

EIGHTIETH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Wednesday, February 20, 2008

The Senate met at 2:15 p.m. 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 Senator Michael J. Jungbauer.

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

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

The President declared a quorum present.

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

EXECUTIVE AND OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS

The following communication was received.

February 19, 2008

The Honorable Margaret Anderson Kelliher
Speaker of the House of Representatives

The Honorable James P. Metzen
President of the Senate

I have the honor to inform you that the following Act of the 2008 Session of the State Legislature

has been received from the Office of the Governor and is deposited in the Office of the Secretary of State for preservation, pursuant to the State Constitution, Article IV, Section 23:

S.F. No.	H.F. No.	Session Laws Chapter No.	Time and Date Approved 2008	Date Filed 2008
	2285	151*		February 19

*Constitutional Amendment

Sincerely,
Mark Ritchie
Secretary of State

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Mr. President:

I have the honor to announce the adoption by the House of the following Senate Concurrent Resolution, herewith returned:

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

Albin A. Mathiowetz, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned February 18, 2008

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

Senator Cohen from the Committee on Finance, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2564: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying TANF maintenance of effort programs; amending Laws 2007, chapter 147, article 19, section 3, subdivision 1.

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2689: A bill for an act relating to local government; authorizing establishment of the White Community Hospital District; authorizing hospital district to levy property taxes.

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

Page 1, line 10, delete everything after the period

Page 1, delete lines 11 to 13

Page 2, line 9, delete "... " and insert "51"

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2656: A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring emergency management training for certain executive branch employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 12.09, by adding a subdivision.

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

Page 1, line 8, delete "develop" and insert "maintain"

Page 1, line 19, delete "June" and insert "September"

Page 2, delete section 2

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2690: A bill for an act relating to local government; amending county historical society funding; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 138.053.

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2620: A bill for an act relating to state government; ratifying state labor contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85A.02, subdivision 5a.

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

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

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.

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2607: A bill for an act relating to state government operations; establishing procedures for state agencies to assist communities to recover from a natural disaster; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 12A.

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

Senator Rest from the Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2542: A bill for an act relating to Hennepin County; clarifying the authority of the county housing and redevelopment authority; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 383B.77, subdivisions 1, 2.

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

Senator Wiger from the Committee on Education, to which was referred

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.

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

Senator Wiger from the Committee on Education, to which was referred

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.

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

Page 1, after line 17, insert:

"(6) one senator from the minority party appointed by the Subcommittee on Committees of the Committee on Rules and Administration;

(7) one member from the house of representatives appointed by the minority leader;"

Page 1, line 18, delete "(6)" and insert "(8)"

Page 1, line 19, delete "(7)" and insert "(9)"

Page 1, line 20, delete "(8)" and insert "(10)"

Page 1, line 21, delete "(9)" and insert "(11)"

Page 1, line 22, delete "(10)" and insert "(12)"

Page 1, line 23, delete "(11)" and insert "(13)"

Page 1, line 24, delete "(12)" and insert "(14)"

Page 2, line 1, delete "(13)" and insert "(15)"

Page 2, line 3, delete "(14)" and insert "(16)"

Page 2, after line 3, insert:

"(17) one member from the Minnesota Educational Media Organization;

(18) one member from the Minnesota Library Association;"

Page 2, line 4, delete "(15)" and insert "(19)"

Page 2, line 5, delete "(16)" and insert "(20)"

Page 2, line 6, delete "(17)" and insert "(21)"

Page 2, line 7, delete "(18)" and insert "(22)"

Page 2, line 8, delete "(19)" and insert "(23)"

Page 2, line 9, delete "(20)" and insert "(24)"

Page 2, line 10, delete "(21)" and insert "(25)"

Page 2, after line 10, insert:

"(26) one member that is a career and technical educator appointed by the governor;"

Page 2, line 11, delete "(22)" and insert "(27)"

Page 2, line 12, delete "(23)" and insert "(28)"

Page 2, delete lines 13 and 14 and insert:

"(29) one member that is a private early childhood education provider appointed by the governor;

(30) one member that is a public early childhood education provider appointed by the governor;
and"

Page 2, line 15, delete "(25)" and insert "(31)"

Page 2, line 17, after "organizations" insert "or the chief executives' designees"

Page 2, line 18, after the period, insert "The commissioner of education or the commissioner's designee must convene the initial meeting of the partnership."

Page 2, line 19, after the period, insert "Upon request of the partnership, the commissioner of education must provide meeting space and administrative services for the group."

Page 2, line 35, delete "quality" and insert "capability to enhance student achievement"

Page 3, line 8, delete "recommendations for" and insert "draft"

Page 3, after line 9, insert:

"Subd. 3. **Deadline for appointments and designations.** The appointments and designations authorized by this section must be completed by August 1, 2008."

Page 3, line 10, delete "Subd. 3." and insert "Subd. 4."

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

Senator Wiger from the Committee on Education, to which was referred

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.

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

Senator Wiger from the Committee on Education, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2811: A bill for an act relating to education; managing school trust fund lands; improving the returns for school trust fund lands; redefining the mission of the Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee; providing a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 84.027, by adding a subdivision; 127A.30.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84.027, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 18. **Permanent school fund authority and designee.** The commissioner of natural resources has authority and responsibility for the administration of permanent school fund lands under sections 92.121 and 127A.31. The commissioner shall annually report to the Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee on ways to maximize the revenue generated from school trust fund lands. The commissioner shall designate a permanent professional staff position whose duty shall be to accelerate land exchanges, land sales, and commercial leasing of school trust lands, and to manage the trust lands to maximize the long-term economic return for the permanent school

fund lands. The permanent professional staff position shall also serve as a nonvoting member of the Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee and shall assist the committee with the preparation of the report required under section 127A.30.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 127A.30, is amended to read:

127A.30 PERMANENT SCHOOL FUND ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

Subdivision 1. **Membership.** A state Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee is established to advise the Department of Natural Resources on the management of permanent school fund land, which is held in trust for the school districts of the state. The advisory committee must consist of the following persons or their designees: the chairs of the education committees of the legislature, the chairs of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the K-12 education budget, the chairs of the legislative committees with jurisdiction over the environment and natural resources, the chair of the senate Committee on Finance and the chair of the house Committee on Ways and Means, the commissioner of education, one superintendent from a nonmetropolitan district, and one superintendent from a metropolitan area district, one person with an expertise in forestry, one person with an expertise in minerals and mining, one person with an expertise in real estate development, one person with an expertise in renewable energy, and one person with an expertise in finance and land management. The school district superintendents shall be appointed by the commissioner of education. The committee members with areas of expertise in forestry, minerals and mining, real estate development, renewable energy, and finance and land management shall be appointed by the commissioner of natural resources. Members of the legislature shall be given the opportunity to recommend candidates for vacancies on the committee to the commissioners of education and natural resources. The advisory committee must also include a nonvoting professional staff person appointed by the commissioner of natural resources, under section 84.027, subdivision 18. This nonvoting member shall provide the committee with professional advice and technical support on issues of permanent school fund land management. The members of the Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee shall elect their chairperson.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** The advisory committee shall review the policies of the Department of Natural Resources and current statutes on management of school trust fund lands at least semiannually annually and shall recommend necessary changes in statutes, policy, and implementation in order to ensure provident utilization of the permanent school fund lands. By January 15 of each year, the advisory committee shall submit a report and any necessary draft legislation to the legislature with recommendations for the management of school trust lands to secure long-term economic return for the permanent school fund, consistent with sections 92.121 and 127A.31. The committee's annual report must include recommendations to:

(1) improve the efficiency of the Department of Natural Resources' management of school trust fund lands;

(2) reduce expenditures that are used to manage school trust fund lands and maximize the revenues deposited in the permanent school trust fund;

(3) accelerate land exchanges, land sales, and commercial leasing of school trust lands; and

(4) manage the school trust lands to maximize the long-term economic return for the permanent school trust fund.

Subd. 3. **Duration.** Notwithstanding section 15.059, subdivision 5, the advisory committee is permanent and does not expire."

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

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

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.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 325E.59, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Generally.** (a) A person or entity, not including a government entity, may not do any of the following:

(1) publicly post or publicly display in any manner an individual's Social Security number. "Publicly post" or "publicly display" means to intentionally communicate or otherwise make available to the general public;

(2) print an individual's Social Security number on any card required for the individual to access products or services provided by the person or entity;

(3) require an individual to transmit the individual's Social Security number over the Internet, unless the connection is secure or the Social Security number is encrypted, except as required by titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and by Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 483.20;

(4) require an individual to use the individual's Social Security number to access an Internet Web site, unless a password or unique personal identification number or other authentication device is also required to access the Internet Web site;

(5) print a number that the person or entity knows to be an individual's Social Security number on any materials that are mailed to the individual, unless state or federal law requires the Social Security number to be on the document to be mailed. If, in connection with a transaction involving or otherwise relating to an individual, a person or entity receives a number from a third party, that person or entity is under no duty to inquire or otherwise determine whether the number is or includes that individual's Social Security number and may print that number on materials mailed to the individual, unless the person or entity receiving the number has actual knowledge that the number is or includes the individual's Social Security number;

(6) assign or use a number as the primary account identifier that is identical to or incorporates an individual's complete Social Security number, except in conjunction with an employee or member

retirement or benefit plan; or

(7) sell Social Security numbers obtained from individuals in the course of business. This clause does not prohibit the transfer or disclosure of an individual's Social Security number to a third party if the transfer or disclosure of the Social Security number has no independent economic value to the seller or is incidental to a larger transaction and if the Social Security number is initially collected for the purpose of identifying the individual.

Notwithstanding clauses (1) to (5), Social Security numbers may be included in applications and forms sent by mail, including documents sent as part of an application or enrollment process, or to establish, amend, or terminate an account, contract, or policy, or to confirm the accuracy of the Social Security number. Nothing in this paragraph authorizes inclusion of a Social Security number on the outside of a mailing or in the bulk mailing of a credit card solicitation offer.

(b) A person or entity, not including a government entity, must restrict access to individual Social Security numbers it holds so that only employees, agents, or contractors who require access to records containing the numbers in order to perform their job duties have access to the numbers, except as required by titles XVIII and XIX of the Social Security Act and by Code of Federal Regulations, title 42, section 483.20.

(c) This section applies only to the use of Social Security numbers on or after July 1, 2008.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2008.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 325E.59, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Coordination with other law.** This section does not prevent the collection, use, or release of a Social Security number as ~~required~~ authorized or permitted by state or federal law or the use of a Social Security number for internal verification or administrative purposes."

Delete the title and insert:

"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; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 325E.59, subdivision 1."

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

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

S.F. No. 2324: A bill for an act relating to health; guaranteeing that all necessary health care is available and affordable for every Minnesotan; establishing the Minnesota Health Care Plan; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 15.01; 15.06, subdivision 1; 15A.0815, subdivision 2; 43A.08, subdivision 1a; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62U.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"ARTICLE 1**GENERAL PROVISIONS****Section 1. [62U.01] HEALTH PLAN REQUIREMENTS.**

In order to keep Minnesotans healthy and provide the best quality of health care, the Minnesota Health Plan must:

- (1) ensure all Minnesotans receive high quality health care, regardless of their income;
- (2) not restrict, delay, or deny care or reduce the quality of care to hold down costs, but instead reduce costs through prevention, efficiency, and reduction of bureaucracy;
- (3) cover all necessary care, including all coverage currently required by law, complete mental health services, chemical dependency treatment, prescription drugs, medical equipment and supplies, dental care, long-term care, and home care services;
- (4) allow patients to choose their own providers;
- (5) be funded through premiums based on ability to pay and other revenue sources;
- (6) focus on preventive care and early intervention to improve the health of all Minnesota residents and reduce costs from untreated illnesses and diseases;
- (7) ensure an adequate number of qualified health care professionals and facilities to guarantee availability of, and timely access to quality care throughout the state;
- (8) continue Minnesota's leadership in medical education, training, research, and technology;
and
- (9) provide adequate and timely payments to providers.

Sec. 2. [62U.02] MINNESOTA HEALTH PLAN GENERAL PROVISIONS.

Subdivision 1. **Short title.** This chapter may be cited as the "Minnesota Health Act."

Subd. 2. **Purpose.** The Minnesota Health Plan shall provide all medically necessary health care services for all Minnesota residents in a manner that meets the requirements in section 62U.01.

Subd. 3. **Definitions.** As used in this chapter, the following terms have the meanings provided:

- (a) "Board" means the Minnesota Health Board.
- (b) "Plan" means the Minnesota Health Plan.
- (c) "Fund" means the Minnesota Health Fund.
- (d) "Medically necessary" means a health service that is consistent with the recipient's diagnosis or condition, is recognized as the prevailing standard or current practice by the provider's peer group, and is rendered to:
 - (1) treat an injury, illness, infection, or pain;
 - (2) treat a condition that could result in physical or mental disability;

(3) care for a mother and child through a maternity period;

(4) achieve a level of physical or mental function consistent with prevailing community standards for the diagnosis or condition; or

(5) provide a preventive health service.

(e) "Institutional provider" means an inpatient hospital, nursing facility, rehabilitation facility, and other health care facilities that provide overnight care.

(f) "Noninstitutional provider" means group practices, clinics, outpatient surgical centers, imaging centers, other health facilities that do not provide overnight care, and individual providers.

Subd. 4. **Ethics and conflict of interest.** (a) All provisions of section 43A.38 apply to employees and the executive officer of the Minnesota Health Plan, the members and directors of the Minnesota Health Board, the regional health boards, the director of the Office of Health Quality and Planning, the director of the Minnesota Health Fund, and the ombudsman. Failure to comply with section 43A.38 shall be grounds for disciplinary action including termination of employment or removal from the board.

(b) In order to avoid the appearance of political bias or impropriety, the Minnesota Health Plan executive officer shall not:

(1) engage in leadership of, or employment by, a political party or a political organization;

(2) publicly endorse a political candidate;

(3) contribute to any political candidates or political parties and political organizations; or

(4) attempt to avoid compliance with this subdivision by making contributions through a spouse or other family member.

(c) In order to avoid a conflict of interest, individuals specified in paragraph (a) shall not be currently employed by a medical provider or a pharmaceutical, medical insurance, or medical supply company. This paragraph does not apply to the five provider members of the board.

Subd. 5. **Data practice.** Notwithstanding chapter 13, other state agencies shall cooperate with data sharing and provide all requested information to the board or board designee, the Ombudsman for Patient Advocacy, the director of the Office of Health Quality and Planning, and the Inspector General.

ARTICLE 2

ELIGIBILITY

Section 1. [62U.03] ELIGIBILITY.

Subdivision 1. **Residency.** All Minnesota residents are eligible for the Minnesota Health Plan.

Subd. 2. **Enrollment; identification.** The Minnesota Health Board shall establish a procedure to enroll residents and provide each with identification that may be used by health care providers to confirm eligibility for services. The application for enrollment shall be no more than two pages.

Subd. 3. **Residents temporarily out of state.** (a) The Minnesota Health Plan shall provide health

care coverage to Minnesota residents who are temporarily out of the state who intend to return and reside in Minnesota.

(b) Coverage for emergency care obtained out of state shall be at prevailing local rates. Coverage for nonemergency care obtained out of state shall be according to rates and conditions established by the board. The board may require that a resident be transported back to Minnesota when prolonged treatment of an emergency condition is necessary and when that transport will not adversely affect a patient's care or condition.

Subd. 4. **Visitors.** Nonresidents visiting Minnesota shall be billed for all services received under the Minnesota Health Plan. The board may enter into intergovernmental arrangements or contracts with other states and countries to provide reciprocal coverage for temporary visitors.

Subd. 5. **Nonresident employed in Minnesota.** The board may extend eligibility to nonresidents employed in Minnesota using a sliding premium scale.

Subd. 6. **Retiree benefits.** (a) All persons who are eligible for retiree medical benefits under an employer-employee contract, including retirees who elect to reside outside of Minnesota, shall remain eligible for those benefits provided the contractually mandated payments for those benefits are made to the Minnesota Health Fund, which shall assume financial responsibility for care provided under the terms of the contract.

(b) The board may establish financial arrangements with states and foreign countries in order to facilitate meeting the terms of the contracts described in paragraph (a). Payments for care provided by non-Minnesota providers to Minnesota retirees shall be reimbursed at rates established by the Minnesota Health Board.

Subd. 7. **Presumptive eligibility.** (a) An individual is presumed eligible for coverage under the Minnesota Health Plan if the individual arrives at a health facility unconscious, comatose, or otherwise unable, because of the individual's physical or mental condition, to document eligibility or to act on the individual's own behalf. If the patient is a minor, the patient is presumed eligible, and the health facility shall provide care as if the patient were eligible.

(b) Any individual is presumed eligible when brought to a health facility according to any provision of section 253B.05.

(c) Any individual involuntarily committed to an acute psychiatric facility or to a hospital with psychiatric beds according to any provision of section 253B.05, providing for involuntary commitment, is presumed eligible.

(d) All health facilities subject to state and federal provisions governing emergency medical treatment must comply with those provisions.

ARTICLE 3

BENEFITS

Section 1. [62U.04] BENEFITS.

Subdivision 1. **General provisions.** Any eligible individual may choose to receive services under the Minnesota Health Plan from any licensed participating provider. A provider may not refuse to care for a patient on the basis that is specified in the definition of unfair employment practice in

section 363A.08.

Subd. 2. **Covered benefits.** Covered benefits in this chapter include all medically necessary care subject to the limitations specified in subdivision 4. Covered benefits include:

- (1) inpatient and outpatient health facility services;
- (2) inpatient and outpatient professional health care provider services by licensed health care professionals;
- (3) diagnostic imaging, laboratory services, and other diagnostic and evaluative services;
- (4) medical equipment, appliances, and assistive technology, including prosthetics, eyeglasses, and hearing aids and their repair;
- (5) inpatient and outpatient rehabilitative care;
- (6) emergency transportation;
- (7) necessary transportation for health care services for disabled and indigent persons;
- (8) language interpretation and translation for health care services, including sign language and Braille or other services needed for individuals with communication disabilities;
- (9) child and adult immunizations and preventive care;
- (10) health education;
- (11) hospice care;
- (12) home health care;
- (13) all prescription drugs on the Minnesota Health Plan formulary and additional drugs as specified by the board;
- (14) all prescription drugs as determined by the board if the Minnesota Health Plan does not have a prescription drug formulary;
- (15) mental health services;
- (16) dental care;
- (17) podiatric care;
- (18) chiropractic care;
- (19) acupuncture;
- (20) blood and blood products;
- (21) emergency care services;
- (22) vision care;
- (23) adult day care;

(24) case management and coordination to ensure services necessary to enable a person to remain safely in the least restrictive setting;

(25) substance abuse treatment;

(26) care in a skilled nursing facility; and

(27) dialysis.

Subd. 3. **Benefit expansion.** The Minnesota Health Board may expand benefits beyond the minimum benefits described in this section when expansion meets the intent of this chapter and when there are sufficient funds to cover the expansion.

Subd. 4. **Exclusions.** The following health care services shall be excluded from coverage by the Minnesota Health Plan:

(1) health care services determined to have no medical benefit by the board;

(2) surgery, dermatology, orthodontia, prescription drugs, and other procedures primarily for cosmetic purposes, unless required to correct a congenital defect, restore or correct a part of the body that has been altered as a result of injury, disease, or surgery, or determined to be medically necessary by a qualified, licensed health care provider in the Minnesota Health Plan;

(3) private rooms in inpatient health facilities where appropriate nonprivate rooms are available, unless determined to be medically necessary by a qualified, licensed provider in the Minnesota Health Plan; and

(4) services of a health care provider or facility that is not licensed or accredited by the state, except for approved services provided to a Minnesota resident who is temporarily out of the state.

Subd. 4a. **Prohibition.** The Minnesota Health Plan shall not pay for prescription drugs from pharmaceutical companies that directly market the drugs to consumers.

Subd. 5. **No-cost sharing.** No deductible, co-payment, co-insurance, or other cost-sharing shall be imposed with respect to covered benefits.

Sec. 2. [62U.041] CARE COORDINATION.

(a) All patients shall have a primary care provider or other provider who shall coordinate the care a patient receives. A specialist may serve as the care coordinator if the patient and the specialist agree to this arrangement, and if the specialist agrees to coordinate the patient's care.

(b) Referrals are not required for a patient to see a health care specialist. If a patient sees a specialist and does not have a care coordinator, the patient must choose a care coordinator. The Minnesota Health Plan may assist with choosing a primary care provider to coordinate care.

(c) The board may establish or ensure the establishment of a computerized referral registry to facilitate referrals.

ARTICLE 4

FUNDING

Section 1. [62U.19] MINNESOTA HEALTH FUND.

Subdivision 1. **General provisions.** (a) The board shall establish a Minnesota Health Fund to implement the Minnesota Health Plan and to receive premiums and other sources of revenue. The fund shall be administered by a director appointed by the Minnesota Health Board.

(b) All money collected, received, and transferred according to this chapter shall be deposited in the Minnesota Health Fund for the purpose of financing the Minnesota Health Plan.

(c) Money deposited in the Minnesota Health Fund shall be used exclusively to implement the purpose of this chapter.

(d) All claims for health care services rendered shall be made to the Minnesota Health Fund.

(e) All payments made for health care services shall be disbursed from the Minnesota Health Fund.

(f) Premiums and other revenues collected each year must be sufficient to cover that year's projected costs.

Subd. 2. **Accounts.** The Minnesota Health Fund shall have operating, capital, and reserve accounts to provide for all state expenditures for health care.

Subd. 3. **Budgets within the operating account.** The operating account in the Minnesota Health Fund shall be comprised of the accounts and budgets specified in paragraphs (a) to (e).

(a) **Medical services budget and account.** The medical services budget and account must be used to provide for all medical services and benefits covered under the Minnesota Health Plan.

(b) **Prevention budget and account.** The prevention budget and account must be used solely to establish and maintain primary community prevention programs, including preventive screening tests.

(c) **Program administration, evaluation, planning, and assessment budget and account.** The program administration, evaluation, planning, and assessment budget and account must be used to monitor and improve the plan's effectiveness and operations. The board may establish grant programs including demonstration projects for this purpose.

(d) **Training, development, and continuing education budget and account.** The training, development, and continuing education budget and account must be used to support the training, development, and continuing education of health care providers and the health care workforce needed to meet the health care needs of the population.

(e) **Medical research budget and account.** The medical research budget and account must be used to support research and innovation as determined by the Minnesota Health Board, and recommended by the Office of Health Quality and Planning and the Ombudsman for Patient Advocacy.

Subd. 4. **Capital account.** The capital account must be used solely to pay for capital expenditures for institutional providers and all capital expenditures requiring approval from the Minnesota Health Board as specified in section 62U.05, subdivision 4.

Subd. 5. **Reserve account.** (a) The Minnesota Health Plan must at all times hold in reserve an amount estimated in the aggregate to provide for the payment of all losses and claims for which the

Minnesota Health Plan may be liable and to provide for the expense of adjustment or settlement of losses and claims.

(b) Money currently held in reserve by state, city, and county health programs must be transferred to the Minnesota Health Fund when the Minnesota Health Plan replaces those programs.

(c) The board shall have provisions in place to insure the Minnesota Health Plan against unforeseen expenditures or revenue shortfalls not covered by the reserve account and the board may borrow money to cover temporary shortfalls.

Sec. 2. [62U.20] REVENUE SOURCES.

Subdivision 1. Minnesota Health Plan premium. (a) The Minnesota Health Board shall:

(1) determine the aggregate costs of providing health care according to this chapter;

(2) develop an equitable and affordable premium structure, including unearned income as part of the premium determination for Minnesota residents, that is progressive and based on the ability to pay and an employer health premium for businesses that together will generate adequate revenue for the Minnesota Health Fund;

(3) in consultation with the Department of Revenue, develop an efficient means of collecting premiums and employer health premiums; and

(4) coordinate with existing, ongoing funding sources from federal and state programs.

(b) On or before January 15, 2010, the board shall submit to the governor and the legislature a report on the premium and employer health premium structure established to finance the Minnesota Health Plan.

Subd. 2. Funds from outside sources. Institutional providers operating under Minnesota Health Plan operating budgets may raise and expend funds from sources other than the Minnesota Health Plan including private or foundation donors. Contributions to providers in excess of \$500,000 must be reported to the board.

Subd. 3. Governmental payments. The executive officer and, if required under federal law, the commissioners of health and human services shall seek all necessary waivers, exemptions, agreements, or legislation so that all current federal payments to the state for health care are paid directly to the Minnesota Health Plan, which shall then assume responsibility for all benefits and services previously paid for by the federal government with those funds. In obtaining the waivers, exemptions, agreements, or legislation, the executive officer and, if required, commissioners shall seek from the federal government a contribution for health care services in Minnesota that reflects: medical inflation, the state gross domestic product, the size and age of the population, the number of residents living below the poverty level, and the number of Medicare and VA eligible individuals, and does not decrease in relation to the federal contribution to other states as a result of the waivers, exemptions, agreements, or savings from implementation of the Minnesota Health Plan.

Subd. 4. Federal preemption. (a) The board shall pursue all reasonable means to secure a repeal or a waiver of any provision of federal law that preempts any provision of this chapter. The commissioners of health and human services shall provide all necessary assistance.

(b) In the event that a repeal or a waiver of law or regulations cannot be secured, the board shall

adopt rules, or seek conforming state legislation, consistent with federal law, in an effort to best fulfill the purposes of this chapter.

(c) The Minnesota Health Plan's responsibility for providing care shall be secondary to existing federal government programs for health care services to the extent that funding for these programs is not transferred to the Minnesota Health Fund or that the transfer is delayed beyond the date on which initial benefits are provided under the Minnesota Health Plan.

Sec. 3. [62U.21] SUBROGATION.

Subdivision 1. **Collateral source.** (a) When other payers for health care have been terminated, health care costs shall be collected from collateral sources whenever medical services provided to an individual are, or may be, covered services under a policy of insurance, or other collateral source available to that individual, or when the individual has a right of action for compensation permitted under law.

(b) As used in this section, collateral source includes:

(1) health insurance policies and the medical components of automobile, homeowners, and other forms of insurance;

(2) medical components of worker's compensation;

(3) pension plans;

(4) employer plans;

(5) employee benefit contracts;

(6) government benefit programs;

(7) a judgment for damages for personal injury; and

(8) any third party who is or may be liable to an individual for health care services or costs.

(c) Collateral source does not include:

(1) a contract or plan that is subject to federal preemption; or

(2) any governmental unit, agency, or service, to the extent that subrogation is prohibited by law. An entity described in paragraph (b) is not excluded from the obligations imposed by this section by virtue of a contract or relationship with a government unit, agency, or service.

(d) The board shall negotiate waivers, seek federal legislation, or make other arrangements to incorporate collateral sources into the Minnesota Health Plan.

Subd. 2. **Collateral source; negotiation.** When an individual who receives health care services under the Minnesota Health Plan is entitled to coverage, reimbursement, indemnity, or other compensation from a collateral source, the individual shall notify the health care provider and provide information identifying the collateral source, the nature and extent of coverage or entitlement, and other relevant information. The health care provider shall forward this information to the board. The individual entitled to coverage, reimbursement, indemnity, or other compensation from a collateral source shall provide additional information as requested by the board.

Subd. 3. **Reimbursement.** (a) The Minnesota Health Plan shall seek reimbursement from the collateral source for services provided to the individual and may institute appropriate action, including legal proceedings, to recover the reimbursement. Upon demand, the collateral source shall pay to the Minnesota Health Fund the sums it would have paid or expended on behalf of the individual for the health care services provided by the Minnesota Health Plan.

(b) In addition to any other right to recovery provided in this section, the board shall have the same right to recover the reasonable value of benefits from a collateral source as provided to the commissioner of human services under section 256B.37.

(c) If a collateral source is exempt from subrogation or the obligation to reimburse the Minnesota Health Plan, the board may require that an individual who is entitled to medical services from the source first seek those services from that source before seeking those services from the Minnesota Health Plan.

(d) To the extent permitted by federal law, the board shall have the same right of subrogation over contractual retiree health benefits provided by employers as other contracts, allowing the Minnesota Health Plan to recover the cost of services provided to individuals covered by the retiree benefits, unless arrangements are made to transfer the revenues of the benefits directly to the Minnesota Health Plan.

Subd. 4. **Defaults, underpayments, and late payments.** (a) Default, underpayment, or late payment of any tax or other obligation imposed by this chapter shall result in the remedies and penalties provided by law, except as provided in this section.

(b) Eligibility for benefits under section 62U.04 shall not be impaired by any default, underpayment, or late payment of any premium or other obligation imposed by this chapter.

ARTICLE 5

PAYMENTS

Section 1. [62U.05] PROVIDER PAYMENTS.

Subdivision 1. **General provisions.** (a) All health care providers licensed to practice in Minnesota may participate in the Minnesota health plan.

(b) A participating health care provider shall comply with all federal laws and regulations governing referral fees and fee splitting including, but not limited to, United States Code, title 42, sections 1320a-7b and 1395nn, whether reimbursed by federal funds or not.

(c) A fee schedule or financial incentive may not adversely affect the care a patient receives or the care a health provider recommends.

Subd. 2. **Payments to noninstitutional providers.** (a) The Minnesota Health Board shall establish and oversee a uniform fee schedule for noninstitutional providers.

(b) The board shall pay noninstitutional providers based on rates negotiated with providers. Rates may factor in geographic differences to address provider shortages.

(c) The board shall examine the need for and methods of paying providers for care coordination for all patients especially those with chronic illness and complex medical needs.

(d) Providers may request reimbursement of ancillary health care or social services that were previously funded by money now received and disbursed by the Minnesota health fund.

(e) Providers who accept any payment from the Minnesota health plan for a covered service shall not bill the patient for the covered service.

(f) Providers shall be paid within 30 business days for claims filed following procedures established by the board.

Subd. 3. Payments to institutional providers. (a) The board shall establish annual budgets for institutional providers. These budgets shall consist of an operating and a capital budget. An institution's annual budget shall be negotiated to cover its anticipated services for the next year based on past performance and projected changes in prices and service levels.

(b) Providers who accept any payment from the Minnesota Health Plan for a covered service shall not bill the patient for the covered service.

Subd. 4. Capital management plan. (a) The board shall periodically develop a capital investment plan that will serve as a guide in determining the annual budgets of institutional providers and in deciding whether to approve applications for approval of capital expenditures by noninstitutional providers.

(b) Providers who propose to make capital purchases in excess of \$500,000 must obtain board approval. The board may alter the threshold expenditure level that triggers the requirement to submit information on capital expenditures. Institutional providers shall propose these expenditures and submit the required information as part of the annual budget they submit to the board. Noninstitutional providers shall submit applications for approval of these expenditures to the board.

ARTICLE 6

GOVERNANCE

Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 14.03, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Contested case procedures. The contested case procedures of the Administrative Procedure Act provided in sections 14.57 to 14.69 do not apply to (a) proceedings under chapter 414, except as specified in that chapter, (b) the commissioner of corrections, (c) the unemployment insurance program and the Social Security disability determination program in the Department of Employment and Economic Development, (d) the commissioner of mediation services, (e) the Workers' Compensation Division in the Department of Labor and Industry, (f) the Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals, ~~or~~ (g) the Board of Pardons, or (h) the Minnesota Health Plan.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 15A.0815, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. Group I salary limits. The salaries for positions in this subdivision may not exceed 95 percent of the salary of the governor:

Commissioner of administration;

Commissioner of agriculture;

Commissioner of education;

Commissioner of commerce;
Commissioner of corrections;
Commissioner of employee relations;
Commissioner of finance;
Commissioner of health;
Executive officer of the Minnesota Health Plan;
Executive director, Minnesota Office of Higher Education;
Commissioner, Housing Finance Agency;
Commissioner of human rights;
Commissioner of human services;
Commissioner of labor and industry;
Commissioner of natural resources;
Director of Office of Strategic and Long-Range Planning;
Commissioner, Pollution Control Agency;
Commissioner of public safety;
Commissioner of revenue;
Commissioner of employment and economic development;
Commissioner of transportation; and
Commissioner of veterans affairs.

Sec. 3. **[62U.06] MINNESOTA HEALTH BOARD.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Minnesota Health Board is established to promote the delivery of high quality, coordinated health care services that enhance health; prevent illness, disease, and disability; slow the progression of chronic diseases; and improve personal health management. The board shall administer the Minnesota Health Plan. The board shall oversee:

- (1) the Office of Health Quality and Planning under section 62U.09; and
- (2) the Minnesota Health Fund under section 62U.19.

Subd. 2. **Board composition.** The board shall consist of 15 members, including a representative selected by each of the five rural regional health planning boards under section 62U.08 and three representatives selected by the metropolitan regional health planning board under section 62U.08. These members shall select the following:

- (1) one consumer member and one employer member appointed by the board members; and

(2) five providers appointed by the board members that include one primary care physician, one registered nurse, one mental health provider, one dentist, and one facility director.

The board shall select the chair from its membership.

Subd. 3. **Term and compensation.** Board members shall serve four years. Board members shall set the board's compensation not to exceed the compensation of Public Utilities Commission members.

Subd. 4. **General duties.** The board shall:

(1) ensure that all of the requirements of section 62U.01 are met;

(2) hire an executive officer for the Minnesota Health Plan to administer all aspects of the plan as directed by the board;

(3) hire a director for the Office of Health Quality and Planning;

(4) hire a director of the Minnesota Health Fund;

(5) provide technical assistance to the regional boards established under section 62U.08;

(6) conduct necessary investigations and inquiries and require the submission of information, documents, and records the board considers necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

(7) establish a process for the board to receive the concerns, opinions, ideas, and recommendations of the public regarding all aspects of the Minnesota Health Plan and the means of addressing those concerns;

(8) conduct other activities the board considers necessary to carry out the purposes of this chapter;

(9) collaborate with the agencies that license health facilities to ensure that facility performance is monitored and that deficient practices are recognized and corrected in a timely manner;

(10) adopt rules as necessary to carry out the duties assigned under this chapter;

(11) establish conflict of interest standards prohibiting providers from any financial benefit from their medical decisions outside of board reimbursement; and

(12) establish conflict of interest standards related to pharmaceutical marketing to providers.

Subd. 5. **Financial duties.** The board shall:

(1) establish and collect premiums and employer health premiums according to section 62U.20, subdivision 1;

(2) approve statewide and regional budgets that include budgets for the accounts in section 62U.19;

(3) establish payment rates for providers which may reflect regional differences to address provider shortages;

(4) monitor compliance with all budgets and payment rates and take action to achieve compliance

to the extent authorized by law;

(5) pay claims for medical products or services as negotiated, and may issue requests for proposals for a contract to process claims submitted by individual nonprofit providers;

(6) negotiate fees, prices, and budgets;

(7) administer the Minnesota Health Fund created under section 62U.19;

(8) annually determine the appropriate level for the Minnesota Health Plan reserve account and implement policies needed to establish the appropriate reserve;

(9) implement fraud prevention measures necessary to protect the operation of the Minnesota Health Plan; and

(10) work to ensure appropriate cost control by:

(i) instituting aggressive public health measures, early intervention and preventive care, and promotion of personal health improvement;

(ii) making changes in the delivery of health care services and administration that improve efficiency and care quality;

(iii) minimizing administrative costs;

(iv) ensuring that the delivery system does not contain excess capacity; and

(v) negotiating the lowest possible prices for prescription drugs, medical equipment, and medical services.

If the board determines that there will be a revenue shortfall despite the cost control measures mentioned in clause (10), the board shall implement measures to correct the shortfall, including an increase in premiums. The board shall report to the legislature on the causes of the shortfall, reasons for the failure of cost controls, and measures taken to correct the shortfall.

Subd. 6. **Minnesota Health Board management duties.** The board shall:

(1) develop and implement enrollment procedures for providers and persons eligible for the program and disseminate, to providers of services and to the public, information concerning the program and the persons eligible to receive benefits under the program;

(2) implement eligibility standards for the Minnesota Health Plan, including standards to prevent an influx of persons to the state for the purpose of obtaining medical care;

(3) make recommendations, when needed, to the legislature about changes in the geographic boundaries of the health planning regions;

(4) establish an electronic claims and payments system for the Minnesota Health Plan;

(5) monitor the operation of the Minnesota Health Plan through consumer surveys and regular data collection and evaluation activities, including evaluations of the adequacy and quality of services furnished under the program, the need for changes in the benefit package, the cost of each type of service, and the effectiveness of cost control measures under the program;

(6) establish a health care Web site that provides information to the public about the Minnesota Health Plan including access information on providers and facilities, and that informs the public about state and regional health planning board meetings and activities;

(7) collaborate with public health agencies, schools, and community clinics;

(8) ensure that Minnesota Health Plan policies and providers, including public health providers, support all Minnesota residents in achieving and maintaining maximum physical and mental health functionality; and

(9) annually report to the legislature on the performance of the Minnesota Health Plan, fiscal condition and need for payment adjustments, any needed changes in geographic boundaries of the health planning regions, recommendations for statutory changes, receipt of revenue from all sources, whether current year goals and priorities are met, future goals and priorities, major new technology or prescription drugs, and other circumstances that may affect the cost of health care.

Subd. 7. **Policy duties.** The board shall:

(1) develop and implement cost control and quality assurance procedures, including a professional peer review system;

(2) ensure strong public health services including education and community prevention and clinical services;

(3) ensure a continuum of coordinated high-quality primary to tertiary care to all Minnesota residents; and

(4) implement policies to ensure that all Minnesotans receive culturally and linguistically competent care.

Sec. 4. [62U.07] HEALTH PLANNING REGIONS.

A metropolitan health planning region consisting of the seven-county metropolitan area is established as well as five rural health planning regions from the greater Minnesota area composed of geographically contiguous counties grouped on the basis of the following considerations:

(1) patterns of utilization of health care services;

(2) health care resources, including workforce resources;

(3) health needs of the population, including public health needs;

(4) geography;

(5) population and demographic characteristics; and

(6) other considerations as appropriate.

The commissioner of health shall designate the health planning regions.

Sec. 5. [62U.08] REGIONAL HEALTH PLANNING BOARD.

Subdivision 1. **Regional planning board composition.** (a) Initially, each regional board shall consist of one county commissioner per county and two county commissioners per county in the

seven-county metropolitan area. A county commissioner may designate a representative to act as a member of the board in the member's absence. Each board shall select the chair from among its membership.

(b) Board members shall serve for four-year terms and may receive per diems for meetings at the rate specified in section 15.059, subdivision 3.

Subd. 2. **Regional health board duties.** Regional health planning boards shall:

(1) recommend health standards, goals, priorities, and guidelines for the region;

(2) prepare an operating and capital budget for the region to recommend to the Minnesota Health Board;

(3) collaborate with local public health care agencies to educate consumers and providers on public health programs, goals, and the means of reaching those goals;

(4) hire a regional health planning director;

(5) collaborate with public health care agencies to implement public health and wellness initiatives; and

(6) ensure that all parts of the region have access to a 24-hour nurse hotline and 24-hour urgent care clinics.

Sec. 6. **[62U.09] OFFICE OF HEALTH QUALITY AND PLANNING.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** The Minnesota Health Board shall establish an Office of Health Quality and Planning to assess the quality, access, and funding adequacy of the Minnesota Health Plan.

Subd. 2. **General duties.** (a) The Office of Health Quality and Planning shall make annual recommendations to the board on the overall direction on subjects including:

(1) the overall effectiveness of the Minnesota Health Plan in addressing public health and wellness;

(2) access to care;

(3) quality improvement;

(4) efficiency of administration;

(5) adequacy of budget and funding;

(6) appropriateness of payments for providers;

(7) capital expenditure needs;

(8) long-term care;

(9) mental health and substance abuse services;

(10) staffing levels and working conditions in health care facilities;

(11) identification of number and mix of health care facilities and providers required to best meet the needs of the Minnesota Health Plan;

(12) care for chronically ill patients;

(13) research needs; and

(14) integration of disease management programs into care delivery.

(b) Analyze shortages in health care workforce required to meet the needs of the population and develop plans to meet those needs in collaboration with regional planners and educational institutions.

(c) Assist in coordination of the Minnesota Health Plan and public health programs.

Subd. 3. **Assessment and evaluation of benefits.** The Office of Health Quality and Planning shall:

(1) consider benefit additions to the Minnesota Health Plan and evaluate them based on evidence of clinical efficacy;

(2) establish a process and criteria by which providers may request authorization to provide services and treatments that are not included in the Minnesota Health Plan benefit set, including experimental treatments;

(3) evaluate proposals to increase the efficiency and effectiveness of the health care delivery system, and make recommendations to the board based on the cost-effectiveness of the proposals; and

(4) identify complementary and alternative modalities that have been shown to be safe and effective.

Sec. 7. **[62U.10] OMBUDSMAN OFFICE FOR PATIENT ADVOCACY.**

Subdivision 1. **Creation of office; generally.** (a) The Ombudsman Office for Patient Advocacy is created to represent the interests of the consumers of health care. The ombudsman shall help residents of the state secure the health care services and benefits they are entitled to under the laws administered by the Minnesota Health Board and advocate on behalf of and represent the interests of enrollees in entities created by this chapter and in other forums.

(b) The ombudsman shall be a patient advocate appointed by the governor, who serves in the unclassified service and may be removed only for just cause. The ombudsman must be selected without regard to political affiliation and must be knowledgeable about and have experience in health care services and administration.

(c) The ombudsman may gather information about decisions, acts, and other matters of the Minnesota Health Board, health care organization, or a health care program. A person may not serve as ombudsman while holding another public office.

(d) The budget for the ombudsman's office shall be determined by the legislature and is independent from the Minnesota Health Board which has no oversight or authority over the ombudsman for patient advocacy. The ombudsman shall establish offices to provide convenient

access to residents.

Subd. 2. **Ombudsman's duties.** (a) The ombudsman for patient advocacy shall:

(1) ensure that patient advocacy services are available to all Minnesota residents;

(2) establish and maintain the grievance process according to section 62U.11;

(3) receive, evaluate, and respond to consumer complaints about the Minnesota Health Plan;

(4) establish a process to receive recommendations from the public about ways to improve the Minnesota Health Plan;

(5) develop educational and informational guides according to communication services under section 15.441, describing consumer rights and responsibilities;

(6) ensure the guides in clause (5) are widely available to consumers and specifically available in provider offices and health care facilities; and

(7) report annually to the public, the board, and the legislature about the consumer perspective on the performance of the Minnesota Health Plan, including recommendations for needed improvements.

(b) The patient advocate, in carrying out assigned duties, shall have unlimited access to all nonconfidential and all nonprivileged documents in the custody and control of the Minnesota Health Board.

Sec. 8. [62U.11] GRIEVANCE SYSTEM.

Subdivision 1. **Grievance system established.** The ombudsman for patient advocacy shall establish a grievance system for all complaints. The system shall provide reasonable procedures that shall ensure adequate consideration of Minnesota Health Plan enrollee grievances and appropriate remedies.

Subd. 2. **Referral of grievances.** The ombudsman for patient advocacy may refer any grievance that does not pertain to compliance with this chapter to the federal Center for Medicaid or any other appropriate local, state, and federal government entity for investigation and resolution.

Subd. 3. **Submittal by designated agents and providers.** A provider may join with, or otherwise assist, a complainant to submit the grievance to the ombudsman without fear of retribution.

Subd. 4. **Review of documents.** The ombudsman may require additional information from health care providers or the board.

Subd. 5. **Written notice of disposition.** The ombudsman shall send a written notice of the final disposition of the grievance, and the reasons for the decision, to the complainant, to any provider who is assisting the complainant, and to the board, within 30 calendar days of receipt of the request for review unless the ombudsman determines that additional time is reasonably necessary to fully and fairly evaluate the relevant grievance. The ombudsman's order of corrective action shall be binding on the Minnesota Health Plan. Decisions of the ombudsman may be appealed in district court.

Sec. 9. **[62U.12] INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR THE MINNESOTA HEALTH PLAN.**

Subdivision 1. **Establishment.** There is within the Office of the Attorney General an inspector general for the Minnesota Health Plan who is appointed by the attorney general.

Subd. 2. **Duties.** The inspector general shall:

(1) investigate, audit, and review the financial and business records of individuals, public and private agencies and institutions, and private corporations that provide services or products to the Minnesota Health Plan, the costs of which are reimbursed by the Minnesota Health Plan;

(2) investigate allegations of misconduct on the part of an employee or appointee of the Minnesota Health Board and on the part of any provider of health care services that is reimbursed by the Minnesota Health Plan, and report any findings of misconduct to the attorney general;

(3) investigate patterns of medical practice that may indicate fraud and abuse related to over or under utilization or other inappropriate utilization of medical products and services;

(4) arrange for the collection and analysis of data needed to investigate the inappropriate utilization of these products and services; and

(5) annually report recommendations for improvements to the Minnesota Health Plan to the board.

Sec. 10. **[62U.13] EXAMINATION BY LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR.**

The books and all operating policies and procedures of the Minnesota Health Board shall be subject to examination by the legislative auditor.

ARTICLE 7

IMPLEMENTATION

Section 1. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$...... is appropriated in fiscal year 2009 from the general fund to the Minnesota Health Fund under the Minnesota Health Plan to implement the provisions of this act.

Sec. 2. **REPEALER.**

Provider tax

MNCARE

Parts of Medical Assistance

General Assistance medical care

Sec. 3. **EFFECTIVE DATE AND TRANSITION.**

Subdivision 1. **Notice and effective date.** This act is effective the day following final enactment. The commissioner of finance shall notify the chairs of the house of representatives and senate committees with jurisdiction over health care when the Minnesota Health Fund has sufficient revenues to fund the costs of implementing this act.

Subd. 2. **Timing to implement.** The Minnesota Health Plan must be operational within two years from the date of final enactment of this act.

Subd. 3. **Prohibition.** On and after the day the Minnesota Health Plan becomes operational, a health plan, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 62Q.01, subdivision 3, may not be sold in Minnesota for services provided by the Minnesota Health Plan.

Subd. 4. **Transition.** (a) The commissioners of health and human services shall prepare an analysis of the state's capital expenditure needs for the purpose of assisting the board in adopting the statewide capital budget for the year following implementation. The commissioners shall submit this analysis to the board.

(b) The following timelines shall be implemented:

(1) the commissioner of health shall designate the health planning regions utilizing the criteria specified in Minnesota Statutes, section 62U.07, three months after the date of enactment of this act;

(2) the regional boards shall be established six months after the date of enactment of this act; and

(3) the Minnesota Health Board shall be established nine months after the date of enactment of this act."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to health; guaranteeing that all necessary health care is available and affordable for every Minnesotan; establishing the Minnesota Health Plan, Minnesota Health Board, Minnesota Health Fund, Office of Health Quality and Planning, ombudsman for patient advocacy, and inspector general for the Minnesota Health Plan; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 14.03, subdivision 2; 15A.0815, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62U."

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

Senator Bakk from the Committee on Taxes, to which was re-referred

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 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; 297A.99, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in

Minnesota Statutes, chapters 160; 165; 296A; 297A; 398A.

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

Page 1, delete lines 27 to 29 and insert:

<u>"General Fund</u>	\$	0	\$	<u>2,775,000</u>	\$	<u>2,775,000</u>
<u>Trunk Highway</u>		<u>55,000,000</u>		<u>166,618,000</u>		<u>221,618,000</u>
<u>C.S.A.H.</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>52,133,000</u>		<u>52,133,000</u>
<u>M.S.A.S.</u>		<u>0</u>		<u>13,694,000</u>		<u>13,694,000</u>
<u>Total</u>	\$	<u>55,000,000</u>	\$	<u>235,220,000</u>	\$	<u>290,220,000</u>

Page 2, delete lines 1 and 2

Page 2, line 19, delete "153,190,000" and insert "154,242,000"

Page 2, delete lines 23 to 25 and insert:

<u>"Trunk Highway</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>85,965,000</u>
<u>C.S.A.H.</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>52,133,000</u>
<u>M.S.A.S.</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>13,694,000</u>

Page 2, line 31, delete everything before the period and insert "This is a onetime appropriation from the general fund and does not add to the base appropriation"

Page 3, delete line 13 and insert "This a onetime appropriation from the general fund"

Page 3, line 19, delete "41,783,000" and insert "43,205,000"

Page 3, line 20, delete "34,185,000" and insert "35,549,000"

Page 3, line 21, after "a" insert "onetime"

Page 4, line 5, delete "53,506,000" and insert "52,133,000"

Page 4, line 9, delete "14,055,000" and insert "13,694,000"

Page 5, line 23, delete everything after "troopers" and insert a period

Page 5, delete lines 24 and 25

Page 6, delete section 1 and insert:

"Section 1. **[296A.083] DEBT SERVICE SURCHARGE.**

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section, the following terms have the meanings given them:

(1) "debt service" means the amount of principal and interest in each fiscal year attributable to the trunk highway bonds authorized in this article; and

(2) "surcharge" means the rate imposed under this section on gasoline taxed under section

296A.07, subdivision 3, clause (3), and includes a proportional rate for each type of fuel taxed under sections 296A.07, subdivision 3, clauses (1) and (2), and 296A.08, subdivision 2.

Subd. 2. **Debt service forecast.** On June 30, 2008, and each March 1 thereafter, the commissioner of finance shall report to the commissioner of revenue on trunk highway debt service. The report must include the annual amount of revenue from the surcharge previously deposited in the trunk highway fund, and a forecast of the total and annual amounts necessary to pay the remaining debt service.

Subd. 3. **Surcharge rate.** (a) By July 16, 2008, and each April 1 thereafter, the commissioner of revenue shall calculate and publish a surcharge as provided in paragraphs (b) and (c). The surcharge is imposed from August 1, 2008, through June 30, 2009, and each new surcharge thereafter is imposed the following July 1 through June 30.

(b) For fiscal years 2009 to 2012, the commissioner shall set the surcharge as specified in the following surcharge rate schedule.

Surcharge Rate Schedule

<u>Fiscal Year</u>	<u>Rate (in cents per gallon)</u>
<u>2009</u>	<u>0.5</u>
<u>2010</u>	<u>2.1</u>
<u>2011</u>	<u>2.5</u>
<u>2012</u>	<u>3.0</u>

(c) For fiscal year 2013 and thereafter, the commissioner shall set the surcharge at the lesser of (1) 3.5 cents, or (2) an amount calculated so that the total proceeds from the surcharge deposited in the trunk highway fund from fiscal year 2009 to the upcoming fiscal year equals the total amount of debt service from fiscal years 2009 to 2039, and the surcharge is rounded to the nearest 0.1 cent.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective the day following final enactment."

Page 7, line 16, delete "2,241,403,000" and insert "1,841,403,000"

Page 7, line 19, delete "2,260,000" and insert "1,860,000"

Page 7, line 20, delete "2,262,260,000" and insert "1,861,860,000"

Page 7, line 24, delete "2,241,403,000" and insert "1,841,403,000"

Page 7, line 26, delete "2,181,403,000" and insert "1,781,403,000"

Page 7, line 31, delete "2,117,694,000" and insert "1,717,694,000"

Page 8, line 9, delete "\$71,007,980" and insert "\$71,008,000"

Page 8, line 14, delete "\$150,000,000" and insert "\$100,000,000"

Page 8, line 16, delete "\$25,500,000" and insert "\$17,000,000"

Page 9, after line 7, insert:

"(e) Of the total appropriation under this subdivision provided to the Department of Transportation's district 7, the commissioner shall first expend funds as necessary to accelerate all projects that (1) are on a trunk highway classified as a medium priority interregional corridor; (2) are included in the district's long-range transportation plan, but are not included in the state transportation improvement program or the ten-year highway work plan; and (3) expand capacity from a two-lane highway to a freeway or expressway, as defined in Minnesota Statutes, section 160.02, subdivision 19. The commissioner shall establish as the highest priority under this paragraph any project that currently has a final environmental impact statement completed. The requirement under this paragraph does not change the department's funding allocation process or the amount otherwise allocated to each transportation district."

Page 11, line 31, delete "2,260,000" and insert "1,860,000"

Page 12, line 11, delete "\$2,202,200,000" and insert "\$1,801,800,000"

Page 12, after line 23, insert:

"Sec. 8. **EFFECTIVE DATE.**

Except where otherwise specified, this article is effective the day following final enactment."

Page 15, lines 13 and 23, delete "September 15" and insert "October 1"

Page 16, lines 4 and 19, delete "September 15" and insert "October 1"

Page 16, delete section 7

Page 17, line 21, delete everything after the period

Page 17, delete line 22

Page 18, delete lines 19 to 25 and insert:

"(1) "metropolitan transportation area" means the counties participating in the joint powers agreement under subdivision 3;

(2) "eligible county" means:

(i) the county of Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Hennepin, Ramsey, Scott, or Washington; and

(ii) a county that has not imposed a transportation sales and use tax under section 297A.993, and that is:

(A) adjacent to a metropolitan county, as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 4; or

(B) a member of the Northstar Corridor Development Authority;"

Page 19, line 19, delete "each participating county in the metropolitan transportation area" and insert "an eligible county must declare by resolution of its county board to be a part of the metropolitan transportation area and"

Page 23, line 6, delete "section 1" and insert "section 297A.99, subdivision 1"

Page 23, line 12, delete "section 1" and insert "section 297A.99, subdivision 1," and delete the comma

Page 23, line 31, after the first "of" insert "up to"

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 8, delete everything after the semicolon

Page 1, line 9, delete everything before "creating"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

Senator Moua from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred

S.F. No. 2824: A bill for an act relating to transportation; providing an alternative compensation and settlement process for victims of the I-35W bridge collapse; changing the effective date of an increase in individual damage caps for state tort claims; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 3.736, subdivision 4.

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

Page 2, delete lines 23 to 30

Page 2, line 31, delete "(c)" and insert "(b)" and delete "an alternative" and insert "a"

Page 2, line 33, after "uncertainty" insert "and expense"

Page 2, after line 34, insert:

"(c) These findings are not an admission of liability of the state for damages caused by the bridge collapse."

Page 3, delete lines 10 to 14 and insert:

"(f) "Victim" means a natural person who was present on the I-35W bridge at the time of the collapse. Victim also includes:

(1) the parent or legal guardian of a victim who is under 18 years of age;
(2) a legally appointed representative of a victim; or
(3) the surviving spouse or next of kin of a victim who would be entitled to bring an action under Minnesota Statutes, section 573.02."

Page 3, lines 16, 17, and 29, delete the semicolon and insert a comma

Page 3, line 23, delete "a member of"

Page 3, line 30, delete the semicolon and insert a comma and delete "These procedures,"

Page 3, delete lines 31 and 32

Page 4, line 5, delete everything before "and" and insert "consider claims, make offers of settlement,"

Page 4, line 8, delete "within six months after the effective date of this section" and insert "by October 1, 2008"

Page 4, line 9, delete "the panel within one year after the effective date of this section" and insert "April 1, 2009"

Page 4, line 30, delete "against the state"

Page 5, delete subdivision 6 and insert:

"Subd. 6. **Records.** Records of the panel related to a claim filed by a victim; an offer of settlement; or an acceptance or rejection of an offer are not accessible to the public except for:

(1) the name of the victim; and

(2) the terms of any written settlement agreement between the victim and the state."

Page 5, line 27, after "agreement" insert a comma

Page 5, line 34, delete "under section 1 or from the emergency relief fund"

Page 6, line 3, delete "Notwithstanding any statutory or common"

Page 6, line 4, delete everything before "a"

Page 6, line 9, delete "Notwithstanding any statutory"

Page 6, delete lines 10 to 13 and insert "A person who has paid benefits or compensation to or on behalf of a victim does not have a subrogation or other right to recover those benefits or compensation by making a claim, or recovering from payments made, under section 1 or from the emergency relief fund."

Page 6, lines 15 and 19, delete "Notwithstanding any statutory or common law to the contrary,"

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

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. Nos. 2564, 2690 and 2521 were read the second time.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Limmer moved that the name of Senator Rest be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2616. The motion prevailed.

Senator Sparks moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 2618. The motion prevailed.

Senator Olseen moved that the name of Senator Rest be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2695. The motion prevailed.

Senator Betzold moved that the name of Senator Rummel be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2720. The motion prevailed.

Senator Skogen moved that the name of Senator Chaudhary be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2723. The motion prevailed.

Senator Vickerman moved that the name of Senator Bonoff be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2725. The motion prevailed.

Senator Stumpf moved that the name of Senator Rummel be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2733. The motion prevailed.

Senator Torres Ray moved that the name of Senator Rummel be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2737. The motion prevailed.

Senator Torres Ray moved that the name of Senator Rummel be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2743. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kubly moved that the name of Senator Dille be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2750. The motion prevailed.

Senator Betzold moved that the name of Senator Rummel be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2759. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappas moved that the names of Senators Saltzman and Rummel be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 2773. The motion prevailed.

Senator Lynch moved that the name of Senator Rummel be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 2811. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pogemiller, for Senator Wergin, moved that S.F. No. 2207 be withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and returned to its author. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pogemiller, for Senator Day, moved that S.F. No. 2588 be withdrawn from the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources and returned to its author. The motion prevailed.

Senators Prettner Solon, Tomassoni and Lourey introduced –

Senate Resolution No. 143: A Senate resolution recognizing students during National Student Employment Week.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senators Pappas, Marty, Berglin and Torres Ray introduced–

S.F. No. 2825: A bill for an act relating to health; amending the Patient's Bill of Rights to include continuous doula support and information about evidence-based nonpharmacological pain relief; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 144.651, subdivision 9.

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

Senators Saltzman, Dahle, Wiger, Hann and Torres Ray introduced–

S.F. No. 2826: A bill for an act relating to education; modifying sponsor fees assessed to charter schools; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 124D.10, subdivision 15.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Hann introduced–

S.F. No. 2827: A bill for an act relating to education; eliminating the teacher contract deadline and penalty; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 123B.05.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senators Moua, Pappas and Anderson introduced–

S.F. No. 2828: A bill for an act relating to crime; modifying trespassing on critical public service property; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 609.6055, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Moua introduced–

S.F. No. 2829: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for neighborhood land trusts; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Sparks introduced–

S.F. No. 2830: A bill for an act relating to payroll card accounts; repealing a sunset; repealing Laws 2005, chapter 158, section 4, as amended.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Saltzman, Metzen, Dibble, Senjem and Rosen introduced–

S.F. No. 2831: A bill for an act relating to taxation; franchise; modifying the credit for increasing research activities; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 290.068, subdivisions 1, 3, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Michel, Bonoff, Lynch and Hann introduced–

S.F. No. 2832: A bill for an act relating to education; directing the state of Minnesota to end participation in the No Child Left Behind Act.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senators Michel, Scheid, Marty and Latz introduced–

S.F. No. 2833: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring public pools and spas to be equipped with anti-entrapment devices or systems; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 144.1222, subdivision 1a, by adding subdivisions; 157.16, as amended.

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

Senators Rosen, Frederickson and Vickerman introduced–

S.F. No. 2834: A bill for an act relating to education; increasing lease levy amount; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.40, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Lynch, Wiger and Hann introduced–

S.F. No. 2835: A bill for an act relating to education; providing an alternative school start date in 2009 and 2010.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senator Olson, M. introduced–

S.F. No. 2836: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for a water main in the city of Walker; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Olson, M. introduced—

S.F. No. 2837: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for repair of the roof at the Bemidji National Guard Training and Community Center; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Higgins and Marty introduced—

S.F. No. 2838: A bill for an act relating to financial institutions; regulating consumer small loan lender charges; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 47.60, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Betzold introduced—

S.F. No. 2839: A bill for an act relating to retirement; various retirement plans; regulating the creation and operation of liquidating trusts established by retirement plans; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 356.

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

Senators Olseen, Betzold, Murphy, Dahle and Erickson Ropes introduced—

S.F. No. 2840: A bill for an act relating to the military; requiring a report on participation by Minnesota in the National Guard Youth Challenge Program.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

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

S.F. No. 2841: A bill for an act relating to property taxes; providing clarification for eligibility for property tax exemption for public charity institutions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 272.02, subdivision 7.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Koering introduced—

S.F. No. 2842: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for asset preservation and capital improvements at Central Lakes College; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Koering introduced—

S.F. No. 2843: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; defining pickup trucks to include mini trucks that meet emissions and safety standards; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section

168.011, subdivision 29.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Koering introduced—

S.F. No. 2844: 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 sale and issuance of state bonds; appropriating money for a grant to Nisswa.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Jungbauer, Fischbach and Senjem introduced—

S.F. No. 2845: A bill for an act relating to taxation; income taxes; providing an income tax credit for health insurance expenses; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Pappas introduced—

S.F. No. 2846: A bill for an act relating to higher education; clarifying administrative funding for teach education and comprehension helps program grants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 136A.128, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Torres Ray introduced—

S.F. No. 2847: A bill for an act relating to child care; establishing a Child Care Advisory Task Force; requiring a report.

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

Senator Torres Ray introduced—

S.F. No. 2848: A bill for an act relating to child care; modifying a child care licensure requirement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 245A.1435.

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

Senators Scheid, Berglin and Clark introduced—

S.F. No. 2849: A bill for an act relating to child care; appropriating money for the child care assistance basic sliding fee waiting list.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Scheid, Clark and Berglin introduced–

S.F. No. 2850: A bill for an act relating to child care; modifying the effective date of child care absent day requirements; amending Laws 2007, chapter 147, article 2, section 64.

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

Senators Scheid, Berglin and Clark introduced–

S.F. No. 2851: A bill for an act relating to child care; increasing child care assistance provider reimbursement rates; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 119B.13, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Marty introduced–

S.F. No. 2852: A bill for an act relating to real estate; requiring sellers of residential lake property and their real estate agents to disclose and provide to buyers known existing land surveys; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 82.22, subdivision 8; 513.54; 513.55, subdivision 1; 513.57, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Latz, Higgins, Berglin and Rosen introduced–

S.F. No. 2853: A bill for an act relating to public safety; appropriating money for homeless outreach grants.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Rest introduced–

S.F. No. 2854: A bill for an act relating to early childhood education; creating an early childhood family education collaboration incentive; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 124D.135, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Gimse, Senjem, Wergin and Fischbach introduced–

S.F. No. 2855: A bill for an act relating to retirement; privatized public employee retirement coverage; including certain departments of the Rice Memorial Hospital in Willmar 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.

Senator Chaudhary introduced–

S.F. No. 2856: 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 replace a pedestrian bridge in the city of Columbia Heights.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Higgins, Rest, Pogemiller and Latz introduced—

S.F. No. 2857: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for development of the Opportunity Center; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Rummel and Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 2858: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for Century College; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Rummel, Vandever, Saltzman and Wiger introduced—

S.F. No. 2859: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for Century College classroom and student support space renovation; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Bakk, Olseen, Prettner Solon and Lourey introduced—

S.F. No. 2860: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Northshore Express Inter-City Passenger Rail; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Higgins, Ingebrigtsen and Moua introduced—

S.F. No. 2861: A bill for an act relating to public safety; changing the due date of the Gang and Drug Oversight Council's annual report to the legislature; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 299A.641, subdivision 12.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Rosen, Frederickson and Vickerman introduced—

S.F. No. 2862: A bill for an act relating to waters; providing for appointment of supervisors to soil and water conservation districts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 103C.305, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Ingebrigtsen and Pariseau introduced–

S.F. No. 2863: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; authorizing the spearing of fish by certain students without a license; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97A.445, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Hann and Ortman introduced–

S.F. No. 2864: A bill for an act relating to education; expanding the education tax credit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 290.0674, subdivisions 1, 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Hann, Michel and Bonoff introduced–

S.F. No. 2865: A bill for an act relating to education finance; eliminating the referendum allowance limit; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 126C.17, subdivisions 2, 3.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Prettner Solon, Scheid, Sparks, Vandever and Doll introduced–

S.F. No. 2866: A bill for an act relating to telecommunications; requiring the commissioner of commerce to contract for a statewide inventory of broadband service; appropriating money.

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

Senators Lourey, Senjem, Sieben, Lynch and Sheran introduced–

S.F. No. 2867: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for grave markers or memorial monuments for deceased residents of state hospitals or regional treatment centers; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Lourey introduced–

S.F. No. 2868: A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing an account transfer for Independent School District No. 2580, East Central.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Bakk introduced–

S.F. No. 2869: A bill for an act relating to taxation; making policy, technical, administrative, and clarifying changes to various taxes and fees and related provisions; changing provisions relating to government data practices and debt collection; providing for compliance with job opportunity building zone requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 13.51, subdivision 3;

13.585, subdivision 5; 16D.02, subdivisions 3, 6; 16D.04, subdivision 2; 163.051, subdivision 5; 270A.08, subdivision 1; 270C.33, subdivision 5; 270C.56, subdivision 1; 272.02, subdivisions 13, 20, 21, 27, 31, 38, 49; 272.03, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 273.11, subdivision 8; 273.124, subdivisions 6, 13, 21; 273.128, subdivision 1; 273.13, subdivisions 22, 23, 25, 33; 274.01, subdivision 3; 274.014, subdivision 3; 276.04, subdivision 2; 287.20, subdivisions 3a, 9, by adding a subdivision; 289A.18, subdivision 1; 289A.55, by adding a subdivision; 289A.60, by adding a subdivision; 290.01, subdivision 6b; 290.068, subdivision 3; 290.07, subdivision 1; 290.21, subdivision 4; 290.92, subdivision 26; 290B.04, subdivision 1; 295.50, subdivision 4; 295.52, subdivision 4; 295.53, subdivision 4a; 296A.07, subdivision 4; 296A.08, subdivision 3; 296A.16, subdivision 2; 297A.61, subdivisions 22, 29; 297A.665; 297A.67, subdivision 7; 297A.995, subdivision 10, by adding subdivisions; 297B.01, subdivision 7; 297B.03; 297F.01, subdivision 8; 297F.21, subdivision 1; 297G.01, subdivision 9; 297H.09; 297I.05, subdivision 12; 469.040, subdivision 4; 469.174, subdivision 10b; 469.177, subdivision 1c; 469.319; 477A.03, subdivision 2a; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, sections 115A.1314, subdivision 2; 273.1231, subdivision 7, by adding a subdivision; 273.1232, subdivision 1; 273.1233, subdivisions 1, 3; 273.1234; 273.1235, subdivisions 1, 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 273; 469; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 477A.014, subdivision 5; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 477A.014, subdivision 4; Minnesota Rules, parts 8031.0100, subpart 3; 8093.2100.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Sparks introduced—

S.F. No. 2870: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for the Shell Rock River Channel Redevelopment and Blazing Star Landing plan; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Clark introduced—

S.F. No. 2871: 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 asset preservation at correctional facilities statewide.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Vandever introduced—

S.F. No. 2872: A bill for an act relating to local government; limiting local government requirements for use of certain nonconforming lots; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 394.36, by adding a subdivision; 462.357, subdivision 1e.

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

Senator Vandever introduced—

S.F. No. 2873: A bill for an act relating to human services; changing adult foster care and family

adult day services provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 245A.11, subdivision 2b; 245A.143, subdivision 1.

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

Senator Vandever introduced–

S.F. No. 2874: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; eliminating horse trail pass; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 84.0835, subdivision 3; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 85.46.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Rest, Bonoff and Sieben introduced–

S.F. No. 2875: A bill for an act relating to courts; providing for a deferral from jury service for certain nursing mothers; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 593.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Anderson, Torres Ray, Murphy, Koering and Dille introduced–

S.F. No. 2876: A bill for an act relating to animals; changing provisions regulating dangerous dogs; imposing penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 347.50, by adding a subdivision; 347.51, subdivisions 2a, 3, 4, 7, 9; 347.52; 347.53; 347.54, subdivisions 1, 3; 347.55; 347.56; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 347.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

Senators Pariseau, Gimse, Frederickson, Skogen and Ingebrigtsen introduced–

S.F. No. 2877: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying hours for nighttime raccoon hunting; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.621, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senators Dille, Vickerman, Prettner Solon, Koering and Skogen introduced–

S.F. No. 2878: A bill for an act relating to veterinary medicine; recognizing Program for the Assessment of Veterinary Education Equivalence certification; limiting use of certain drugs; changing certain requirements; regulating prescription of drugs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 156.001, by adding a subdivision; 156.02, subdivisions 1, 2; 156.04; 156.072, subdivision 2; 156.073; 156.12, subdivisions 2, 4, 6; 156.15, subdivision 2; 156.16, subdivisions 3, 10; 156.18, subdivisions 1, 2; 156.19.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture and Veterans.

Senators Marty, Prettner Solon, Higgins, Senjem and Torres Ray introduced–

S.F. No. 2879: A bill for an act relating to health; permitting patient-delivered partner therapy

for the treatment of chlamydia or gonorrhea; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 144.065; 151.01, subdivision 23; 151.37, subdivision 7, by adding a subdivision.

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

Senator Murphy introduced–

S.F. No. 2880: 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 Red Wing.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Scheid and Vandever introduced–

S.F. No. 2881: A bill for an act relating to commerce; regulating contracts for deed, rates of interest on certain contracts, and mortgage lending; providing verification of the borrower's reasonable ability to repay a mortgage loan; providing penalties and remedies for a mortgage broker's failure to comply with the broker's duties of agency; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 47.20, subdivision 2; 334.01, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, sections 58.13, subdivision 1; 58.18, subdivisions 1, 2.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Rummel, Lynch, Wiger, Torres Ray and Michel introduced–

S.F. No. 2882: A bill for an act relating to education; establishing state measures of academic success; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 120B.31, as amended; 120B.35, as amended; 120B.36, as amended; 120B.362; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 120B.30; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

Senators Ingebrigtsen, Hann and Foley introduced–

S.F. No. 2883: A bill for an act relating to drivers' licenses; requiring that full head and face be shown on driver's license photograph; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 171.07, subdivisions 1, 3; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 13.6905, subdivision 8; 171.071, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Dille, Vickerman, Prettner Solon and Kubly introduced–

S.F. No. 2884: A bill for an act relating to human services; requiring certain pension benefit costs to be recognized for purposes of calculating nursing facility payment rates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256B.434, by adding a subdivision.

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

Senator Betzold introduced–

S.F. No. 2885: A bill for an act relating to retirement; various retirement plans; disallowing the creation of liquidating trusts for any purpose; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 356.

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

Senators Rest, Betzold, Pappas, Anderson and Tomassoni introduced–

S.F. No. 2886: A bill for an act relating to state finance; modifying state budget requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 13.605, subdivision 1; 16A.10, subdivisions 1, 2; 16A.11, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Wergin and Hann introduced–

S.F. No. 2887: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and better public land and buildings and other improvements of a capital nature with certain conditions; authorizing the sale of state bonds; establishing new programs and modifying existing programs; cancelling and modifying previous appropriations; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 16B.335, subdivision 2; 116J.423, by adding a subdivision; Laws 2005, chapter 20, article 1, sections 7, subdivision 21; 17; 23, subdivision 16; Laws 2006, chapter 258, sections 7, subdivisions 11, 22; 21, subdivision 6; 23, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Wergin introduced–

S.F. No. 2888: A bill for an act relating to human services; eliminating certain outreach requirements for school districts; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 256.962, subdivision 6.

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

Senators Prettner Solon, Marty, Chaudhary, Frederickson and Dille introduced–

S.F. No. 2889: A bill for an act relating to consumer protection; requiring lead sinkers, jigs, and lures offered for sale to bear a warning label; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325F.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Rest introduced–

S.F. No. 2890: A bill for an act relating to contracts; regulating building and construction contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 337.01, subdivisions 2, 3, by adding a subdivision; 337.02; 337.05, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Business, Industry and Jobs.

Senator Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 2891: A bill for an act relating to health; requiring disclosure of contracts between health plan companies and hospitals; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62J.

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

Senator Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 2892: A bill for an act relating to taxation; expanding the sales tax exemption for public safety radio communication products; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 297A.70, subdivision 8.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 2893: A bill for an act relating to child protection; modifying financial responsibility for out-of-state children; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 260.855.

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

Senator Olson, M. introduced—

S.F. No. 2894: A bill for an act relating to retirement; correctional state employees retirement plan; recategorizing past corrections security caseworker employment as covered correctional service; authorizing past service credit transfer from the general state employees retirement plan.

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

Senators Lynch, Marty, Lourey, Berglin and Rosen introduced—

S.F. No. 2895: A bill for an act relating to health occupations; establishing an advanced dental hygiene practitioner level of practice; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 150A.01, by adding a subdivision; 150A.05, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision; 150A.10, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 4, by adding a subdivision; 151.01, subdivision 23; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 151.37, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 150A.

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

Senator Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 2896: 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 Nashwauk.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 2897: 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 Nashwauk.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 2898: 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 Effie.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 2899: 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 Coleraine, Bovey, and Taconite.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 2900: 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 Bovey.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Saxhaug introduced—

S.F. No. 2901: 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 Big Fork.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Kubly introduced—

S.F. No. 2902: A bill for an act relating to health; modifying the definition of other health coverage for purposes of MinnesotaCare eligibility; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 256L.07, subdivision 3.

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

Senator Kubly introduced–

S.F. No. 2903: A bill for an act relating to Big Stone County; authorizing the county board to assign certain duties to the county treasurer.

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

Senator Saxhaug introduced–

S.F. No. 2904: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying bear hunting permit drawing provisions; requiring rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 97B.405.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.

Senator Saxhaug introduced–

S.F. No. 2905: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; appropriating money for shooting sports facilities at the Vermillion Highlands Wildlife Management Area; authorizing the issuance of state general obligation bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Day introduced–

S.F. No. 2906: A bill for an act relating to taxes; authorizing the city of Medford to impose a local sales and use tax.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Day introduced–

S.F. No. 2907: A bill for an act relating to highways; requiring signs for academies for the deaf and blind.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Higgins introduced–

S.F. No. 2908: A bill for an act relating to landlord and tenant; providing for certain notices relating to foreclosure; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 504B.151; 504B.178, subdivision 8; 504B.285, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Olseen introduced–

S.F. No. 2909: A bill for an act relating to landlord and tenant; modifying right of tenant to pay utility bills; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 504B.215, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Higgins introduced–

S.F. No. 2910: A bill for an act relating to landlord and tenant; modifying expungement and withholding of rent under certain circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 484.014, by adding a subdivision; 504B.178, subdivision 8.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Higgins introduced–

S.F. No. 2911: A bill for an act relating to courts; modifying certain district court fees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 357.021, subdivision 1a.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Scheid introduced–

S.F. No. 2912: A bill for an act relating to mortgages; amending provisions relating to foreclosure; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 580.02; 580.041, subdivision 2; 580.06; 580.07; 580.12; 580.23, subdivision 1; 580.25; 580.28; 580.30; 581.10; 582.03; 582.031; 582.032, subdivision 2; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, sections 510.05; 550.19; 550.22; 550.24; 580.24; Laws 2004, chapter 263, section 26; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 580.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Foley and Moua introduced–

S.F. No. 2913: A bill for an act relating to human rights; modifying filing of claim provision; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 363A.28, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Rest introduced–

S.F. No. 2914: A bill for an act relating to data practices; providing for certain data practices relating to foreclosure; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 58.02, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 580.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Moua introduced–

S.F. No. 2915: A bill for an act relating to judicial process; modifying certain civil and criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 363A.29, subdivision 4; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, section 609.822, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Moua and Dibble introduced–

S.F. No. 2916: A bill for an act relating to taxes; providing for certain mortgage tax forgiveness; amending Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, sections 290.01, subdivisions 19, 31; 290A.03, subdivision 15.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Marty introduced–

S.F. No. 2917: A bill for an act relating to manufactured housing; providing for regulation of lending practices and default; providing notices and remedies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 327.64; 327.65; 327.66; 327B.01, by adding subdivisions; 327B.08, by adding a subdivision; 327B.09, by adding a subdivision; 327B.12; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325B.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Higgins introduced–

S.F. No. 2918: A bill for an act relating to mortgages; redemption period; providing for notice of sale; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 582.032, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Betzold introduced–

S.F. No. 2919: A bill for an act relating to civil commitments; modifying and clarifying time requirements for hearings; providing an exception from prehearing discharge for commitment petitions involving persons alleged to be mentally ill and dangerous or a sexual psychopathic personality or sexually dangerous person; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 253B.08, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senators Anderson, Foley and Olson, M. introduced–

S.F. No. 2920: A bill for an act relating to child support; requiring collection service fees to be paid by obligor; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, section 518A.51.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

Senator Erickson Ropes introduced–

S.F. No. 2921: A bill for an act relating to capital improvements; providing for a cooperative facility grant to Independent School District No. 239, Rushford-Peterson; waiving certain timelines; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senators Metzen, Rosen and Higgins introduced—

S.F. No. 2922: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for industry sector training initiatives.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

Senator Betzold introduced—

S.F. No. 2923: A bill for an act relating to retirement; providing for actuarial services to the legislature and the state; mandating the retention of the consulting actuary for various retirement-related reports by the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement; allocating the costs of actuarial services among retirement plans; creating a revolving fund for actuarial services; appropriating money; making various conforming changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2006, sections 3.85, by adding a subdivision; 352.03, subdivision 6; 352.116, subdivision 4; 352.119, subdivision 2; 352.72, subdivision 2; 352.931, subdivision 2; 352B.08, subdivision 3; 352B.26, subdivision 3; 352B.30, subdivision 2; 353.01, subdivision 14; 353.271, subdivision 2; 353.29, subdivision 6; 353.30, subdivisions 3, 5; 353.71, subdivision 2; 353.88; 353A.08, subdivision 2; 354.06, subdivision 2a; 354.07, subdivision 1; 354.45, subdivision 1; 354.55, subdivision 11; 354A.011, subdivision 3a; 354A.021, subdivision 7; 354A.31, subdivision 7; 354A.32, subdivision 1; 354A.33; 354A.37, subdivision 2; 356.20, subdivisions 3, 4; 356.214; 356.215, subdivisions 1, 2, 2a, 17, 18; 356.551, subdivision 2; 422A.01, subdivision 7; 422A.04, subdivisions 2, 3; 422A.06, subdivision 2; 422A.101, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 2a; 422A.15, subdivisions 2, 3; 422A.16, subdivision 2; 422A.17; 422A.23, subdivision 12; 422A.231; 490.121, subdivision 2a; 490.124, subdivision 11; Minnesota Statutes 2007 Supplement, sections 353.03, subdivision 3a; 354.35, subdivision 2; 354A.12, subdivision 3c; 422A.06, subdivision 8; 422A.101, subdivision 3.

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

Senators Tomassoni and Scheid introduced—

S.F. No. 2924: A bill for an act relating to liquor; authorizing St. Louis County to issue an off-sale intoxicating liquor license.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senator Wergin was excused from the Session of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Pogemiller moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 21, 2008. The motion prevailed.

Patrick E. Flahaven, Secretary of the Senate

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