaden	Moe, R.D.	Robling	Ziegler
Frederickson	Kleis	Neuville	Sams	
Higgins	Knutson	Novak	Samuelson	

The President declared a quorum present.

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Hanson, Ourada and Runbeck were excused from the Session of today.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

Senator Moe, R.D. moved that the Committee Reports at the Desk be now adopted, with the exception of the report pertaining to the appointment of the Commissioner of the Department of Public Service. The motion prevailed.

Senator Sams from the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 613: A bill for an act relating to animals; increasing certain penalties for cruelty to animals; defining acts or omissions constituting cruelty or abuse; imposing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 343.20, subdivision 3, and by adding a subdivision; 343.21, subdivisions 2, 3, 5, 7, 10, and by adding a subdivision; 343.25; and 343.26; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 343.21, subdivisions 1 and 9.

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

Page 1, line 24, delete everything after "animals"

Page 1, line 25, delete everything before the semicolon and insert "by hunting, trapping, and angling"

Page 2, delete lines 15 to 21 and insert:

"Subd. 3. [ENCLOSURE.] (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), no person shall keep any ~~cow or other~~ animal in any enclosure without providing ~~wholesome~~ necessary exercise and ~~change of air~~ ventilation.

(b) No person shall raise or care for livestock without providing housing, pen space, pasture, adequate exercise, and ventilation that are consistent with commonly accepted animal husbandry practices."

Page 2, delete section 5

Page 3, line 8, before "conviction" insert "gross misdemeanor"

Page 3, line 26, after "custody" insert "or control"

Page 4, line 27, delete "medical or" and delete "health" and insert "safety" and before the period, insert "or for injury or illness as provided in chapter 156"

Page 4, line 30, reinstate the stricken language

Page 5, line 8, delete "11" and insert "10" and delete "1999" and insert "2000"

Re-number the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 7, delete "5,"

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

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

S.F. No. 2365: A bill for an act relating to physician assistants; modifying the supervisory requirement for physician assistants responding to disaster situations; clarifying coverage under medical assistance for physician services performed by a physician assistant; modifying the physician assistant advisory council; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 147A.27, subdivision 1; and 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 147A.23.

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

Page 1, line 26, before the period, insert "who is involved with the disaster response"

Page 2, line 24, delete "ten years" and insert "two terms" and after the period, insert "If a member is appointed for a partial term and serves more than half of that term it shall be considered a full term. Members serving on the council as of July 1, 2000, shall be allowed to complete their current terms."

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

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

S.F. No. 1896: A bill for an act relating to human services; affecting medical assistance, general assistance, MinnesotaCare, and other state medical programs; providing for recovery of subrogated health care payments; providing for performance measurement study reports on health services use, and providing for classification of government data; providing for notice to recipients concerning charges in medical assistance providers; providing new grounds for sanctions against medical assistance vendors, and for referral to a licensing board; requiring vendors to disclose common interest and ownership; providing federally required restrictions on conflicts of interest in the Medicaid procurement process, and providing criminal and civil penalties including imprisonment; providing for new procedures in probate proceedings in the case of medical assistance claims against an estate; allowing nursing homes to require residents to use certain pharmacies; removing limitations from medical assistance liens on real property and providing for 20-year renewal of liens; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 62A.04, subdivision 2; 62A.045; 256.015, subdivisions 1 and 3; 256B.042, subdivisions 1, 2, and 3; 256B.0627, subdivision 5; 256B.064, subdivisions 1a, 1b, 1c, 2, and by adding a subdivision; 256B.15, subdivision 1a; 256B.37, subdivisions 1 and 2; 256B.48, subdivision 1; 256D.03, subdivision 8; 256L.03, subdivision 6; 514.981, subdivision 6; 524.3-801; and 525.312; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 256B; 524; and 525.

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 1998, section 256B.064, is amended to read:

256B.064 ~~[INELIGIBLE PROVIDER SANCTIONS; MONETARY RECOVERY.]~~

Subdivision 1. ~~[TERMINATING PAYMENTS TO INELIGIBLE VENDORS.]~~ The commissioner may terminate payments under this chapter to any person or facility ~~providing medical assistance which~~ that, under applicable federal law or regulation, has been determined to be ineligible for payments under Title XIX of the Social Security Act.

Subd. 1a. ~~[GROUNDS FOR MONETARY RECOVERY AND SANCTIONS AGAINST VENDORS.]~~ The commissioner may seek ~~monetary recovery and~~ impose sanctions against ~~vendors~~ a vendor of medical care for any of the following: (1) fraud, theft, or abuse in connection with the provision of medical care to recipients of public assistance; (2) a pattern of presentment of false or duplicate claims or claims for services not medically necessary; (3) a pattern of making false statements of material facts for the purpose of obtaining greater compensation than that to which the vendor is legally entitled; (4) suspension or termination as a Medicare vendor; (5) refusal to grant the state agency access during regular business hours to examine all records necessary to disclose the extent of services provided to program recipients and appropriateness of claims for payment; (6) failure to repay an overpayment finally established under this section; and (7) any reason for which a vendor could be excluded from participation in the Medicare program under section 1128, 1128A, or 1866(b)(2) of the Social Security Act. The determination of services not medically necessary may be made by the commissioner in consultation with a peer advisory task force appointed by the commissioner on the recommendation of appropriate professional organizations. The task force expires as provided in section 15.059, subdivision 5.

Subd. 1b. ~~[SANCTIONS AVAILABLE.]~~ The commissioner may impose the following sanctions for the conduct described in subdivision 1a: ~~referral to the appropriate state licensing board~~, suspension or withholding of payments to a vendor, and suspending or terminating participation in the program. Regardless of imposition of sanctions, the commissioner may make a referral to the appropriate state licensing board.

Subd. 1c. ~~[GROUNDS FOR AND METHODS OF MONETARY RECOVERY.]~~ (a) The commissioner may obtain monetary recovery from a vendor who has been improperly paid either

as a result of conduct described in subdivision 1a or as a result of a vendor or department error, regardless of whether the error was intentional. Patterns need not be proven as a precondition to monetary recovery of erroneous or false claims, duplicate claims, claims for services not medically necessary, or claims based on false statements.

(b) The commissioner may obtain monetary recovery using methods, including but not limited to the following: assessing and recovering money improperly paid and debiting from future payments any money improperly paid. ~~Patterns need not be proven as a precondition to monetary recovery of erroneous or false claims, duplicate claims, claims for services not medically necessary, or claims based on false statements.~~ The commissioner shall charge interest on money to be recovered if the recovery is to be made by installment payments or debits, except when the monetary recovery is of an overpayment that resulted from a department error. The interest charged shall be the rate established by the commissioner of revenue under section 270.75.

Subd. 1d. [INVESTIGATIVE COSTS.] The commissioner may seek recovery of investigative costs from any vendor of medical care or services who willfully submits a claim for reimbursement for services that the vendor knows, or reasonably should have known, is a false representation and which that results in the payment of public funds for which the vendor is ineligible. Billing errors ~~deemed to be unintentional, but which that result in unintentional overcharges,~~ shall not be considered grounds for investigative cost recoupment.

Subd. 2. [IMPOSITION OF MONETARY RECOVERY AND SANCTIONS.] (a) The commissioner shall determine any monetary amounts to be recovered and ~~the sanction~~ sanctions to be imposed upon a vendor of medical care ~~for conduct described by subdivision 1a under this section.~~ Except as provided in paragraph (b), neither a monetary recovery nor a sanction will be imposed by the commissioner without prior notice and an opportunity for a hearing, according to chapter 14, on the commissioner's proposed action, provided that the commissioner may suspend or reduce payment to a vendor of medical care, except a nursing home or convalescent care facility, after notice and prior to the hearing if in the commissioner's opinion that action is necessary to protect the public welfare and the interests of the program.

(b) Except for a nursing home or convalescent care facility, the commissioner may withhold or reduce payments to a vendor of medical care without providing advance notice of such withholding or reduction if either of the following occurs:

- (1) the vendor is convicted of a crime involving the conduct described in subdivision 1a; or
- (2) the commissioner receives reliable evidence of fraud or willful misrepresentation by the vendor.

(c) The commissioner must send notice of the withholding or reduction of payments under paragraph (b) within five days of taking such action. The notice must:

- (1) state that payments are being withheld according to paragraph (b);
- (2) except in the case of a conviction for conduct described in subdivision 1a, state that the withholding is for a temporary period and cite the circumstances under which withholding will be terminated;
- (3) identify the types of claims to which the withholding applies; and
- (4) inform the vendor of the right to submit written evidence for consideration by the commissioner.

The withholding or reduction of payments will not continue after the commissioner determines there is insufficient evidence of fraud or willful misrepresentation by the vendor, or after legal proceedings relating to the alleged fraud or willful misrepresentation are completed, unless the commissioner has sent notice of intention to impose monetary recovery or sanctions under paragraph (a).

- (d) Upon receipt of a notice under paragraph (a) that a monetary recovery or sanction is to be

imposed, a vendor may request a contested case, as defined in section 14.02, subdivision 3, by filing with the commissioner a written request of appeal. The appeal request must be received by the commissioner no later than 30 days after the date the notification of monetary recovery or sanction was mailed to the vendor. The appeal request must specify:

- (1) each disputed item, the reason for the dispute, and an estimate of the dollar amount involved for each disputed item;
- (2) the computation that the vendor believes is correct;
- (3) the authority in statute or rule upon which the vendor relies for each disputed item;
- (4) the name and address of the person or entity with whom contacts may be made regarding the appeal; and
- (5) other information required by the commissioner.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 256B.15, subdivision 1a, is amended to read:

Subd. 1a. [ESTATES SUBJECT TO CLAIMS.] If a person receives any medical assistance hereunder, on the person's death, if single, or on the death of the survivor of a married couple, either or both of whom received medical assistance, the total amount paid for medical assistance rendered for the person and spouse shall be filed as a claim against the estate of the person or the estate of the surviving spouse in the court having jurisdiction to probate the estate or to issue a decree of descent according to sections 525.31 to 525.313.

A claim shall be filed if medical assistance was rendered for either or both persons under one of the following circumstances:

- (a) the person was over 55 years of age, and received services under this chapter, excluding alternative care;
- (b) the person resided in a medical institution for six months or longer, received services under this chapter excluding alternative care, and, at the time of institutionalization or application for medical assistance, whichever is later, the person could not have reasonably been expected to be discharged and returned home, as certified in writing by the person's treating physician. For purposes of this section only, a "medical institution" means a skilled nursing facility, intermediate care facility, intermediate care facility for persons with mental retardation, nursing facility, or inpatient hospital; or
- (c) the person received general assistance medical care services under chapter 256D.

The claim shall be considered an expense of the last illness of the decedent for the purpose of section 524.3-805. Any statute of limitations that purports to limit any county agency or the state agency, or both, to recover for medical assistance granted hereunder shall not apply to any claim made hereunder for reimbursement for any medical assistance granted hereunder. Notice of the claim shall be given to all heirs and devisees of the decedent whose identity can be ascertained with reasonable diligence. The notice must include procedures and instructions for making an application for a hardship waiver under subdivision 5; time frames for submitting an application and determination; and information regarding appeal rights and procedures. Counties are entitled to one-half of the nonfederal share of medical assistance collections from estates that are directly attributable to county effort.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 256B.15, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. [OTHER SURVIVORS.] If the decedent who was single or the surviving spouse of a married couple is survived by one of the following persons, a claim exists against the estate in an amount not to exceed the value of the nonhomestead property included in the estate:

- (a) a sibling who resided in the decedent medical assistance recipient's home at least one year before the decedent's institutionalization and continuously since the date of institutionalization; or

(b) a son or daughter or, ~~subject to federal approval,~~ a grandchild, who resided in the decedent medical assistance recipient's home for at least two years immediately before the parent's or grandparent's institutionalization and continuously since the date of institutionalization, and who establishes by a preponderance of the evidence having provided care to the parent or grandparent who received medical assistance, that the care was provided before institutionalization, and that the care permitted the parent or grandparent to reside at home rather than in an institution.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 514.981, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. [TIME LIMITS; CLAIM LIMITS.] (a) A medical assistance lien is ~~not enforceable~~ against specific real property if any of the following occurs:

~~(1) the lien is not satisfied or proceedings are not lawfully commenced to foreclose the lien within 18 months of the agency's receipt of notice of the death of the medical assistance recipient or the death of the surviving spouse, whichever occurs later; or~~

~~(2) the lien is not satisfied or proceedings are not lawfully commenced to foreclose the lien within three years of the death of the medical assistance recipient or the death of the surviving spouse, whichever occurs later. This limitation is tolled during any period when the provisions of section 514.983, subdivision 2, apply to delay enforcement of the lien. a lien on the real property it describes for a period of ten years from the date it attaches according to section 514.981, subdivision 2, paragraph (a), except as otherwise provided for in sections 514.980 to 514.985. The agency may renew a medical assistance lien for an additional ten years from the date it would otherwise expire by recording or filing a certificate of renewal before the lien expires. The certificate shall be recorded or filed in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles for the county in which the lien is recorded or filed. The certificate must refer to the recording or filing data for the medical assistance lien it renews. The certificate need not be attested, certified, or acknowledged as a condition for recording or filing. The registrar of titles or the recorder shall file, record, index, and return the certificate of renewal in the same manner as provided for medical assistance liens in section 514.982, subdivision 2.~~

~~(b) A medical assistance lien is not enforceable against the real property of an estate to the extent there is a determination by a court of competent jurisdiction, or by an officer of the court designated for that purpose, that there are insufficient assets in the estate to satisfy the agency's medical assistance lien in whole or in part in accordance with the priority of claims established by chapters 256B and 524. The agency's lien remains enforceable to the extent that assets are available to satisfy the agency's lien, subject to the priority of other claims, and to the extent that the agency's claim is allowed against the estate under chapters 256B and 524 because of the homestead exemption under section 256B.15, subdivision 4, the rights of the surviving spouse or minor children under section 524.2-403, paragraphs (a) and (b), or claims with a priority under section 524.3-805, paragraph (a), clauses (1) to (4). For purposes of this section, the rights of the decedent's adult children to exempt property under section 524.2-403, paragraph (b), shall not be considered costs of administration under section 524.3-805, paragraph (a), clause (1).~~

Sec. 5. [524.2-215] [SURVIVING SPOUSE RECEIVING MEDICAL ASSISTANCE.]

~~(a) Notwithstanding any law to the contrary, if a surviving spouse is receiving medical assistance under chapter 256B, or general assistance medical care under chapter 256D, when the person's spouse dies, then the provisions in paragraphs (b) to (f) apply.~~

~~(b) Any time before an order or decree is entered under section 524.3-1001 or 524.3-1002 or a closing statement is filed under section 524.3-1003 the surviving spouse may:~~

~~(1) exercise the right to take an elective share amount of the decedent's estate under section 524.2-211, in which case the decedent's nonprobate transfers to others shall be included in the augmented estate for purposes of computing the elective share and supplemental elective share amounts;~~

~~(2) petition the court for an extension of time for exercising the right to an elective share amount under section 524.2-211, in which case the decedent's nonprobate transfers to others shall~~

be included in the augmented estate for purposes of computing the elective share and supplemental elective share amounts; or

(3) elect statutory rights in the homestead or petition the court for an extension of time to make the election as provided in section 524.2-211, paragraph (f).

(c) Notwithstanding any law or rule to the contrary, the personal representative of the estate of the surviving spouse may exercise the surviving spouse's right of election and statutory right to the homestead in the manner provided for making those elections or petition for an extension of time as provided for in this section.

(d) If choosing the elective share will result in the surviving spouse receiving a share of the decedent's estate greater in value than the share of the estate under the will or intestate succession, then the guardian or conservator for the surviving spouse shall exercise the surviving spouse's right to an elective share amount and a court order is not required.

(e) A party petitioning to establish a guardianship or conservatorship for the surviving spouse may file a certified copy of the petition in the decedent's estate proceedings and serve a copy of the petition on the personal representative or the personal representative's attorney. The filing of the petition shall toll all of the limitations provided in this section until the entry of a final order granting or denying the petition. The decedent's estate may not close until the entry of a final order granting or denying the petition.

(1) Distributees of the decedent's estate shall be personally liable to account for and turn over to the ward, the conservatee, or the estate of the ward or conservatee any and all amounts which the ward or conservatee is entitled to receive from the decedent's estate.

(2) No distributee shall be liable for an amount in excess of the value of the distributee's distribution as of the time of the distribution.

(3) The ward, conservatee, guardian, conservator, or personal representative may bring proceedings in district court to enforce the rights in this section.

(f) Notwithstanding any oral or written contract, agreement, or waiver made by the surviving spouse to waive in whole or in part the surviving spouse's right of election against the decedent's will, statutory right to the homestead, exempt property, or family allowance, the surviving spouse or the surviving spouse's guardian or conservator may exercise these rights to the full extent permitted by law. The surviving spouse's rights under this paragraph do not apply to the extent there is a valid antenuptial agreement between the surviving spouse and the decedent under which the surviving spouse has waived some or all of these rights.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 524.3-801, is amended to read:

524.3-801 [NOTICE TO CREDITORS.]

(a) Unless notice has already been given under this section, upon appointment of a general personal representative in informal proceedings or upon the filing of a petition for formal appointment of a general personal representative, notice thereof, in the form prescribed by court rule, shall be given under the direction of the court administrator by publication once a week for two successive weeks in a legal newspaper in the county wherein the proceedings are pending giving the name and address of the general personal representative and notifying creditors of the estate to present their claims within four months after the date of the court administrator's notice which is subsequently published or be forever barred, unless they are entitled to further service of notice under paragraph (b) or (c).

(b)(1) Within three months after: (i) the date of the first publication of the notice; or (ii) June 16, 1989, whichever is later, the personal representative may determine, in the personal representative's discretion, that it is or is not advisable to conduct a reasonably diligent search for creditors of the decedent who are either not known or not identified. If the personal representative determines that a reasonably diligent search is advisable, the personal representative shall conduct the search.

(2) If the notice is first published after June 16, 1989, the personal representative shall, within three months after the date of the first publication of the notice, serve a copy of the notice upon each then known and identified creditor in the manner provided in paragraph (c). Notice given under paragraph (d) does not satisfy the notice requirements under this paragraph and paragraph (c). If notice was first published under the applicable provisions of law under the direction of the court administrator before June 16, 1989, and if a personal representative is empowered to act at any time after June 16, 1989, the personal representative shall, within three months after June 16, 1989, serve upon the then known and identified creditors in the manner provided in paragraph (c) a copy of the notice as published, together with a supplementary notice requiring each of the creditors to present any claim within one month after the date of the service of the notice or be forever barred.

(3) Under this section, a creditor is "known" if: (i) the personal representative knows that the creditor has asserted a claim that arose during the decedent's life against either the decedent or the decedent's estate; or (ii) the creditor has asserted a claim that arose during the decedent's life and the fact is clearly disclosed in accessible financial records known and available to the personal representative. Under this section, a creditor is "identified" if the personal representative's knowledge of the name and address of the creditor will permit service of notice to be made under paragraph (c).

(c) The personal representative shall serve a copy of any notice and any supplementary notice required by paragraph (b), clause (1) or (2), upon each creditor of the decedent who is then known to the personal representative and identified, except a creditor whose claim has either been presented to the personal representative or paid, either by delivery of a copy of the required notice to the creditor, or by mailing a copy of the notice to the creditor by certified, registered, or ordinary first class mail addressed to the creditor at the creditor's office or place of residence.

(d)(1) Effective for decedents dying on or after July 1, 1997, if the decedent or a predeceased spouse of the decedent received assistance for which a claim could be filed under section 246.53, 256B.15, 256D.16, or 261.04, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative shall serve the commissioner of human services with notice in the manner prescribed in paragraph (c) as soon as practicable after the appointment of the personal representative. The notice must state the decedent's full name, date of birth, and social security number and, to the extent then known after making a reasonably diligent inquiry, the full name, date of birth, and social security number for each of the decedent's predeceased spouses. The notice may also contain a statement that, after making a reasonably diligent inquiry, the personal representative has determined that the decedent did not have any predeceased spouses or that the personal representative has been unable to determine one or more of the previous items of information for a predeceased spouse of the decedent. A copy of the notice to creditors must be attached to and be a part of the notice to the commissioner.

(2) Notwithstanding a will or other instrument or law to the contrary, except as allowed in this paragraph, no property subject to administration by the estate may be distributed by the estate or the personal representative until 70 days after the date the notice is served on the commissioner as provided in paragraph (c), unless the local agency consents as provided for in clause (6). This restriction on distribution does not apply to the personal representative's sale of real or personal property, but does apply to the net proceeds the estate receives from these sales. The personal representative, or any person with personal knowledge of the facts, may provide an affidavit containing the description of any real or personal property affected by this paragraph and stating facts showing compliance with this paragraph. If the affidavit describes real property, it may be filed or recorded in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles for the county where the real property is located. This paragraph does not apply to proceedings under sections 524.3-1203 and 525.31, or when a duly authorized agent of a county is acting as the personal representative of the estate.

(3) At any time before an order or decree is entered under section 524.3-1001 or 524.3-1002, or a closing statement is filed under section 524.3-1003, the personal representative or the attorney for the personal representative may serve an amended notice on the commissioner to add variations or other names of the decedent or a predeceased spouse named in the notice, the name

of a predeceased spouse omitted from the notice, to add or correct the date of birth or social security number of a decedent or predeceased spouse named in the notice, or to correct any other deficiency in a prior notice. The amended notice must state the decedent's name, date of birth, and social security number, the case name, case number, and district court in which the estate is pending, and the date the notice being amended was served on the commissioner. If the amendment adds the name of a predeceased spouse omitted from the notice, it must also state that spouse's full name, date of birth, and social security number. The amended notice must be served on the commissioner in the same manner as the original notice. Upon service, the amended notice relates back to and is effective from the date the notice it amends was served, and the time for filing claims arising under section 246.53, 256B.15, 256D.16 or 261.04 is extended by 60 days from the date of service of the amended notice. Claims filed during the 60-day period are undischarged and unbarred claims, may be prosecuted by the entities entitled to file those claims in accordance with section 524.3-1004, and the limitations in section 524.3-1006 do not apply. The personal representative or any person with personal knowledge of the facts may provide and file or record an affidavit in the same manner as provided for in clause (1).

(4) Within one year after the date an order or decree is entered under section 524.3-1001 or 524.3-1002 or a closing statement is filed under section 524.3-1003, any person who has an interest in property that was subject to administration by the estate may serve an amended notice on the commissioner to add variations or other names of the decedent or a predeceased spouse named in the notice, the name of a predeceased spouse omitted from the notice, to add or correct the date of birth or social security number of a decedent or predeceased spouse named in the notice, or to correct any other deficiency in a prior notice. The amended notice must be served on the commissioner in the same manner as the original notice and must contain the information required for amendments under clause (3). If the amendment adds the name of a predeceased spouse omitted from the notice, it must also state that spouse's full name, date of birth, and social security number. Upon service, the amended notice relates back to and is effective from the date the notice it amends was served. If the amended notice adds the name of an omitted predeceased spouse or adds or corrects the social security number or date of birth of the decedent or a predeceased spouse already named in the notice, then, notwithstanding any other laws to the contrary, claims against the decedent's estate on account of those persons resulting from the amendment and arising under section 246.53, 256B.15, 256D.16, or 261.04 are undischarged and unbarred claims, may be prosecuted by the entities entitled to file those claims in accordance with section 524.3-1004, and the limitations in section 524.3-1006 do not apply. The person filing the amendment or any other person with personal knowledge of the facts may provide and file or record an affidavit describing affected real or personal property in the same manner as clause (1).

(5) After one year from the date an order or decree is entered under section 524.3-1001 or 524.3-1002, or a closing statement is filed under section 524.3-1003, no error, omission, or defect of any kind in the notice to the commissioner required under this paragraph or in the process of service of the notice on the commissioner, or the failure to serve the commissioner with notice as required by this paragraph, makes any distribution of property by a personal representative void or voidable. The distributee's title to the distributed property shall be free of any claims based upon a failure to comply with this paragraph.

(6) The local agency may consent to a personal representative's request to distribute property subject to administration by the estate to distributees during the 70-day period after service of notice on the commissioner. The local agency may grant or deny the request in whole or in part and may attach conditions to its consent as it deems appropriate. When the local agency consents to a distribution, it shall give the estate a written certificate evidencing its consent to the early distribution of assets at no cost. The certificate must include the name, case number, and district court in which the estate is pending, the name of the local agency, describe the specific real or personal property to which the consent applies, state that the local agency consents to the distribution of the specific property described in the consent during the 70-day period following service of the notice on the commissioner, state that the consent is unconditional or list all of the terms and conditions of the consent, be dated, and may include other contents as may be appropriate. The certificate must be signed by the director of the local agency or the director's designees and is effective as of the date it is dated unless it provides otherwise. The signature of the director or the director's designee does not require any acknowledgment. The certificate shall

be prima facie evidence of the facts it states, may be attached to or combined with a deed or any other instrument of conveyance and, when so attached or combined, shall constitute a single instrument. If the certificate describes real property, it shall be accepted for recording or filing by the county recorder or registrar of titles in the county in which the property is located. If the certificate describes real property and is not attached to or combined with a deed or other instrument of conveyance, it shall be accepted for recording or filing by the county recorder or registrar of titles in the county in which the property is located. The certificate constitutes a waiver of the 70-day period provided for in clause (2) with respect to the property it describes and is prima facie evidence of service of notice on the commissioner. The certificate is not a waiver or relinquishment of any claims arising under section 246.53, 256B.15, 256D.16, or 261.04, and does not otherwise constitute a waiver of any of the personal representative's duties under this paragraph. Distributees who receive property pursuant to a consent to an early distribution shall remain liable to creditors of the estate as provided for by law.

(7) All affidavits provided for under this paragraph:

(i) shall be provided by persons who have personal knowledge of the facts stated in the affidavit;

(ii) may be filed or recorded in the office of the county recorder or registrar of titles in the county in which the real property they describe is located for the purpose of establishing compliance with the requirements of this paragraph; and

(iii) are prima facie evidence of the facts stated in the affidavit.

(8) This paragraph applies to the estates of decedents dying on or after July 1, 1997. Clause (5) also applies with respect to all notices served on the commissioner of human services before July 1, 1997, under Laws 1996, chapter 451, article 2, section 55. All notices served on the commissioner before July 1, 1997, pursuant to Laws 1996, chapter 451, article 2, section 55, shall be deemed to be legally sufficient for the purposes for which they were intended, notwithstanding any errors, omissions or other defects.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 525.312, is amended to read:

525.312 [DECREE OF DESCENT.]

Upon the filing of such petition, the court shall fix the time and place for the hearing thereof, notice of which shall be given pursuant to section 524.1-401. Notice of the hearing, in the form prescribed by court rule, shall also be given under direction of the court administrator by publication once a week for two consecutive weeks in a legal newspaper in the county where the hearing is to be held, the last publication of which is to be at least ten days before the time set for hearing. Upon proof of the petition and of the will if there be one; or upon proof of the petition and of an authenticated copy of a will duly proved and allowed outside of this state in accordance with the laws in force in the place where proved, if there be one; and if a clearance for medical assistance claims is on file in the proceeding and any medical assistance claims are paid or satisfied, the court shall allow the same and enter its decree of descent assigning the real or personal property, or any interest therein, to the persons entitled thereto pursuant to the will or such authenticated copy, if there be one, otherwise pursuant to the laws of intestate succession in force at the time of the decedent's death. The decree of descent shall operate to assign the property free and clear of any and all claims for medical assistance arising under section 525.313 without regard to the final disposition of those claims. The court may appoint two or more disinterested persons to appraise the property.

Sec. 8. [525.313] [CLEARANCE FOR MEDICAL ASSISTANCE CLAIMS.]

(a) The court shall not enter a decree of descent until the petitioner has filed a clearance for medical assistance claims under this section, and until any medical assistance claims filed under this section have been paid, settled, or otherwise finally disposed of.

(b) After filing the petition, the petitioner or the petitioner's attorney shall apply to the county agency in the county in which the petition is pending for a clearance of medical assistance claims.

The application must state the decedent's name, date of birth, and social security number; the name, date of birth, and social security number of any predeceased spouse of the decedent; the names and addresses of the devisees and heirs; and the name, address, and telephone number of the petitioner or the attorney making the application on behalf of the petitioner, and include a copy of the notice of hearing.

(c) The county agency shall determine whether the decedent or any of the decedent's predeceased spouses received medical assistance under chapter 256B or general assistance medical care under chapter 256D giving rise to a claim under section 256B.15. If there are no claims, the county agency shall issue the petitioner a clearance for medical assistance claims stating no medical assistance claims exist. If there is a claim, the county agency shall issue the petitioner a clearance for medical assistance claims stating that a claim exists and the total amount of the claim. The county agency shall mail the completed clearance for medical assistance claims to the applicant within 15 working days after receiving the application without cost to the applicant or others.

(d) The petitioner or attorney shall file the certificate in the proceedings for the decree of descent as soon as practicable after it is received. Notwithstanding any rule or law to the contrary, if a medical assistance claim appears in a clearance for medical assistance claims, then:

(1) the claim shall be a claim against the decedent's property which is the subject of the petition. The county agency issuing the certificate shall be the claimant. The filing of the clearance for medical assistance claims in the proceeding for a decree of descent constitutes presentation of the claim;

(2) the claim shall be an unbarred and undischarged claim and shall be payable, in whole or in part, from the decedent's property which is the subject of the petition, including the net sale proceeds from any sale of property free and clear of the claim under this section;

(3) the claim may be allowed, denied, appealed, and bear interest as provided for claims in estates under chapter 524; and

(4) the county agency may collect, compromise, or otherwise settle the claim with the estate, the petitioner, or the assignees of the property on whatever terms and conditions are deemed appropriate.

(e) Any of the decedent's devisees, heirs, successors, assigns, or their successors and assigns, may apply for a partial decree of descent to facilitate the good faith sale of their interest in any real or personal property described in the petition free and clear of any medical assistance claim any time before the entry of a decree of descent under section 525.312. The applicant must prove an interest in the property as provided under section 525.312. The court may enter a partial decree of descent any time after it could hear and decide the petition for a decree of descent. A partial decree of descent shall assign the interests in the real and personal property described in the application to the parties entitled to the property free and clear of any and all medical assistance claims. The net sale proceeds from the sale shall be:

(1) substituted in the estate according to this section for the property sold;

(2) paid over to and held by the petitioner pending the entry of a decree of descent;

(3) used for payment of medical assistance claims; and

(4) distributed according to the decree of descent after any medical assistance claims are paid.

(f) The clearance for medical assistance claims must:

(1) include the case name, case number, and district court in which the proceeding for a decree of descent is pending;

(2) include the name, date of birth, and social security number of the decedent and any of the decedent's predeceased spouses;

(3) state whether there are medical assistance claims against the decedent, or a predeceased spouse, and the total amount of each claim; and

(4) include the name, address, and telephone number of the county agency giving the clearance for medical assistance claims. The certificate shall be signed by the director of the county agency or the director's designee. The signature of the director or the director's designee does not require an acknowledgment.

(g) All recoveries under this section are recoveries under section 256B.15.

(h) For purposes of this section and chapter 256B, all property identified in the petition and all subsequent amendments to the petition shall constitute an estate."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to human services; changing provisions for erroneous payment of medical assistance money; changing probate provisions for estates subject to medical assistance claims and medical assistance liens; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 256B.064; 256B.15, subdivisions 1a and 4; 514.981, subdivision 6; 524.3-801; and 525.312; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 524; and 525."

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

Senator Johnson, D.J. from the Committee on Taxes, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2400: A bill for an act relating to tax relief; providing a sales tax rebate payable in 2000; expanding eligibility for the 1999 sales tax rebate; extending certain dates relating to the 1999 sales tax rebate; providing for a payment to farmers at risk based on the acreage of agricultural use land; appropriating money; amending Laws 1999, chapter 243, article 1, section 2.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1

YEAR 2000 SALES TAX REBATE

Section 1. [STATEMENT OF PURPOSE.]

(a) The state of Minnesota derives revenues from a variety of taxes, fees, and other sources, including the state sales tax.

(b) It is fair and reasonable to refund the existing state budget surplus in the form of a rebate of nonbusiness consumer sales taxes paid by individuals in calendar year 1998.

(c) Information concerning the amount of sales tax paid at various income levels is contained in the Minnesota tax incidence report, which is written by the commissioner of revenue and presented to the legislature according to Minnesota Statutes, section 270.0682.

(d) It is fair and reasonable to use information contained in the Minnesota tax incidence report to determine the proportionate share of the sales tax rebate due each eligible taxpayer since no effective or practical mechanism exists for determining the amount of actual sales tax paid by each eligible individual.

Sec. 2. [SALES TAX REBATE.]

(a) An individual who:

(1) was eligible for a credit under Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 1, section 1, and who filed for or received that credit on or before November 30, 2000; or

(2) was a resident of Minnesota for any part of 1998, and filed a 1998 Minnesota income tax return on or before November 30, 2000, and had a tax liability before refundable credits on that return of at least \$1 but did not file the claim for credit authorized under Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 1, section 1, and who was not allowed to be claimed as a dependent on a 1998 federal income tax return filed by another person; or

(3) had the property taxes payable on his or her homestead abated to zero under Laws 1998, chapter 383, section 20,
shall receive a sales tax rebate.

(b) The sales tax rebate for taxpayers who qualify under paragraph (a) as married filing joint or head of household must be computed according to the following schedule:

<u>Income</u>	<u>Sales Tax Rebate</u>
less than \$2,500	\$ 86
at least \$2,500 but less than \$5,000	\$ 112
at least \$5,000 but less than \$10,000	\$ 119
at least \$10,000 but less than \$15,000	\$ 130
at least \$15,000 but less than \$20,000	\$ 142
at least \$20,000 but less than \$25,000	\$ 154
at least \$25,000 but less than \$30,000	\$ 161
at least \$30,000 but less than \$35,000	\$ 174
at least \$35,000 but less than \$40,000	\$ 190
at least \$40,000 but less than \$45,000	\$ 204
at least \$45,000 but less than \$50,000	\$ 215
at least \$50,000 but less than \$60,000	\$ 229
at least \$60,000 but less than \$70,000	\$ 245
at least \$70,000 but less than \$80,000	\$ 270
at least \$80,000 but less than \$90,000	\$ 289
at least \$90,000 but less than \$100,000	\$ 319
at least \$100,000 but less than \$120,000	\$ 346
at least \$120,000 but less than \$140,000	\$ 379
at least \$140,000 but less than \$160,000	\$ 409
at least \$160,000 but less than \$180,000	\$ 438
at least \$180,000 but less than \$200,000	\$ 466
at least \$200,000 but less than \$400,000	\$ 596
at least \$400,000 but less than \$600,000	\$ 784
at least \$600,000 but less than \$800,000	\$ 941
at least \$800,000 but less than \$1,000,000	\$1,078
\$1,000,000 and over	\$1,500

(c) The sales tax rebate for individuals who qualify under paragraph (a) as single or married filing separately must be computed according to the following schedule:

<u>Income</u>	<u>Sales Tax Rebate</u>
less than \$2,500	\$ 49
at least \$2,500 but less than \$5,000	\$ 60
at least \$5,000 but less than \$10,000	\$ 70
at least \$10,000 but less than \$15,000	\$ 95
at least \$15,000 but less than \$20,000	\$ 108
at least \$20,000 but less than \$25,000	\$ 117
at least \$25,000 but less than \$30,000	\$ 122
at least \$30,000 but less than \$40,000	\$ 134
at least \$40,000 but less than \$50,000	\$ 149
at least \$50,000 but less than \$70,000	\$ 176
at least \$70,000 but less than \$100,000	\$ 224

<u>at least \$100,000 but less than \$140,000</u>	<u>\$ 270</u>
<u>at least \$140,000 but less than \$200,000</u>	<u>\$ 326</u>
<u>at least \$200,000 but less than \$400,000</u>	<u>\$ 442</u>
<u>at least \$400,000 but less than \$600,000</u>	<u>\$ 581</u>
<u>\$600,000 and over</u>	<u>\$ 875</u>

(d) Individuals who:

- (1) were residents of Minnesota in 1998;
- (2) attained the age of 18 on or before December 31, 1998;
- (3) had qualifying income in 1998; and

(4) do not otherwise qualify for a rebate either individually or as the spouse of an individual who receives a rebate on the basis of a married joint filing status,

qualify for a rebate under this paragraph only. Qualifying claimants under this paragraph must file a claim for a rebate on a form prescribed by the commissioner before the later of June 15, 2001, or 30 days after the date of enactment of this act. The claim must include proof of Minnesota residency, qualifying income, income tax filing status, and age in 1998. The commissioner shall verify the information provided and rebate the minimum amount for which the claimant would have been eligible as determined under paragraph (b), as adjusted by paragraph (f), if the taxpayer would have met the requirements to file a 1998 federal income tax return as a married taxpayer filing jointly or head of household, or as determined under paragraph (c), as adjusted by paragraph (f), for other taxpayers. Qualified claims for rebate under this paragraph not paid by October 1, 2001, bear interest at the rate specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 270.75. As used in this paragraph only, "qualifying income" means the sum of:

(1) self-employment income subject to the tax under section 1401(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1997; plus

(2) wages subject to tax under section 3101(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1997; plus

(3) amounts described in Minnesota Statutes, section 290A.03, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clauses (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), and (xii).

(e) Individuals who were not residents of Minnesota for any part of 1998 and who paid more than \$10 in Minnesota sales tax under Minnesota Statutes, chapters 297A and 297B, on nonbusiness consumer purchases in that year qualify for a rebate under this paragraph only. Qualifying nonresidents must file a claim for rebate on a form prescribed by the commissioner before November 30, 2000. The claim must include receipts showing the Minnesota sales tax paid and the date of the sale. Taxes paid on purchases allowed in the computation of federal taxable income or reimbursed by an employer are not eligible for the rebate. The commissioner shall determine the qualifying taxes paid and rebate the lesser of:

(1) 15.3 percent of that amount; or

(2) the maximum amount for which the claimant would have been eligible as determined under paragraph (b) if the taxpayer filed the 1998 federal income tax return as a married taxpayer filing jointly or head of household, or as determined under paragraph (c) for other taxpayers.

(f) "Income," for purposes of this section other than paragraph (e), is taxable income as defined in section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1997, plus the sum of any additions to federal taxable income for the taxpayer under Minnesota Statutes, section 290.01, subdivision 19a, and reported on the original 1998 income tax return including subsequent adjustments to that return made within the time limits specified in paragraph (i). For an individual who was a resident of Minnesota for less than the entire year, income as determined under this paragraph must be multiplied by the percentage determined pursuant to Minnesota

Statutes, section 290.06, subdivision 2c, paragraph (e), as calculated on the original 1998 income tax return including subsequent adjustments to that return made within the time limits specified in paragraph (i). For purposes of paragraph (e), "income" is taxable income as defined in section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1997, and reported on the taxpayer's original federal tax return for the first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1997.

(g) For a fiscal year taxpayer, the November 30, 2000, dates in paragraphs (a) through (e) are extended one month for each month in calendar year 1997 that occurred prior to the start of the individual's 1998 fiscal tax year.

(h) Sales tax rebates not paid by April 1, 2001, bear interest at the rate specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 270.75.

(i) A sales tax rebate shall not be adjusted based on changes to a 1998 income tax return that are made by order of assessment after June 15, 2000, or made by the taxpayer by amended return that are filed with the commissioner of revenue after June 15, 2000.

(j) Individuals who filed a joint income tax return for 1998 shall receive a joint sales tax rebate. After the sales tax rebate has been issued, but before the check has been cashed, either joint claimant may request a separate check for one-half of the joint sales tax rebate. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, if, prior to payment, the commissioner has been notified that persons who filed a joint 1998 income tax return are living at separate addresses, as indicated on their 1999 income tax return or otherwise, the commissioner may issue separate checks to each person. The amount payable to each person is one-half of the total joint rebate.

If a rebate is received by the estate of a deceased individual after the probate estate has been closed, and if the original rebate check is returned to the commissioner with a copy of the decree of descent or final account of the estate, social security numbers, and addresses of the beneficiaries, the commissioner may issue separate checks in proportion to their share in the residuary estate in the names of the residuary beneficiaries of the estate.

(k) The sales tax rebate is a "Minnesota tax law" for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 270B.01, subdivision 8.

(l) The sales tax rebate is "an overpayment of any tax collected by the commissioner" for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 270.07, subdivision 5. For purposes of this paragraph, a joint sales tax rebate is payable to each spouse equally.

(m) If the commissioner of revenue cannot locate an individual entitled to a sales tax rebate by July 1, 2002, or if an individual to whom a sales tax rebate was issued has not cashed the check by July 1, 2002, the right to the sales tax rebate lapses and the check must be deposited in the general fund.

(n) Individuals entitled to a sales tax rebate pursuant to paragraph (a), but who did not receive one, and individuals who receive a sales tax rebate that was not correctly computed, must file a claim with the commissioner before July 1, 2001, in a form prescribed by the commissioner. These claims must be treated as if they are a claim for refund under Minnesota Statutes, section 289A.50, subdivisions 4 and 7.

(o) The sales tax rebate is a refund subject to revenue recapture under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 270A. The commissioner of revenue shall remit the entire refund to the claimant agency, which shall, upon the request of the spouse who does not owe the debt, refund one-half of the joint sales tax rebate to the spouse who does not owe the debt.

(p) Before payment, the rebates calculated in paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) must be proportionately reduced to account for 1998 income tax returns that are filed on or after January 1, 2000, but before July 1, 2000, so that the amount of sales tax rebates payable under paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) does not exceed \$453,000,000, less the amount of the rebates paid under article 2.

The adjustments under this paragraph are not rules subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14.

(q) The rebate is a reduction of fiscal year 2000 sales tax revenues. The amount necessary to make the sales tax rebates and interest provided in this section is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue in fiscal year 2000 and is available until June 30, 2002.

(r) If a sales tax rebate check is cashed by someone other than the payee or payees of the check, and the commissioner of revenue determines that the check has been forged or improperly endorsed, or the commissioner determines that a rebate was erroneously issued or overstated, the commissioner may issue an order of assessment for the amount of the check or the amount the check is overstated against the person or persons cashing it. The assessment must be made within two years after the check is cashed, but if cashing the check constitutes theft under Minnesota Statutes, section 609.52, or forgery under Minnesota Statutes, section 609.631, the assessment can be made at any time. The assessment may be appealed administratively and judicially. The commissioner may take action to collect the assessment in the same manner as provided by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 289A, for any other order of the commissioner assessing tax.

(s) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 9.031, 16A.40, 16B.49, 16B.50, and any other law to the contrary, the commissioner of revenue may take whatever actions the commissioner deems necessary to pay the rebates required by this section, and may, in consultation with the commissioner of finance and the state treasurer, contract with a private vendor or vendors to process, print, and mail the rebate checks or warrants required under this section and receive and disburse state funds to pay those checks or warrants.

(t) The commissioner may pay rebates required by this section by electronic funds transfer to individuals who requested that their 1999 individual income tax refund be paid through electronic funds transfer. The commissioner may make the electronic funds transfer payments to the same financial institution and into the same account as the 1999 individual income tax refund.

(u) For purposes of this section, "resident" has the meaning given in Minnesota Statutes, section 290.01, subdivision 7.

Sec. 3. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment.

ARTICLE 2

1999 SALES TAX REBATE

Section 1. Laws 1999, chapter 243, article 1, section 2, is amended to read:

Sec. 2. [SALES TAX REBATE.]

(a) An individual who:

(1) was eligible for a credit under Laws 1997, chapter 231, article 1, section 16, as amended by Laws 1997, First Special Session chapter 5, section 35, and Laws 1997, Third Special Session chapter 3, section 11, and Laws 1998, chapter 304, and Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 1, section 3, and who filed for or received that credit on or before June 15, 1999 2000; or

(2) was a resident of Minnesota for any part of 1997, and filed a 1997 Minnesota income tax return on or before June 15, 1999 2000, and had a tax liability before refundable credits on that return of at least \$1 but did not file the claim for credit authorized under Laws 1997, chapter 231, article 1, section 16, as amended, and who was not allowed to be claimed as a dependent on a 1997 federal income tax return filed by another person; or

(3) had the property taxes payable on his or her homestead abated to zero under Laws 1997, chapter 231, article 2, section 64,

shall receive a sales tax rebate.

(b) The sales tax rebate for taxpayers who qualify under paragraph (a) as married filing joint or head of household must be computed according to the following schedule:

Income	Sales Tax Rebate
less than \$2,500	\$ 358
at least \$2,500 but less than \$5,000	\$ 469
at least \$5,000 but less than \$10,000	\$ 502
at least \$10,000 but less than \$15,000	\$ 549
at least \$15,000 but less than \$20,000	\$ 604
at least \$20,000 but less than \$25,000	\$ 641
at least \$25,000 but less than \$30,000	\$ 690
at least \$30,000 but less than \$35,000	\$ 762
at least \$35,000 but less than \$40,000	\$ 820
at least \$40,000 but less than \$45,000	\$ 874
at least \$45,000 but less than \$50,000	\$ 921
at least \$50,000 but less than \$60,000	\$ 969
at least \$60,000 but less than \$70,000	\$1,071
at least \$70,000 but less than \$80,000	\$1,162
at least \$80,000 but less than \$90,000	\$1,276
at least \$90,000 but less than \$100,000	\$1,417
at least \$100,000 but less than \$120,000	\$1,535
at least \$120,000 but less than \$140,000	\$1,682
at least \$140,000 but less than \$160,000	\$1,818
at least \$160,000 but less than \$180,000	\$1,946
at least \$180,000 but less than \$200,000	\$2,067
at least \$200,000 but less than \$400,000	\$2,644
at least \$400,000 but less than \$600,000	\$3,479
at least \$600,000 but less than \$800,000	\$4,175
at least \$800,000 but less than \$1,000,000	\$4,785
\$1,000,000 and over	\$5,000

(c) The sales tax rebate for individuals who qualify under paragraph (a) as single or married filing separately must be computed according to the following schedule:

Income	Sales Tax Rebate
less than \$2,500	\$ 204
at least \$2,500 but less than \$5,000	\$ 249
at least \$5,000 but less than \$10,000	\$ 299
at least \$10,000 but less than \$15,000	\$ 408
at least \$15,000 but less than \$20,000	\$ 464
at least \$20,000 but less than \$25,000	\$ 496
at least \$25,000 but less than \$30,000	\$ 515
at least \$30,000 but less than \$40,000	\$ 570
at least \$40,000 but less than \$50,000	\$ 649
at least \$50,000 but less than \$70,000	\$ 776
at least \$70,000 but less than \$100,000	\$ 958
at least \$100,000 but less than \$140,000	\$1,154
at least \$140,000 but less than \$200,000	\$1,394
at least \$200,000 but less than \$400,000	\$1,889
at least \$400,000 but less than \$600,000	\$2,485
\$600,000 and over	\$2,500

(d) Individuals who were not residents of Minnesota for any part of 1997 and who paid more than \$10 in Minnesota sales tax on nonbusiness consumer purchases in that year qualify for a rebate under this paragraph only. Qualifying nonresidents must file a claim for rebate on a form prescribed by the commissioner before the later of June 15, 1999 2000, or 30 days after the date of enactment of this act. The claim must include receipts showing the Minnesota sales tax paid and the date of the sale. Taxes paid on purchases allowed in the computation of federal taxable income or reimbursed by an employer are not eligible for the rebate. The commissioner shall determine the qualifying taxes paid and rebate the lesser of:

(1) 69.0 percent of that amount; or

(2) the maximum amount for which the claimant would have been eligible as determined under paragraph (b) if the taxpayer filed the 1997 federal income tax return as a married taxpayer filing jointly or head of household, or as determined under paragraph (c) for other taxpayers.

(e) "Income," for purposes of this section other than paragraph (d), is taxable income as defined in section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1996, plus the sum of any additions to federal taxable income for the taxpayer under Minnesota Statutes, section 290.01, subdivision 19a, and reported on the original 1997 income tax return including subsequent adjustments to that return made within the time limits specified in paragraph (h). For an individual who was a resident of Minnesota for less than the entire year, ~~the sales tax rebate equals the sales tax rebate calculated under paragraph (b) or (c)~~ income as determined under this paragraph must be multiplied by the percentage determined pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, section 290.06, subdivision 2c, paragraph (e), as calculated on the original 1997 income tax return including subsequent adjustments to that return made within the time limits specified in paragraph (h). For purposes of paragraph (d), "income" is taxable income as defined in section 63 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1996, and reported on the taxpayer's original federal tax return for the first taxable year beginning after December 31, 1996.

(f) For a fiscal year taxpayer, the June 15, 1999, dates in paragraphs (a) through (d) are extended one month for each month in calendar year 1997 that occurred prior to the start of the individual's 1997 fiscal tax year.

(g) Before payment, the commissioner of revenue shall adjust the rebate as follows:

(1) the rebates calculated in paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) must be proportionately reduced to account for 1997 income tax returns that are filed on or after January 1, 1999, but before July 1, 1999, so that the amount of sales tax rebates payable under paragraphs (b), (c), and (d) does not exceed \$1,250,000,000; and

(2) the commissioner of finance shall certify by July 15, 1999, preliminary fiscal year 1999 general fund net nondedicated revenues. The certification shall exclude the impact of any legislation enacted during the 1999 regular session. If certified net nondedicated revenues exceed the amount forecast in February 1999, up to \$50,000,000 of the increase shall be added to the total amount rebated. The commissioner of revenue shall adjust all rebates proportionally to reflect any increases. The total amount of the rebate shall not exceed \$1,300,000,000.

The adjustments under this paragraph are not rules subject to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 14.

~~(g)~~ (h) The commissioner of revenue may begin making sales tax rebates by August 1, 1999. Sales tax rebates not paid by October 1, 1999, bear interest at the rate specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 270.75. Sales tax rebates paid to:

(1) taxpayers who file their original 1997 Minnesota income tax return after June 15, 1999;

(2) individuals qualifying under paragraph (s); and

(3) qualifying nonresidents who file a claim for rebate after June 15, 1999,

bear interest at the rate specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 270.75, beginning October 1, 2000.

~~(h)~~ (i) A sales tax rebate shall not be adjusted based on changes to a 1997 income tax return that are made by order of assessment after June 15, 1999, or made by the taxpayer that are filed with the commissioner of revenue after June 15, 1999.

~~(i)~~ (j) Individuals who filed a joint income tax return for 1997 shall receive a joint sales tax rebate. After the sales tax rebate has been issued, but before the check has been cashed, either joint claimant may request a separate check for one-half of the joint sales tax rebate. Notwithstanding anything in this section to the contrary, if prior to payment, the commissioner has been notified that persons who filed a joint 1997 income tax return are living at separate addresses, as indicated

on their 1998 income tax return or otherwise, the commissioner may issue separate checks to each person. The amount payable to each person is one-half of the total joint rebate. If a rebate is received by the estate of a deceased individual after the probate estate has been closed, and if the original rebate check is returned to the commissioner with a copy of the decree of descent or final account of the estate, social security numbers, and addresses of the beneficiaries, the commissioner may issue separate checks in proportion to their share in the residuary estate in the names of the residuary beneficiaries of the estate.

~~(j)~~ (k) The sales tax rebate is a "Minnesota tax law" for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 270B.01, subdivision 8.

~~(k)~~ (l) The sales tax rebate is "an overpayment of any tax collected by the commissioner" for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 270.07, subdivision 5. For purposes of this paragraph, a joint sales tax rebate is payable to each spouse equally.

~~(l)~~ (m) If the commissioner of revenue cannot locate an individual entitled to a sales tax rebate by July 1, 2001, or if an individual to whom a sales tax rebate was issued has not cashed the check by July 1, 2001, the right to the sales tax rebate lapses and the check must be deposited in the general fund.

~~(m)~~ (n) Individuals entitled to a sales tax rebate pursuant to paragraph (a), but who did not receive one, and individuals who receive a sales tax rebate that was not correctly computed, must file a claim with the commissioner before July 1, 2000, in a form prescribed by the commissioner. Taxpayers who file their original 1997 Minnesota income tax return after June 15, 1999, and qualifying nonresidents who file a claim for rebate after June 15, 1999, and who do not receive it or who receive a sales tax rebate that was not correctly computed, must file a claim with the commissioner before July 1, 2001, in a form prescribed by the commissioner. These claims must be treated as if they are a claim for refund under Minnesota Statutes, section 289A.50, subdivisions 4 and 7.

~~(n)~~ (o) The sales tax rebate is a refund subject to revenue recapture under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 270A. The commissioner of revenue shall remit the entire refund to the claimant agency, which shall, upon the request of the spouse who does not owe the debt, refund one-half of the joint sales tax rebate to the spouse who does not owe the debt.

~~(o)~~ (p) The rebate is a reduction of fiscal year 1999 sales tax revenues. The amount necessary to make the sales tax rebates and interest provided in this section is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue in fiscal year 1999 and is available until June 30, 2001.

~~(p)~~ (q) If a sales tax rebate check is cashed by someone other than the payee or payees of the check, and the commissioner of revenue determines that the check has been forged or improperly endorsed or the commissioner determines that a rebate was overstated or erroneously issued, the commissioner may issue an order of assessment for the amount of the check or the amount the check is overstated against the person or persons cashing it. The assessment must be made within two years after the check is cashed, but if cashing the check constitutes theft under Minnesota Statutes, section 609.52, or forgery under Minnesota Statutes, section 609.631, the assessment can be made at any time. The assessment may be appealed administratively and judicially. The commissioner may take action to collect the assessment in the same manner as provided by Minnesota Statutes, chapter 289A, for any other order of the commissioner assessing tax.

~~(q)~~ (r) Notwithstanding Minnesota Statutes, sections 9.031, 16A.40, 16B.49, 16B.50, and any other law to the contrary, the commissioner of revenue may take whatever actions the commissioner deems necessary to pay the rebates required by this section, and may, in consultation with the commissioner of finance and the state treasurer, contract with a private vendor or vendors to process, print, and mail the rebate checks or warrants required under this section and receive and disburse state funds to pay those checks or warrants.

~~(r)~~ (s) The commissioner may pay rebates required by this section by electronic funds transfer to individuals who requested that their 1998 individual income tax refund be paid through electronic funds transfer. The commissioner may make the electronic funds transfer payments to the same financial institution and into the same account as the 1998 individual income tax refund.

(t) Individuals who:

(1) were residents of Minnesota in 1997;

(2) attained the age of 18 on or before December 31, 1997;

(3) had qualifying income in 1997; and

(4) do not otherwise qualify for a rebate either individually or as the spouse of an individual who receives a rebate on the basis of a married joint filing status,

qualify for a rebate under this paragraph only. Qualifying claimants under this paragraph must file a claim for a rebate on a form prescribed by the commissioner before the later of June 15, 2000, or 30 days after the date of enactment of this act. The claim must include proof of Minnesota residency, qualifying income, income tax filing status, and age in 1997. The commissioner shall verify the information provided and rebate the minimum amount for which the claimant would have been eligible as determined under paragraph (b), as adjusted by paragraph (f), if the taxpayer would have met the requirements to file a 1997 federal income tax return as a married taxpayer filing jointly or head of household, or as determined under paragraph (c), as adjusted by paragraph (f), for other taxpayers. Qualified claims for rebate under this paragraph not paid by October 1, 2000, bear interest at the rate specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 270.75. As used in this paragraph only, "qualifying income" means the sum of:

(1) self-employment income subject to the tax under section 1401(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1997; plus

(2) wages subject to tax under section 3101(b) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended through December 31, 1997; plus

(3) amounts described in Minnesota Statutes, section 290A.03, subdivision 3, paragraph (b), clauses (iv), (v), (vi), (vii), (viii), (ix), (x), and (xii).

Sec. 2. [APPLICATION OF LAW.]

The limitation on the total amount of rebates in Laws 1999, chapter 243, article 1, section 2, paragraph (f), does not apply to rebates issued under section 1. To the extent applicable, all other provisions of Laws 1999, chapter 243, article 1, section 2, apply to the rebates paid under section 1.

Sec. 3. [APPROPRIATION.]

The amount necessary to pay the rebates under section 1 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue for fiscal years 2000 and 2001.

Sec. 4. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Sections 1 to 3 are effective the day following final enactment.

ARTICLE 3

AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE

Section 1. [AGRICULTURAL ASSISTANCE IN 2000.]

Subdivision 1. [DEFINITIONS.] (a) The definitions in this subdivision apply to this section.

(b) "Acre" means an acre of effective agricultural use land within the state of Minnesota as reported to the Farm Service Agency on form 156EZ.

(c) "Commissioner" means the commissioner of revenue.

(d) "Disaster county" means a county in Minnesota that:

(1) received a presidential major disaster declaration in 1999; or

(2) was named as a contiguous county under a presidential major disaster declaration in 1999.

(e) "Effective agricultural use land" means land suitable for growing an agricultural crop and excludes land enrolled in the conservation reserve program established by Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.515, or the water bank program established by Minnesota Statutes, section 103F.601.

(f) "Farm" or "farm operation" means an agricultural production operation located wholly or in part within a disaster county that:

(1) has a unique farm number as reported on form 156EZ to the Farm Service Agency and includes at least 40 acres of effective agricultural use land; or

(2) has produced at least \$10,000 in sales of unprocessed livestock or unprocessed dairy products as reported on schedule F or form 1065, 1120, or 1120S of the farmer's federal income tax return for the taxable year beginning in either calendar year 1998 or 1999.

(g) "Farm operator" means a person who is identified as the operator of a farm on form 156EZ filed with the Farm Service Agency, provided that if both spouses in a married couple are so identified, only one will be deemed to be a farm operator for purposes of this article.

(h) "Farm Service Agency" means the United States Department of Agriculture, Farm Service Agency.

(i) "Farmer" or "farmer at risk" means a person who:

(1) produces an agricultural crop or livestock and is reported to the Farm Service Agency as bearing a percentage of the risk for the farm operation; or

(2) owns or resides on property homesteaded under Minnesota Statutes, section 273.124, subdivision 1, paragraph (c), and operates a livestock production facility.

(j) "Livestock" means cattle, hogs, poultry, and sheep.

(k) "Person" includes individuals, fiduciaries, estates, trusts, partnerships, joint ventures, and corporations.

Subd. 2. [PAYMENT TO FARMERS.] (a) A farm operator may apply on a separate form for each farm that the person operates to the commissioner for payments as provided under this subdivision. The payment must be made to each farmer at risk for a farm operation and must equal \$4, multiplied by the number of acres of the farm operation, multiplied by the percentage of the risk borne by that farmer for that farm operation.

(b) Applications must be based on information reported to the Farm Service Agency for crop year 1999, by December 31, 1999, and must include the social security number or federal employer identification number, or a producer number assigned by the Farm Service Agency for each farmer and the Farm Service Agency farm number from form 156EZ. The commissioner shall prepare application forms for the payment and ensure that they are available throughout the state. The commissioner shall make payments by June 30, 2000, to each eligible farmer who applies by May 31, 2000, or within 30 days of the application if the application is received after May 31, 2000. In no case will applications be accepted after September 30, 2000.

Subd. 3. [ALTERNATE QUALIFICATION.] (a) If an agricultural production operation does not meet the definition of a farm under subdivision 1 solely because:

(1) the farm operator had not filed a form 156EZ with the Farm Service Agency;

(2) there was an error in the Farm Service Agency's records; or

(3) an operator operates more than one farm and the acres of effective agricultural use land of a farm is less than 40 acres, but the combined acres of effective agricultural use land of all land operated by that operator is at least 40 acres,

the commissioner may allow the farm operator to apply for payment under subdivision 2 after providing the information the commissioner requires to determine the number of acres that would be comparable to the effective agricultural use land listed on form 156EZ.

(b) If the number of acres of effective agricultural use land for crop year 1999 for a farm is greater than indicated in the Farm Service Agency's records, the commissioner may allow a farm operator to apply for payment on the greater acreage after providing the information the commissioner requires.

(c) If a person who produced an agricultural crop or livestock in 1999 and bore a portion of the risk for the farm operation does not meet the definition of a farmer under subdivision 1 solely because that information was not reported to the Farm Service Agency or because there was an error in the Farm Service Agency's records, the commissioner may allow the farmer to be included on an application for payment under subdivision 2 after the farmer provides the information the commissioner requires to determine the farmer was at risk for that farm.

Subd. 4. [LIMIT.] No person and no married couple may receive a payment under subdivision 2 that exceeds \$5,600.

Subd. 5. [APPLICATION OF OTHER LAWS.] The payments under subdivision 2 are a "Minnesota tax law" for purposes of Minnesota Statutes, section 270B.01, subdivision 8.

Subd. 6. [REMEDIES.] A farmer denied a payment under subdivision 2 may appeal that denial under Minnesota Statutes, section 289A.50, subdivision 7.

Subd. 7. [INTEREST.] Payments under subdivision 2 bear interest at the rate specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 289A.55, subdivision 1, from the later of the payment dates specified under subdivision 2 or 75 days after a complete payment application was filed with the commissioner.

Subd. 8. [PENALTIES.] If the commissioner determines that claims for payments under subdivision 2 are or were excessive and were filed with fraudulent intent, the claim must be disallowed in full. If the claim has been paid, the amount disallowed must be recovered by assessment and collection under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 289A. The assessment must be made within two years after a check is cashed, but if cashing a check constitutes theft under Minnesota Statutes, section 609.52, or forgery under Minnesota Statutes, section 609.631, the assessment may be made at any time. The assessment may be appealed administratively and judicially.

Sec. 2. [APPROPRIATION.]

The amount necessary to fund the payments required under section 1, subdivision 2, is appropriated in fiscal year 2000 from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2001.

Sec. 3. [EFFECTIVE DATE.]

Sections 1 and 2 are effective the day following final enactment."

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

Senator Novak from the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development, to which was referred the following appointment as reported in the Journal for March 24, 1999:

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSIONER

Steven Minn

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the appointment not be confirmed.

Senator Moe, R.D. moved that the foregoing committee report be laid on the table. The motion prevailed.

Senator Novak from the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development, to which was referred the following appointment as reported in the Journal for February 1, 2000:

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
COMMISSIONER

Steven Minn

Reports the same back with the recommendation that the appointment not be confirmed and be re-referred to the Committee on Commerce. Report adopted.

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. Nos. 613, 2365 and 2400 were read the second time.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Moe, R.D. moved that the name of Senator Johnson, J.B. be stricken as chief author and the name of Senator Ring be added as chief author to S.F. No. 689. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kelly, R.C. moved that the name of Senator Ten Eyck be stricken as a co-author and the name of Senator Kinkel be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1030. The motion prevailed.

Senator Krentz moved that the name of Senator Janezich be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1356. The motion prevailed.

Senator Betzold moved that the name of Senator Marty be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2338. The motion prevailed.

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

Senator Hottinger moved that the name of Senator Kierlin be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2361. The motion prevailed.

Senator Day moved that the name of Senator Larson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2376. The motion prevailed.

Senator Scheevel moved that the name of Senator Pogemiller be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2391. The motion prevailed.

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

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

Senator Junge moved that the name of Senator Marty be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2401. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pogemiller moved that the names of Senators Spear and Ranum be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 2478. The motion prevailed.

Senator Scheevel moved that the name of Senator Piper be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2497. The motion prevailed.

Senator Lourey moved that the name of Senator Johnson, D.J. be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2618. The motion prevailed.

Senator Neuville moved that the names of Senators Robling and Hottinger be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 2626. The motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time and referred to the committees indicated.

Senator Kinkel introduced--

S.F. No. 2630: A bill for an act relating to education; postponing the deadline to initiate construction of the American Indian history center and museum; amending Laws 1994, chapter 643, section 19, subdivision 9, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Kinkel and Samuelson introduced--

S.F. No. 2631: A bill for an act relating to human services; clarifying admissions criteria for the Ah-Gwah-Ching center; requiring the center to provide information on and promote the use of the geriatric rapid assessment stabilization program; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 251.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Kelley, S.P.; Belanger; Hottinger; Murphy and Scheid introduced--

S.F. No. 2632: A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing that sales of certain fruit, vegetables, milk, milk products, juice, juice products, and other items sold through vending machines are exempt from the sales tax; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 297A.01, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Betzold, by request, introduced--

S.F. No. 2633: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying age requirement for certain reduced state park fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 85.052, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Betzold introduced--

S.F. No. 2634: A bill for an act relating to civil law; civil commitment; providing for notice to certain relatives of patients receiving or hospitalized for psychiatric or mental health care; modifying consent provisions for voluntary mental health treatment for certain minors; modifying provisions related to early intervention mental health treatment and civil commitment; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 253B.065, by adding a subdivision; 253B.066, subdivision 1; and 253B.15, subdivision 8; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 253B.04, subdivision 1; and 253B.065, subdivision 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Novak; Berglin; Johnson, D.J. and Kinkel introduced--

S.F. No. 2635: A bill for an act relating to community development; providing funding for the redevelopment account; authorizing bonds; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development.

Senator Hottinger introduced--

S.F. No. 2636: A bill for an act relating to human services; changing nursing facility salary adjustment per diem; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 256B.431, subdivision 2i.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Murphy; Price; Johnson, D.H.; Krentz and Higgins introduced--

S.F. No. 2637: A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing the funding for school district crime prevention activities; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 126C.44.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Krentz, Price and Laidig introduced--

S.F. No. 2638: A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing private sale of certain tax-forfeited land that borders public water in Washington county.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Kleis introduced--

S.F. No. 2639: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; authorizing state bonds; appropriating money for a grant for parks and trails to the St. Cloud area joint powers board.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Kleis and Fischbach introduced--

S.F. No. 2640: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing state bonds; appropriating money for remodeling, an addition, and HVAC improvements at St. Cloud Technical College.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Kleis and Fischbach introduced--

S.F. No. 2641: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and to better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature; providing for renovation of two St. Cloud State University buildings; authorizing state bonds; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Kleis and Fischbach introduced--

S.F. No. 2642: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for planning the renovation of Centennial Hall at St. Cloud State University; authorizing state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senator Kleis introduced--

S.F. No. 2643: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and to better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature; providing for remodeling of administrative and instructional space at Lawrence Hall at St. Cloud State University buildings; authorizing state bonds; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senator Kleis introduced--

S.F. No. 2644: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and to better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature; providing for a grant to the city of St. Cloud for the Head Start Community Center; authorizing issuance of bonds; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Kierlin, Larson, Scheevel and Neuville introduced--

S.F. No. 2645: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; exempting sales to political subdivisions of a state; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 297A.47; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 297A.25, subdivision 11.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Johnson, D.J.; Hottinger; Pappas; Belanger and Murphy introduced--

S.F. No. 2646: A bill for an act relating to taxation; expanding eligibility for the sales tax rebates to certain dependents and individuals over age 65; extending certain dates relating to the sales tax rebate; appropriating money; amending Laws 1999, chapter 243, article 1, section 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Higgins and Flynn introduced--

S.F. No. 2647: A bill for an act relating to the city of Minneapolis; increasing the police chief's appointing authority; amending Laws 1961, chapter 108, section 1, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senator Limmer introduced--

S.F. No. 2648: A bill for an act relating to utilities; requiring utilities to accept every offer of valid payment from customer; imposing a penalty; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development.

Senator Limmer introduced--

S.F. No. 2649: A bill for an act relating to data practices; access to certain economic security data; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 268.19.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Ziegler introduced--

S.F. No. 2650: A bill for an act relating to education; exempting independent school district No. 2860, Blue Earth area, from age requirement for type III school van.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senator Ziegler introduced--

S.F. No. 2651: A bill for an act relating to appropriations; appropriating money for an erosion control project on the Le Sueur river in the city of St. Clair.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Novak; Ourada; Johnson, D.H.; Runbeck and Johnson, D.J. introduced--

S.F. No. 2652: A bill for an act relating to utilities; modifying electric power generating plant exemption from the Minnesota Power Plant Siting Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 116C.57, subdivision 5a.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development.

Senators Novak; Ourada; Kelley, S.P.; Metzen and Runbeck introduced--

S.F. No. 2653: A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring state agencies to provide grant information on the Internet; requiring the commissioner of administration to develop a uniform Internet application for grants; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 16B.467; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 15.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Murphy and Johnson, D.J. introduced--

S.F. No. 2654: A bill for an act relating to taxation; making policy and administrative changes to certain tax provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 276.19, subdivision 1; 289A.35; 290.01, by adding a subdivision; 290.17, subdivision 2; 295.50, subdivision 9b; 297F.01, subdivision 17; 297F.08, subdivisions 2, 5, 8, and 9; and 297F.21, subdivisions 1 and 3; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 16D.09, subdivision 2; 270.65; 289A.02, subdivision 7; 290.01, subdivisions 19 and 31; 290.091, subdivision 2; 290A.03, subdivision 15; 291.005, subdivision 1; 295.53, subdivision 1; and 297F.08, subdivision 8a; repealing Minnesota Rules, part 8160.0300, subpart 4.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Scheid introduced--

S.F. No. 2655: A bill for an act relating to taxation; recodifying insurance tax laws; providing for civil and criminal penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 43A.316, subdivision 9; 43A.317, subdivision 8; 60A.19, subdivision 8; 60A.198, subdivision 3; 60A.208, subdivision 8; 60A.209, subdivision 3; 60C.17; 60E.04, subdivision 4; 60E.095; 61B.30, subdivision 1; 62C.01, subdivision 3; 62E.10, subdivision 1; 62E.13, subdivision 10; 62L.13, subdivision 3; 62T.10; 64B.24; 71A.04, subdivision 1; 79.252, subdivision 4; 79.34, subdivision 1a; 176A.08; 290.35, subdivisions 2, 3, and 6; 295.58; and 424.165; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 43A.23, subdivision 1; and 60A.19, subdivision 6; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 297I; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 60A.15; 60A.152; 60A.198, subdivision 6; 60A.199, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6a, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11; 60A.209, subdivisions 4 and 5; 69.54; 69.55; 69.56; 69.57; 69.58; 69.59; 69.60; 69.61; 71A.04, subdivision 2; 299F.21; 299F.22; 299F.23; 299F.24; 299F.25; and 299F.26; Minnesota Rules, part 2765.1500, subpart 6.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Johnson, D.J. introduced--

S.F. No. 2656: A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing for a tax information sample data study; requiring certain tax preparers to file by electronic means; giving the commissioner of revenue certain temporary powers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 289A.08, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Johnson, D.J. introduced--

S.F. No. 2657: A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing a sales tax rebate payable in 2000; extending the 1999 sales tax rebate to certain taxpayers; limiting the amount of the passenger automobile registration tax; extending levy limits for one year; making certain changes in health care premium taxes; providing for tax relief and reform; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 60A.15, subdivision 1; 168.013, subdivision 1a; and 275.72, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 16A.1522, subdivisions 1, 4, and by adding subdivisions; 275.71, subdivisions 2, 3, and 4; Laws 1997, chapter 231, article 3, section 9, as amended; Laws 1998, chapter 389, article 4, sections 14, subdivision 2; and 18; and Laws 1999, chapter 243, article 1, section 2; article 6, sections 12, subdivision 4; 13, subdivision 2; and 18; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 16A.1521.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Scheevel, Larson, Frederickson, Foley and Lourey introduced--

S.F. No. 2658: A bill for an act relating to education; reinstating adults with disabilities pilot programs; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Johnson, D.H.; Limmer; Neville; Knutson and Kelly, R.C. introduced--

S.F. No. 2659: A bill for an act relating to crimes; imposing felony penalty on person convicted of fourth impaired driving offense within ten-year period; requiring offender to be sentenced to both incarceration and to intensive probation supervision; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 169.129, by adding a subdivision; and 609.135, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 169.121, subdivisions 3 and 3d; 169.1217, subdivision 7; 169.129, subdivision 1; and 609.135, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senator Wiger introduced--

S.F. No. 2660: A bill for an act relating to crimes; making certain repeat violations of the DWI laws punishable as felonies; providing for mandatory sentences for felony DWI offenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 169.121, by adding a subdivision; and 169.129, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 169.129, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Hottinger and Stevens introduced--

S.F. No. 2661: A bill for an act relating to state government; regulating administrative rulemaking; making permanent the governor's authority to veto rules; repealing Laws 1999, chapter 129, section 6.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Sams, Fischbach, Samuelson, Hottinger and Kiscaden introduced--

S.F. No. 2662: A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing prepaid medical assistance program capitation rates for nonmetropolitan counties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 256B.69, subdivision 5b.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Vickerman and Lesewski introduced--

S.F. No. 2663: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; providing that the commissioner of revenue assess wind energy conversion systems; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 273.37, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senator Kinkel introduced--

S.F. No. 2664: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money to construct the Headwaters Science Center in Bemidji; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 2665: A bill for an act relating to retirement; public employees police and fire plan; specifying salary to be used for purposes of calculating certain benefits; mandating certain payments by the department of public safety.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Foley, Knutson, Kleis and Betzold introduced--

S.F. No. 2666: A bill for an act relating to crime prevention; expanding the definition of "crime of violence" in the gun control law; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 624.712, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Foley, Knutson, Neuville, Kleis and Betzold introduced--

S.F. No. 2667: A bill for an act relating to juvenile traffic offenders; providing for adult court jurisdiction over juveniles who commit nonfelony level traffic offenses after becoming 16 years old; providing the adult traffic court with new dispositional alternatives for these traffic offenders; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 260B.007, subdivision 16; and 260B.225, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, and 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Vickerman, Hottinger, Stevens, Frederickson and Langseth introduced--

S.F. No. 2668: A bill for an act relating to governmental operations; appropriating money for regional planning.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senators Langseth, Ziegler, Higgins and Vickerman introduced--

S.F. No. 2669: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for multicultural development grants; authorizing state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Pariseau, Lesewski, Limmer, Scheevel and Fischbach introduced--

S.F. No. 2670: A bill for an act relating to crime prevention; providing for increased mandatory minimum prison sentences for persons convicted of committing certain offenses with firearms; requiring a public awareness campaign regarding the increased sentences; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.11, subdivisions 5, 7, 8, and 10; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.11, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Novak; Day; Larson; Johnson, D.J. and Scheid introduced--

S.F. No. 2671: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; limiting increases in market value; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 273.11, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senator Betzold introduced--

S.F. No. 2672: A bill for an act relating to data practices; classifying voter registration lists as private data; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 201.091, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 201.091, subdivisions 4 and 5.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Larson and Marty introduced--

S.F. No. 2673: A bill for an act relating to elections; clarifying provisions and conforming procedures under the Minnesota election law and related provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 103C.305, subdivision 6; 103C.315, subdivision 2; 123B.09, subdivision 1; 201.061, subdivision 4; 201.161; 201.171; 203B.06, subdivision 6; 204B.09, subdivision 1a; 204B.12, subdivision 1; 204B.14, subdivisions 2, 5, and 6; 204B.16, subdivision 1; 204B.18, subdivision 1; 204B.19, subdivision 6; 204B.36, subdivision 2; 204B.40; 204C.32, subdivision 1; 204C.37; 204D.13, subdivision 1; 204D.25, subdivision 1; 204D.27, subdivision 8; 205.13, subdivision 6, and by adding a subdivision; 205.17, subdivision 1; 205A.06, subdivision 5, and by adding a subdivision; 206.90, subdivision 6; and 447.32, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 10A.31, subdivision 3a; 203B.04, subdivision 1; 203B.085; 367.03, subdivision 4; and 447.32, subdivision 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 203B.02, subdivision 1a; 204B.09, subdivision 2; and 204B.45, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Election Laws.

Senators Stumpf, Terwilliger and Moe, R.D. introduced--

S.F. No. 2674: A bill for an act relating to retirement; modifying calculation of postretirement adjustment for the Minnesota postretirement investment fund; providing for a transition adjustment; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 11A.18, subdivision 9.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Wiener, Solon, Samuelson, Larson and Moe, R.D. introduced--

S.F. No. 2675: A bill for an act relating to insurance; making the state of Minnesota a contributing member of the comprehensive health association in respect of self-insured employee health plans; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 62E.02, subdivision 23; and 62E.10, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Wiger, Vickerman and Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 2676: A bill for an act relating to local government; removing the sunset on provisions for authorizing local governments to petition to amend or repeal a rule; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 14.091.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Johnson, D.H.; Krentz; Kleis; Neuville and Foley introduced--

S.F. No. 2677: A bill for an act relating to crime prevention; recodifying the driving while impaired crimes and related provisions; making numerous clarifying, technical, and substantive changes in the pursuit of simplification; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 629.471; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 260B.171, subdivision 7; 260B.225, subdivision 4; and 609.035, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 169A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 168.042; 169.01, subdivisions 61, 68, 82, 83, 86, 87, 88, and 89; 169.121, subdivisions 1, 1a, 1b, 1d, 2, 3b, 3c, 5, 5a, 5b, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 10a, 11, and 12; 169.1211; 169.1215; 169.1216; 169.1217, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 8; 169.1218; 169.1219; 169.122, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, and 4; 169.123, subdivisions 2, 2a, 2b, 2c, 3, 4, 5, 5a, 5b, 6, 7, 8, and 10; 169.124; 169.125; 169.126; 169.1261; 169.1265; 169.128; and 169.129, subdivision 3; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 169.121, subdivisions 1c, 3, 3d, 3f, and 4; 169.1217, subdivisions 1, 7, 7a, and 9; 169.122, subdivision 5; 169.123, subdivisions 1 and 5c; and 169.129, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senator Flynn introduced--

S.F. No. 2678: A bill for an act relating to transportation; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to article XIV; requiring 54 percent of the tax on the sale of motor vehicles to be deposited in highway user tax distribution fund; providing authority and procedures for establishing exclusive bus transit ways; creating multimodal transportation fund, with accounts, and providing that 46 percent of the tax on the sale of motor vehicles be deposited in this fund; authorizing obligations to be issued to finance transit improvements; removing sunset provision for certain responsibilities of the office of strategic and long-range planning; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 169.01, subdivision 29; 169.305, by adding a subdivision; 297B.09, subdivision 1; 394.232, subdivision 5; and 473.39, by adding subdivisions; Laws 1999, chapter 250, article 1, sections 115 and 116; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 174; and 473.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Krentz, Price, Wiger, Robertson and Murphy introduced--

S.F. No. 2679: A bill for an act relating to education; repealing a provision relating to participation in Minnesota amateur sports commission exhibitions; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 128C.02, subdivision 3a.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Hanson, Samuelson, Kinkel, Neuville and Vickerman introduced--

S.F. No. 2680: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring informed consent of a female upon whom an abortion is performed; providing civil remedies; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Dille and Belanger introduced--

S.F. No. 2681: A bill for an act relating to taxes; property taxes; levy limits; allowing a special levy for certain county social service costs; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 275.70, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senator Dille introduced--

S.F. No. 2682: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; providing an exemption from corporate farm law for certain wildlife properties; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 500.24, subdivisions 2 and 3.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

Senators Samuelson, Pariseau, Berg, Krentz and Laidig introduced--

S.F. No. 2683: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; exempting archery bows used for bowfishing from casing requirement; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 97B.051; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97C.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Lessard, Krentz, Samuelson, Laidig and Frederickson introduced--

S.F. No. 2684: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying blaze orange requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 97B.071.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Robling, Belanger, Pariseau, Vickerman and Wiener introduced--

S.F. No. 2685: A bill for an act authorizing group insurance protection for metropolitan intercounty association; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 471.61, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senators Robling, Lourey, Oliver, Wiener and Belanger introduced--

S.F. No. 2686: A bill for an act relating to health; establishing requirements for the sale of funeral goods and services and preneed funeral arrangements; modifying the enforcement authority of the commissioner of health; prohibiting certain solicitations of sales by funeral providers; requiring certain disclosures by funeral providers; prohibiting certain deceptive acts and practices for funeral providers; establishing requirements for preneed funeral agreements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 149A.02, subdivision 23, and by adding subdivisions; 149A.08, subdivision 1; 149A.70, by adding subdivisions; 149A.71, subdivisions 2 and 4; 149A.73, subdivision 3; and 149A.97, subdivision 6, and by adding subdivisions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 149A.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Spear, Foley, Betzold, Wiener and Kiscaden introduced--

S.F. No. 2687: A bill for an act relating to civil actions; eliminating the prohibition on admitting into evidence use of seat belts and child passenger restraint systems; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 169.685, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Flynn; Moe, R.D.; Kiscaden; Samuelson and Hottinger introduced--

S.F. No. 2688: A bill for an act relating to organization and operation of state government; changing metropolitan airports commission to Minnesota airports commission.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senators Vickerman, Hottinger, Scheid, Pariseau and Wiger introduced--

S.F. No. 2689: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; exempting sales to political subdivisions of a state; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 297A.47; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 297A.25, subdivision 11.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Kelly, R.C.; Limmer; Knutson; Johnson, D.H. and Krentz introduced--

S.F. No. 2690: A bill for an act relating to juveniles; providing for adult court jurisdiction over certain juvenile offenders who are accused of committing a serious crime with a firearm; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 260B.007, subdivision 6; 260B.103, subdivision 1; 260B.125, subdivision 5; 609.055, subdivision 2; and 641.14.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Wiener, Ring, Price, Stevens and Robling introduced--

S.F. No. 2691: A bill for an act relating to the State Building Code; transferring authority to develop the energy portions of the building code from the commissioner of public service to the commissioner of administration; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216C.195, subdivisions 2 and 3; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 216C.19, subdivision 8; and 216C.195, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senator Hottinger introduced--

S.F. No. 2692: A bill for an act relating to business organizations; business corporations and limited liability companies; regulating the rights of shareholders and members; clarifying notice of director and governor conflicts of interest; regulating the issuing of and right to purchase shares; regulating contribution allowance agreements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 302A.135, subdivision 2; 302A.181, subdivision 3; 302A.255, subdivision 1; 302A.405, subdivision 3; 302A.409, subdivision 3; 302A.471, subdivision 3; 302A.521, subdivision 6; 302A.613, subdivision 2; and 322B.699, subdivision 6; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 302A.471, subdivision 1; 322B.43, subdivision 1; 322B.666, subdivision 1; and 322B.72, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Belanger and Johnson, D.J. introduced--

S.F. No. 2693: A bill for an act relating to taxation; making technical and administrative changes and corrections to certain tax and revenue recapture provisions; authorizing the attorney general to compromise certain fees, surcharges, and assessments; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 8.30; 270.072, subdivision 2, and by adding a subdivision; 270A.07, subdivision 1; 273.111, subdivision 3; 289A.20, subdivision 2; 289A.26, subdivision 1; 289A.60, subdivision 14; 290.01, subdivision 19c; 290.015, subdivisions 1, 3, and 4; 290.06, subdivision 22; 290.92, subdivisions 3, 28, and 29; 295.58; 296A.03, subdivision 5; 296A.21, subdivisions 2 and 3; 296A.22, subdivision 6; 297A.25, subdivision 34; 297B.03; 297F.01, subdivisions 7, 14, and by

adding subdivisions; and 297F.13, subdivision 4; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 270A.07, subdivision 2; 273.13, subdivision 24; 289A.20, subdivision 4; 289A.55, subdivision 9; 298.24, subdivision 1; and 477A.03, subdivision 2; Laws 1988, chapter 645, section 3, as amended; Laws 1999, chapters 112, section 1, subdivision 1; 243, articles 1, section 2; 6, section 18; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 270.072, subdivision 5; 270.075, subdivisions 3 and 4; 270.083; 273.127; and 273.1316.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Murphy introduced--

S.F. No. 2694: A bill for an act relating to corrections; requiring counties and the department of corrections to share the per diem cost of housing juveniles committed to the commissioner of corrections; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 242.192.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Dille, Vickerman, Ziegler, Berg and Langseth introduced--

S.F. No. 2695: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; allowing alternative uses for certain feedlot penalty orders; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 116.072, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 116.072, subdivision 13.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

Senators Price, Laidig, Krentz, Olson and Berglin introduced--

S.F. No. 2696: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; authorizing bonds and appropriating money for metropolitan regional park acquisition and betterment.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Berg introduced--

S.F. No. 2697: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and to better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature; providing for a grant to the city of Clara City for water quality improvement; authorizing issuance of bonds; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Pappas, Flynn, Lourey, Wiger and Higgins introduced--

S.F. No. 2698: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; exempting sales to political subdivisions of a state; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 297A.47; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 297A.25, subdivision 11.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Samuelson, Berglin, Terwilliger, Kiscaden and Hottinger introduced--

S.F. No. 2699: A bill for an act relating to health care; modifying the major commitment expenditure report requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 62J.17, subdivisions 2, 5a, and 6a.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senator Day introduced--

S.F. No. 2700: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; authorizing recreational gold prospecting with certain restrictions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 93.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Wiener, Vickerman, Neuville, Knutson and Johnson D.H. introduced--

S.F. No. 2701: A bill for an act relating to crime; creating the felony of gambling fraud; providing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Janezich, Wiener, Lesewski, Laidig and Solon introduced--

S.F. No. 2702: A bill for an act relating to taxation; gambling; reducing the rates of tax on lawful gambling; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 297E.02, subdivisions 1, 4, and 6.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senators Stumpf, Runbeck, Scheid, Knutson and Moe, R.D. introduced--

S.F. No. 2703: A bill for an act relating to taxation; gambling; reducing the rates of tax on lawful gambling; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 297E.02, subdivisions 1, 4, and 6.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senators Pariseau, Robling, Lessard, Kinkel and Lourey introduced--

S.F. No. 2704: A bill for an act relating to taxation; gambling; reducing the rates of tax on lawful gambling; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 297E.02, subdivisions 1, 4, and 6.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senators Wiger; Kelley, S.P.; Olson; Berg and Novak introduced--

S.F. No. 2705: A bill for an act relating to taxation; gambling; reducing the rates of tax on lawful gambling; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 297E.02, subdivisions 1, 4, and 6.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senators Price, Krentz, Pariseau and Laidig introduced--

S.F. No. 2706: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for metro greenways and natural areas; authorizing state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Samuelson introduced--

S.F. No. 2707: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing state bonds; appropriating money to the city of Little Falls for cleanup and demolition of abandoned buildings on the Mississippi river.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Hottinger, Samuelson, Kiscaden, Piper and Lourey introduced--

S.F. No. 2708: A bill for an act relating to human services; providing funding for a supportive housing and managed care pilot project; appropriating money; amending Laws 1999, chapter 245, article 5, section 24.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Murphy; Johnson, D.E.; Metzen and Belanger introduced--

S.F. No. 2709: A bill for an act relating to highways; designating trunk highway No. 390, and marked as interstate highway I-35, the 34th Infantry (Red Bull) Division Highway; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 161.14, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Johnson, D.E.; Johnson, D.J.; Frederickson; Lesewski and Ourada introduced--

S.F. No. 2710: A bill for an act relating to utilities; requiring two public utilities commissioners to be from Greater Minnesota; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216A.03, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development.

Senators Johnson, D.E.; Vickerman; Sams and Lesewski introduced--

S.F. No. 2711: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying definition of gross income for MinnesotaCare eligibility; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 256L.01, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Johnson, D.E.; Vickerman; Johnson, D.J. and Scheevel introduced--

S.F. No. 2712: A bill for an act relating to agricultural relief; providing additional relief to certain farmers who farm together under one farm number; appropriating money; amending Laws 1999, chapter 112, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

Senator Berglin introduced--

S.F. No. 2713: A bill for an act relating to crimes; adding persons required to report maltreatment of minors; changing the failure to report from a misdemeanor to a gross misdemeanor; including assault of uniform security personnel under fourth degree assault; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 609.2231, subdivision 2; and 626.556, subdivision 6; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 626.556, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Krentz, Laidig, Higgins, Frederickson and Ring introduced--

S.F. No. 2714: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; creating state parks account and citizens council; modifying disposition of lottery ticket in lieu taxes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 297A.259; and 297A.44, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 85.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Berglin introduced--

S.F. No. 2715: A bill for an act relating to education; amending after-school enrichment grants; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 124D.221; Laws 1999, chapter 205, article 3, section 5, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senator Larson introduced--

S.F. No. 2716: A bill for an act relating to retirement; public employees police and fire plan; providing for purchase of certain service credit for prior police or salaried firefighter service; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 353A.10, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 353.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Janezich; Larson; Moe, R.D.; Lesewski and Murphy introduced--

S.F. No. 2717: A bill for an act relating to economic development; regulating rural challenge grant program loan repayments; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 116J.415, subdivision 7.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development.

Senators Kelly, R.C.; Kinkel; Ring; Neuville and Hottinger introduced--

S.F. No. 2718: A bill for an act relating to crime; providing mandatory minimum sentences for offenders convicted of certain criminal sexual conduct crimes; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 609.342, subdivision 2; and 609.343, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Pappas, Larson, Cohen, Laidig and Kelly, R.C. introduced--

S.F. No. 2719: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money to the city of St. Paul for various capital projects; authorizing state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Runbeck introduced--

S.F. No. 2720: A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing private sale of certain tax-forfeited land that borders public water in Ramsey county.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Wiger, Piper, Knutson, Larson and Lourey introduced--

S.F. No. 2721: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money to improve the Gillette children's hospital in Ramsey county; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Johnson, D.H.; Metzen; Marty; Scheid and Johnson, D.E. introduced--

S.F. No. 2722: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money to improve the Gillette children's hospital in Ramsey county; authorizing the sale of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Betzold and Knutson introduced--

S.F. No. 2723: A bill for an act relating to property; clarifying treatment of certain residential real estate held in trust; making certain appeal periods consistent; changing provisions of the Uniform Probate Code; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 501B.21; 524.2-513; 524.3-1203, subdivision 5; and 525.712; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 273.124, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Pappas, Frederickson, Belanger, Hottinger and Murphy introduced--

S.F. No. 2724: A bill for an act relating to taxation; providing an income tax credit for expenditures for historic structure rehabilitation; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Spear and Neuville introduced--

S.F. No. 2725: A bill for an act relating to public defense; limiting representation by public defenders and court-appointed counsel to minors who are ten years of age or older; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 611.26, subdivision 6; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 260C.163, subdivision 3; and 611.14.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Berglin, Samuelson, Hottinger, Dille and Fischbach introduced--

S.F. No. 2726: A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing the income standard for medical assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 256B.056, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Kinkel, Samuelson and Janezich introduced--

S.F. No. 2727: A bill for an act relating to education; prohibiting schools from starting prior to Labor Day for the 2000-2001 school year.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Lesewski, Neuville, Sams, Wiener and Ziegler introduced--

S.F. No. 2728: A bill for an act relating to courts; conciliation court; providing venue for actions against foreign and domestic corporations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 491A.01, subdivision 7, and by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Scheid and Anderson introduced--

S.F. No. 2729: A bill for an act relating to human services; requiring a report; providing a grant

to not-for-profit organizations which train or provide service dogs to people with disabilities; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Robertson, Oliver, Olson, Krentz and Janezich introduced--

S.F. No. 2730: A bill for an act relating to education; restricting the phaseout of training and experience revenue; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 126C.10, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senator Johnson, D.E. introduced--

S.F. No. 2731: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for a center for agricultural innovation in the city of Olivia.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

Senator Neuville introduced--

S.F. No. 2732: A bill for an act relating to immigration; requiring commissioner of children, families, and learning to use the SAVE system to verify immigration status of applicants for child care assistance; requiring commissioner of human services to use the SAVE system to verify immigration status of applicants for assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 119B.02, by adding a subdivision; 256.01, by adding a subdivision; and 256J.32, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Neuville, Robling and Kierlin introduced--

S.F. No. 2733: A bill for an act relating to health; prohibiting persons from advising pregnant women to obtain abortions based on certain characteristics of the parents or the unborn child; providing criminal penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senator Berglin introduced--

S.F. No. 2734: A bill for an act relating to human services; directing the commissioner of human services to study reimbursing home care and personal care providers for transportation expenses; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256B.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Price and Dille introduced--

S.F. No. 2735: A bill for an act relating to the environment; modifying the drycleaner environmental response and reimbursement law; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 115B.49, subdivision 4, as amended, and by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Lourey introduced--

S.F. No. 2736: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing issuance of bonds; appropriating money for a geological interpretive center.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Lourey and Foley introduced--

S.F. No. 2737: A bill for an act relating to drivers' licenses; allowing applicant for driver's license to donate \$1 for public information and education about anatomical gifts; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 171.06, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Lourey and Piper introduced--

S.F. No. 2738: A bill for an act relating to education; allowing grant funds to be used for five percent administrative costs; designating certain other costs; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 124D.44; Laws 1999, chapter 241, article 3, section 3, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Pogemiller; Stumpf; Johnson, D.E. and Terwilliger introduced--

S.F. No. 2739: A bill for an act relating to retirement; raising maximum annual employer contribution limits for plans under section 403(b) and 457(b) of the federal Internal Revenue Code; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 356.24, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 356.24, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senators Pogemiller; Johnson, D.E.; Terwilliger and Stumpf introduced--

S.F. No. 2740: A bill for an act relating to retirement; modifying the computation of the retirement annuity formula for the teachers retirement association, Minneapolis teachers retirement fund association, St. Paul teachers retirement fund association, and Duluth teachers retirement fund association coordinated members; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 354.05, subdivision 38; 354.44, subdivision 6; 354A.011, subdivision 15a; and 354A.31, subdivisions 4, 6, and 7; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 354A.31, subdivision 4a.

Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations and Veterans.

Senator Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 2741: A bill for an act relating to civil liability; providing for a cause of action for certain firearm damages; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 604.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Foley and Knutson introduced--

S.F. No. 2742: A bill for an act relating to family law; clarifying and rearranging certain child support provisions; changing time for filing a notice to remove; eliminating certain requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 542.16, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 518.171, subdivision 1; and 518.551, subdivision 5; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 518.147; and 518.583.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Foley introduced--

S.F. No. 2743: A bill for an act relating to education; establishing a board of technical colleges; transferring authority over the technical colleges from the board of trustees of the Minnesota state colleges and universities to the board of technical colleges; requiring a study; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136G.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Wiger, Ranum, Hanson, Pappas and Langseth introduced--

S.F. No. 2744: A bill for an act relating to education finance; creating a grant program to fund school district technology needs; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senator Scheevel introduced--

S.F. No. 2745: A bill for an act relating to the environment; appropriating money to complete the Shooting Star trail; authorizing state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Fischbach, Day, Kleis and Johnson, D.J. introduced--

S.F. No. 2746: A bill for an act relating to taxation; reducing passenger automobile registration tax; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XIV, section 9, and dedicating the net proceeds of the sales tax on motor vehicles to the highway user tax distribution fund; clarifying and changing obsolete, archaic, or redundant statutory language; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 168.013, subdivision 1a; and 297B.09.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Robertson; Oliver; Olson; Kelley, S.P. and Krentz introduced--

S.F. No. 2747: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for the acquisition of a public access site on Lake Minnetonka; authorizing state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Lourey, Kiscaden, Samuelson and Sams introduced--

S.F. No. 2748: A bill for an act relating to health; modifying ambulance service and EMT requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 144E.101, subdivision 9; 144E.28, subdivisions 5 and 7; 144E.285, subdivisions 1 and 4; 144E.29; 144E.305, subdivisions 1 and 2; and 144E.50, subdivision 6; repealing Minnesota Rules, parts 4690.0100, subpart 28; 4690.3500; 4690.7900, subpart 2; and 4735.5100.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senator Lourey introduced--

S.F. No. 2749: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; establishing an agri-business investigative unit in the office of the attorney general; authorizing "support family farms" license plates and requiring holders of such plates to contribute to the attorney general's agri-business investigation fund; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 8; and 168.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Rural Development.

Senator Betzold introduced--

S.F. No. 2750: A bill for an act relating to taxation; expanding eligibility for the sales tax rebates to certain dependents and individuals over age 65; extending certain dates relating to the sales tax rebate; appropriating money; amending Laws 1999, chapter 243, article 1, section 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Lourey and Foley introduced--

S.F. No. 2751: A bill for an act relating to health; appropriating money to fund capital improvements for organ, eye, and tissue donation initiatives.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Wiener, Pappas, Stumpf and Krentz introduced--

S.F. No. 2752: A bill for an act relating to education; creating a teacher preparation program; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Novak; Solon; Moe, R.D.; Day and Belanger introduced--

S.F. No. 2753: A bill for an act relating to commerce; motor vehicle sales and distribution; regulating unfair practices by manufacturers, distributors, and factory branches; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 80E.13; and 80E.14, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Piper, Ring, Lesewski, Robling and Foley introduced--

S.F. No. 2754: A bill for an act relating to education; early childhood; appropriating money for early childhood learning and child protection facilities.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Robling, Piper, Lesewski, Ziegler and Foley introduced--

S.F. No. 2755: A bill for an act relating to child care licensing; establishing a new classification of child care worker for child care centers; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 245A.14, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Fischbach, Larson, Vickerman and Sams introduced--

S.F. No. 2756: A bill for an act relating to hospital districts; authorizing the annexation of a city or town that is contiguous to a contiguous city or town; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 447.36.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senators Lourey; Johnson, D.J. and Janezich introduced--

S.F. No. 2757: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and to better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the board of regents of the University of Minnesota to upgrade sewer and water service to the Cloquet Forestry Center; authorizing issuance of bonds; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Lourey; Samuelson; Johnson, D.J. and Janezich introduced--

S.F. No. 2758: A bill for an act relating to health; appropriating money for a youth alcohol treatment facility.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Kierlin; Kiscaden; Kelley, S.P. and Larson introduced--

S.F. No. 2759: A bill for an act relating to higher education; capital improvements; appropriating money to the Minnesota state colleges and universities for projects at Winona State University.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

Senators Foley, Ranum, Neville, Betzold and Berglin introduced--

S.F. No. 2760: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; requiring certification on firearm hunting license that the holder is eligible to possess a firearm; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 97A.405, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Hottinger, Vickerman, Knutson and Betzold introduced--

S.F. No. 2761: A bill for an act relating to municipalities; providing an exception to tort liability for geographic information systems information; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 466.03, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senators Stumpf; Johnson, D.H.; Neville; Hanson and Krentz introduced--

S.F. No. 2762: A bill for an act relating to crime prevention; clarifying that harassment crimes prohibit harassment by electronic means; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 609.749, subdivision 2; and 609.795, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Pariseau, Kinkel and Stevens introduced--

S.F. No. 2763: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying certain angling seasons.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Anderson; Novak; Johnson, D.H. and Janezich introduced--

S.F. No. 2764: A bill for an act relating to economic development; providing funding for job training and related services provided by the St. Paul rehabilitation center; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development.

Senator Berglin introduced--

S.F. No. 2765: A bill for an act relating to human services; requiring a study of group residential housing expenditures.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Scheid, Foley and Betzold introduced--

S.F. No. 2766: A bill for an act relating to motor carriers; making hours of service regulations applicable to trucks transporting gravel; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 221.031, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Samuelson, Sams, Scheid, Piper and Terwilliger introduced--

S.F. No. 2767: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring prompt payment by health plan companies and third-party administrators of clean claims for health care services; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senator Belanger introduced--

S.F. No. 2768: A bill for an act relating to transportation; prohibiting trucks from Hennepin county road No. 1.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Kelly, R.C. introduced--

S.F. No. 2769: A bill for an act relating to crime; appropriating money to the Ramsey county attorney's office to establish and fund a domestic assault and child abuse prosecution unit.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Kelly, R.C. and Lourey introduced--

S.F. No. 2770: A bill for an act relating to crime prevention; increasing maximum fines for petty misdemeanor and misdemeanor offenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 169.89, subdivision 2; 609.02, subdivisions 3 and 4a; 609.03; 609.033; 609.0331; 609.0332, subdivision 1; and 609.034.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Kelly, R.C.; Pappas; Knutson; Berglin and Anderson introduced--

S.F. No. 2771: A bill for an act relating to crime prevention; enhancing the penalties for pimps and patrons of juvenile prostitutes; establishing a grant program to educate and train police officers relating to juvenile prostitution and enhanced juvenile prostitution law enforcement efforts; establishing a grant program to provide shelter and counseling for homeless, runaway, or thrown-away youth at risk of being prostituted or presently being used in prostitution; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 609.322, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 260B; and 299A.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Kelly, R.C.; Berglin; Limmer and Lourey introduced--

S.F. No. 2772: A bill for an act relating to crime; providing that a person who causes the death of a child under the age of 14 and with premeditation and intent shall be sentenced to life imprisonment without the possibility of release; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 609.106, subdivision 2; and 609.185.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Kelly, R.C.; Berglin; Anderson and Belanger introduced--

S.F. No. 2773: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and to better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature with certain conditions; authorizing the sale of state bonds; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Crime Prevention.

Senators Price, Krentz, Fredrickson, Robertson and Vickerman introduced--

S.F. No. 2774: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; placing conditions on acquisition of real property paid for from certain environmental funds; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Price, Krentz, Frederickson, Laidig and Vickerman introduced--

S.F. No. 2775: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for local initiative grants, parks, and recreation areas.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Solon and Johnson, D.J. introduced--

S.F. No. 2776: A bill for an act relating to human services; extending the deadline for commencing construction for a previously approved moratorium project; providing for changes to the rate setting for a nursing facility in St. Louis county approved for a renovation; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 256B.431, subdivision 17.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Family Security.

Senators Johnson, D.J.; Kinkel and Stumpf introduced--

S.F. No. 2777: A bill for an act relating to economic development; providing financial assistance to businesses adversely affected by the lack of snowfall; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development.

Senators Johnson, D.J.; Solon and Knutson introduced--

S.F. No. 2778: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money and authorizing bonds for harbor of refuge facilities development at Two Harbors.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Johnson, D.J.; Janezich and Lourey introduced--

S.F. No. 2779: A bill for an act relating to utilities; regulating an electric cooperative's election to be regulated; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 216B.026, subdivisions 1 and 4.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development.

Senator Johnson, D.J. introduced--

S.F. No. 2780: A bill for an act relating to taxation; changing the calculation of property tax

levy limits to eliminate deduction for certain mining tax distributions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 275.71, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senator Johnson, D.J. introduced--

S.F. No. 2781: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money and authorizing bonds for development of the Gitchi-Gami state trail.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Dille introduced--

S.F. No. 2782: A bill for an act relating to taxation; increasing the aid base for local government aid paid to certain cities; amending Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, section 477A.011, subdivision 36.

Referred to the Committee on Local and Metropolitan Government.

Senator Knutson introduced--

S.F. No. 2783: A bill for an act relating to the secretary of state; regulating fees; regulating the filing of annual registrations by corporations and other business entities with the secretary of state; providing for technical amendments to provisions regarding digital signatures; allowing the extension of duration of certain nonprofit corporations; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 5.12, subdivision 1; 5.14; 302A.821; 303.14, subdivision 1; 303.21, subdivision 3; 317A.801, subdivision 1; 317A.823; 317A.827; 318.02, by adding a subdivision; 322B.960; 323A.10-03; 325K.07, subdivision 3; 325K.10, subdivisions 1 and 2; 325K.18, subdivision 3; 325K.19; and 325K.23; Minnesota Statutes 1999 Supplement, sections 325K.05, subdivision 1; and 336.9-411; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 5; and 308A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 303.07, subdivision 2; 303.14, subdivisions 3, 4, and 5; and 322B.960, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Higgins and Janezich introduced--

S.F. No. 2784: A bill for an act relating to labor; applying the fair share fee provision to charitable hospitals; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 179.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development.

Senators Murphy; Stumpf; Johnson, D.H.; Frederickson and Johnson, D.E. introduced--

S.F. No. 2785: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; exempting utility-owned vehicles from certain weight restrictions; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 169.825, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Metzen introduced--

S.F. No. 2786: A bill for an act relating to commerce; regulating the repair or replacement of auto glass; regulating insurance claims practices; providing remedies; amending Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 72A.201, subdivision 6; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Higgins, Pogemiller, Berglin, Ranum and Robertson introduced--

S.F. No. 2787: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and to better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature; appropriating money to the city of Minneapolis as fiscal agent for itself and the Minneapolis library board for a new central library; authorizing issuance of bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Children, Families and Learning.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Moe, R.D. moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 8:30 a.m., Thursday, February 10, 2000. The motion prevailed.

Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate

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