

## THIRTIETH DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Wednesday, March 18, 2015

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

**CALL OF THE SENATE**

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

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Rev. Carl Caskey.

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

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

Anderson	Eaton	Jensen	Pappas	Sieben
Bakk	Eken	Johnson	Pederson, J.	Skoe
Benson	Fischbach	Kent	Petersen, B.	Sparks
Bonoff	Franzen	Kiffmeyer	Pratt	Stumpf
Brown	Gazelka	Koenen	Reinert	Thompson
Chamberlain	Goodwin	Latz	Rest	Tomassoni
Champion	Hall	Limmer	Rosen	Torres Ray
Clausen	Hann	Lourey	Ruud	Weber
Cohen	Hawj	Marty	Saxhaug	Westrom
Dahle	Hayden	Metzen	Scalze	Wiger
Dahms	Hoffman	Nelson	Schmit	Wiklund
Dibble	Housley	Newman	Senjem	
Dziedzic	Ingebrigtsen	Osmek	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 23, 2015

The Honorable Sandra L. Pappas  
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Pappas:

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

## BOARD OF THE ARTS

Ardell Brede, 653 - 16th St. S.W., Rochester, in the county of Olmsted, effective February 28, 2015, for a term expiring on January 7, 2019.

Rebecca Davis, 32898 Priebes Park Dr., Vergas, in the county of Otter Tail, effective February 28, 2015, to complete a term expiring on January 4, 2016.

Wendy Dayton, 300 Cty. Rd. 6, Wayzata, in the county of Hennepin, effective February 28, 2015, for a term expiring on January 7, 2019.

Sean Dowse, 2508 Hallquist Ave., Red Wing, in the county of Goodhue, effective February 28, 2015, for a term expiring on January 7, 2019.

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

Sincerely,  
Mark Dayton, Governor

## MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Madam President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following Senate File, herewith returned: S.F. No. 578.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned March 16, 2015

Madam President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following House File, herewith transmitted: H.F. No. 794.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted March 16, 2015

## FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

The following bill was read the first time.

**H.F. No. 794:** A bill for an act relating to surveying; streamlining and simplifying statutory sections; making technical and conforming changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 160.15, subdivisions 1, 3; 358.47; 381.12; 389.09, subdivision 1; 505.021, subdivisions 1, 5, 7, 9; 505.04; 505.1792, subdivision 1; 507.093; 508.47, subdivision 4; 508A.47, subdivision 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 160.15, subdivisions 2, 4, 5; 389.09, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration for comparison with S.F. No. 771, now on General Orders.

**REPORTS OF COMMITTEES**

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

**Senator Metzen from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1698:** A bill for an act relating to commerce; weights and measures; modifying the commissioner of commerce's powers; clarifying diesel fuel advertisement sign requirements; modifying the definition for ethanol flex fuels; updating fuel standard references; correcting cross-references; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 239.011, subdivision 2; 239.44; 239.751, by adding a subdivision; 239.761, subdivisions 3, 4, 6, 10, 11, 13, by adding a subdivision; 296A.01, subdivisions 7, 8, 19, 23, 24.

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

**Senator Metzen from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1265:** A bill for an act relating to insurance; permitting individuals to contract with an insurance producer to advocate on the individual's behalf with respect to health coverage with an insurance company; regulating payment of commissions by issuers of qualified health plans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 60K.31, by adding subdivisions; 60K.48, by adding a subdivision; 60K.49, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62V.

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

**Senator Metzen from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1523:** A bill for an act relating to commerce; regulating health coverages; modifying coverages; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 62A.3075; 62A.65, subdivision 3; 62L.05, subdivision 9; 62L.08, by adding a subdivision; 62Q.18; 62Q.73, subdivision 3.

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

Page 3, line 28, delete "paragraphs (a) to (d),"

Page 4, line 4, delete "subdivisions 2 to 4 and 6,"

Page 5, line 34, delete "12" and insert "9"

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

**Senator Metzen from the Committee on Commerce, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1679:** A bill for an act relating to auto insurance; providing transportation network financial responsibility; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 65B.64, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 65B.

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

Page 1, line 12, after "compensation" insert "primarily"

Page 2, lines 24 and 34, delete "\$1,500,000" and insert "\$1,000,000"

Page 3, line 28, delete "\$1,500,000" and insert "\$1,000,000"

Page 4, line 3, delete "\$1,500,000" and insert "\$1,000,000"

Page 4, line 10, delete "paragraph" and insert "subdivision"

Page 4, line 28, after "This" insert "section"

Page 5, line 23, delete "paragraph" and insert "subdivision"

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

**Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 877:** A bill for an act relating to utilities; establishing requirements relating to crossing railroad rights-of-way by utilities; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 237.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**"Section 1. [237.045] RAILROAD RIGHTS-OF-WAY; CROSSING OR PARALLELING BY UTILITIES.**

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

(b) "Crossing" means the construction, operation, repair, or maintenance of a utility facility over, under, or across a railroad right-of-way. The term includes longitudinal occupancy of railroad right-of-way.

(c) "Facility" means any item of personal property placed over, across, or underground for use in connection with the storage or conveyance of:

(1) water;

(2) sewage;

(3) electronic, telephone, or telegraphic communications;

(4) fiber optics;

(5) cablevision;

(6) electric energy;

(7) oil;

(8) gas;

(9) hazardous liquids; or

(10) other facilities including pipes, sewers, conduits, cables, valves, lines, wires, manholes, or attachments.

(d) "Parallel" or "paralleling" means that the relevant utility facilities run adjacent to and alongside the lines of a railroad for no more than one mile, or another distance agreed to by

the parties, before the utility facilities cross the railroad lines, terminate, or exit the railroad right-of-way

(e) "Railroad" means any association, corporation, or other entity engaged in operating a common carrier by rail, or any other entity responsible for the management of crossings or collection of crossing fees for the railroad.

(f) "Utility" means cooperative electric association, electric utility, public utility, transmission company, gas utility, municipal utility, municipal power agency, joint action agency, pipeline company, rural water system, or telephone, telegraph, telecommunications, cable, or fiber optic carrier.

Subd. 2. **Application.** This section applies to:

(1) any crossing in existence before the effective date of this section if an agreement concerning the crossing has expired or has been terminated. In such instance, if the collective amount of \$750 has been paid to the railroad during the existence of the crossing, no additional fee is required; and

(2) any crossing commenced on or after the effective date of this section.

Subd. 3. **Right-of-way crossing; application for permission.** (a) Any utility that intends to place a facility across or upon a railroad right-of-way shall request prior permission from the railroad.

(b) The request shall be in the form of a completed crossing application, including a drawing showing the location of the proposed crossing and the railroad's property, tracks, and wires that the utility will cross. The utility shall submit the crossing application on a form provided or approved by the railroad, if available.

(c) The crossing application shall be sent to the railroad by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

(d) The application shall be accompanied by the crossing fee as set forth in subdivision 5, and a certificate of insurance as required by subdivision 6.

Subd. 4. **Right-of-way crossing; construction.** Beginning 30 days after the receipt by the railroad of a completed crossing application, crossing fee, and certificate of insurance, the utility may commence the construction of the crossing unless the railroad notifies the utility in writing that the proposed crossing or paralleling is a serious threat to the safe operations of the railroad or to the current use of the railroad right-of-way.

Subd. 5. **Standard crossing fee.** (a) Unless otherwise agreed by the parties or determined under section 237.04, a utility that crosses a railroad right-of-way, other than a crossing within a public right-of-way, shall pay the railroad a onetime standard crossing fee of \$750 for each crossing. The standard crossing fee is in lieu of any license, permit, application, processing fee, or any other fee or charge to reimburse the railroad for direct expenses incurred by the railroad as a result of the crossing.

(b) In addition to the standard crossing fee, the utility shall also reimburse the railroad for any reasonable flagging expense associated with a crossing.

(c) No crossing fee is required if the crossing is located within a public right-of-way.

(d) The placement of a single conduit and its content shall be considered a single facility. No additional fees are payable based on the individual fibers, wires, lines, or other items contained within the conduit.

Subd. 6. **Certificate of insurance; coverage.** (a) The certificate of insurance or coverage submitted by a municipality shall include commercial general liability insurance or an equivalent form with a limit of not less than \$1,000,000 for each occurrence and an aggregate of not less than \$2,000,000.

(b) The certificate of insurance submitted by any other utility, except a gas or hazardous materials pipeline utility, shall include commercial general liability insurance with a combined single limit of a minimum of \$2,000,000 for each occurrence and an aggregate limit of at least \$4,000,000.

(c) The certificate of insurance submitted by a gas or hazardous materials pipeline utility shall include commercial general liability insurance with a combined single limit of a minimum of \$5,000,000 for each occurrence and an aggregate limit of at least \$10,000,000.

(d) The certificate of insurance shall be from an insurer of the utility's choosing.

Subd. 7. **Objection to crossing; petition to Public Utilities Commission.** (a) If a railroad objects to the proposed crossing or paralleling due to the proposal being a serious threat to the safe operations of the railroad or to the current use of the railroad right-of-way, the railroad shall provide to the utility notice of the objection and the specific basis for the objection. The railroad shall send the notice of objection to the utility by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

(b) If the parties are unable to resolve the objection, either party may petition the Public Utilities Commission for their assistance via mediation or arbitration of the disputed crossing application. The petition must be filed within 60 days of receipt of the objection. Before filing a petition, the parties shall make good faith efforts to resolve the objection.

(c) If a petition is filed, the Public Utilities Commission must issue an order within 120 days of filing of the petition. The order may be appealed under chapter 14 and section 216B.27. The Public Utilities Commission shall assess the costs associated with a petition equitably among the parties.

Subd. 8. **Additional requirements; objection and petition to Public Utilities Commission.** (a) If a railroad imposes additional requirements on a utility for crossing its lines, other than the proposed crossing being a serious threat to the safe operations of the railroad or to the current use of the railroad right-of-way, the utility may object to one or more of the requirements. If it objects, the utility shall provide notice of the objection and the specific basis for the objection to the railroad by certified mail, with return receipt requested.

(b) If the parties are unable to resolve the objection, either party may petition the Public Utilities Commission for resolution or modification of the additional requirements. The petition must be filed within 60 days of receipt of the objection. Before filing a petition, the parties shall make good faith efforts to resolve the objection.

(c) If a petition is filed, the Public Utilities Commission shall determine, after notice and opportunity for hearing, whether special circumstances exist that necessitate additional requirements for the placement of the crossing. The Public Utilities Commission must issue an order within 120 days of filing of the petition. The order may be appealed under chapter 14 and

section 216B.27. The Public Utilities Commission shall assess the costs associated with a petition equitably among the parties.

Subd. 9. Existing agreements. Nothing in this section prevents a railroad and a utility from continuing under an existing agreement, or from otherwise negotiating the terms and conditions applicable to a crossing or the resolution of any disputes relating to the crossing. The use of this section or section 237.04 is optional. Nothing in this section impairs the authority of a utility to secure crossing rights by easement through exercise of the power of eminent domain."

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

**Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1041:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; providing for nondomiciled commercial driver's licenses and permits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 171.02, by adding a subdivision; 171.06, subdivision 3; 171.07, subdivision 1b.

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

**Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1473:** A bill for an act relating to data practices; authorizing certain data on disability certificate holders to be released for purposes of enforcing parking restrictions in cities and towns; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 13.69, subdivision 1.

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

**Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1705:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; specifying causes and types of damage for which railroads are responsible; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 219.76; 219.761.

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

Page 1, line 10, after "person" insert "who is injured" and after "entity" insert "or person"

Page 1, line 11, reinstate the stricken "injured" and insert a comma and after "damaged" insert a comma

Page 1, line 21, delete "response" and reinstate the stricken "of" and strike "when"

Page 1, line 22, after "emergency" insert "that" and after "stock" insert "or its contents"

Page 1, line 23, strike "the fire department"

Page 2, line 1, delete "or other" and insert "an"

Page 2, line 2, after "responder" insert ", local government entity, or nonprofit firefighting corporation"

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

**Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 918:** A bill for an act relating to railroads; requiring two-person crew on trains carrying freight; prescribing penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 219.

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

Page 1, line 9, after "except" insert "hostling and helper operations, remote control locomotives in yards, and"

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

**Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1525:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying various provisions impacting or enforced by the Department of Transportation; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 160.20, subdivision 4; 160.266, subdivisions 2, 3, by adding subdivisions; 161.321, subdivisions 2a, 2c, 4.

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

Page 3, delete sections 6 and 7 and insert:

"Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 161.321, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

Subd. 2a. **Small targeted group business; subcontracting goals.** (a) ~~The commissioner, as a condition of awarding a construction contract, may set goals that require the~~ for targeted group business participation in contracts. As a condition of award, the prime contractor is required to subcontract portions of the contract to small targeted group businesses. Prime contractors must demonstrate good faith efforts to meet the project goals. The commissioner shall establish a procedure for granting waivers from the subcontracting requirement when qualified small targeted group businesses are not reasonably available either meet the goal or demonstrate good faith efforts to meet the goal. The commissioner must establish a procedure for evaluating the good faith efforts of contractors that do not meet the goal. The commissioner may establish (1) financial incentives for prime contractors who exceed the goals set for the use of subcontractors under this subdivision; and (2) sanctions for prime contractors who fail to make good faith efforts to meet the goals set under this subdivision.

(b) The small targeted group business subcontracting requirements of this subdivision do not apply to prime contractors who are small targeted group businesses.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 161.321, subdivision 2c, is amended to read:

Subd. 2c. **Veteran-owned small business; subcontracting goals.** (a) ~~The commissioner, as a condition of awarding a construction contract, may set goals that require the prime contractor to subcontract portions of the contract to veteran-owned small businesses~~ for veteran-owned small business participation in contracts, except when prohibited by federal law or rule as a condition



of receiving federal funds. As a condition of award, the prime ~~contractors~~ contractor must either meet the goal or demonstrate good faith efforts to meet the project goals. The commissioner ~~shall~~ must establish a procedure for granting waivers from the subcontracting requirement when qualified veteran-owned small businesses are not reasonably available evaluating the good faith efforts of contractors that do not meet the goal. The commissioner may establish (1) financial incentives for prime contractors who exceed the goals set for the use of subcontractors under this subdivision; and (2) sanctions for prime contractors who ~~have not been granted a waiver and~~ fail to make good faith efforts to meet goals set under this subdivision.

(b) The subcontracting requirements of this subdivision do not apply to prime contractors who are veteran-owned small businesses."

Page 4, delete section 8 and insert:

"Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 161.321, subdivision 4, is amended to read:

Subd. 4. **Contract awards, limitations.** ~~Contracts awarded pursuant to this section are subject to all limitations contained in rules adopted by~~ The commissioner may elect to subject contracts awarded under this section to limitations contained in rules adopted by the commissioner of administration."

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

**Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1466:** A bill for an act relating to economic development; Department of Employment and Economic Development; making policy changes; modifying data sharing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 116J.035, subdivision 1a; 171.12, subdivision 7; 268.19, subdivision 1.

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

Page 1, line 15, after "disclose" insert "information relating only to date of birth and gender, within the category of"

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

**Senator Dibble from the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 1073:** A bill for an act relating to driving while impaired; addressing the applicability of certain affirmative defenses in DWI and CVO-related proceedings; clarifying the scope of the implied consent hearing; extending certain time periods to request reviews in DWI-related proceedings; requiring the disclosure of preliminary screening test results under certain circumstances in DWI proceedings; lowering the alcohol concentration standard for enhanced criminal penalties in the DWI law to match the existing standard for enhanced civil DWI sanctions; modifying the DWI plate impoundment law relating to how plates are impounded and reissued; providing that DWI offenders are not required to take a specified examination as a condition of driver's license reinstatement; prohibiting the application of the DWI Forfeiture Law to motor vehicles operated by persons who enter the ignition interlock program; providing that certain participants in the ignition interlock program do not have to obtain a limited driver's license as a

condition of participating; requiring indigent ignition interlock program participants to submit a sworn statement regarding indigency and making submitting a false statement a crime; making ignition interlock crimes nonpayable offenses; requiring criminal vehicular homicide offenders to participate in the ignition interlock program; specifying which ignition interlock program participants must present a noncancelable insurance certificate as a prerequisite to participating in the program; allowing DWI offenders to pay their driver's license reinstatement fees and surcharges in installments; providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 97B.066, subdivisions 8, 9; 169A.03, subdivision 3; 169A.07; 169A.275, subdivision 5; 169A.285, subdivision 1; 169A.37, subdivision 1; 169A.41, by adding a subdivision; 169A.46; 169A.53, subdivisions 2, 3; 169A.55, subdivisions 2, 5; 169A.60, subdivisions 4, 5, 10, 13; 169A.63, by adding a subdivision; 171.09, subdivision 1; 171.29, subdivisions 1, 2; 171.30, subdivisions 1, 2a, 5; 171.306, subdivisions 1, 2, 4, 5, 6; 609.2111; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 609.2112, subdivision 2; 609.2113, subdivision 4; 609.2114, subdivision 4.

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

Page 5, line 21, delete "by the peace officer who administered the test"

Page 6, line 13, after "defendant" insert "was not under the influence at the time of the violation and"

Page 19, line 27, before the semicolon, insert ", or for a violation of section 169A.20, while having an alcohol concentration of 0.16 or more"

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

**Senator Torres Ray from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1506:** A bill for an act relating to state government; modifying procedures for creation, annexation, detachment, and dissolution of sanitary districts; modifying filing and hearing requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 442A.04, subdivisions 2, 3, 8, 9; 442A.05, subdivisions 2, 4, 9, 10; 442A.06, subdivisions 2, 4, 9, 10; 442A.07, subdivisions 2, 3, 8, 9; 442A.08; 442A.13, subdivision 1.

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

**Senator Torres Ray from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1499:** A bill for an act relating to local government; extending the time period to file certificate of approval of a special law for the Cedar Lake area water and sanitary sewer district.

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

**Senator Torres Ray from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 455:** A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying various provisions related to election administration, including provisions related to school districts, voters, ballots, candidates, political party designation, military and overseas voting, and other election-related provisions; establishing the Elections Emergency Planning Task Force; enacting the Uniform Faithful Presidential Electors Act; amending voter registration procedures; restoring right to vote upon

release from incarceration for a felony offense; providing for early voting; requiring use of actual address for redistricting purposes; making conforming changes; making technical changes; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 13.607, by adding a subdivision; 103C.311, subdivision 2; 123B.09, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 200.02, subdivisions 7, 23, by adding subdivisions; 201.014, by adding a subdivision; 201.022, subdivision 1; 201.054, subdivisions 1, 2; 201.061, by adding a subdivision; 201.071, subdivision 1; 201.091, subdivision 4; 201.12, subdivisions 2, 3; 201.13, subdivision 3; 201.14; 201.157; 201.158; 201.161; 203B.001; 203B.01, subdivision 3, by adding a subdivision; 203B.03, subdivision 1; 203B.05, subdivision 1; 203B.07, subdivision 1; 203B.08, subdivisions 1, 3; 203B.081; 203B.085; 203B.121, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, by adding a subdivision; 203B.16, subdivisions 1, 2; 203B.17, subdivisions 1, 2; 204B.06, subdivision 1b; 204B.07, subdivision 2; 204B.145; 204B.19, subdivision 6; 204B.28, subdivision 2; 204B.36, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4; 204B.45, subdivisions 1, 2; 204C.04, subdivision 2; 204C.08, subdivision 1d; 204C.10; 204C.13, subdivisions 2, 3, 5; 204C.15, subdivision 1; 204C.22, subdivisions 3, 4, 7, 10; 204C.35, subdivisions 1, 2; 204C.36, subdivisions 1, 2; 204C.40, subdivision 2; 204D.11, subdivision 4; 204D.27, subdivision 11; 205.84, subdivision 1; 206.82, subdivision 1; 206.83; 206.90, subdivision 6; 208.02; 208.03; 208.06; 209.01, subdivision 2; 209.021, subdivisions 2, 3; 209.09, subdivision 2; 365.22, subdivisions 2, 3; 367.31, subdivision 4; 368.85, subdivision 4; 375.025, subdivision 1; 375A.09, subdivision 4; 376.04; 383B.68, subdivision 4; 412.551, subdivision 2; 473.123, subdivision 3a; 609.165, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 123B; 201; 203B; 208; 241; 243; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 123B.09, subdivision 5; 201.155; 201.275; 204B.14, subdivision 6; 204C.13, subdivision 4; 204C.30, subdivision 1; 208.07; 208.08; 383A.555.

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

**Senator Torres Ray from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 634:** A bill for an act relating to lawful gambling; making changes relating to games, licensing, reporting, and other regulatory provisions; making technical, clarifying, and conforming changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 349.12, subdivisions 3c, 18; 349.16, by adding a subdivision; 349.161, by adding a subdivision; 349.163, by adding a subdivision; 349.1635, by adding a subdivision; 349.1641; 349.165, subdivision 5; 349.166; 349.168, subdivision 8; 349.169; 349.17, subdivisions 3, 7, 9; 349.1721, subdivision 4; 349.173; 349.181, subdivision 3; 349.19, subdivisions 2, 5; 349.211, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 349.19, subdivision 9b.

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

Page 1, line 14, after "where" insert "on-sale"

Page 1, line 15, after "gambling" insert "and consents to the conduct of bar bingo on the premises"

Page 3, after line 10, insert:

"Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 349.163, subdivision 9, is amended to read:

Subd. 9. **Sales required.** No licensed manufacturer may refuse to sell gambling equipment to a licensed distributor unless:

- (1) a specific type of gambling equipment sold on an exclusive basis is at issue;
- (2) the manufacturer does not sell gambling equipment to any distributor in Minnesota;
- (3) a Minnesota statute or rule prohibits the sale; or
- (4) the distributor is delinquent on any payment owed to the manufacturer.

This subdivision does not apply to application software and those computer programs used by a licensed manufacturer in the production, play, and reporting of board-approved electronic pull-tab games or electronic bingo games.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015."

Page 3, line 19, after "returned" insert "defective"

Page 5, line 1, delete the new language

Page 7, line 16, after the first "effective" insert "the day after final enactment"

Page 8, line 3, strike "When required by the board,"

Page 8, line 4, after "file" insert ", by the 20th of each month," and after "director" insert "a list of all gambling equipment that"

Page 8, line 5, delete "inventory" and strike "at which the"

Page 8, line 6, delete "sold or leased" and strike "all gambling equipment"

Page 8, line 7, delete the new language and insert "sold or leased in the preceding month"

Page 10, line 16, after "pull-tabs" insert "and consents to the conduct of electronic pull-tab devices on the premises"

Page 14, line 4, delete "\$1,000" and insert "\$2,000"

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

**Senator Torres Ray from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 735:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; creating a road-user charge working group to study and report on issues concerning implementation of a road-user charge as an alternative to motor fuels tax; providing for implementation planning; appropriating money.

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

Page 2, line 2, delete everything after the period

Page 2, delete lines 3 and 4

Page 2, line 5, delete everything before "In"

Page 2, line 10, delete "legislature, in" and insert "chairs of the committees in the senate and house of representatives with primary jurisdiction over transportation policy and transportation finance"

Page 2, line 11, delete everything before the period

Page 2, line 22, delete the second "and"

Page 2, line 24, after the semicolon, insert "and"

Page 2, line 28, delete ", and" and insert a semicolon and delete "ability to pay" and insert "the distribution of the burden of a fee structure that includes the factors required under Minnesota Statutes, section 270C.13, subdivision 1, clauses (1) to (3); and (C) identification of and possible fiscal offsets for any disparate impact on users based on geographic location of their residency"

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

**Senator Torres Ray from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 764:** A bill for an act relating to economic development; creating an Office of Workforce Housing; creating a workforce housing grant program; creating tax credits for workforce housing; appropriating money for grants for workforce housing; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.06, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[116J.549] OFFICE OF WORKFORCE HOUSING.**

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

(b) "City" means any statutory or home rule charter city.

(c) "Director" means the director of the Office of Workforce Housing.

(d) "Eligible project area" means a census block with a population density over 200 persons per square mile according to the most recent United States census data available that is within a Greater Minnesota city having a median number of full time private sector jobs of at least 500 for the last five years, or an area served by a joint county-city economic development authority.

(e) "Family" means a family member within the meaning of the Internal Revenue Code, section 267(c)(4).

(f) "Fund" means the workforce housing fund created under subdivision 5.

(g) "Greater Minnesota" means the area of Minnesota located outside the metropolitan area as defined in section 473.121, subdivision 2.

(h) "Joint county-city economic development authority" means an economic development authority, formed under Laws 1998, chapter 516, section 1, as a joint partnership between a city and county and excluding those established by the county only.

(i) "Market rate residential rental properties" means properties that are rented at market value and excludes: (i) properties constructed with financial assistance requiring the property to be occupied by residents that meet income limits under federal or state law of initial occupancy; and (ii) properties constructed with federal, state, or local flood recovery assistance, regardless of whether that assistance imposed income limits as a condition of receiving assistance.

(j) "Nonstate funding" means funding that is not part of a state-funded grant program, including any funds from the workforce housing fund created under this section.

(k) "Office" means the Office of Workforce Housing.

(l) "Officer" means a person elected or appointed by the board of directors to manage the daily operations of a business.

(m) "Principal" means a person having authority to act on behalf of a business.

(n) "Qualified investment" means a cash investment or the fair market value equivalent for common stock, land, a partnership or membership interest, preferred stock, debt with mandatory conversion to equity, or an equivalent ownership interest as determined by the director that is made in a qualified workforce housing project.

(o) "Qualified project investor" means an investor who has been certified by the director under subdivision 7.

(p) "Qualifying workforce housing project" means a project:

(1) for market rate residential rental properties with a minimum of three dwelling units;

(2) with a cost per unit of no more than \$250,000 and no less than \$75,000;

(3) located in an eligible project area with a rental vacancy rate lower than five percent for more than two years based on the most recently available data in a city housing analysis;

(4) having more than 50 percent nonstate funding proposed to fund the project;

(5) located in a city that has a jobs-to-population ratio of greater than 40 percent as measured by the median number of jobs in a city for the last five years compared with the median population of the city for the last five years or an area served by a joint county-city economic development authority; and

(6) that has been designated by the director as a qualifying workforce housing project.

**Subd. 2. Office of Workforce Housing established; purpose.** The Office of Workforce Housing is established within the Department of Employment and Economic Development.

The purpose of the office is to encourage, foster, develop, and improve workforce housing within the state in order to promote job creation and to provide a high quality workforce for Minnesota businesses by increasing the supply of workforce housing in Greater Minnesota.

**Subd. 3. Director and staff.** The office consists of a director of the Office of Workforce Housing and any other staff necessary to carry out the office's duties under subdivision 4. The director must

be appointed by the commissioner of the Department of Employment and Economic Development and serves in the unclassified service. The director must be qualified by experience and training in housing development and community development.

Subd. 4. **Duties.** The director has the power and duty to:

- (1) administer the workforce housing fund for the state of Minnesota;
- (2) coordinate with state, regional, local, and private entities to develop workforce housing;
- (3) provide consultation services to local units of government or other project sponsors in connection with the financing, planning, acquisition, improvement, construction, or development of any workforce housing project;
- (4) consult and coordinate with the Housing Finance Agency and community housing organizations to organize workforce housing projects and programs;
- (5) serve as an information clearinghouse for other programs that provide assistance and funding to developers or others seeking to build workforce housing;
- (6) provide grants and certify investor tax credits for eligible projects in workforce housing;
- (7) provide an annual report as required by subdivision 9;
- (8) set and collect reasonable application fees for grant programs and tax credit applications available under this section;
- (9) certify qualifying workforce housing projects; and
- (10) perform any other activities consistent with the office's purpose.

Subd. 5. **Workforce housing fund.** (a) The workforce housing fund is created as an account in the special revenue fund in the state treasury. Money in the account is appropriated to the director for the purposes in this section to provide grants for the purpose of construction, acquisition, rehabilitation, demolition, removal, and development, including the cost of infrastructure and materials necessary for the creation and production of workforce housing in Greater Minnesota and the cost of personnel required to administer programs.

(b) The fund shall consist of:

- (1) state appropriations;
- (2) investment earnings on money in the fund; and
- (3) application fees paid pursuant to programs in this section.

(c) The director may expend the money from the fund to the extent necessary to carry out the objectives of this section, including hiring necessary staff.

Subd. 6. **Grants; project eligibility and preferences.** (a) The director shall award grants through a competitive grants program for the purposes defined in this section using the eligibility and preferences provided in this subdivision. If a project meets the qualifications in paragraph (b), the director may certify the project as a qualifying workforce housing project based on the eligibility of the program and the preference in paragraph (c). The total grant to a qualified workforce housing project must not exceed \$1,000,000. The total grants given to projects in a

county cannot exceed 40 percent of total funding in the workforce housing fund. Eligible applicants for grants awarded under this section include an incorporated business or partnership, political subdivision, Indian tribe, non-profit organization, cooperative association organized under chapter 308A or 308B, or a limited liability corporation.

(b) To be eligible for a grant, the project must:

- (1) be for market rate residential rental properties with a minimum of three dwelling units;
- (2) have an average cost per unit of no more than \$250,000 and no less than \$75,000;
- (3) be located in an eligible project area with a rental vacancy rate lower than five percent for more than two years based on the most recently available data in a city housing analysis;
- (4) having more than 50 percent nonstate funding proposed to fund the project;
- (5) be located in a city that has a jobs-to-population ratio of greater than 40 percent as measured by the median number of jobs in a city for the last five years compared with the median population of the city for the last five years or an area served by a joint county-city economic development authority; and

(6) have been designated by the director as a qualifying workforce housing project.

(c) Preferences for grants from the workforce housing fund must be given to projects:

- (1) that have the largest total private investment in a project per total project cost;
- (2) that can demonstrate that jobs near the workforce housing project are currently unfilled partly due to a lack of workforce housing, and that the workforce housing project would help a local employer fill those unfilled jobs; or
- (3) that can demonstrate that there are a significant number of employees who currently live more than 30 miles from an employer, and that the workforce housing project targets those particular employees.

Subd. 7. **Qualified project investor tax credits.** (a) A taxpayer who makes a qualified investment in a qualified workforce housing project is allowed a tax credit for 50 percent of the amount of the qualified investment, up to \$1,000,000, to reduce the taxpayer's income or corporate franchise tax under chapter 290 in the year that the qualified workforce housing project has housing units that are certified for occupancy by the Department of Labor and Industry or a city inspector. The director must not allocate more than \$30,000,000 in credits to qualified project investors for a taxable year. The director cannot allocate more than 40 percent of qualified project investor tax credits to the same qualified workforce housing project.

(b) The director shall not allocate a credit if the investor is an officer or principal of a business or sole proprietorship, or a family member of an officer or principal of a business or sole proprietorship, that is competing for a grant through the workforce housing fund in the year the tax credit would be awarded.

(c) Applications for tax credits for a taxable year must be made available by the Office of Workforce Housing by November 1 of the prior year. The office must make every effort to provide applications and relevant data to applicants in a simple, concise manner using plain language. Tax credits must be allocated to qualified project investors in the order that the tax credit request



applications are filed with the office, except where the director determines the investment to be circumventing the spirit of the law or where little or no local economic growth would occur as a result of the investment. The director must approve or reject tax credit request applications within 15 days of receiving the application. The investment specified in the application must be made within 60 days of the allocation of the credit. If the investment is not made within 60 days, the credit allocation is canceled. A qualified project investor who fails to invest as specified in the application must notify the commissioner immediately and no later than five business days after the expiration of the 60-day investment period. The director may require an application fee for the applications submitted under this subdivision.

(d) All tax credit request applications filed with the department on the same day must be treated as having been filed contemporaneously. If two or more qualified project investors file tax credit request applications on the same day, and the aggregate amount of credit allocation claims exceeds the aggregate limit of credits under this section or the lesser amount of credits that remain unallocated on that day, then the credits must be allocated among the qualified project investors who filed on that day on a pro rata basis with respect to the amounts claimed. The pro rata allocation for any one qualified project investor is the product obtained by multiplying a fraction, the numerator of which is the amount of the credit allocation claim filed on behalf of a qualified project investor and the denominator of which is the total of all credit allocation claims filed on behalf of all applicants on that day, by the amount of credits that remain unallocated on that day for the taxable year.

(e) The director must notify the commissioner of revenue of credit certificates issued under this subdivision.

Subd. 8. **Transfer and revocation of credits.** (a) A tax credit under this section is not transferable to any other taxpayer.

(b) If the director discovers that a qualified project investor did not meet the eligibility requirements for the tax credits under this section after the credits have been allocated, the director may determine that credit allocated is revoked and must be repaid by the investor. The director must notify the commissioner of revenue of every credit revoked and subject to full or partial repayment under this section.

Subd. 9. **Reporting.** Beginning in 2016, the director must annually report by March 15 to the chairs and ranking minority members of the committees in the senate and house of representatives with jurisdiction over taxes and economic development, in compliance with sections 3.195 and 3.197, on tax credits issued under this section and the workforce housing projects funded by the workforce housing fund. The report must include:

- (1) information about the availability of workforce housing in Greater Minnesota;
- (2) information from employers and communities in Greater Minnesota about whether or not workforce housing needs are being met;
- (3) which projects have been funded by the workforce housing fund and whether previously funded projects have created economic growth;
- (4) a summary of the Office of Workforce Housing activities to coordinate workforce housing for the state;
- (5) any suggested legislation to accelerate construction of workforce housing;

- (6) the number and amount of tax credits issued and the identity of the recipients;
- (7) the amount of investments made to the fund and whether or not those funds were for a preferred project;
- (8) the number and amount of tax credits revoked under subdivision 8; and
- (9) any other relevant information needed to evaluate the effect of the grants and tax credits available through the Office of Workforce Housing.

Subd. 10. **Appropriations.** Amounts in the workforce housing fund are appropriated to the commissioner of employment and economic development for costs associated with the administration of applications and for the personnel and administrative expenses related to administering the workforce housing grant program and investor tax credit programs.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** The tax credits in this section are effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.06, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 37. **Workforce housing tax credit.** (a) A taxpayer is allowed a credit against the tax under subdivision 1 or 2c equal to the amount certified by the director of workforce housing under section 116J.549, to the taxpayer for the taxable year.

(b) Credits allowed to a partnership, limited liability company taxed as a partnership, corporation, or multiple owners of property are passed through to the partners, members, shareholders, or owners, respectively, pro rata to each partner, member, shareholder, or owner based on that person's share of the entity's income for the taxable year.

(c)(1) The credit is limited to the liability for tax. "Liability for tax" for purposes of this subdivision means the tax imposed under subdivision 1 or 2c, as applicable, for the taxable year reduced by the sum of the nonrefundable credits allowed under this chapter.

(2) For a corporation that is a partner in a partnership, the credit allowed for the taxable year is limited to the lesser of the amount determined under clause (1) for the taxable year or an amount, separately computed with respect to the corporation's interest in the trade, business, or entity, equal to the amount of tax attributable to that portion of taxable income that is allocable or apportionable to the corporation's interest in the trade, business, or entity.

(3) If the amount of the credit determined under this subdivision for any taxable year exceeds the limitation under clause (1), the excess is a credit carryover to each of the ten succeeding taxable years. The entire amount of the excess unused credit for the taxable year is carried first to the earliest of the taxable years to which the credit may be carried and then to each successive year to which the credit may be carried. The amount of the unused credit that may be added under this clause is limited to the taxpayer's liability for tax, less the credit for the taxable year.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** The tax credits in this section are effective for taxable years beginning after December 31, 2014.

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\$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2016 and \$20,000,000 in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of employment and economic development for grants under

Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.549, subdivision 6. Up to five percent of the appropriation in each year is available to the commissioner for the administration of Minnesota Statutes, section 116J.549.

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An amount sufficient to pay the credits authorized under section 2 is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of revenue."

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

**Senator Torres Ray from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1663:** A bill for an act relating to horse racing; modifying and providing definitions; clarifying commission powers and duties; modifying and providing for licensure requirements and other regulatory provisions; providing for industry-related revenue; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 240.01, subdivision 22, by adding subdivisions; 240.011; 240.03; 240.08, subdivisions 2, 4, 5; 240.10; 240.13, subdivisions 5, 6; 240.135; 240.15, subdivisions 1, 6; 240.16, subdivision 1; 240.22; 240.23; 240.30, subdivisions 6, 8; 364.09; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 240.01, subdivisions 12, 23.

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

Page 1, after line 17, insert:

**"EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2016."

Page 7, line 18, after "meet" insert "as agreed upon by the breed organizations participating in the live mixed meet. The agreement shall be in writing and filed with the commission prior to the first day of the live mixed meet. In the absence of a written agreement filed with the commission, the money set aside for purses and payments to the breeders fund from wagering on simulcasts, occurring during a live mixed meet, shall be allotted to each breed participating in the live mixed meet"

Page 7, after line 33, insert:

**"EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2016."

Page 12, delete section 21

Page 13, delete section 22

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

**Senator Torres Ray from the Committee on State and Local Government, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 1275:** A bill for an act relating to health care; establishing a Health Care Innovation Task Force; appropriating money.

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

**Senator Sparks from the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1136:** A bill for an act relating to accessibility; modifying traffic and parking signs, restroom signs, and digital media; removing the words "handicap" and "disability" from parking and traffic signs and state digital media; requiring modification of symbol indicating accessibility; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 326B.106, subdivision 9.

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

Page 2, line 24, delete "state-licensed" and insert "wholly state-leased"

Page 2, line 25, after "facility" insert "owned or wholly-leased by a person or an entity" and after "each" insert "public"

Page 2, line 33, delete "ACCESSIBILITY" and insert "ACCESSIBLE"

Page 2, line 35, delete "handicap" and insert "handicap, disabled," and delete "A state"

Page 3, line 1, delete everything before "private" and insert "The owner of a parking facility that is owned or wholly leased by the state or by a"

Page 3, line 3, before "and" insert "or the state symbol indicating buildings, facilities, and grounds which are accessible to and usable by persons with disabilities adopted by the Rehabilitation International's Eleventh World Congress" and delete "handicap" and insert "handicap, disabled,"

Page 3, line 9, after "TO" insert "PRINTED OR"

Page 3, line 10, after "information" insert "accessibility"

Page 3, line 12, delete "handicap" and insert "handicap, disabled," and after "from" insert "newly printed or"

Page 3, line 13, after "entities" insert "directing the public to accessible public restrooms and accessible parking" and delete "accessibility" and insert "accessible"

Page 3, after line 16, insert:

"Sec. 4. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$..... in fiscal year 2016 and \$..... in fiscal year 2017 are appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of transportation for the purpose of making grants under section 2."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 5, after the semicolon, insert "appropriating money;"

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

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

**S.F. No. 1553:** A bill for an act relating to human services; providing for human services policy modifications; authorizing the use of unmarked vehicles by tobacco inspector staff; modifying requirements for background study expenses; modifying cost of care requirements for persons committed by tribal courts; requiring compliance with the Minnesota Indian Family Preservation Act; continuing a council; authorizing rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 168.012, subdivision 1; 245C.10, by adding a subdivision; 253B.212, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 260C.168; 471.346; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256.

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

**Senator Sparks from the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1533:** A bill for an act relating to workforce development; modifying the extended employment program for persons with disabilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 268A.01, subdivisions 6, 10, 13, by adding subdivisions; 268A.03; 268A.06; 268A.07; 268A.085; 268A.15, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 268A.01, subdivisions 9, 14; 268A.15, subdivisions 1a, 3a, 9.

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

Page 1, after line 17, insert:

**"EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015."

Page 3, line 7, delete "not"

Page 5, line 20, after the semicolon, insert "or"

Page 5, line 22, delete the semicolon and insert a period

Page 5, delete lines 23 to 34

Page 9, after line 21, insert:

**"EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2015."

Page 10, line 8, delete everything after "that"

Page 10, line 9, delete everything before "eligible"

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

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

**S.F. No. 1379:** A bill for an act relating to health; changing quarantine provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 144.419, subdivision 1; 144.4196, subdivision 2.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 144.419, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of sections 144.419 to 144.4196, the following definitions apply:

(1) "bioterrorism" means the intentional use of any microorganism, virus, infectious substance, or biological product that may be engineered as a result of biotechnology, or any naturally occurring or bioengineered component of any such microorganism, virus, infectious substance, or biological product, to cause death, disease, or other biological malfunction in a human, an animal, a plant, or another living organism in order to influence the conduct of government or to intimidate or coerce a civilian population;

(2) "communicable disease" means ~~a disease caused by a living organism or virus and believed to be viral hemorrhagic fevers, severe acute respiratory syndromes, influenza that can cause a pandemic, or a disease caused by bioterrorism or a new or novel or previously controlled or eradicated infectious agent or biological toxin that can be transmitted person to person and for which isolation or quarantine is an effective control strategy, excluding a disease that is directly transmitted as defined under section 144.4172, subdivision 5;~~

(3) "isolation" means separation, during the period of communicability, of a person infected with a communicable disease, in a place and under conditions so as to prevent direct or indirect transmission of an infectious agent to others; and

(4) "quarantine" means restriction, during a period of communicability, of activities or travel of an otherwise healthy person who likely has been exposed to a communicable disease to prevent disease transmission during the period of communicability in the event the person is infected.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 144.4196, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Definitions.** For purposes of this section:

(1) "qualifying employee" means a person who performs services for hire in Minnesota and who has been subject to isolation or quarantine, or has responsibility for the care of an individual under subdivision 2 who is subject to isolation or quarantine, for a communicable disease as defined in section 144.419, subdivision 1, clause (2). The term applies to persons who comply with isolation or quarantine restrictions because of:

(i) a commissioner's directive;

(ii) an order of a federal quarantine officer;

(iii) a state or federal court order; or

(iv) a written recommendation of the commissioner or designee that the person enter isolation or quarantine; and

(2) "employer" means any person having one or more employees in Minnesota and includes the state and any political subdivision of the state.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 144.4196, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Protections.** (a) An employer shall not discharge, discipline, threaten, or penalize a qualifying employee, or otherwise discriminate in the work terms, conditions, location, or privileges of the employee, because the employee:

(1) has been in isolation or quarantine; or

(2) (i) is not in isolation or quarantine but has responsibility for the care of a person in isolation or quarantine who is a minor or an adult family member who is a disabled vulnerable adult; and

(ii) has assumed responsibility for all or a portion of the care voluntarily, by contract, or by agreement.

(b) A qualifying employee claiming a violation of paragraph (a) may bring a civil action for recovery of lost wages or benefits, for reinstatement, or for other relief within 180 days of the claimed violation or 180 days of the end of the isolation or quarantine, whichever is later. A qualifying employee who prevails shall be allowed reasonable attorney fees fixed by the court.

(c) Nothing in this subdivision is intended to alter sick leave or sick pay terms of the employment relationship."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to health; changing quarantine provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 144.419, subdivision 1; 144.4196, subdivisions 1, 2."

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

**Senator Sparks from the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1496:** A bill for an act relating to unemployment insurance; adopting recommendations of the Unemployment Insurance Advisory Council; making federal conformity, policy, and technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 268.035, subdivisions 6, 21b, 26, 30; 268.051, subdivision 7; 268.07, subdivisions 2, 3b; 268.085, subdivisions 1, 2; 268.095, subdivisions 1, 10; 268.105, subdivisions 3, 7; 268.136, subdivision 1; 268.188; 268.194, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 268.042, subdivision 4.

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

Page 4, line 4, after "paragraph" insert "also"

Page 5, line 21, delete the first "of" and insert "or"

Page 7, line 7, after the period, insert "When determining if total wages and compensation are equal to or better than the applicant's employment, differences in cost of living must be considered."

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

**Senator Sheran from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1440:** A bill for an act relating to health; making changes to the Minnesota prescription monitoring program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 152.126, subdivisions 1, 3, 5, 6; repealing Laws 2014, chapter 286, article 7, section 4.

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

Page 5, line 22, strike "A" and insert "Only" and strike "user" and insert "users"

Page 5, line 23, after the period, insert "No other permissible users may directly access the data electronically."

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

**Senator Sheran from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1377:** A bill for an act relating to health; modifying rulemaking governing groundwater quality monitoring; changing lead concentration level for elevated blood lead level; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 103H.201, subdivision 1; 144.9501, subdivision 9.

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

**Senator Sheran from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1119:** A bill for an act relating to health occupations; changing the regulatory agency for licensed midwives from the Board of Medical Practice to the commissioner of health; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 147D.01, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 7; 147D.05, subdivision 1; 147D.07, subdivisions 2, 3; 147D.09; 147D.13, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; 147D.15, subdivision 2; 147D.17, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 12, 13; 147D.19; 147D.21, subdivisions 1, 2, 5; 147D.25, subdivisions 1, 3; 147D.27, subdivisions 1, 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 147D; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 147D.17, subdivision 4; 147D.23.

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

Page 15, line 14, after the stricken period, insert "One member shall be a licensed physician who has been or is currently in a collaborative practice setting with licensed traditional midwives from a list of names submitted to the commissioner by the Minnesota Council of Certified Professional Midwives or its successors." and reinstate the stricken "Three" and delete "Four"

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

**Senator Sheran from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1694:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing for religious objections to autopsies in certain cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 390.11, subdivisions 1, 2, by adding a subdivision.

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

Page 1, after line 5, insert:

"Section 1. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 390.005, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:



Subd. 6. **Communicating with a surviving relative.** Every coroner or medical examiner in office on or after July 1, 2015, shall maintain and make publicly available, a statement of policy or principles to be used for communicating with a surviving relative prior to and during an investigation of a dead body."

Page 3, delete lines 24 to 26 and insert:

"(ii) the dissection or autopsy is necessary to prevent a potential public health threat and essential to ascertain the cause or manner of death;

(iii) the dissection or autopsy is essential to ascertain the cause or manner of death following an unexpected death, regardless of the decedent's underlying disease, in order to protect the public's health;"

Page 3, line 27, delete "(iii)" and insert "(iv)"

Page 3, line 28, delete "will" and insert "may" and delete "or"

Page 3, line 29, delete "(iv)" and insert "(v)" and after the semicolon, insert "or"

Page 3, after line 29, insert:

"(vi) the case involves the unexpected or unexplained death of a child;"

Page 4, line 29, delete "(iii)" and insert "(iv) or item (vi)"

Page 5, line 7, after the period, insert "Nothing in this section prohibits a coroner or medical examiner from obtaining voluntary permission from a surviving relative to conduct an examination and inquiry involving less intrusive means than an autopsy or dissection."

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

**Senator Sheran from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1569:** A bill for an act relating to health; expanding the distribution of naloxone; appropriating money.

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

Page 1, line 17, after the period, insert "This is a onetime appropriation."

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

**Senator Sheran from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1291:** A bill for an act relating to manufactured homes; park lot rentals; making changes to the manufactured home relocation trust fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 327C.095, subdivisions 12, 13.

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

Page 1, delete section 1

Page 3, line 14, delete "\$6,000" and insert "\$5,000"

Page 3, line 15, delete "\$12,000" and insert "\$9,000"

Page 4, line 31, delete "\$7,000" and insert "\$6,000"

Page 5, delete lines 14 to 18

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

**Senator Sheran from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1410:** A bill for an act relating to health; appropriating money for grant funding for opiate antagonist purchases and training.

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

Page 1, line 7, delete "health" and insert "public safety"

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, delete "health" and insert "public safety"

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

**Senator Sheran from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 716:** A bill for an act relating to mental health; providing for training and outreach regarding mental health peer specialists; establishing medical assistance coverage for clubhouse program services; appropriating money for intensive community rehabilitation services, suicide prevention, intensive treatment for adolescents and young adults, and housing for individuals with mental illness; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 256B.0615, by adding a subdivision; 256B.0625, by adding a subdivision.

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

Page 1, line 23, delete "accredited" and insert "meeting or exceeding the standards of"

Page 1, line 24, delete "by"

Page 2, delete lines 7 to 9 and insert:

"\$1,200,000 per year is appropriated from the general fund to the commissioner of human services in fiscal years 2016 and 2017 for the continuation of the intensive community rehabilitation services program. This is a onetime appropriation."

Page 2, after line 4, insert:

**"Sec. 3. REPORT ON INTENSIVE COMMUNITY REHABILITATION SERVICES (ICRS).**

The commissioner of human services shall provide a report with recommendations about the intensive community rehabilitation services program and options for sustainable funding modes. The report shall specifically:

(1) analyze how the intensive community rehabilitation services program provides needed services and supports that are not part of other mental health services already covered by medical assistance;

(2) identify similar program models that are used in other states that fill similar service gaps and how they are funded;

(3) analyze how the intensive community rehabilitation services model differs between rural and metro areas;

(4) make recommendations for expanding the service; and

(5) analyze potential sources for sustainable funding, including inclusion as a Medicaid benefit.

Stakeholders will be included in the development of the report. The report is due to the chairs of the committees with jurisdiction over health and human services finance by January 15, 2016."

Renumber the sections in sequence

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

**Senator Sheran from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1708:** A bill for an act relating to human services; providing for human services policy modifications relating to the community first services and supports program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.85.

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

Page 4, line 7, strike "services" and insert "service"

Page 8, line 36, strike "services" and insert "service"

Page 10, line 4, strike "services" and insert "service" and strike "supports" and insert "support"

Page 17, line 28, after "plan" insert "as identified in subdivision 18a, paragraph (c), clause (4)"

Page 23, delete lines 35 and 36 and insert:

~~"(e) The FMS contractor shall not provide CFSS services and supports under the agency-provider service model~~ (b) Agency-provider services shall not be provided by the FMS provider."

Page 28, line 21, after "for" insert "the"

Page 33, line 17, after "plan" insert a semicolon and after "and" insert "evaluate the support worker"

Page 36, line 22, after "agency-provider" insert "or through an FMS provider"

Page 36, line 23, after "agency-provider" insert "or through an FMS provider"

Page 36, line 26, after "agency-provider" insert "or FMS provider"

Page 36, line 27, after "agency-provider's" insert "or FMS provider's"

Page 36, line 28, delete "as required by subdivision 12a" and after "agency-provider" insert "or FMS provider"

Page 36, line 34, after "agency-provider" insert "or FMS provider" and after "agency-provider's" insert "or FMS provider's"

Page 38, line 29, after "services" insert "or FMS providers"

Page 38, line 30, delete "20a" and insert "20c"

Page 38, lines 33 and 35, after "agency-provider" insert "or FMS provider"

Page 39, lines 2, 3, 4, 7, 9, 10, and 12, after "agency-provider" insert "or FMS provider"

Page 40, line 12, delete "Licensure" and insert "Oversight"

Page 40, line 14, delete "a plan to implement licensure" and insert "recommendations for the oversight"

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

**Senator Sheran from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 928:** A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying group residential housing eligibility; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.04, 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 2014, section 245C.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10. **Providers of group residential housing or supplementary services.** The commissioner shall conduct background studies on any individual required under section 256I.04 to have a background study completed under this chapter.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 245C.10, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. **Providers of group residential housing or supplementary services.** The commissioner shall recover the cost of background studies initiated by providers of group residential housing or supplementary services under section 256I.04 through a fee of no more than \$20 per study. The fees collected under this subdivision are appropriated to the commissioner for the purpose of conducting background studies.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective July 1, 2016.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256.017, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Authority and purpose.** The commissioner shall administer a compliance system for the Minnesota family investment program, the food stamp or food support program, emergency assistance, general assistance, medical assistance, emergency general assistance, Minnesota supplemental assistance, group residential housing, preadmission screening, alternative care grants, the child care assistance program, and all other programs administered by the commissioner or on behalf of the commissioner under the powers and authorities named in section 256.01, subdivision 2. The purpose of the compliance system is to permit the commissioner to supervise the administration of public assistance programs and to enforce timely and accurate distribution of benefits, completeness of service and efficient and effective program management and operations, to increase uniformity and consistency in the administration and delivery of public assistance programs throughout the state, and to reduce the possibility of sanctions and fiscal disallowances for noncompliance with federal regulations and state statutes. The commissioner, or the commissioner's representative, may issue administrative subpoenas as needed in administering the compliance system.

The commissioner shall utilize training, technical assistance, and monitoring activities, as specified in section 256.01, subdivision 2, to encourage county agency compliance with written policies and procedures.

Sec. 4. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.03, subdivision 3, is amended to read:

Subd. 3. **Group residential housing.** "Group residential housing" means a group living situation that provides at a minimum room and board to unrelated persons who meet the eligibility requirements of section 256I.04. ~~This definition includes foster care settings or community residential settings for a single adult.~~ To receive payment for a group residence rate, the residence must meet the requirements under section 256I.04, ~~subdivision~~ subdivisions 2a to 2f.

Sec. 5. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.03, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Countable income.** "Countable income" means all income received by an applicant or recipient less any applicable exclusions or disregards. For a recipient of any cash benefit from the SSI program, countable income means the SSI benefit limit in effect at the time the person is ~~in a~~ GRH a recipient of group residential housing, less the medical assistance personal needs allowance under section 256B.35. If the SSI limit has been or benefit is reduced for a person due to events occurring prior to the persons entering the GRH setting other than receipt of additional income, countable income means actual income less any applicable exclusions and disregards.

Sec. 6. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. **Direct contact.** "Direct contact" means providing face-to-face care, support, training, supervision, counseling, consultation, or medication assistance to recipients of group residential housing.

Sec. 7. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 10. **Habitability inspection.** "Habitability inspection" means an inspection to determine whether the housing occupied by an individual meets the habitability standards specified by the commissioner. The standards must be provided to the applicant in writing and posted on the Department of Human Services Web site.

Sec. 8. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 11. **Long-term homelessness.** "Long-term homelessness" means lacking a permanent place to live:

- (1) continuously for one year or more; or
- (2) at least four times in the past three years.

Sec. 9. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 12. **Professional certification.** "Professional certification" means a statement about an individual's illness, injury, or incapacity that is signed by a qualified professional. The statement must specify that the individual has an illness or incapacity which limits the individual's ability to work and provide self-support. The statement must also specify that the individual needs assistance to access or maintain housing, as evidenced by the need for two or more of the following services:

(1) tenancy supports to assist an individual with finding the individual's own home, landlord negotiation, securing furniture and household supplies, understanding and maintaining tenant responsibilities, conflict negotiation, and budgeting and financial education;

(2) supportive services to assist with basic living and social skills, household management, monitoring of overall well-being, and problem solving;

(3) employment supports to assist with maintaining or increasing employment, increasing earnings, understanding and utilizing appropriate benefits and services, improving physical or mental health, moving toward self-sufficiency, and achieving personal goals; or

(4) health supervision services to assist in the preparation and administration of medications other than injectables, the provision of therapeutic diets, taking vital signs, or providing assistance in dressing, grooming, bathing, or with walking devices.

Sec. 10. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 13. **Prospective budgeting.** "Prospective budgeting" means estimating the amount of monthly income a person will have in the payment month.

Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 14. **Qualified professional.** "Qualified professional" means an individual as defined in section 256J.08, subdivision 73a, or Minnesota Rules, part 9530.6450, subpart 3, 4, or 5; or an individual approved by the director of human services or a designee of the director.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.03, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 15. **Supportive housing.** "Supportive housing" means housing with support services according to the continuum of care coordinated assessment system established under Code of Federal Regulations, title 24, section 578.3.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.04, is amended to read:

**256I.04 ELIGIBILITY FOR GROUP RESIDENTIAL HOUSING PAYMENT.**

Subdivision 1. **Individual eligibility requirements.** An individual is eligible for and entitled to a group residential housing payment to be made on the individual's behalf if the agency has approved the individual's residence in a group residential housing setting and the individual meets the requirements in paragraph (a) or (b).

(a) The individual is aged, blind, or is over 18 years of age and disabled as determined under the criteria used by the title II program of the Social Security Act, and meets the resource restrictions and standards of section 256P.02, and the individual's countable income after deducting the (1) exclusions and disregards of the SSI program, (2) the medical assistance personal needs allowance under section 256B.35, and (3) an amount equal to the income actually made available to a community spouse by an elderly waiver participant under the provisions of sections 256B.0575, paragraph (a), clause (4), and 256B.058, subdivision 2, is less than the monthly rate specified in the agency's agreement with the provider of group residential housing in which the individual resides.

(b) The individual meets a category of eligibility under section 256D.05, subdivision 1, paragraph (a), clauses (1), (3), (5) to (9), and (14), and paragraph (b), if applicable, and the individual's resources are less than the standards specified by section 256P.02, and the individual's countable income as determined under sections 256D.01 to 256D.21, less the medical assistance personal needs allowance under section 256B.35 is less than the monthly rate specified in the agency's agreement with the provider of group residential housing in which the individual resides.

Subd. 1a. **County approval.** (a) A county agency may not approve a group residential housing payment for an individual in any setting with a rate in excess of the MSA equivalent rate for more than 30 days in a calendar year unless the county agency has developed or approved individual has a plan for the individual which specifies that:

~~(1) the individual has an illness or incapacity which prevents the person from living independently in the community; and~~

~~(2) the individual's illness or incapacity requires the services which are available in the group residence.~~

~~The plan must be signed or countersigned by any of the following employees of the county of financial responsibility: the director of human services or a designee of the director; a social worker; or a case aide professional certification under section 256I.03, subdivision 12.~~

(b) If a county agency determines that an applicant is ineligible due to not meeting eligibility requirements under this section, a county agency may accept a signed personal statement from the applicant in lieu of documentation verifying ineligibility.

(c) Effective July 1, 2016, to be eligible for supplementary service payments, providers must enroll in the provider enrollment system identified by the commissioner.

Subd. 1b. **Optional state supplements to SSI.** Group residential housing payments made on behalf of persons eligible under subdivision 1, paragraph (a), are optional state supplements to the SSI program.

Subd. 1c. **Interim assistance.** Group residential housing payments made on behalf of persons eligible under subdivision 1, paragraph (b), are considered interim assistance payments to applicants for the federal SSI program.

Subd. 2. **Date of eligibility.** An individual who has met the eligibility requirements of subdivision 1, shall have a group residential housing payment made on the individual's behalf from the first day of the month in which a signed application form is received by a county agency, or the first day of the month in which all eligibility factors have been met, whichever is later.

Subd. 2a. **License required; staffing qualifications.** ~~A county~~ (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b), an agency may not enter into an agreement with an establishment to provide group residential housing unless:

(1) the establishment is licensed by the Department of Health as a hotel and restaurant; a board and lodging establishment; ~~a residential care home~~; a boarding care home before March 1, 1985; or a supervised living facility, and the service provider for residents of the facility is licensed under chapter 245A. However, an establishment licensed by the Department of Health to provide lodging need not also be licensed to provide board if meals are being supplied to residents under a contract with a food vendor who is licensed by the Department of Health;

(2) the residence is: (i) licensed by the commissioner of human services under Minnesota Rules, parts 9555.5050 to 9555.6265; (ii) certified by a county human services agency prior to July 1, 1992, using the standards under Minnesota Rules, parts 9555.5050 to 9555.6265; (iii) ~~a residence~~ licensed by the commissioner under Minnesota Rules, parts 2960.0010 to 2960.0120, with a variance under section 245A.04, subdivision 9; or (iv) licensed under section 245D.02, subdivision 4a, as a community residential setting by the commissioner of human services; or

(3) the establishment is registered under chapter 144D and provides three meals a day, or is an establishment voluntarily registered under section 144D.025 as a supportive housing establishment; or

~~(4) an establishment voluntarily registered under section 144D.025, other than a supportive housing establishment under clause (3), is not eligible to provide group residential housing.~~

(b) The requirements under clauses (1) to (4) paragraph (a) do not apply to establishments exempt from state licensure because they are:

(1) located on Indian reservations and subject to tribal health and safety requirements; or

(2) a supportive housing establishment that has an approved habitability inspection and an individual lease agreement and that serves people who have experienced long-term homelessness and were referred through a coordinated assessment in section 256I.03, subdivision 15.

(c) Supportive housing establishments and emergency shelters must participate in the homeless management information system.



(d) Effective July 1, 2016, an agency shall not have an agreement with a provider of group residential housing or supplementary services unless all staff members who have direct contact with recipients:

(1) have skills and knowledge acquired through:

(i) a course of study in a health or human services related field leading to a bachelor of arts, bachelor of science, or associate's degree;

(ii) one year of experience with the target population served;

(iii) experience as a certified peer specialist according to section 256B.0615; or

(iv) meeting the requirements for unlicensed personnel under sections 144A.43 to 144A.483;

(2) hold a current Minnesota driver's license appropriate to the vehicle driven if transporting participants;

(3) complete training on vulnerable adults mandated reporting and child maltreatment mandated reporting, where applicable; and

(4) complete group residential housing orientation training offered by the commissioner.

Subd. 2b. **Group residential housing agreements.** (a) Agreements between county agencies and providers of group residential housing or supplementary services must be in writing on a form developed and approved by the commissioner and must specify the name and address under which the establishment subject to the agreement does business and under which the establishment, or service provider, if different from the group residential housing establishment, is licensed by the Department of Health or the Department of Human Services; the specific license or registration from the Department of Health or the Department of Human Services held by the provider and the number of beds subject to that license; the address of the location or locations at which group residential housing is provided under this agreement; the per diem and monthly rates that are to be paid from group residential housing or supplementary service funds for each eligible resident at each location; the number of beds at each location which are subject to the group residential housing agreement; whether the license holder is a not-for-profit corporation under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code; and a statement that the agreement is subject to the provisions of sections 256I.01 to 256I.06 and subject to any changes to those sections.

(b) Providers are required to verify the following minimum requirements in the agreement:

(1) current license or registration, including authorization if managing or monitoring medications;

(2) all staff who have direct contact with recipients meet the staff qualifications;

(3) the provision of group residential housing;

(4) the provision of supplementary services, if applicable;

(5) reports of adverse events, including recipient death or serious injury; and

(6) submission of residency requirements that could result in recipient eviction.

Group residential housing (c) agreements may be terminated with or without cause by either the county commissioner, the agency, or the provider with two calendar months prior notice. The commissioner may immediately terminate an agreement under subdivision 2d.

Subd. 2c. **Crisis shelters Background study requirements.** Secure crisis shelters for battered women and their children designated by the Minnesota Department of Corrections are not group residences under this chapter (a) Effective July 1, 2016, a provider of group residential housing or supplementary services must initiate background studies in accordance with chapter 245C of the following individuals:

- (1) controlling individuals as defined in section 245A.02;
- (2) managerial officials as defined in section 245A.02; and
- (3) all employees and volunteers of the establishment who have direct contact with recipients, or who have unsupervised access to recipients, their personal property, or their private data.

(b) The provider of group residential housing or supplementary services must maintain compliance with all requirements established for entities initiating background studies under chapter 245C.

(c) Effective July 1, 2017, a provider of group residential housing or supplementary services must demonstrate that all individuals required to have a background study according to paragraph (a) have a notice stating either that:

- (1) the individual is not disqualified under section 245C.14; or
- (2) the individual is disqualified, but the individual has been issued a set-aside of the disqualification for that setting under section 245C.22.

Subd. 2d. **Conditions of payment; commissioner's right to suspend or terminate agreement.** (a) Group residential housing or supplementary services must be provided to the satisfaction of the commissioner, as determined at the sole discretion of the commissioner's authorized representative, and in accordance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, ordinances, rules, and regulations, including business registration requirements of the Office of the Secretary of State. A provider shall not receive payment for services or housing found by the commissioner to be performed or provided in violation of federal, state, or local law, ordinance, rule, or regulation.

(b) The commissioner has the right to suspend or terminate the agreement immediately when the commissioner determines the health or welfare of the housing or service recipients is endangered, or when the commissioner has reasonable cause to believe that the provider has breached a material term of the agreement under subdivision 2b.

(c) Notwithstanding paragraph (b), if the commissioner learns of a curable material breach of the agreement by the provider, the commissioner shall provide the provider with a written notice of the breach and allow ten days to cure the breach. If the provider does not cure the breach within the time allowed, the provider shall be in default of the agreement and the commissioner may terminate the agreement immediately thereafter. If the provider has breached a material term of the agreement and cure is not possible, the commissioner may immediately terminate the agreement.

Subd. 2e. **Providers holding health or human services licenses.** (a) Except for facilities with only a board and lodging license, when group residential housing or supplementary service staff

are also operating under a license issued by the Department of Health or the Department of Human Services, the minimum staff qualification requirements for the setting shall be the qualifications listed under the related licensing standards.

(b) A background study completed for the licensed service must also satisfy the background study requirements under this section, if the provider has established the background study contact person according to chapter 245C and as directed by the Department of Human Services.

Subd. 2f. **Required services.** In licensed and registered settings under subdivision 2a, providers shall ensure that participants have at a minimum:

- (1) food preparation and service for three nutritional meals a day on site;
- (2) a bed, clothing storage, linen, bedding, laundering, and laundry supplies or service;
- (3) housekeeping, including cleaning and lavatory supplies or service; and
- (4) maintenance and operation of the building and grounds, including heat, water, garbage removal, electricity, telephone for the site, cooling, supplies, and parts and tools to repair and maintain equipment and facilities.

Subd. 2g. **Crisis shelters.** Secure crisis shelters for battered women and their children designated by the Minnesota Department of Corrections are not group residences under this chapter.

Subd. 3. **Moratorium on development of group residential housing beds.** (a) County Agencies shall not enter into agreements for new group residential housing beds with total rates in excess of the MSA equivalent rate except:

(1) for group residential housing establishments licensed under Minnesota Rules, parts 9525.0215 to 9525.0355, provided the facility is needed to meet the census reduction targets for persons with developmental disabilities at regional treatment centers;

(2) up to 80 beds in a single, specialized facility located in Hennepin County that will provide housing for chronic inebriates who are repetitive users of detoxification centers and are refused placement in emergency shelters because of their state of intoxication, and planning for the specialized facility must have been initiated before July 1, 1991, in anticipation of receiving a grant from the Housing Finance Agency under section 462A.05, subdivision 20a, paragraph (b);

(3) notwithstanding the provisions of subdivision 2a, for up to 190 supportive housing units in Anoka, Dakota, Hennepin, or Ramsey County for homeless adults with a mental illness, a history of substance abuse, or human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome. For purposes of this section, "homeless adult" means a person who is living on the street or in a shelter or discharged from a regional treatment center, community hospital, or residential treatment program and has no appropriate housing available and lacks the resources and support necessary to access appropriate housing. At least 70 percent of the supportive housing units must serve homeless adults with mental illness, substance abuse problems, or human immunodeficiency virus or acquired immunodeficiency syndrome who are about to be or, within the previous six months, has been discharged from a regional treatment center, or a state-contracted psychiatric bed in a community hospital, or a residential mental health or chemical dependency treatment program. If a person meets the requirements of subdivision 1, paragraph (a), and receives a federal or state housing subsidy, the group residential housing rate for that person is limited to the supplementary rate under section 256I.05, subdivision 1a, and is determined by subtracting the amount of the person's countable

income that exceeds the MSA equivalent rate from the group residential housing supplementary rate. A resident in a demonstration project site who no longer participates in the demonstration program shall retain eligibility for a group residential housing payment in an amount determined under section 256I.06, subdivision 8, using the MSA equivalent rate. Service funding under section 256I.05, subdivision 1a, will end June 30, 1997, if federal matching funds are available and the services can be provided through a managed care entity. If federal matching funds are not available, then service funding will continue under section 256I.05, subdivision 1a;

(4) for an additional two beds, resulting in a total of 32 beds, for a facility located in Hennepin County providing services for recovering and chemically dependent men that has had a group residential housing contract with the county and has been licensed as a board and lodge facility with special services since 1980;

(5) for a group residential housing provider located in the city of St. Cloud, or a county contiguous to the city of St. Cloud, that operates a 40-bed facility, that received financing through the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency Ending Long-Term Homelessness Initiative and serves chemically dependent clientele, providing 24-hour-a-day supervision;

(6) for a new 65-bed facility in Crow Wing County that will serve chemically dependent persons, operated by a group residential housing provider that currently operates a 304-bed facility in Minneapolis, and a 44-bed facility in Duluth;

(7) for a group residential housing provider that operates two ten-bed facilities, one located in Hennepin County and one located in Ramsey County, that provide community support and 24-hour-a-day supervision to serve the mental health needs of individuals who have chronically lived unsheltered; and

(8) for a group residential facility in Hennepin County with a capacity of up to 48 beds that has been licensed since 1978 as a board and lodging facility and that until August 1, 2007, operated as a licensed chemical dependency treatment program.

(b) ~~A county~~ An agency may enter into a group residential housing agreement for beds with rates in excess of the MSA equivalent rate in addition to those currently covered under a group residential housing agreement if the additional beds are only a replacement of beds with rates in excess of the MSA equivalent rate which have been made available due to closure of a setting, a change of licensure or certification which removes the beds from group residential housing payment, or as a result of the downsizing of a group residential housing setting. The transfer of available beds from one ~~county~~ agency to another can only occur by the agreement of both ~~counties~~ agencies.

Subd. 4. **Rental assistance.** For participants in the Minnesota supportive housing demonstration program under subdivision 3, paragraph (a), clause (5), notwithstanding the provisions of section 256I.06, subdivision 8, the amount of the group residential housing payment for room and board must be calculated by subtracting 30 percent of the recipient's adjusted income as defined by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development for the Section 8 program from the fair market rent established for the recipient's living unit by the federal Department of Housing and Urban Development. This payment shall be regarded as a state housing subsidy for the purposes of subdivision 3. Notwithstanding the provisions of section 256I.06, subdivision 6, the recipient's countable income will only be adjusted when a change of greater than \$100 in a month occurs or upon annual redetermination of eligibility, whichever is sooner. ~~The commissioner is directed to~~

~~study the feasibility of developing a rental assistance program to serve persons traditionally served in group residential housing settings and report to the legislature by February 15, 1999.~~

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** Subdivision 1, paragraph (b), is effective September 1, 2015.

Sec. 14. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.05, subdivision 1c, is amended to read:

Subd. 1c. **Rate increases.** ~~A county~~ An agency may not increase the rates negotiated for group residential housing above those in effect on June 30, 1993, except as provided in paragraphs (a) to (f).

(a) ~~A county~~ An agency may increase the rates for group residential housing settings to the MSA equivalent rate for those settings whose current rate is below the MSA equivalent rate.

(b) ~~A county~~ An agency may increase the rates for residents in adult foster care whose difficulty of care has increased. The total group residential housing rate for these residents must not exceed the maximum rate specified in subdivisions 1 and 1a. ~~County~~ agencies must not include nor increase group residential housing difficulty of care rates for adults in foster care whose difficulty of care is eligible for funding by home and community-based waiver programs under title XIX of the Social Security Act.

(c) The room and board rates will be increased each year when the MSA equivalent rate is adjusted for SSI cost-of-living increases by the amount of the annual SSI increase, less the amount of the increase in the medical assistance personal needs allowance under section 256B.35.

(d) When a group residential housing rate is used to pay for an individual's room and board, or other costs necessary to provide room and board, the rate payable to the residence must continue for up to 18 calendar days per incident that the person is temporarily absent from the residence, not to exceed 60 days in a calendar year, if the absence or absences have received the prior approval of the county agency's social service staff. Prior approval is not required for emergency absences due to crisis, illness, or injury.

(e) For facilities meeting substantial change criteria within the prior year. Substantial change criteria exists if the group residential housing establishment experiences a 25 percent increase or decrease in the total number of its beds, if the net cost of capital additions or improvements is in excess of 15 percent of the current market value of the residence, or if the residence physically moves, or changes its licensure, and incurs a resulting increase in operation and property costs.

(f) Until June 30, 1994, ~~a county~~ an agency may increase by up to five percent the total rate paid for recipients of assistance under sections 256D.01 to 256D.21 or 256D.33 to 256D.54 who reside in residences that are licensed by the commissioner of health as a boarding care home, but are not certified for the purposes of the medical assistance program. However, an increase under this clause must not exceed an amount equivalent to 65 percent of the 1991 medical assistance reimbursement rate for nursing home resident class A, in the geographic grouping in which the facility is located, as established under Minnesota Rules, parts 9549.0050 to 9549.0058.

Sec. 15. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.05, subdivision 1g, is amended to read:

Subd. 1g. **Supplementary service rate for certain facilities.** ~~On or after July 1, 2005, a county~~ An agency may negotiate a supplementary service rate for recipients of assistance under section 256I.04, subdivision 1, paragraph (a) or (b), who ~~relocate from a homeless shelter licensed and registered prior to December 31, 1996, by the Minnesota Department of Health under section 157.17,~~

~~to have experienced long-term homelessness and who live in a supportive housing establishment developed and funded in whole or in part with funds provided specifically as part of the plan to end long-term homelessness required under Laws 2003, chapter 128, article 15, section 9, not to exceed \$456.75 under section 256I.04, subdivision 2a, paragraph (b), clause (2).~~

Sec. 16. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.06, subdivision 2, is amended to read:

Subd. 2. **Time of payment.** A county agency may make payments to a group residence in advance for an individual whose stay in the group residence is expected to last beyond the calendar month for which the payment is made ~~and who does not expect to receive countable earned income during the month for which the payment is made.~~ Group residential housing payments made by a county agency on behalf of an individual who is not expected to remain in the group residence beyond the month for which payment is made must be made subsequent to the individual's departure from the group residence. ~~Group residential housing payments made by a county agency on behalf of an individual with countable earned income must be made subsequent to receipt of a monthly household report form.~~

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective April 1, 2016.

Sec. 17. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.06, subdivision 6, is amended to read:

Subd. 6. **Reports.** Recipients must report changes in circumstances that affect eligibility or group residential housing payment amounts, other than changes in earned income, within ten days of the change. Recipients with countable earned income must complete a ~~monthly~~ household report form at least once every six months. If the report form is not received before the end of the month in which it is due, the county agency must terminate eligibility for group residential housing payments. The termination shall be effective on the first day of the month following the month in which the report was due. If a complete report is received within the month eligibility was terminated, the individual is considered to have continued an application for group residential housing payment effective the first day of the month the eligibility was terminated.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective April 1, 2016.

Sec. 18. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.06, subdivision 7, is amended to read:

Subd. 7. **Determination of rates.** The agency in the county in which a group residence is located will shall determine the amount of group residential housing rate to be paid on behalf of an individual in the group residence regardless of the individual's county agency of financial responsibility.

Sec. 19. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256I.06, subdivision 8, is amended to read:

Subd. 8. **Amount of group residential housing payment.** (a) The amount of a group residential housing payment to be made on behalf of an eligible individual is determined by subtracting the individual's countable income under section 256I.04, subdivision 1, for a whole calendar month from the group residential housing charge for that same month. The group residential housing charge is determined by multiplying the group residential housing rate times the period of time the individual was a resident or temporarily absent under section 256I.05, subdivision 1c, paragraph (d).

(b) For an individual with earned income under paragraph (a), prospective budgeting must be used to determine the amount of the individual's payment for the following six-month period. An increase in income shall not affect an individual's eligibility or payment amount until the month

following the reporting month. A decrease in income shall be effective the first day of the month after the month in which the decrease is reported.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** Paragraph (b) is effective April 1, 2016."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 2, after "housing" insert "requirements and"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

**Senator Sheran from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 892:** A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying eligibility for group residential housing; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 256I.04, subdivision 1; 256I.06, subdivision 8.

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

**Senator Sheran from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1425:** A bill for an act relating to health; making changes concerning the collection and disposal of legend drugs as pharmaceutical waste; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 151.01, by adding a subdivision; 151.37, subdivisions 2, 6, 7, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 152.

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

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

**H.F. No. 239** for comparison with companion Senate File, reports the following House File was found identical and recommends the House File be given its second reading and substituted for its companion Senate File as follows:

GENERAL ORDERS		CONSENT CALENDAR		CALENDAR	
H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.	H.F. No.	S.F. No.
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and that the above Senate File be indefinitely postponed.

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

**Senator Marty from the Committee on Environment and Energy, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1325:** A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying requirements for certain traps; requiring certain permission for traps and snares set; requiring reporting; requiring license forfeiture for certain violations; providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014,

sections 97A.421, subdivision 1; 97B.903; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97B.

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 2014, section 97A.421, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **General.** (a) The annual license of a person convicted of a violation of the game and fish laws relating to the license or wild animals covered by the license is void when:

(1) a second conviction occurs within three years under a license to trap fur-bearing animals, take small game, or to take fish by angling or spearing;

(2) a third conviction occurs within one year under a minnow dealer's license;

(3) a second conviction occurs within three years for violations of section 97A.425 that do not involve falsifications or intentional omissions of information required to be recorded, or attempts to conceal unlawful acts within the records;

(4) two or more misdemeanor convictions occur within a three-year period under a private fish hatchery license;

(5) the conviction occurs under a license not described in clause (1), (2), or (4) or is for a violation of section 97A.425 not described in clause (3); or

(6) the conviction is related to assisting a person in the illegal taking, transportation, or possession of wild animals, when acting as a hunting or angling guide; or

(7) the conviction occurs for not reporting a taking under section 97B.930, paragraph (a).

(b) Except for big game licenses and as otherwise provided in this section, for one year after the conviction the person may not obtain the kind of license or take wild animals under a lifetime license, issued under section 97A.473 or 97A.474, relating to the game and fish law violation.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97B.903, is amended to read:

**97B.903 USE OF BODY-GRIPPING TRAPS.**

A person may not set, place, or operate, except as a waterset that is completely submerged, a body-gripping ~~or conibear-type trap on public lands and waters~~ that has a maximum jaw opening when set greater than ~~6-1/2~~ 5-1/2 inches and ~~less than 7-1/2 inches~~ or less measured from the inside edges of the body-gripping portions of the jaws, unless:

(1) the trap is in a baited or unbaited enclosure securely fastened in an upright position with an opening on top that is 50 square inches or less, and the top of the enclosure a minimum of four feet above the ground or ice, and the trap trigger is recessed seven into enclosure 12 inches or more from below the top and frontmost portion of the open end of the enclosure;

(2) the trap is in a baited or unbaited enclosure with an opening that is 25 square inches or less, the trap trigger is recessed 12 inches or more from the closest edge of the opening of the enclosure, and the opening is placed on the top or side of the enclosure;



~~(2)~~ (3) no bait, lure, or other attractant is placed within 20 feet of the trap, and the trap is placed in an enclosure no larger than eight inches wide and eight inches tall with openings restricted to no higher than four inches from the ground and the trap is no closer than 18 inches from any opening and the enclosure is securely fastened or weighted to the ground; or

~~(3)~~ (4) the trap is elevated at least three five feet above the surface of the ground or snowpack.

**Sec. 3. [97B.929] PLACING TRAPS OR SNARES ON PRIVATE LAND; WRITTEN PERMISSION REQUIRED.**

A person may not set or place a trap or snare on private property, other than property owned or occupied by the person, unless the person has the written permission of the owner, occupant, or lessee of the private property. This section includes, but is not limited to, written permission to access private property from waters of the state when the trap or snare is placed or staked in the water.

**Sec. 4. [97B.930] REPORTING PET OR COMPANION ANIMALS TAKEN; ANNUAL REPORT; LICENSE REVOCATION.**

(a) A person who finds a pet or companion animal, as defined in section 343.20, subdivision 6, taken in the person's trap or snare must notify a conservation officer or employee of the Fish and Wildlife Division within 24 hours after the animal is discovered by the person or the taking is reported to the person. A person who violates this paragraph is guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to section 97A.421.

(b) By March 1 each year, the commissioner shall report to the legislature, as provided in section 3.197, on the takings reported under paragraph (a) for the previous calendar year.

(c) A person who kills a pet or companion animal as defined in section 343.20 in an illegally set body grip trap or snare, shall lose their trapping license and lose the ability to obtain a license to trap for a minimum of five years."

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 Environment and Energy, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1225:** A bill for an act relating to waters; appropriating money for feasibility study of section 404 permit program.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**"Section 1. APPROPRIATION; FEDERAL CLEAN WATER ACT SECTION 404 PERMIT PROGRAM FEASIBILITY STUDY.**

(a) \$..... is appropriated in fiscal year 2016 from the general fund to the Board of Water and Soil Resources and the commissioner of natural resources to study the feasibility of the state assuming administration of the section 404 permit program of the federal Clean Water Act. The United States Army Corps of Engineers, St. Paul District; and the United States Environmental Protection Agency shall be consulted with during the development of the study. This appropriation is available until June 30, 2017. The study shall identify:

- (1) the federal requirements for state assumption of the 404 program;
  - (2) the potential extent of assumption, including those waters that would remain under the jurisdiction of the Army Corps of Engineers due to the prohibition of 404 assumption in certain waters as defined in section 404(g)(1) of the federal Clean Water Act;
  - (3) differences in waters regulated under Minnesota laws compared to waters of the United States, including complications and potential solutions to address the current uncertainties relating to determining waters of the United States;
  - (4) measures to ensure the protection of aquatic resources consistent with the Clean Water Act, Wetland Conservation Act, and the public waters program administered by the Department of Natural Resources;
  - (5) changes to existing state law, including changes to current implementation structure and processes, that would need to occur to allow for state assumption of the 404 program;
  - (6) new agency responsibilities for implementing federal requirements and procedures that would become the obligation of the state under assumption, including the staff and resources needed for implementation;
  - (7) the estimated costs and savings that would accrue to affected units of government;
  - (8) the effect on application review and approval processes and time frames;
  - (9) alternatives to assumption that would also achieve the goals of regulatory simplification, efficiency, and reduced permitting times;
  - (10) options for financing any additional costs of implementation; and
  - (11) other information as determined by the board and commissioner.
- (b) A steering committee shall provide input on the development of the plan of study and include:
- (1) one representative appointed by the Pollution Control Agency;
  - (2) one representative appointed by the Builders Association of Minnesota;
  - (3) two representatives appointed by the Association of Minnesota Counties, including one county engineer and one member of a technical evaluation panel representing a local government unit;
  - (4) one representative appointed by the League of Minnesota Cities;
  - (5) one representative appointed by the Minnesota Association of Soil and Water Conservation Districts;
  - (6) one representative of wetland bank operators appointed by the executive director of the Board of Water and Soil Resources in consultation with the operators;
  - (7) three representatives of environmental organizations appointed by the Minnesota Environmental Partnership;
  - (8) two representatives appointed by the Minnesota Chamber of Commerce, including one from the mining industry and one from the forestry industry;

(9) one representative appointed by the Associated General Contractors of Minnesota; and

(10) one representative appointed by the American Council of Engineering Companies of Minnesota.

(c) By January 15, 2017, the board and commissioner must report the study to the legislative policy and finance committees and divisions with jurisdiction over environment and natural resources."

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

**Senator Marty from the Committee on Environment and Energy, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 805:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying conditions for state park passes issued without a fee to active military personnel and disabled veterans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 85.053, subdivisions 8, 10.

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

**Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1794:** A bill for an act relating to state government; classifying certain data of the Public Employment Relations Board; exempting the Public Employment Relations Board from the open meetings law, in certain cases; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 13.43, subdivision 6; 13D.01, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 13.

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

**Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 138:** A bill for an act relating to securities regulation; providing an exemption from regulation for crowdfunding transactions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 80A.84; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 80A.

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

Page 3, line 13, delete "public accountant who is independent of the MNvest issuer" and insert "certified public accountant firm licensed under chapter 326A"

Page 3, line 15, delete "public accountant who is"

Page 3, line 16, delete "independent of the MNvest issuer" and insert "certified public accountant firm licensed under chapter 326A"

Page 3, line 34, after "managers" insert ", as provided to the escrow agent by the portal operator,"

Page 9, after line 32, insert:

"Subd. 8. Portal operator; privacy of purchaser information. (a) For purposes of this subdivision, "personal information" means information provided to a portal operator by a prospective purchaser or purchaser that identifies, or can be used to identify, the prospective purchaser or purchaser.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c), a portal operator must not disclose personal information without written or electronic consent from the prospective purchaser or purchaser that authorizes the disclosure.

(c) Paragraph (b) does not apply to:

- (1) records required to be provided to the administrator under subdivision 7, paragraph (e);
- (2) the disclosure of personal information to a MNvest issuer relating to its MNvest offering; or
- (3) the disclosure of personal information to the extent required or authorized under other law."

Page 9, line 33, delete "8" and insert "9"

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

**Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 1430:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying invasive species provisions; providing for temporary water surface use controls in construction areas; modifying state park and trail provisions; regulating wake surfing; modifying life jacket requirements; modifying requirements for fire training; modifying auxiliary forest provisions; modifying forest bough account; modifying recreational vehicle transfer requirements; modifying authority to issue water use permits; providing civil penalties; requiring rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 84.788, subdivision 5, by adding a subdivision; 84.84; 84.922, subdivision 4; 84D.01, subdivisions 13, 15, 17, 18; 84D.03, subdivision 3; 84D.06; 84D.10, subdivision 3; 84D.11, subdivision 1; 84D.12, subdivisions 1, 3; 84D.13, subdivisions 4, 5; 84D.15, subdivision 3; 85.015, subdivision 28, by adding a subdivision; 85.054, subdivision 12; 86B.201, by adding a subdivision; 86B.313, subdivisions 1, 4; 86B.315; 88.17, subdivision 3; 88.49, subdivisions 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 11; 88.491, subdivision 2; 88.50; 88.51, subdivisions 1, 3; 88.52, subdivisions 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; 88.523; 88.53, subdivisions 1, 2; 88.6435, subdivision 4; 103G.271, subdivisions 5, 6a; 282.011, subdivision 3; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 88.47; 88.48; 88.49, subdivisions 1, 2, 10; 88.491, subdivision 1; 88.51, subdivision 2; 282.013.

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

**Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1476:** A bill for an act relating to the secretary of state; regulating business fees and filings; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 272.484; 303.19; 304A.301, subdivisions 1, 5, 6, by adding a subdivision; 336A.09, 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 Latz from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 1043:** A bill for an act relating to financial institutions; providing for savings promotion raffles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 48.15, subdivision 1; 52.04, subdivision 1; 325F.755, subdivision 6; 609.75, by adding subdivisions; 609.761, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.75, subdivision 13.

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

**Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1741:** A bill for an act relating to health; allowing a patient to enjoin collection actions taken by a nonprofit hospital if the hospital has failed to provide a financial assistance policy; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 604.

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

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

**"Section 1. [604.175] COMPLIANCE WITH DEBT COLLECTION REQUIREMENTS.**

(a) Any patient may bring an action to enjoin extraordinary collection actions taken by a nonprofit hospital if the hospital has failed to provide a plain language summary of the financial assistance policy. A prevailing patient is entitled to reasonable attorney fees and costs.

(b) For the purposes of this section:

(1) "extraordinary collection actions" means an action described in Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.501(r)-6;

(2) "financial assistance policy" means a written policy that meets the requirements described in Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 1.501(r)-4;

(3) "nonprofit hospital" means a hospital that claims federal tax status under United States Code, title 26, section 501(r); and

(4) "plain language summary" has the meaning given in Code of Federal Regulations, title 26, section 501(r)-1.

**EFFECTIVE DATE.** This section is effective January 1, 2016, and applies to a nonprofit hospital on and after the date in 2016 when its fiscal year begins."

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

**Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 384:** A bill for an act relating to forfeiture; establishing the burden of production on the innocent owner claimant and the burden of proof on the prosecutor in an innocent owner case involving off-highway vehicles, DWI, designated offenses, controlled substance offenses, fleeing offenses, and prostitution offenses; expanding the homestead exemption; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 84.7741, subdivisions 7, 9; 169A.60, subdivision 1; 169A.63, subdivisions 1, 7, 9; 609.531, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 609.5311, subdivision 3; 609.5312, subdivisions 2, 3, 4; 609.5318, subdivision 5.

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

Page 1, delete section 1

Page 2, delete section 2

Page 10, line 8, delete "84.7741,"

Page 11, line 25, delete "an off-highway or" and insert "a"

Page 11, line 28, delete "off-highway or"

Page 12, line 6, delete "84.7741,"

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 4, delete "off-highway vehicles,"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

**Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1602:** A bill for an act relating to human rights; making changes to scope of application for certificate of compliance; clarifying requirements for bids and proposals from certain businesses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 363A.36, subdivision 1; 363A.37, subdivision 1; 473.144.

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

**Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1374:** A bill for an act relating to civil actions; providing for the survival or continuation of an action after the death or disability of a party; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 573.01; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 540; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 540.12; 573.02, subdivision 2.

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

**Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 1303:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying certain authorities; extending expiration of citizen oversight committees; providing for compliance with federal law; modifying enforcement provisions; modifying provisions to take, possess, and transport wild animals; providing for certain licenses; modifying landowner's bill of rights; requiring certain permission for traps and snares set; modifying penalty for certain firearms possession; establishing a pilot program; providing criminal penalties; requiring rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 84.027, subdivision 13a; 84.0274, subdivisions 3, 5; 84D.03, subdivision 3; 97A.045, subdivision 11; 97A.055, subdivision 4b; 97A.057, subdivision 1; 97A.211, subdivisions 1, 2; 97A.255, subdivision 4; 97A.435, subdivision 4; 97A.465, by adding a subdivision; 97B.031, subdivision 5, by adding a subdivision; 97B.041; 97B.081, subdivision 3; 97B.085, subdivision 2; 97B.301, by adding a subdivision; 97B.668; 97B.903; 97B.931, subdivision 2; 97C.005, subdivision 3; 97C.301, by adding a subdivision; 97C.345, by adding a subdivision; 97C.501, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 97A; 97B; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.475, subdivision 25; Minnesota Rules, part 6264.0400, subparts 27, 28.

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

Page 7, after line 32, insert:

"Sec. 11. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.338, is amended to read:

**97A.338 GROSS OVERLIMITS OF WILD ANIMALS; PENALTY.**

(a) A person who takes, possesses, or transports wild animals ~~over the legal limit, in closed season, or without a valid license,~~ in violation of the game and fish laws when the restitution value of the wild animals is over \$1,000 is guilty of a gross overlimit violation. A violation under this section is a gross misdemeanor.

(b) If a wild animal involved in the violation under this section is listed as a threatened or endangered wild animal, the penalty in paragraph (a) does not apply unless more than one animal is taken, possessed, or transported in violation of the game and fish laws.

Sec. 12. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.420, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Seizure.** (a) An enforcement officer shall immediately seize the license of a person who unlawfully takes, transports, or possesses wild animals when the restitution value of the wild animals exceeds \$500. Except as provided in subdivisions 2, 4, and 5, the person may not use or obtain any license to take the same type of wild animals involved, including a duplicate license, until an action is taken under subdivision 6. If the license seized under this paragraph was for a big game animal, the license seizure applies to all licenses to take big game issued to the individual. If the license seized under this paragraph was for small game animals, the license seizure applies to all licenses to take small game issued to the individual.

(b) In addition to the license seizure under paragraph (a), if the restitution value of the wild animals unlawfully taken, possessed, or transported is ~~\$5,000~~ \$1,000 or more, all other game and fish licenses held by the person shall be immediately seized. ~~Except as provided in subdivision 2, 4, or 5,~~ the person may not obtain any game or fish license or permit, including a duplicate license, until an action is taken under subdivision 6.

(c) A person may not take wild animals covered by a license seized under this subdivision until an action is taken under subdivision 6.

Sec. 13. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 97A.421, subdivision 2a, is amended to read:

Subd. 2a. **License revocation after conviction.** (a) A person may not obtain a license to take a wild animal and is prohibited from taking wild animals for a period of ten years after the date of conviction of a violation when the restitution value of the wild animals is \$2,000 or more.

(b) A person may not obtain a license to take a wild animal and is prohibited from taking wild animals for a period of five years after the date of conviction of:

(1) a violation when the restitution value of the wild animals is ~~\$5,000~~ \$1,000 or more, but less than \$2,000; or

(2) a violation when the restitution value of the wild animals exceeds \$500 and the violation occurs within ten years of one or more previous license revocations under this subdivision paragraph.

~~(b)~~ (c) A person may not obtain a license to take the type of wild animals involved in a violation when the restitution value of the wild animals exceeds \$500 and is prohibited from taking the type of wild animals involved in the violation for a period of three years after the date of conviction of a violation.

~~(e)~~ (d) The time period of multiple revocations under paragraph (a), or paragraph (b), clause (2), shall be consecutive and no wild animals of any kind may be taken during the entire period.

(e) If a wild animal involved in the conviction is listed as a threatened or endangered wild animal, the revocations specified under this subdivision do not apply unless more than one animal is taken, possessed, or transported in violation of the game and fish laws.

~~(d)~~ (f) The court may not stay or reduce the imposition of license revocation provisions under this subdivision."

Page 10, line 26, delete "may be" and insert "is" and before the period, insert "if the person is shooting at an object that has been placed for the sole purpose of target shooting"

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 7, after the second semicolon, insert "modifying seizure of licenses;"

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

**Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1706:** A bill for an act relating to state government; extending the statute of limitations for a minor child filing a claim under the Human Rights Act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 363A.07, subdivision 3; 363A.28, subdivision 3.

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

**Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was re-referred**

**S.F. No. 1596:** A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring the legislative auditor to evaluate economic development incentive programs; appropriating money; requiring reports by the commissioner of management and budget; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 3.979, subdivision 3; 16A.11, by adding subdivisions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

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

**Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1251:** A bill for an act relating to condemnation; limiting railroad condemnation power in Hennepin County for public safety reasons; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 383B.

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

Page 1, line 14, after "on" insert "specific"

Page 1, line 15, delete "detrimentally" and insert "substantially and adversely"

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



**Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary, to which was referred**

**S.F. No. 1597:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; firefighters; modifying licensure requirements; providing for license reciprocity; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 299N.01, subdivision 2; 299N.02, subdivision 2; 299N.03, subdivisions 3, 5, 6, 7; 299N.04, subdivision 3; 299N.05, subdivisions 1, 5, 6, 7, 8; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 299N; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 299N.05, subdivisions 3, 4.

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

Page 1, delete section 2

Page 3, lines 13 and 14, reinstate the stricken language

Page 4, line 1, after "receipts" insert "to prove attendance at training sessions"

Renumber the sections in sequence

Amend the title numbers accordingly

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

**SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS**

S.F. Nos. 1698, 1265, 1523, 1466, 1073, 1506, 1499, 634, 1553, 1533, 1379, 1496, 1377, 1291, 1708, 1425, 1043, 1741, 1602, 1374, 1706, 1251 and 1597 were read the second time.

**SECOND READING OF HOUSE BILLS**

H.F. No. 239 was read the second time.

**INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS**

The following bills were read the first time.

**Senators Eken, Stumpf and Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1824:** A bill for an act relating to environment; requiring water quality strategic plan for Red River of the North; requiring minimum water quality standards; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy.

**Senators Eken and Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1825:** A bill for an act relating to health; modifying the list of covered health services under MinnesotaCare; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256L.03, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

**Senator Nienow introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1826:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; providing a credit for contributions to school angel funds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 290.01, subdivisions 19a, 19c; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Ingebrigtsen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1827:** A bill for an act relating to camping licenses; creating an exemption for special event recreational camping areas; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 327.14, subdivision 9.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

**Senator Reinert introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1828:** A resolution memorializing Congress and the President of the United States to provide funding to maintain and restore the Officers' Club building located on the grounds of the historic Fort Snelling and to provide additional funding to support the valuable services that the 934th Airlift Wing provides to military officers, military families, and civilians at the Officers' Club.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senator Pappas introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1829:** A bill for an act relating to state government; prohibiting an agency from procuring supplies or services from persons that fail to disclose as required by federal law information relating to conflict minerals originating in the Democratic Republic of the Congo or its neighboring countries; requiring an agency to provide notice of the prohibition in any solicitation for supplies or services; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16C.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senator Osmek introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1830:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; providing for early termination of an agricultural preserve under certain conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 473H.09.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Limmer and Koenen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1831:** A bill for an act relating to corrections; modifying base funding amount of community corrections aid formula; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 401.10, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1832:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; providing for appeal process for denial or revocation of driveway permit by commissioner of transportation; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 160.18, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

**Senator Rest introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1833:** A bill for an act relating to education; making school year-long student teaching programs part of teacher preparation; requiring a report on a tax credit for student teachers; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.09, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senator Rest introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1834:** A bill for an act relating to education; reaffirming the importance of teacher mentorship programs; making modifications to taxable income; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 122A.40, subdivision 8; 122A.41, subdivision 5; 122A.60, subdivision 1a; 122A.61, subdivision 1; 122A.70; 290.01, subdivision 19b.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Sheran introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1835:** A bill for an act relating to health; awarding a grant for diabetes prevention and education; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Hayden and Champion introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1836:** A bill for an act relating to health; appropriating money to evaluate and develop strategies to address menthol-flavored cigarette usage in the African-American community and to develop strategies to address cigarette usage and the harm in that community; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Sieben introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1837:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; directing the commissioner of transportation to establish engineering qualification for bridge inspection team leaders.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

**Senator Sieben introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1838:** A bill for an act relating to the city of Cottage Grove; tax increment financing; extending the five-year rule for Tax Increment Financing District No. 1-12.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Skoe introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1839:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; allowing Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians law enforcement officers to exercise arrest authority over non-Indians for offenses committed within the exterior boundaries of the tribe's reservation; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Thompson, Osmek and Hall introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1840:** A bill for an act relating to the Metropolitan Council; striking the link between the local housing incentives program and other funding programs; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 473.252, subdivision 1; 473.253, subdivision 2; 473.254, subdivision 1; 473.255, subdivision 1; 473.859, subdivisions 2, 4.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senators Dibble, Cohen, Bonoff and Miller introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1841:** A bill for an act relating to higher education; regulating the disposition of research dogs and cats; amending Laws 2014, chapter 312, article 13, section 47.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development.

**Senators Thompson, Osmek and Hall introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1842:** A bill for an act relating to the Metropolitan Council; requiring approval before implementation of the Thrive MSP 2040 metropolitan development guide; requiring revision after local government input.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senator Osmek introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1843:** A bill for an act relating to the city of Wayzata; tax increment financing; extending the five-year rule for Tax Increment Financing District 3.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senator Gazelka introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1844:** A bill for an act relating to local government; changing requirements for entering into water tank service contracts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 471.345, subdivision 5b.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senator Gazelka introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1845:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; authorizing sale of certain tax-forfeited land.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy.

**Senators Champion and Limmer introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1846:** A bill for an act relating to public safety; appropriating money for a grant for prosecutor and law enforcement training.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Bonoff introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1847:** A bill for an act relating to higher education; modifying definition for purposes of certain educational assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 197.75, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Higher Education and Workforce Development.

**Senator Clausen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1848:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; modifying certain general education finance provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 126C.10, subdivision 13.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Benson and Osmek introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1849:** A bill for an act relating to metropolitan government; changing the composition and role of the Metropolitan Council Transportation Advisory Board; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 473.146, subdivisions 3, 4.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senator Petersen, B. introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1850:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; capital investment; appropriating money for highway-rail grade separation project in Anoka; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

**Senator Pederson, J. introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1851:** A bill for an act relating to state government; prohibiting state agencies from assessing fines on local governments for violation of state law; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 15.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senators Pederson, J. and Ingebrigtsen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1852:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying right-of-way mowing restrictions; providing criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 160.232.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

**Senators Nelson and Dahms introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1853:** A bill for an act relating to state government; making changes to responsible contractor requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 16C.285.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senators Wiger and Kent introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1854:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; designating the segment of marked Trunk Highway 36 in Maplewood as Sergeant Joseph Bergeron Memorial Highway; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 161.14, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

**Senators Rest, Newman, Dibble, Stumpf and Franzen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1855:** A bill for an act relating to elections; authorizing jurisdictions to adopt ranked-choice voting; establishing procedures for adoption, implementation, and use of ranked-choice voting; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 205.13, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 206; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 204E.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senators Goodwin, Johnson and Hoffman introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1856:** A bill for an act relating to local government; requiring designation of a qualified newspaper with the highest circulation in specified circumstances; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 331A.04, subdivisions 2, 3, 4.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senators Goodwin, Eaton and Scalze introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1857:** A bill for an act relating to claims against the state; changing and updating certain claims provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 3.736, subdivision 3; 3.738; 3.739, subdivision 2; 3.749.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary.

**Senators Housley and Kent introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1858:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; requiring a safety improvement study for the interchange of signed Interstate Highways 94, 694, and 494.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

**Senator Dibble introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1859:** A bill for an act relating to insurance; amending provisions relating to health coverage for school district employees; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 471.6161, subdivisions 3, 8.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

**Senator Sparks introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1860:** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; establishing a farmer advocate office to provide one-stop regulatory assistance; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 17.03, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development.

**Senator Sparks introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1861:** A bill for an act relating to agriculture; increasing the state participation limit for Rural Finance Authority loans; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 41B.039, subdivision 2; 41B.04, subdivision 8; 41B.042, subdivision 4; 41B.043, subdivision 1b; 41B.045, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Sparks introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1862:** A bill for an act relating to telecommunications; modifying rate case procedures; standardizing consumer billing practices; requiring intrastate call completion; simplifying certification procedures; removing antiquated or obsolete provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 237.01, by adding subdivisions; 237.02; 237.035; 237.075, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision; 237.081, subdivisions 1, 2, 4; 237.12, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 237; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 237.03; 237.072; 237.075, subdivisions 2, 3, 6, 9; 237.21; 237.22; 237.57; 237.59, subdivisions 1, 1a, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 9, 10; 237.64, subdivision 2; 237.775; 237.80, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development.

**Senators Dziezic and Dibble introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1863:** A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money to replace the 5th Street Southeast bridge over Interstate Highway 35W in Minneapolis; authorizing the issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

**Senators Jensen and Carlson introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1864:** A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing a grant to expand robotics programs in schools in greater Minnesota; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Stumpf introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1865:** A bill for an act relating to local government aid; city of Oslo; penalty forgiveness; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Metzen; Pederson, J. and Dibble introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1866:** A bill for an act relating to local road improvement fund; modifying account provisions; providing that money in account is to be used only for grants; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 174.52, subdivisions 2, 4, 5.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Carlson, Clausen and Metzen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1867:** A bill for an act relating to energy; allowing rate-regulated cooperative associations to file for Public Utilities Commission review adjustments for property taxes and other costs; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216B.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy.

**Senators Saxhaug, Miller, Sparks and Eken introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1868:** A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money for grants to radio stations.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Anderson introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1869:** A bill for an act relating to solid waste; appropriating money for solid waste processing facility.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Benson, Hoffman and Nienow introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1870:** A bill for an act relating to health; requiring certain health care providers to report adverse vaccination events and disclose certain information; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 144.



Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

**Senators Hayden, Champion, Hoffman, Eaton and Dzedzic introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1871:** A bill for an act relating to health; appropriating money for grants to support healthy children, families, and communities; requiring a report.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Hayden and Champion introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1872:** A bill for an act relating to education; appropriating money for the 13th grade.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Ruud introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1873:** A bill for an act relating to state agencies; prohibiting certain grants and loans; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senator Dahle introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1874:** A bill for an act relating to health insurance; authorizing the Nonprofit Insurance Trust to self-insure for purposes of health benefits insurance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 62H.01; 471.617, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

**Senators Rest, Eaton, Koenen, Senjem and Nelson introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1875:** A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; broadening the exemption for sales to nonprofit groups; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297A.70, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

**Senators Rosen and Sheran introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1876:** A bill for an act relating to children; extending the Task Force on the Protection of Children.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

**Senator Rosen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1877:** A bill for an act relating to retirement; Public Employees Retirement Association; permitting a Nashville Township employee to purchase service credit for a period of omitted contributions.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

**Senator Rosen introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1878:** A bill for an act relating to human services; appropriating money for community action grants.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Kent, Wiger, Jensen and Dibble introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1879:** A bill for an act relating to transportation; highways; requiring the commissioner of transportation to develop a performance, stewardship, and sustainability plan for the trunk highway system; requiring performance reports; requiring an assessment of the department's organizational structure; requiring achievement of performance targets; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 174.03, by adding subdivisions.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

**Senators Eaton, Pappas, Dibble and Marty introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1880:** A bill for an act relating to health; adopting compassionate care for terminally ill patients; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

Referred to the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing.

**Senators Dziedzic, Skoe and Saxhaug introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1881:** A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for the Invasive Terrestrial Plants and Pests Center.

Referred to the Committee on Finance.

**Senators Skoe and Senjem introduced—**

**S.F. No. 1882:** A bill for an act relating to economic development; Destination Medical Center; providing restrictions for certain use of city funds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 469.43, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development.

**MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

Senator Schmit moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 87. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Benson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 462. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pederson, J. moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 466. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Petersen, B. be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 648. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Petersen, B. be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 649. The motion prevailed.

Senator Sparks moved that the name of Senator Westrom be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 877. The motion prevailed.

Senator Stumpf moved that the name of Senator Ingebrigtsen be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 914. The motion prevailed.

Senator Sieben moved that the name of Senator Marty be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1377. The motion prevailed.

Senator Eaton moved that the name of Senator Dziedzic be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1410. The motion prevailed.

Senator Limmer moved that the name of Senator Hall be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1677. The motion prevailed.

Senator Bakk moved that the name of Senator Saxhaug be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1709. The motion prevailed.

Senator Chamberlain moved that the name of Senator Wiger be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1726. The motion prevailed.

Senator Rest moved that the name of Senator Johnson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1784. The motion prevailed.

Senator Nienow moved that the names of Senators Tomassoni and Kiffmeyer be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 1792. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hall moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 1823. The motion prevailed.

Senator Bakk moved that S.F. No. 650 be withdrawn from the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing and re-referred to the Committee on State and Local Government. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. No. 1001 be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary and re-referred to the Committee on Education. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hayden moved that S.F. No. 1275 be withdrawn from the Committee on Finance and re-referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. The motion prevailed.

**Senators Clausen and Carlson introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 98:** A Senate resolution honoring Shretu Kapoor for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senators Clausen and Carlson introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 99:** A Senate resolution honoring Justin M. Lu for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senators Clausen and Carlson introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 100:** A Senate resolution honoring Muskaan Goyal for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senators Clausen and Carlson introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 101:** A Senate resolution honoring Apoorva Malarvannan for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senators Clausen and Carlson introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 102:** A Senate resolution honoring Christopher P. Roos for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senator Clausen and Carlson introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 103:** A Senate resolution honoring Margaret Inah O'Brien for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senators Clausen and Carlson introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 104:** A Senate resolution honoring Jessica R. Kostecki for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senators Clausen and Carlson introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 105:** A Senate resolution honoring Jackson A. Courtright for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senators Clausen and Carlson introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 106:** A Senate resolution honoring Tramail Peterson for being named a National Achievement Scholarship Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senators Clausen and Carlson introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 107:** A Senate resolution honoring Katrina Orthmann for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senator Latz introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 108:** A Senate resolution honoring Benjamin Vaaler for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senator Latz introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 109:** A Senate resolution honoring Matthew Carter for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senator Latz introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 110:** A Senate resolution honoring Estelle Bayer for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senator Latz introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 111:** A Senate resolution honoring Gannon Youakim for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senator Latz introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 112:** A Senate resolution honoring Samuel Greenwald for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senator Latz introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 113:** A Senate resolution honoring Katherine Swenson for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senator Latz introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 114:** A Senate resolution honoring Robert Peng for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senator Latz introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 115:** A Senate resolution honoring Simran Mishra for being named a National Merit Finalist.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**Senator Franzen introduced –**

**Senate Resolution No. 116:** A Senate resolution honoring 2015 Ms. Hockey Taylor Williamson.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

**MEMBERS EXCUSED**

Senator Ortman was excused from the Session of today.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Senator Bakk moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, March 19, 2015. The motion prevailed.

JoAnne M. Zoff, Secretary of the Senate