

SEVENTY-SIXTH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Tuesday, February 12, 2008

The Senate met at 12:00 noon and was called to order by the President.

CALL OF THE SENATE

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

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Kevin McDonough.

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:

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

The President declared a quorum present.

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

**REPORTS AND RESOLUTIONS FILED DURING THE INTERIM
WITH THE SECRETARY OF THE SENATE**

Various reports were filed during the 2007-08 interim by Retirement and Relief Associations and are filed in the office of the Secretary of the Senate; also reports made by the Legislative Audit Commission on various state institutions and boards; Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Activities of the Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact Commission, 2005-06; Minnesota Housing Finance Agency, Minnesota Families Affordable Rental Investment Fund, 2007; Department of Education, Advanced Placement and International Baccalaureate Programs, 2007; Department of Natural Resources, Dam Safety Program, Project Priority Needs List,

2007; Department of Human Services, Medical Care Surcharge Fund, Quarterly Report, March 2007; Southwest Regional Development Commission, Overall Work Program for Fiscal Year 2008, 2007; Department of Health, 2006 Induced Abortions in Minnesota, 2007; Governor's Workforce Development Council, Re-Imagining Minnesota's Workforce Development System, 2007; Department of Human Services, Medical Care Surcharge Fund, Quarterly Report, June 2007; Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension List of Firearms included within the Definition of "Semiautomatic Military-Style Assault Weapon," 2007; Southwest Regional Development Commission, Annual Report, Fiscal Year 2007; Department of Health, Health Risk Limits for Perfluorochemicals, 2007; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Contamination Cleanup and Investigation Grants Annual Report, 2007; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Minnesota's Renewable Energy Standards: Creating a Strategy to Maximize Economic Benefits, 2007; Department of Human Services, Medical Care Surcharge Fund, Quarterly Report, September 2007; Department of Education, Minnesota State High School League, 2007; Department of Education, Annual Report on Obsolete, Unnecessary, or Duplicative Rules, 2007; Department of Labor and Industry, Construction Codes and Licensing Division Building Permit Surcharge, 2007; Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Chemical Response and Reimbursement Account (ACRRA), Annual Summary Report, Fiscal Year 2007; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Encouragement of Licensure in Minnesota of Foreign-Trained Health Care Professionals, Report on a Pilot Project, 2007; Minnesota State Lottery, Annual Report, 2007; Pollution Control Agency, Biennial Summary Report, Status of Minnesota's Toxics in Packaging Program, 2007; Department of Corrections, Short-Term Offenders, 2007; Department of Human Services, Social and Economic Costs of Gambling, 2007; Department of Human Services, Health Care Payment System, Reform in Minnesota, 2007; Metropolitan Council, Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission, 2008 Budget and Report on User Fee Charges, 2007; Department of Finance, Comprehensive Annual Financial Report and Supplement, Year ended June 30, 2007; Aviation Insurance Meet and Confer Group, 2008; Department of Labor and Industry, Collection and Assessment of Fines and Penalties in the Workers' Compensation System, Fiscal Year 2007; Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, 2008; Minnesota Public Facilities Authority, Annual Report and Financial Report, Fiscal Year 2007; Metropolitan Council, Annual Report and Appendices, 2007; Department of Transportation, Bond Accelerated Program, Final Report on Trunk Highway Bonding, 2008; Department of Natural Resources, Stream Protection and Improvement Loan Program, Annual Report, 2007; Department of Education, Options for General Education Formula Changes to Limit Revenue Disparities, 2008; Department of Education, Implementation of No Child Left Behind Act, 2008; Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission, Special Report, Effectiveness of Re-Entry Programs and Drug Courts, 2008; Minnesota Conservation Corps, State Appropriations, July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007; Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Endocrine Disrupting Compounds, 2008; Department of Education, Districts with Fiscal Year 2007 Statutory Operating Debt, 2007; Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Decabromodiphenyl Ether (Deca-BDE), 2008; Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Biennial Legislative Report on Future Wastewater Infrastructure Needs and Capital Costs, 2008; Department of Health, Injunctive Relief Actions in Housing with Services Establishments, 2007; Department of Human Services, Vulnerable Adult Maltreatment Reconsideration Review Panel, 2007; Minnesota Pollution Control Agency, Air and Water Fees, 2008; Department of Human Services, Evaluating Effectiveness of the Minnesota Medication Therapy Management Care Program, Final Report, 2007; Department of Labor and Industry, Prompt First Action Report on Workers' Compensation Claims, 2007; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Wage Incentive Provision of the Extended Employment Funding

Rule, 2008; ClearWay Minnesota, Report to the Ramsey County District Court and the Minnesota Legislature, 2008; Department of Human Services, Child Maltreatment Review Panel Activities, 2006; Department of Human Services, Child Growth and Development Trainings for Minnesota's Child Care Providers, 2008; Department of Human Services, Supportive Housing and Managed Care Pilot, Year 7, Final Report, 2008; Department of Human Services, Development and Activities of the Quality Management, Assurance, and Improvement System for Minnesotans Receiving Disability Services, 2008; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Positively Minnesota, Improving Job Training and Employment Opportunities for Minorities in Minnesota, 2008; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Positively Minnesota, BioBusiness Alliance of Minnesota (BBAM), July 1, 2006 – June 30, 2007; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Positively Minnesota, 2007 Urban Initiative Loan Program, Small Business Lending Survey Results, 2008; University of Minnesota, Board of Regents, Annual Report, University's Efforts and the Efforts of the United States Department of Defense to Remedy Contamination of the University Land in Rosemount, Minnesota, 2008; Department of Health, Fragrance-Free Schools Education Pilot Project, 2008; Department of Health, Environmental Health Tracking and Biomonitoring, 2008; Department of Public Safety, Statewide 911 Emergency Telephone Service Program, 2007; Department of Labor and Industry, Adaptability Design Elements, 2008; Department of Labor and Industry, Handling Whistle-Blower Complaints, 2008; Department of Labor and Industry, Safe Patient Handling in Minnesota, 2007; Department of Labor and Industry, Federal Exclusions from State Workers' Compensation Coverage, 2007; Department of Employment and Economic Development, Bioscience Marketing Program, 2008; Department of Human Services, Estimated Costs for Conducting Annual License Reviews in Family Child Care Programs, 2008; Department of Human Services, Medical Care Surcharge Fund, Quarterly Report, December 2007; Metropolitan Council, Regional Report, Participation in the Livable Communities Act Local Housing Incentives Account, 2008; Department of Health, Community Clinic Grant Program, 2008; Department of Public Health, Ramsey County, Safe Harbors Youth Intervention Project, Community Needs Assessment, 2007; Department of Corrections, Budget Plans, 2008; Board of Pharmacy, Controlled Substances Prescription Electronic Reporting System, 2008; Pollution Control Agency, Annual Tracking Report for the New Wastewater Facilities, 2007; Health Care Transformation Task Force, Recommendations, 2008; Department of Education, Compensatory Revenue Allocation, Test Score Pilot Program, 2006-08; Department of Education, Status of K-12 World Language Education in Minnesota, 2008; Department of Education, Schools Mentoring Schools Regional Sites Program, 2006-07; Office of Enterprise Technology, Preserving the Present: Creating, Accessing and Maintaining Minnesota's Electronic Documents, 2008; Department of Human Services, Pharmacy Report on DRA Impact, 2008; Legislative Commission on Health Care Access, Final Report, 2008.

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were received.

April 18, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

BOARD OF SCHOOL ADMINISTRATORS

Bruce Kramer, 4200 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective April 25, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Mary Mackbee, 9742 Russell Ave. S., Bloomington, in the county of Hennepin, effective April 25, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Diane Rauschenfels, 9900 Hudson Blvd., #207, Duluth, in the county of Saint Louis, effective April 25, 2007, to complete a term that expires on January 4, 2010.

Daniel Sullivan, 535 E. Crystal Lake Rd., Burnsville, in the county of Dakota, effective April 25, 2007, to complete a term that expires on January 7, 2008.

(Referred to the Committee on Education.)

June 5, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

BOARD OF TEACHING

Patricia DeJarlais, 9961 Austin St. N.E., Blaine, in the county of Anoka, effective June 11, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Maggie Knutson, 4139 Lyndale Ave. S., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective June 11, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Anita Otten, 10305 Buckingham Dr., Eden Prairie, in the county of Hennepin, effective June 11, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Louise Wilson, 1276 Nursery Hill Ln., Arden Hills, in the county of Ramsey, effective June 11, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

(Referred to the Committee on Education.)

June 18, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

District One: Roger Scherer, 12001 Bass Lake Rd., Plymouth, in the county of Hennepin.

District Two: Tony Pistilli, 4309 Edinbrook Ter. N., Brooklyn Park, in the county of Hennepin.

District Three: Mary Hill Smith, 515 Ferndale Rd. N., Wayzata, in the county of Hennepin.

District Four: Brian D. Lundquist, 880 Lake Susan Hills Dr., Chanhassen, in the county of Carver.

District Five: Russell Susag, 7305 First Ave. S., Richfield, in the county of Hennepin.

District Six: Margaret "Peggy" Leppik, 7500 Western Ave., Golden Valley, in the county of Hennepin.

District Seven: Annette Meeks, 19 S. First St., B-1501, Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin.

District Eight: Lynette Wittsack, 2322 Taylor St. N.E., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin.

District Nine: Natalie Haas Steffen, 7007 - 164th Ave. N.W., Ramsey, in the county of Anoka.

District Ten: Kris Sanda, 11730 Hastings St. N.E., Blaine, in the county of Anoka.

District Eleven: Georgeanne Hilker, 4698 Banning Ave., White Bear Lake, in the county of Ramsey.

District Twelve: Sherry Broecker, 1355 Seventh Ave. S.E., Forest Lake, in the county of Washington.

District Thirteen: Richard Aguilar, 204 Emerson Ave. E., West Saint Paul, in the county of Dakota.

District Fourteen: Kirstin Sersland Beach, 325 Otis Ave., Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey.

District Fifteen: Daniel J. Wolter, 2224 Water Lilly Ln., Eagan, in the county of Dakota.

District Sixteen: Brian McDaniel, 13115 Gable Ln., Apple Valley, in the county of Dakota.

The effective date of the above appointments is Monday, June 25, 2007. All sixteen members are appointed to terms that expire on Monday, January 3, 2011.

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

June 22, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

Dr. David C. Boyd, Ph.D., 22399 Wagonwheel Tr., Lakeville, in the county of Scott, effective July 10, 2007, to complete a term that expires on January 5, 2009.

Phyllis A. Reha, 3656 Woodland Tr., Eagan, in the county of Dakota, effective June 27, 2007, for a term that expires on January 7, 2013.

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

June 22, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

WORKERS' COMPENSATION COURT OF APPEALS

Thomas L. Johnson, 1510 Red Cedar Rd., Eagan, in the county of Dakota, effective June 27, 2007, for a term that expires on January 7, 2013.

(Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.)

June 26, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND INDUSTRY
COMMISSIONER

Steve Sviggum, 42490 - 60th Ave., Kenyon, in the county of Goodhue, effective July 17, 2007, to complete a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

(Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.)

June 29, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

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MINNESOTA VETERANS HOMES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Dan J. Williams, Sr., 3561 Edgerton St., Vadnais Heights, in the county of Ramsey, effective July 5, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

(Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.)

July 25, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

MINNESOTA VETERANS HOMES BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Gail I. Sheridan, 20 Saint Mark's Bay, Faribault, in the county of Rice, effective July 30, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

(Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.)

September 5, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION

Kernal C. Buhler, 10537 Misty Morning Ln., Eden Prairie, in the county of Hennepin, effective September 10, 2007, for a term that expires on June 30, 2013.

Jacqueline Duncanson, 56265 - 124th St., Mapleton, in the county of Blue Earth, effective September 10, 2007, for a term that expires on June 30, 2013.

Jesse M. Overton, 8108 W. 103rd St., Bloomington, in the county of Hennepin, effective September 10, 2007, for a term that expires on June 30, 2013.

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

September 14, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

BOARD OF THE PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

Bari Amadio, 816 - 9th Ave. S.W., Rochester, in the county of Olmsted, effective September 19, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Denis Biagini, 16465 - 45th Ave. N., Plymouth, in the county of Hennepin, effective September 19, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Margaret DiBlasio, 1954 Summit Ave., Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey, effective September 19, 2007, for a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

Dorothy Suomala, 405 - 4th Ave. N.W., Dilworth, in the county of Clay, effective September 19, 2007, for a term that expires January 3, 2011.

(Referred to the Committee on Education.)

October 19, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

PLUMBING BOARD

Karl D. Abrahamson, 67 Maywood Pl., Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey, effective October 24, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Rebecca L. Ames, 155 Virginia St., #9, Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey, effective October 24, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Steven Christenson, 1019 - 4th Ave. N., Sauk Rapids, in the county of Benton, effective October 24, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Jim Gander, 1244 - 60th Ave. N.W., Rochester, in the county of Olmsted, effective October 24, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Lawrence G. Justin, 1225 Imperial Ln., New Brighton, in the county of Ramsey, effective October 24, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Kenneth Kammerer, 607 E. 3rd St., Redwood Falls, in the county of Redwood, effective October 24, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

James Kittelson, 572 - 1st Ave., Wanamingo, in the county of Goodhue, effective October 24, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Allen J. Lamm, 56766 Hwy. 14, New Ulm, in the county of Brown, effective October 24, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Michael McGowan, 401 Eleanor St., P.O. Box 1104, Mankato, in the county of Blue Earth, effective October 24, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Rick Palmateer, 6807 Beard Ave. N., Brooklyn Center, in the county of Hennepin, effective October 24, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

John A. Parizek, 5646 Cedarwood Tr., Prior Lake, in the county of Scott, effective October 24, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Paul A. Sullwold, 1420 W. 3rd Ave., Shakopee, in the county of Scott, effective October 24, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

(Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.)

October 23, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

BOARD OF ELECTRICITY

Douglas Fingerson, 333 Parkview Crv., Zumbrota, in the county of Goodhue, effective October 29, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

James D. Freichels, 4860 Mustang Cir., Mounds View, in the county of Anoka, effective October 29, 2007, for at term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Kim M. Huxford, 9417 N.W. 66th St., Waseca, in the county of Waseca, effective October 29, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Daniel R. Klein, 11323 Hubert Ln., Cold Spring, in the county of Stearns, effective October 29, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Jay A. Lewis, 7575 - 80th St., Cottage Grove, in the county of Washington, effective October 29, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Timothy R. Malooly, 14070 - 23rd Ave. N., Plymouth, in the county of Hennepin, effective October 29, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

John L. McConnell, 40956 Yellow Birch Ln., Emily, in the county of Crow Wing, effective October 29, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Richard P. Owen, 7421 Upper 24th St. N., Oakdale, in the county of Washington, effective October 29, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Thomas L. Seanger, 44193 Birchview Rd., P.O. Box 234, Melrose, in the county of Stearns, effective

October 29, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

Anthony C. Toft, 7139 Cty. Rd. 3 S.W., Byron, in the county of Olmsted, effective October 29, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2010.

Joseph S. Vespa, 4533 - 3rd Ave. E., Hibbing, in the county of Saint Louis, effective October 29, 2007, for a term that expires on December 31, 2011.

(Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.)

November 2, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
COMMISSIONER

Dr. Sanne Dail Jones Magnan, 1022 - 26th Ave. S.E., Minneapolis, in the county of Hennepin, effective November 2, 2007, to complete a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

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

December 20, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The following appointment is hereby respectfully submitted to the Senate for confirmation as required by law:

METROPOLITAN COUNCIL

Craig J. Peterson, 1340 Oakside Cir., Chanhassen, in the county of Carver, effective December 26, 2007, to complete a term that expires on January 3, 2011.

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

January 7, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

BOARD OF TEACHING

Jim Bartholomew, 6209 Chowden Ave. S., Edina, in the county of Hennepin, effective January 14, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Janet Schutz, 865 Navajo Rd., Medina, in the county of Hennepin, effective January 14, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

(Referred to the Committee on Education.)

January 8, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

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

CAMPAIGN FINANCE AND PUBLIC DISCLOSURE BOARD

A. Hilda Bettermann, 8435 Sara Rd. N.W., Brandon, in the county of Douglas, effective January 14, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

Felicia Boyd, 22399 Wagonwheel Tr., Lakeville, in the county of Dakota, effective January 14, 2008, for a term that expires on January 2, 2012.

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

Sincerely,
Tim Pawlenty, Governor

August 14, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration met on August 14, 2007, and made the following appointments:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2007

97A.055: Game and Fish Budgetary Oversight Committee - Senator Chaudhary for a term expiring June 30, 2009.

161.1419: Mississippi River Parkway Commission - Senators Senjem and Pappas to a term expiring May 19, 2008.

216C.051: Legislative Electric Energy Task Force - Senator Chaudhary as chair of the Environmental and Natural Resources Committee, to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

299A.641: Gang and Drug Oversight Council - Senator Higgins for a term expiring the first Monday in January 2011.

299A.681: Financial Crimes Oversight Council - Senator Olson, M., for a term expiring the first Monday in January 2011.

Pursuant to Minnesota Laws 2007

Chapter 147, article 2, section 16: Advisory Committee on Human Services Laws and Administrative Requirements - Senators Hann, Sheran and Torres Ray, to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Chapter 147, article 15, section 21: Health Care Transformation Task Force - Senators Rosen and Berglin to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Pursuant to Joint Action with the Speaker of the House of Representatives

Joint Committee on the Bridge Collapse - Senators Murphy, Carlson, Dibble, Fischbach, Jungbauer, Koch, Langseth and Saltzman serving at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Sincerely,
Larry Pogemiller
Chair, Subcommittee on Committees

September 11, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration met on September 11, 2007, and made the following appointments:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2007

3.305, subd. 6: Legislative Coordinating Commission: Airport Funding Advisory Task Force - Senators Jungbauer, Larson and Rest, for a term expiring January 1, 2009.

3.305, subd. 6: Legislative Coordinating Commission: Working Group on Preparedness for Terrorism and Disasters - Senators Bonoff, Higgins, Limmer, Karen Jungbauer and Rocco Forte, for a term expiring January 1, 2009.

Pursuant to Minnesota Laws 2007

Chapter 147, article 12, section 15: Health Plan Purchasing Pool Group - Senators Erickson Ropes, Neuville and Olson, M., to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Chapter 148, article 2, section 81: State Budget Trends Study Commission - Henry Hoffman, Jay

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Kiedrowski and Martha Myers, to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Sincerely,
Larry Pogemiller
Chair, Subcommittee on Committees

October 15, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

As the Senate Majority Leader, I am hereby making the following appointment:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2007

144.998: Environmental Health Tracking and Biomonitoring Advisory Panel - Samuel Yamin, for a term beginning October 15, 2007, and serving at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Pogemiller
Senate Majority Leader

October 29, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration met on October 29, 2007, and made the following appointments:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2007

3.305, subd. 6: Legislative Coordinating Commission: Working Group on Ethnic Heritage and New Americans - Senators Gimse and Torres Ray, John Keller and Gloria Contreras, for a term expiring January 1, 2009.

3.922: Indian Affairs Council - Senators Olson, M. and Kubly, to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

116L.03: Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Board - Roger Moe, for a term expiring October 29, 2011.

136F.03: Board of the Trustees of the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities Candidate Advisory Council - Dean Doyscher, David Larkin, Zainab Hassan, John Poupart and Bruce Watkins, for a term expiring January 1, 2013.

Pursuant to Minnesota Laws 2007

Chapter 146, article 1, section 23: School Finance Reform Task Force - Senators Bonoff, Koch,

Skogen and Torres Ray, to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Chapter 148, article 2, section 81: State Budget Trends Study Commission - John Brandl, John Gunyou and Steve Ruggles, to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Sincerely,
Larry Pogemiller
Chair, Subcommittee on Committees

October 30, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

As the Senate Majority Leader, I am hereby making the following appointment:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2006

175.007: Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation - Robert Lux as the business representative to replace Marsha Studder for a term beginning October 30, 2007, and expiring October 30, 2012.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Pogemiller
Senate Majority Leader

November 5, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

As the Senate Majority Leader, I am hereby making the following appointment:

Pursuant to Minnesota Laws 2007

Chapter 135, article 2, section 35: Working Group on State Role in Trade Policy - Jaye Rykunya as the labor representative for a term beginning November 5, 2007.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Pogemiller
Senate Majority Leader

November 7, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

The intent of this letter is to correct an inaccurate term expiration date in a letter dated August

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14, 2007, regarding the appointment of Don Gerdesmeier to the Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation.

As the Senate Majority Leader, I am hereby making the following appointment:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2006

175.007: Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation - Don Gerdesmeier as the labor representative for a term beginning August 14, 2007, and ending June 30, 2012.

Sincerely,
Lawrence Pogemiller
Senate Majority Leader

November 19, 2007

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

As the Senate Minority Leader, I am hereby making the following appointment:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 2006

175.007: Advisory Council on Workers' Compensation - Bettye Shogren for a term of five years beginning immediately and expiring on June 30, 2012.

Sincerely,
David H. Senjem
Senate Republican Leader

December 5, 2007

Mr. Patrick E. Flahaven
Secretary of the Senate
231 State Capitol

RE: Resignation as MN State Senator for District 25

Dear Secretary Flahaven:

This letter constitutes my formal notice to the Minnesota Senate that I have resigned my Senate seat, effective at the end of the day on January 1, 2008.

I have previously communicated my resignation to the Governor, so that he could call a special election to fill the vacancy of my Senate seat. Also, enclosed with this letter is a photocopy of the Governor's acceptance of my resignation effective January 1st.

Please convey to all of my colleagues my sincere thanks for their collegiality and friendship. I will

miss the Minnesota Senate.

Sincerely,
Tom Neuville
State Senator
District 25

February 11, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

Pursuant to Rule 10.6 of the Rules of the Senate, we hereby make the following changes in committee structure:

Business, Industry and Jobs – delete Neuville and decrease the complement from 18 to 17.

Commerce and Consumer Protection – add Dahle and increase the complement from 10 to 11.

E-12 Education Budget Division – add Dahle and increase the complement from 17 to 18.

Energy, Utilities, Technology and Communications – add Dahle and increase the complement from 15 to 16.

Finance – delete Neuville and add Olson, G.

Judiciary – delete Neuville and add Pariseau.

Public Safety Budget Division – delete Neuville and add Limmer.

Sincerely,
Lawrence J. Pogemiller
Senate Majority Leader
David Senjem
Senate Minority Leader

February 11, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

Pursuant to Rule 10.6 of the Rules of the Senate, we hereby make the following changes in committee structure:

Finance – add Fishbach, Foley, Higgins, Robling, Tomassoni, and Vickerman and increase the

complement from 12 to 18.

Sincerely,
Lawrence J. Pogemiller
Senate Majority Leader
David Senjem
Senate Minority Leader

February 12, 2008

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Metzen:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 8.2, the following appointment has been withdrawn from the following committee and placed on the Confirmation Calander:

From the Committee on Taxes, to which was re-referred the following appointment as reported in the Journal for February 8, 2007:

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
COMMISSIONER
Dan McElroy

Sincerely,
Patrick E. Flahaven
Secretary of the Senate

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Pogemiller introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 125: A Senate resolution honoring Leonid Hurwicz for receiving the 2007 Nobel Prize for Economics.

WHEREAS, Leonid "Leo" Hurwicz was born in Moscow, Russia, and raised in Warsaw, Poland, graduating from the University of Warsaw in 1938. He also studied at the London School of Economics and at the Graduate Institute of International Studies in Geneva, Switzerland; and

WHEREAS, Hurwicz and his family were displaced by the German invasion of Poland in 1939, and were sent to labor camps within the Soviet Union. In 1940, Hurwicz left eastern Europe, emigrating first to Switzerland, then to Portugal, and eventually to the United States, where he continued his education at Harvard University and the University of Chicago; and

WHEREAS, while at the University of Chicago, Hurwicz met a teaching assistant from Wisconsin named Evelyn Jensen. Leo and Evelyn were married in 1944 and raised four children in a home on Mississippi River Parkway in Minneapolis; and

WHEREAS, after teaching economics at Iowa State College and the University of Illinois,

Hurwicz was recruited to come to the University of Minnesota in 1951. He became a professor of economics and mathematics in the School of Business Administration. Hurwicz became chairman of the Statistics Department in 1961, Regents Professor of Economics in 1969, and Curtis L. Carlson Regents Professor of Economics in 1989. He taught subjects ranging from theory to welfare economics, public economics, mechanisms and institutions, and mathematical economics; and

WHEREAS, Hurwicz, in addition to world class scholarship, was an incredible mentor and teacher to several generations of undergraduate and graduate students, as well as colleagues worldwide; and

WHEREAS, Hurwicz could reduce complex notions and theories into precise, elegant, and understandable concepts; and

WHEREAS, Hurwicz retired from full-time teaching in 1988, but taught graduate school as professor emeritus until the fall of 2006. He has received honorary doctorates from six different universities throughout the world; and

WHEREAS, in October 2007, Hurwicz shared the Nobel Prize for Economics with Eric Maskin of the Institute for Advanced Study and Roger Myerson of the University of Chicago for "having laid the foundations of mechanism design theory." Hurwicz is the most mature person to win the Nobel Prize; and

WHEREAS, unable to attend the Nobel Prize ceremony in Stockholm because of his health, Hurwicz received the prize in Minneapolis, accompanied by Evelyn, his spouse of six decades, and his family. He was the guest of honor at a convocation held on the campus of the University of Minnesota, presided over by University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks. Immediately following a live broadcast of the Nobel Prize awards ceremony, Jonas Hafstrom, Swedish ambassador to the United States, personally awarded the economics prize to Professor Hurwicz; NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT RESOLVED by the Senate of the State of Minnesota that it honors Dr. Leonid Hurwicz on his receipt of the Nobel Prize, and thanks him for his decades of commitment to education in Minnesota.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is directed to prepare an enrolled copy of this resolution, to be authenticated by his signature and that of the Chair of the Senate Rules and Administration Committee, and transmit it to University of Minnesota President Robert Bruininks and to Leo Hurwicz and his family.

Senator Pogemiller moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion prevailed. So the resolution was adopted.

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Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now recess subject to the call of the President. The motion prevailed.

After a brief recess, the President called the Senate to order.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

Senator Moua moved that her name be stricken as chief author, shown as a co-author, and the name of Senator Pappas be added as chief author to S.F. No. 386. The motion prevailed.

Senator Larson moved that the names of Senators Bakk and Scheid be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 1527. The motion prevailed.

Senator Senjem moved that the name of Senator Neuville be stricken as chief author, and the name of Senator Saltzman be shown as chief author to S.F. No. 1606. The motion prevailed.

Senator Saltzman moved that the name of Senator Wergin be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1606. The motion prevailed.

Senator Olson, M. moved that her name be stricken as chief author, shown as a co-author, and the name of Senator Sheran be shown as chief author to S.F. No. 1721. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rummel moved that the name of Senator Sieben be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1858. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pogemiller moved that the name of Senator Rest be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2211. The motion prevailed.

Senator Senjem moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 2329. The motion prevailed.

Senator Betzold moved that S.F. No. 624 be withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Judiciary. The motion prevailed.

Senator Larson moved that S.F. No. 1527 be withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on State & Local Government Operations & Oversight. The motion prevailed.

Senators Pogemiller and Senjem introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 122: A Senate resolution relating to expenses of interns and law clerks.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the State of Minnesota:

For the 2008 session of the 85th Legislature, each member of the Senate may be reimbursed for the cost of meals and transportation furnished by the member to any volunteer interns assisting with the member's work, up to a maximum of \$75 during each week, beginning Tuesday, January 22, 2008, and continuing until adjournment sine die of the 85th Legislature.

Each member of the Senate may be reimbursed for the cost of lodging furnished by the member to a volunteer intern assisting with the member's work, if the intern is enrolled in an intern program at a post-secondary institution outside the seven-county metropolitan area, up to a maximum of \$400 during each month, beginning January 2008 and continuing until adjournment sine die of the 85th Legislature.

The Secretary of the Senate may reimburse up to two volunteer law clerks working in the Office of Senate Counsel, Research, and Fiscal Analysis for the cost of meals and transportation incurred

by them in their work, up to a maximum of \$75 during each week the Legislature is in session.

Requests for reimbursement must be submitted to the Secretary of the Senate monthly on forms provided for this purpose. Requests by a member must include a certification by the member that the amounts for which reimbursement is sought have been paid to the interns. Requests for lodging reimbursement must be accompanied by receipts or other suitable documentation.

The Secretary of the Senate shall prepare and issue warrants for payment of intern and law clerk expenses from the Senate legislative expense fund.

Senator Pogemiller moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

The question was taken on the adoption of the resolution.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 56 and nays 3, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Bakk	Doll	Kubly	Ortman	Skoe
Berglin	Fischbach	Langseth	Pariseau	Skogen
Betzold	Foley	Larson	Pogemiller	Sparks
Bonoff	Frederickson	Latz	Prettner Solon	Stumpf
Carlson	Gimse	Lourey	Rest	Tomassoni
Chaudhary	Hann	Lynch	Rosen	Vickerman
Clark	Higgins	Marty	Rummel	Wergin
Cohen	Ingebrigtsen	Moua	Saltzman	Wiger
Dahle	Johnson	Murphy	Saxhaug	
Day	Jungbauer	Olseen	Senjem	
Dibble	Koch	Olson, G.	Sheran	
Dille	Koering	Olson, M.	Sieben	

Those who voted in the negative were:

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The motion prevailed. So the resolution was adopted.

Senators Pogemiller and Senjem introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 123: A Senate resolution relating to postage.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the State of Minnesota:

For the 2008 session of the 85th Legislature, the Secretary of the Senate may purchase postage to furnish each member of the Senate 5,500 stamps. Each member named as chair of a standing committee in the Senate resolution designating committee assignments may be furnished with an additional 1,000 stamps for the necessary business of the committee.

An additional postage allowance of 1,000 stamps is authorized for the Senate Minority Leader; five other members of the minority designated by the Senate Minority Leader; and five members of the majority designated by the Senate Majority Leader.

Each member of the Senate shall receipt to the Secretary of the Senate for the postage received.

Senator Pogemiller moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

The question was taken on the adoption of the resolution.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 62 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

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

The motion prevailed. So the resolution was adopted.

Senators Pogemiller and Senjem introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 124: A Senate resolution relating to mileage; setting the miles traveled by members of the Senate in going to and returning from the Capitol.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the State of Minnesota:

That Senate Resolution No. 17 relating to mileage, Senate Permanent Journal pages 44-46, be amended as follows:

Page 1, after line 16, insert:

"DAHLE, Kevin L.96"

Page 2, delete line 16

Page 2, delete line 44 and insert:

"WIGER, Charles W.22"

Senator Pogemiller moved to amend Senate Resolution No. 124 as follows:

Page 1, line 11, delete "22" and insert "20"

The motion prevailed. So the amendment was adopted.

Senator Pogemiller moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution, as amended. The motion prevailed. So the resolution, as amended, was adopted.

Senators Pogemiller and Senjem introduced –

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 8: A Senate concurrent resolution adopting deadlines for the 2008 regular session.

BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the State of Minnesota, the House of Representatives concurring:

(a) In accordance with Joint Rule 2.03, as modified by this resolution, the deadlines in this resolution apply to the 2008 regular session.

(b) The first and second deadlines do not apply to the House committee on Finance, Ways and Means, Taxes, or Rules and Legislative Administration, or to the Senate committee on Capital Investment, Finance, Taxes, or Rules and Administration.

(1) The first deadline is Friday, March 14, 2008, for committees to act favorably on bills in the house of origin.

(2) The second deadline is Wednesday, March 19, 2008, for committees to act favorably on bills, or companions of bills, that met the first deadline in the other house.

(3) The third deadline is Friday, March 28, 2008, for the House Committee on Finance and the Senate Committee on Finance to act favorably on major appropriation and finance bills.

(c) When a committee in either house acts favorably on a bill after a deadline established in this resolution, the bill must be referred in the Senate to the Committee on Rules and Administration or in the House of Representatives to the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration for disposition. Either rules committee, when reporting a bill referred to the committee in accordance with Joint Rule 2.03 and this resolution, may waive the application of the rule and resolution to subsequent actions on that bill by other committees.

Senator Pogemiller moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution. The motion prevailed. So the resolution was adopted.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senators Carlson, Doll, Jungbauer, Kubly and Dibble introduced—

S.F. No. 2364: A bill for an act relating to solar energy; prohibiting a homeowners association from restricting the installation and operation of a solar energy system; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 515.11; 515.19, subdivision 1; 515A.3-102; 515B.3-102.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Rest, Pariseau, Betzold, Murphy and Olson, G. introduced—

S.F. No. 2365: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; establishing Minnesota sesquicentennial special plates; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Fischbach introduced—

S.F. No. 2366: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Cold Spring downtown riverfront redevelopment project; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Fischbach introduced—

S.F. No. 2367: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for land acquisition for Warner Lake Park; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Koering introduced—

S.F. No. 2368: A bill for an act relating to human services; requiring authorization before relocating regional treatment centers or state-operated nursing homes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 246.0135.

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

Senator Rest introduced—

S.F. No. 2369: A bill for an act relating to education; requiring all K-12 athletic coaches to undergo criminal history background checks; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 123B.03, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senators Wiger; Saltzman; Olson, G.; Pappas and Rummel introduced—

S.F. No. 2370: A bill for an act relating to education; establishing a P-20 education partnership; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 127A.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senators Wiger and Saltzman introduced—

S.F. No. 2371: A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing certain levy authority; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.45.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Prettner Solon, Marty, Erickson Ropes, Rosen and Berglin introduced—

S.F. No. 2372: A bill for an act relating to insurance; requiring health plans to provide coverage for neuropsychological testing for children diagnosed with cancer; extending medical assistance coverage to neuropsychological testing for children diagnosed with cancer; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Gimse, Hann, Ingebrigtsen and Gerlach introduced–

S.F. No. 2373: A bill for an act relating to public safety; clarifying that the aggravated forgery law covers documents associated with federal I-9 employment eligibility verification forms; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609.625, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Gimse, Ingebrigtsen and Pariseau introduced–

S.F. No. 2374: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for Washburne Avenue improvements in the city of Paynesville; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Murphy introduced–

S.F. No. 2375: A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring a mandatory minimum prison sentence for criminal vehicular homicide offenders; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 609.21, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Vickerman and Dille introduced–

S.F. No. 2376: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; modifying appropriations for the Lewis and Clark Rural Water System; amending Laws 2005, chapter 20, article 1, section 23, subdivision 8; Laws 2006, chapter 258, section 21, subdivision 15.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Lourey, Higgins, Marty, Murphy and Saxhaug introduced–

S.F. No. 2377: A bill for an act relating to health; allowing first responders to a basic life support ambulance with certain conditions; allowing staffing flexibility for rural ambulance providers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144E.101, subdivision 7; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 144E.101, subdivision 6.

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

Senators Bakk, Higgins, Lourey, Murphy and Saxhaug introduced–

S.F. No. 2378: A bill for an act relating to health; changing requirements for interfacility transports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144E.101, subdivision 4.

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

Senator Bakk introduced—

S.F. No. 2379: A bill for an act relating to eminent domain; amending provisions concerning reestablishment costs limit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 117.51; 117.52, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Skogen introduced—

S.F. No. 2380: A bill for an act relating to early childhood education; modifying teacher licensure requirements for early childhood family education programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 124D.13, subdivision 11.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Skogen introduced—

S.F. No. 2381: A bill for an act relating to public safety; exempting police vehicles used to transport police dogs from window glazing restrictions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 169.71, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2382: A bill for an act relating to local government aid; providing additional aid to certain cities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 477A.011, subdivision 36.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Olson, M. introduced—

S.F. No. 2383: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for asset preservation at Bemidji State University; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Olson, M. introduced—

S.F. No. 2384: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for property acquisition for Bemidji State University; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Olson, M. introduced—

S.F. No. 2385: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for property demolition at Bemidji State University; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Olson, M. introduced—

S.F. No. 2386: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money to renovate and construct an addition to Sattgast Science Building at Bemidji State University; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Olson, M. introduced—

S.F. No. 2387: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for science lab renovation at Bemidji State University; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 2388: A bill for an act relating to taxation; authorizing extended duration limits for certain redevelopment tax increment financing districts in the city of Oakdale.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 2389: A bill for an act relating to highways; appropriating money for preliminary engineering of improvements along a portion of Trunk Highway 5 in Maplewood; authorizing sale of trunk highway bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Betzold and Scheid introduced—

S.F. No. 2390: A bill for an act relating to consumer protection; modifying restrictions on the collection and use of Social Security numbers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 325E.59, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 325E.59, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Rummel introduced—

S.F. No. 2391: A bill for an act relating to noxious weeds; requiring the designation of buckthorn as a primary noxious weed.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

Senators Wiger, Rummel, Metzen, Saltzman and Olson, G. introduced—

S.F. No. 2392: A bill for an act relating to education finance; eliminating the permanent school fund subtraction; simplifying education funding; dedicating permanent school fund revenue for technology; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 127A; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.21, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Ingebrigtsen introduced—

S.F. No. 2393: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; providing an infrastructure funding grant for Elbow Lake.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Higgins and Pogemiller introduced—

S.F. No. 2394: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Lowry Avenue Bridge; authorizing the issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Clark introduced—

S.F. No. 2395: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for land acquisition for Quarry Park and Nature Preserve; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Clark, Dille and Fischbach introduced—

S.F. No. 2396: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for the Rocori Trail in Stearns County.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Clark, Fischbach and Dille introduced—

S.F. No. 2397: A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing an account transfer for Independent School District No. 750, Rocori.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Pogemiller introduced—

S.F. No. 2398: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the St. Anthony Parkway Bridge in Minneapolis; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Higgins, Pappas and Moua introduced—

S.F. No. 2399: A bill for an act relating to public nuisances; making changes to public nuisance law affecting evidentiary thresholds and numbers of triggering incidents required for specific offenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 617.81, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Marty introduced—

S.F. No. 2400: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for improvements to the Guidant John Rose Minnesota Oval.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Rest, Senjem, Clark, Moua and Michel introduced—

S.F. No. 2401: A bill for an act relating to elections; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article VI, sections 7 and 8; establishing and modifying procedures for filling judicial vacancies; creating a judicial performance commission; creating a commission on appellate judicial selection; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 10A.01, subdivisions 7, 10, 15; 204B.06, subdivision 6; 204B.34, subdivision 3; 204B.36, subdivision 4; 480B.01, subdivision 11; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 204D; 480B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 204B.36, subdivision 5; 204D.14, subdivision 3.

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

Senators Rest, Betzold, Michel and Scheid introduced—

S.F. No. 2402: A bill for an act relating to occupations and professions; modifying provisions governing the Board of Accountancy; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 326A.01, subdivisions 2, 12, 17, by adding a subdivision; 326A.02, subdivisions 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, by adding a subdivision; 326A.03; 326A.04; 326A.05, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4; 326A.06; 326A.07; 326A.08, subdivisions 2, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; 326A.10; 326A.12; 326A.13; 326A.14; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 326A.05, subdivision 9.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Betzold introduced—

S.F. No. 2403: A bill for an act relating to public safety; modifying provision relating to disability of peace officer or firefighter; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 299A.465, subdivision 1.

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

Senators Kubly, Dille, Rummel, Vickerman and Murphy introduced—

S.F. No. 2404: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; authorizing free lifetime state park

permits for totally and permanently disabled veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 85.053, by adding a subdivision; 85.055, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Kubly, Dille, Rummel, Vickerman and Murphy introduced—

S.F. No. 2405: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; veterans; creating a subtraction for military pensions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 290.091, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 290.01, subdivision 19b.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

Senator Kubly introduced—

S.F. No. 2406: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Southwest Area Storm Sewer Project; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Kubly introduced—

S.F. No. 2407: A bill for an act relating to veterans; directing commissioner of veterans affairs to establish and operate a new veterans home in the city of Montevideo.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

Senators Dibble and Murphy introduced—

S.F. No. 2408: A bill for an act relating to city of Minneapolis; allowing city to restrict use of engine brakes on Interstate Highway 394.

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

Senators Carlson; Olson, G. and Rummel introduced—

S.F. No. 2409: A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing an intermediate school district to borrow in anticipation of revenue payments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 126C.51; 126C.52, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 126C.53; 126C.55.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Vandever introduced—

S.F. No. 2410: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property tax; providing that the growing of certain trees is considered an intensive use; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 273.13, subdivision 23.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Murphy introduced–

S.F. No. 2411: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a biosolids processing facility in the city of Red Wing; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Clark introduced–

S.F. No. 2412: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money to acquire land for the St. Cloud Regional Airport.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Clark introduced–

S.F. No. 2413: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for expansion of the St. Cloud Civic Center.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Fischbach, Wergin and Clark introduced–

S.F. No. 2414: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a grant to the city of Sartell for the Central Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Langseth introduced–

S.F. No. 2415: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for capital improvements at Minnesota State University, Moorhead; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Koering; Olson, M. and Langseth introduced–

S.F. No. 2416: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for Cuyuna State Recreation Area; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Bakk, Saxhaug, Lourey, Murphy and Koering introduced–

S.F. No. 2417: A bill for an act relating to health; modifying transport criteria for ambulance service in the state trauma system; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144.604.

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

Senators Koering, Metzen, Murphy, Saxhaug and Bakk introduced—

S.F. No. 2418: A bill for an act relating to health; allowing Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board members to serve two consecutive terms; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 144E.01, subdivision 1.

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

Senator Rummel introduced—

S.F. No. 2419: A bill for an act relating to noxious weeds; allowing municipalities to adopt ordinances for the eradication of buckthorn; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 18.78, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

Senator Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 2420: A bill for an act relating to education; providing for an earth and space, life, and physical sciences assessment in grades 10 through 12; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 120B.30, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Vandever introduced—

S.F. No. 2421: A bill for an act relating to the military; providing assistance to school districts that pay salary differential for certain members of the military; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 471.975.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Wiger, Rummel, Hann, Lynch and Bakk introduced—

S.F. No. 2422: A bill for an act relating to education finance; appropriating money for general education; eliminating the permanent school fund subtraction; simplifying education finance; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.21, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Betzold introduced—

S.F. No. 2423: A bill for an act relating to retirement; first class city teacher retirement fund associations; correcting special direct state aid references; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 354A.12, subdivision 3a; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 354A.12, subdivision 3c.

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

Senator Betzold introduced—

S.F. No. 2424: A bill for an act relating to retirement; general employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association; permitting the purchase of service credit for Hennepin County elected service.

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

Senator Langseth introduced—

S.F. No. 2425: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for capital improvements at Minnesota State Community and Technical College, Moorhead; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Prettner Solon and Bakk introduced—

S.F. No. 2426: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for the Duluth Entertainment Convention Center arena.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Bakk and Prettner Solon introduced—

S.F. No. 2427: A bill for an act relating to the city of Duluth; authorizing the city of Duluth to increase the rate of tax on sales of food and beverages; authorizing use of the proceeds of the tax for certain improvements; amending Laws 1980, chapter 511, section 1, subdivision 2, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Rest introduced—

S.F. No. 2428: A bill for an act relating to local government; allowing meetings and events after 6:00 p.m. on March 4, 2008.

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

Senator Skogen introduced—

S.F. No. 2429: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for a new interchange between Otter Tail County CSAH 34 and marked Trunk Highway 10.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Kubly introduced—

S.F. No. 2430: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money to improve

the Upper Sioux Community water system.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Olson, M. introduced—

S.F. No. 2431: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for additional demolition costs at the Ah-Gwah-Ching Regional Treatment Center Campus; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Olson, M. introduced—

S.F. No. 2432: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Paul Bunyan State Trail; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Olson, M. introduced—

S.F. No. 2433: A bill for an act relating to local government; authorizing Cass County to establish a hospital district.

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

Senator Pogemiller introduced—

S.F. No. 2434: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the University Research Park project area in the city of Minneapolis; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Torres Ray and Dibble introduced—

S.F. No. 2435: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for infrastructure improvements and right-of-way acquisition within the Franklin LRT Station and 46th Street Station redevelopment areas in the city of Minneapolis.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Dibble introduced—

S.F. No. 2436: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for Minneapolis parkway improvements; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Larson introduced—

S.F. No. 2437: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for an emergency operations center and regional fire training center in the city of Minneapolis.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Higgins introduced—

S.F. No. 2438: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a forensic crime lab in Minneapolis; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Tomassoni introduced—

S.F. No. 2439: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for a grant to the city of Floodwood for business park development.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Tomassoni introduced—

S.F. No. 2440: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the city of Aurora wastewater treatment facility, phase II; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Tomassoni introduced—

S.F. No. 2441: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Hibbing Memorial Building; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Tomassoni introduced—

S.F. No. 2442: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for the city of Hoyt Lakes and town of White rail and infrastructure project.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Tomassoni introduced–

S.F. No. 2443: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for the city of Virginia Mining Haul Road economic development project.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Tomassoni introduced–

S.F. No. 2444: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for Chisholm street improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Tomassoni introduced–

S.F. No. 2445: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for Gilbert wastewater treatment facility improvements.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Tomassoni introduced–

S.F. No. 2446: A bill for an act relating to employment; requiring use of certain funds for direct unemployed worker assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 116J.401, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

Senator Tomassoni introduced–

S.F. No. 2447: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for the city of Iron Junction sewer expansion.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Rummel, Cohen, Pappas, Anderson and Moua introduced–

S.F. No. 2448: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Tamarack Nature Center - Destination for Discovery; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Sieben and Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2449: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; modifying prohibited uses of pesticide; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 18B.07, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

Senator Sieben introduced—

S.F. No. 2450: A bill for an act relating to transportation; requiring installation of specific service signs on marked Trunk Highway 61.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2451: A bill for an act relating to environment; prohibiting use of certain construction debris as cover material; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115A.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2452: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for Inver Hills Community College; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2453: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for Heritage Village Park in Inver Grove Heights.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Metzen and Sieben introduced—

S.F. No. 2454: A bill for an act relating to public safety; appropriating money for restorative justice services.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2455: A bill for an act relating to local government aid; providing additional aid to certain cities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 477A.011, subdivision 36.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Koch, Dille and Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 2456: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for Bertram Chain of Lakes Regional Park.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 2457: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a fire hall in the city of Windom; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 2458: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a fire and ambulance facility in Mountain Lake; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 2459: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a fire hall in the city of Worthington; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 2460: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a regional environmental science and nature education center in Jackson County; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 2461: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for floodplain management in the Minnesota River Basin; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 2462: A bill for an act relating to railroads; forgiving state loans made to Rock and Nobles Counties.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 2463: A bill for an act relating to local government; increasing amount that counties may appropriate for Memorial Day observances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 375.34; 375.35.

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

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 2464: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Windom Dam; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2465: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Heritage Village Park in Inver Grove Heights; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2466: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a span arch bridge in South St. Paul; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2467: A bill for an act relating to retirement; Public Employees Retirement Association police and fire fund; authorizing a joint and survivor annuity for a divorced spouse of a deceased retiree who elected a single life annuity.

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

Senator Tomassoni introduced—

S.F. No. 2468: A bill for an act relating to economic development; renaming Minnesota Technology, Inc. to Enterprise Minnesota, Inc.; updating provisions; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 116O.01; 116O.011; 116O.02, subdivision 6; 116O.03, subdivisions 1a, 7; 116O.04, subdivisions 1, 2; 116O.05, subdivisions 1, 2, 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116O; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 116O.03, subdivision 11; 116O.06; 116O.07; 116O.071; 116O.072; 116O.08; 116O.09, subdivisions 1, 1a, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13; 116O.091, subdivisions 1, 4, 5, 6; 116O.10; 116O.11; 116O.12; 116O.122; 116O.13; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 116O.09, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2469: A bill for an act relating to retirement; general employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association; authorizing revocation of retirement annuity application in favor of disability benefit application in certain instances.

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

Senator Sheran introduced—

S.F. No. 2470: A bill for an act relating to human services; providing for treatment of certain nursing facility employee pension benefit costs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.431, subdivision 28.

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

Senator Sheran introduced—

S.F. No. 2471: A bill for an act relating to health; lowering the minimum age requirement for blood donation; requiring parental consent; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 145.41.

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

Senator Sheran introduced—

S.F. No. 2472: A bill for an act relating to Nicollet County; providing a process for making certain offices appointive in Nicollet County.

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

Senator Sheran introduced—

S.F. No. 2473: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for a grant to the city of Mankato to predesign and design a performing arts theater and Southern Minnesota Women's Hockey Exposition Center.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Sheran introduced—

S.F. No. 2474: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing the kinship support program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256J.

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

Senator Sheran introduced—

S.F. No. 2475: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for wastewater improvements in the city of Lafayette; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Clark and Pappas introduced—

S.F. No. 2476: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for integrated science and engineering lab design at St. Cloud State University; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Clark, Pappas, Fischbach and Wergin introduced—

S.F. No. 2477: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for Brown Hall science renovation at St. Cloud State University; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Clark, Pappas and Fischbach introduced—

S.F. No. 2478: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for Allied Health Center design at the St. Cloud Technical College campus; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Bakk introduced—

S.F. No. 2479: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; reappropriating a grant from the Knife River-Larsmont sanitary district to the Duluth/North Shore sanitary district; amending Laws 2003, First Special Session chapter 20, article 1, section 12, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Olseen, Chaudhary and Anderson introduced—

S.F. No. 2480: A bill for an act relating to water; classifying the Comfort Lake-Forest Lake Watershed District as a watershed management organization.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Olseen introduced—

S.F. No. 2481: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for dam safety modifications on the Sunrise River in Chisago County.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Saltzman, Vandever and Sieben introduced–

S.F. No. 2482: A bill for an act relating to veterans; appropriating money for improvements at the Disabled Veteran's Rest Camp on Big Marine Lake in Washington County.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Koering introduced–

S.F. No. 2483: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; providing funding for the Pine Grove Zoo in Little Falls; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297A.94.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Koering introduced–

S.F. No. 2484: A bill for an act relating to state government; providing for use of donated sick leave; amending Laws 1993, chapter 345, article 5, section 17, subdivision 1.

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

Senator Koering introduced–

S.F. No. 2485: A bill for an act relating to retirement; permitting certain disabled members of the Public Employment Retirement Association police and fire plan to elect to change the laws under which benefits are determined.

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

Senator Koering introduced–

S.F. No. 2486: A bill for an act relating to environment; establishing a grant program for idling reduction technology purchases; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Koering introduced–

S.F. No. 2487: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for a training and exercise center at Camp Ripley.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Saxhaug, Frederickson, Lourey, Skoe and Langseth introduced–

S.F. No. 2488: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for state park rehabilitation and development; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Dille, Anderson, Frederickson, Saxhaug and Langseth introduced—

S.F. No. 2489: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for state park and recreation area acquisition; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Kubly, Frederickson, Anderson, Bakk and Lynch introduced—

S.F. No. 2490: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for state trail acquisition, rehabilitation, and repair; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Prettner Solon, Scheid, Cohen, Pogemiller and Koering introduced—

S.F. No. 2491: A bill for an act relating to insurance; regulating claim denials under aviation liability coverage; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 60A.081, subdivision 1; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 360.59, subdivision 10.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Anderson, Vickerman, Frederickson, Pariseau and Chaudhary introduced—

S.F. No. 2492: A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money for environment and natural resources; providing for repayment of certain appropriations from the environment and natural resources trust fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 116P.10.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Clark, Berglin, Langseth, Marty and Robling introduced—

S.F. No. 2493: A bill for an act relating to early childhood education; modifying grants to early childhood learning and child protection facilities; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 119A.45.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Latz introduced—

S.F. No. 2494: A bill for an act relating to courts; creating an exception to mandatory retirement date for judges in office on December 31, 1973; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 490.125, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 2495: A bill for an act relating to highways; appropriating money for feasibility study of improvements along Trunk Highway 5 in Maplewood.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Betzold, Langseth, Senjem and Saltzman introduced—

S.F. No. 2496: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for asset preservation at the National Sports Center; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 2497: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Baudette water towers; authorizing the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 2498: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the sanitary sewer, water, and storm sewer rehabilitation project in the city of Northome; authorizing the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 2499: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Wheeler Point community sanitary sewer collection and treatment system; authorizing the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Rest, Betzold, Johnson, Scheid and Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 2500: A bill for an act relating to horse racing; providing for sharing of purse set-aside and breeder's fund revenue; modifying certain restrictions on simulcasting; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 240.06, subdivision 5a, by adding a subdivision; 240.13, subdivision 6.

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

Senator Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 2501: A bill for an act relating to retirement; privatized public employee retirement coverage; including the Worthington Regional Hospital in privatization coverage; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 353F.02, subdivision 4.

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

Senators Latz, Saltzman, Day, Jungbauer and Murphy introduced—

S.F. No. 2502: A bill for an act relating to transportation; requiring commissioner to prioritize for state funding certain metropolitan area projects that have been awarded federal funding; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 174.03, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Cohen introduced—

S.F. No. 2503: A bill for an act relating to taxes; income; allowing a subtraction for members of the foreign service; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 290.091, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 290.01, subdivision 19b.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Cohen, Dibble, Langseth and Michel introduced—

S.F. No. 2504: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for predesign of Orchestra Hall and Peavey Plaza in the city of Minneapolis; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 2505: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for West Frontage Road in the city of Oronoco; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 2506: A bill for an act relating to education finance; restoring wind energy revenue payments to school districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 126C.21, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Skoe introduced—

S.F. No. 2507: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for construction of a Native American juvenile treatment center; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Dahle introduced—

S.F. No. 2508: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for the city of Northfield public safety and regional emergency operations center.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Dahle introduced—

S.F. No. 2509: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature; authorizing the issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for the Mill Towns State Trail.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Larson and Robling introduced—

S.F. No. 2510: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for dredge material site projects in the Lower Minnesota Watershed District; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Rest introduced—

S.F. No. 2511: A bill for an act relating to state government; reestablishing the Health Care Peer Review Committee relating to quality of care and treatment of offenders; reestablishing advisory committees for the Minnesota Breeders fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 241.021, by adding a subdivision; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 240.18, subdivision 4; Laws 2007, chapter 133, article 2, section 13.

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

Senator Rest introduced—

S.F. No. 2512: A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money to the Minnesota Sesquicentennial Commission for the celebration of Minnesota's 150th anniversary of statehood.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Olseen introduced—

S.F. No. 2513: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for Trunk Highway 8 improvements in the city of Lindstrom; authorizing sale of trunk highway bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Frederickson and Vickerman introduced–

S.F. No. 2514: A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing an account transfer for Independent School District No. 411, Balaton.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Latz, Dibble, Murphy and Rest introduced–

S.F. No. 2515: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for an Environmental Impact Statement and preliminary engineering for the Southwest Transit Way Corridor; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Saxhaug introduced–

S.F. No. 2516: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the infrastructure for the wastewater system in the city of Palisade; authorizing the sale and issuance of general obligation bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Rest and Dibble introduced–

S.F. No. 2517: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; establishing regulation of ballast water discharge into Lake Superior; setting ballast water exchange, discharge, and treatment standards; requiring adoption of rules; requiring regional cooperation; providing civil penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84D.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Torres Ray, Anderson and Dibble introduced–

S.F. No. 2518: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for repair, restoration, and shoreline stabilization of the glen area of Minnehaha Creek in the city of Minneapolis; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Pogemiller and Dibble introduced–

S.F. No. 2519: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the completion, reconstruction, and relighting of the Grand Rounds National Scenic Byway in the city of Minneapolis; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Skoe introduced—

S.F. No. 2520: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; modifying the biodiesel content mandate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 239.77, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

Senators Murphy, Dibble, Carlson, Saltzman and Bonoff introduced—

S.F. No. 2521: A bill for an act relating to transportation finance; appropriating money for transportation activities; providing funding for highway maintenance, debt service, and local roads; appropriating funds for emergency relief related to the I-35W bridge collapse; establishing a trunk highway bridge improvement program; requiring a study of value capture to reduce the public costs of large transportation infrastructure investment; authorizing sale and issuance of trunk highway bonds for highways; modifying motor vehicle registration and motor fuel taxes; establishing annual adjustment of motor fuel taxes; creating a motor fuels tax credit; allocating motor vehicle lease tax revenues; providing for local transportation sales taxes; modifying county state aid highway fund revenue allocation; prohibiting tolling or privatization of existing transportation facilities; modifying provisions related to various transportation-related funds and accounts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 160.84, subdivision 1; 161.081, subdivision 3; 162.06; 162.07, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 168.013, subdivision 1a; 171.29, subdivision 2; 290.06, by adding a subdivision; 296A.07, subdivision 3; 296A.08, subdivision 2; 297A.64, subdivision 2; 297A.815, by adding a subdivision; 473.129, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 160; 165; 296A; 297A; 398A.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Without objection, the Senate reverted to the Order of Business of Messages From the House.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

Pursuant to Joint Rule 3.02(a), the Conference Committee on House File No. 2285 was discharged after adjournment on May 21, 2007 and the bill was laid on the table.

H.F. No. 2285: A bill for an act relating to constitutional amendments; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XI; increasing the sales tax rate by three-eighths of one percent and dedicating the receipts for natural resource and cultural heritage purposes; creating a natural heritage fund; creating a parks and trails fund; creating a clean water fund; creating a sustainable drinking water fund; creating an arts and cultural heritage fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 114D.20, subdivision 6; 114D.30, subdivision 6; 114D.45; 297A.62, subdivision 1; 297A.94; 297B.02, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 85; 97A; 103H; 129D.

House File No. 2285 has been taken from the table and new conferees have been appointed.

Sertich, Wagenius, Hansen, Moe and Ozment have been reappointed as such committee on the part of the House.

House File No. 2285 is herewith transmitted to the Senate with the request that the Senate appoint a like committee.

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted February 12, 2008

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate accede to the request of the House for a Conference Committee on H.F. No. 2285, and that a Conference Committee of 5 members be appointed by the Subcommittee on Conference Committees on the part of the Senate, to act with a like Conference Committee appointed on the part of the House. The motion prevailed.

RECESS

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now recess subject to the call of the President. The motion prevailed.

After a brief recess, the President called the Senate to order.

APPOINTMENTS

Senator Pogemiller from the Subcommittee on Conference Committees recommends that the following Senators be and they hereby are appointed as a Conference Committee on:

H.F. No. 2285: Senators Pogemiller, Frederickson, Cohen, Anderson and Chaudhary.

Senator Pogemiller moved that the foregoing appointments be approved. The motion prevailed.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Anderson and Erickson Ropes were excused from the Session of today. Senator Michel was excused from the Session of today from 12:15 to 12:20 p.m. Senators Pappas and Robling were excused from the Session of today from 12:15 to 12:25 p.m. Senator Dille was excused from the Session of today at 12:30 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 14, 2008. The motion prevailed.

Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate

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