

SIXTY-THIRD DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Saturday, May 16, 2015

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

CALL OF THE SENATE

Senator Bakk 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. Phil Shaw.

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:

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

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.

May 16, 2015

The Honorable Sandra L. Pappas
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Pappas:

Pursuant to Senate Rule 8.2, the following appointments have been withdrawn from the following committees and placed on the Confirmation Calendar:

From the Committee on Education, to which were referred the following appointments as reported in the Journal for January 8, 2015:

BOARD OF THE MINNESOTA STATE ACADEMIES

Christopher Peper

BOARD OF THE PERPICH CENTER FOR ARTS EDUCATION

Thomas Adams

Stephan Daly

From the Committee on Health, Human Services and Housing, to which were referred the following appointments as reported in the Journal for January 8, 2015:

EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES REGULATORY BOARD

Aaron Burnett

Patrick Coyne

Scott Hable

Megan Hartigan

MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY

George Garnett

MNSURE BOARD

Peter Benner

Kathryn Duevel

Thomas Forsythe

Phillip Norrgard

From the Committee on Jobs, Agriculture and Rural Development, to which were referred the following appointments as reported in the Journal for January 8, 2015:

BOARD OF ANIMAL HEALTH

Matt Anderson

Paul Hanowski

BOARD OF ELECTRICITY

James Freichels

William Hoskins

Kim Huxford

John McConnell

Anthony Toft

BOARD OF HIGH PRESSURE PIPING SYSTEMS

Robert Bastianelli

Marit Brock

David Carlson

Mark Geisenhoff

Mark Kincs

Chris Savage

Mark Slagle

DESTINATION MEDICAL CENTER CORPORATION

James Campbell
Susan Rani
R.T. Rybak
Tina Smith

MINNESOTA RURAL FINANCE AUTHORITY

Carol Anderson
Jennifer Berquam
Sander Ludeman
Sarah Kern Magedanz

PLUMBING BOARD

Jeff Brown
Scott Eggen
John Flagg
James Kittelson
Pete Moulton
Phillip Sterner

From the Committee on State and Local Government, to which were referred the following appointments as reported in the Journal for January 8, 2015:

BOARD OF THE ARTS

Peggy Burnet
Jan Sivertson

MINNESOTA RACING COMMISSION

Alan Gingold
Lisa Goodman
Ralph Strangis

Sincerely,
JoAnne M. Zoff
Secretary of the Senate

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Madam President:

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 6: A Senate concurrent resolution relating to conference committee meetings.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned May 15, 2015

Madam President:

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

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 7: A Senate concurrent resolution relating to adjournment of the Senate and House of Representatives until 2016.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned May 15, 2015

Madam President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following Senate Files, herewith returned: S.F. Nos. 495, 253 and 1371.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned May 15, 2015

Madam President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following Senate File, AS AMENDED by the House, in which amendments the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested:

S.F. No. 205: A bill for an act relating to campaign finance; modifying provisions related to the campaign finance and public disclosure board; making changes to provisions related to enforcement, registration, fees, data, contributions, statements of economic interest, and various other provisions administered by the board; providing penalties; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 10A.02, subdivision 11; 10A.03, subdivision 3; 10A.08, subdivision 1; 10A.09, subdivisions 6, 10; 10A.14, subdivisions 1, 1a, 4; 10A.17, subdivision 4; 10A.20, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 10A.25, subdivision 10; 10A.27, subdivisions 1, 11, by adding a subdivision; 10A.322, subdivision 4; 10A.34, by adding a subdivision; 13.607, subdivision 5, by adding a subdivision; 211B.04; 211B.12; 211B.15, subdivision 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 10A.20, subdivision 1c; Minnesota Rules, part 4503.1500, subpart 2.

Senate File No. 205 is herewith returned to the Senate.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned May 15, 2015

Senator Bakk, for Senator Carlson, moved that the Senate do not concur in the amendments by the House to S.F. No. 205, and that a Conference Committee of 3 members be appointed by the Subcommittee on Conference Committees on the part of the Senate, to act with a like Conference Committee appointed on the part of the House. The motion prevailed.

Madam President:

I have the honor to announce the passage by the House of the following Senate File, AS AMENDED by the House, in which amendments the concurrence of the Senate is respectfully requested:

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, subdivisions 2, 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; 205.13, subdivision 3; 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.

Senate File No. 455 is herewith returned to the Senate.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned May 15, 2015

Senator Sieben moved that the Senate do not concur in the amendments by the House to S.F. No. 455, and that a Conference Committee of 3 members be appointed by the Subcommittee on Conference Committees on the part of the Senate, to act with a like Conference Committee appointed on the part of the House.

The question was taken on the adoption of the motion.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 34 and nays 23, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

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| Bakk | Eaton | Jensen | Pappas | Sieben |
| Bonoff | Eken | Johnson | Reinert | Skoe |
| Carlson | Franzen | Kent | Rest | Sparks |
| Clausen | Goodwin | Koenen | Saxhaug | Tomassoni |
| Cohen | Hawj | Latz | Scalze | Torres Ray |
| Dibble | Hayden | Marty | Schmit | Wiklund |
| Dziedzic | Hoffman | Metzen | Sheran | |

Those who voted in the negative were:

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| Anderson | Fischbach | Kiffmeyer | Nienow | Ruud |
| Benson | Gazelka | Limmer | Osmek | Senjem |
| Brown | Hall | Miller | Pederson, J. | Weber |
| Chamberlain | Housley | Nelson | Petersen, B. | |
| Dahms | Ingebrigtsen | Newman | Pratt | |

The motion prevailed.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE - CONTINUED

Madam President:

I have the honor to announce that the House has acceded to the request of the Senate for the appointment of a Conference Committee, consisting of 3 members of the House, on the amendments adopted by the House to the following Senate File:

S.F. No. 86: A bill for an act relating to data practices; classifying data and providing procedures related to automated license plate readers and portable recording systems; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 13.82, subdivision 15, by adding subdivisions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626.

There has been appointed as such committee on the part of the House:

Cornish, Scott and Schoen.

Senate File No. 86 is herewith returned to the Senate.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned May 15, 2015

Madam President:

I have the honor to announce that the House has adopted the recommendation and report of the Conference Committee on Senate File No. 1265, and repassed said bill in accordance with the report of the Committee, so adopted.

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; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62V.

Senate File No. 1265 is herewith returned to the Senate.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned May 16, 2015

Madam President:

I have the honor to announce that the House refuses to concur in the Senate amendments to House File No. 1003:

H.F. No. 1003: A bill for an act relating to local government; permitting local governments to donate certain surplus equipment to nonprofit organizations; creating an exception to tort liability; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 466.03, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 471.

The House respectfully requests that a Conference Committee of 3 members be appointed thereon.

Laine, Nash and Uglem have been appointed as such committee on the part of the House.

House File No. 1003 is herewith transmitted to the Senate with the request that the Senate appoint a like committee.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Transmitted May 15, 2015

Senator Goodwin moved that the Senate accede to the request of the House for a Conference Committee on H.F. No. 1003, and that a Conference Committee of 3 members be appointed by the Subcommittee on Conference Committees on the part of the Senate, to act with a like Conference Committee appointed on the part of the House. The motion prevailed.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senator Hoffman introduced—

S.F. No. 2197: A bill for an act relating to health occupations; creating licensure for music therapists; imposing fees and civil penalties; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 148G.

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

Senators Metzen, Gazelka, Jensen and Benson introduced—

S.F. No. 2198: A bill for an act relating to insurance; providing an exemption for health care sharing ministries; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 60A.02, by adding a subdivision; 60A.24.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2199: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for capital improvements to create quiet zones at railroad-highway crossings in Inver Grove Heights; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2200: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for improvements to Heritage Village Park in Inver Grove Heights; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2201: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for improvements to the Inver Wood Golf Course in Inver Grove Heights; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2202: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for reconstruction of Broderick Boulevard in Inver Grove Heights; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2203: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for improvements to the Veterans Memorial Community Center in Inver Grove Heights; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Sheran, Rosen, Carlson, Jensen and Hall introduced—

S.F. No. 2204: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; establishing Minnesota River Basin Commission; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103B.

Referred to the Committee on Environment and Energy.

Senators Jensen and Metzen introduced—

S.F. No. 2205: A bill for an act relating to commerce; regulating insurance fraud; regulating the wrongful detaining, suspending, or denying of no-fault auto benefits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 45.0135, subdivisions 2b, 8; 65B.54, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 65B.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Schmit, Sieben and Miller introduced—

S.F. No. 2206: A bill for an act relating to transportation; specifying corridor for high-speed rail line.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation and Public Safety.

Senators Cohen and Hayden introduced—

S.F. No. 2207: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Minnesota employment and training center; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Anderson moved that the name of Senator Johnson be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 362. The motion prevailed.

Senator Koenen moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 620. The motion prevailed.

Senator Koenen moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 1683. The motion prevailed.

Senator Anderson introduced—

Senate Resolution No. 186: A Senate resolution honoring Noah Masih for being the 2015 National Number Knockout Champion.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senator Clausen introduced —

Senate Resolution No. 187: A Senate resolution honoring Erich Hoffmann for receiving a Changing Attitudes Award from the Arc Greater Twin Cities.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

RECESS

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

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

APPOINTMENTS

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

S.F. No. 455: Senators Sieben, Eken and Carlson.

H.F. No. 1003: Senators Goodwin, Eaton and Limmer.

S.F. No. 205: Senators Carlson, Sieben and Rest.

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

S.F. No. 997 and the Conference Committee Report thereon were reported to the Senate.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE REPORT ON S.F. NO. 997

A bill for an act relating to insurance; long-term care; reducing the minimum permitted inflation protection for a long-term care insurance partnership policy; continuing to permit other types of inflation protection; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 62S.23, subdivision 1; 62S.24, by adding a subdivision.

May 15, 2015

The Honorable Sandra L. Pappas
President of the Senate

The Honorable Kurt L. Daudt
Speaker of the House of Representatives

We, the undersigned conferees for S.F. No. 997 report that we have agreed upon the items in dispute and recommend as follows:

That the House recede from its amendments and that S.F. No. 997 be further amended as follows:

Delete everything after the enacting clause and insert:

"Section 1. **[62A.241] DISABILITY INCOME COVERAGE; PROHIBITED PROVISION.**

No policy, contract, certificate, or agreement offered or issued in this state providing for disability income protection coverage may contain a provision purporting to reserve discretion to the insurer to interpret the terms of the contract or provide a standard of review that is inconsistent with the laws of this state, or less favorable to the enrollee when a claim is denied than a preponderance of the evidence standard.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective January 1, 2016, and applies to policies issued or renewed on or after that date.

Sec. 2. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62S.23, subdivision 1, is amended to read:

Subdivision 1. **Inflation protection feature.** (a) No insurer may offer a long-term care insurance policy unless the insurer also offers to the policyholder, in addition to any other inflation protection, the option to purchase a policy that provides for benefit levels to increase with benefit maximums or reasonable durations which are meaningful to account for reasonably anticipated increases in the costs of long-term care services covered by the policy. In addition to other options that may be offered, insurers must offer to each policyholder, at the time of purchase, the option to purchase a policy with an inflation protection feature no less favorable than one of the following:

(1) increases benefit levels annually in a manner so that the increases are compounded annually at a rate not less than five percent;

(2) guarantees the insured individual the right to periodically increase benefit levels without providing evidence of insurability or health status so long as the option for the previous period has not been declined. The amount of the additional benefit shall be no less than the difference between the existing policy benefit and that benefit compounded annually at a rate of at least five percent for the period beginning with the purchase of the existing benefit and extending until the year in which the offer is made; or

(3) covers a specified percentage of actual or reasonable charges and does not include a maximum specified indemnity amount or limit.

(b) A long-term care partnership policy must provide the inflation protection described in this subdivision. If the policy is sold to an individual who:

(1) has not attained age 61 as of the date of purchase, the policy must provide compound annual inflation protection;

(2) has attained age 61, but has not attained age 76 as of such date, the policy must provide some level of inflation protection; and

(3) has attained the age of 76 as of such date, the policy may, but is not required to, provide some level of inflation protection.

Inflation protection for a long-term care partnership policy may not be less than ~~three~~ one percent per year or a rate based on changes in the Consumer Price Index. The commissioner, however, may approve other types of inflation protection that comply with this section and further the goals of the partnership program.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This section is effective July 1, 2015, and applies to coverage sold on or after that date.

Sec. 3. Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62S.24, is amended by adding a subdivision to read:

Subd. 9. Certain pre-July 1, 2006 policies. (a) Notwithstanding section 256B.0571, subdivision 6, a long-term care insurance policy issued before July 1, 2006, that otherwise meets all requirements for partnership policy status shall be qualified as a partnership policy, provided that benefits have not yet been paid out on the policy.

(b) An insured may make written inquiry to the issuer of the long-term care insurance policy as to whether the policy meets the requirements for partnership policy status. The issuer of the policy must reply to the inquiry within 30 days, and if the policy does so qualify, must add a rider, amendment, or disclosure statement to the policy as documentation of the partnership policy status.

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

Sec. 4. RATE APPROVAL; RECOMMENDATIONS.

(a) The commissioner of commerce may make recommendations to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house and senate committees having jurisdiction over commerce for standards governing the approval of actuarially justified rate increases for long-term care insurance policies issued prior to January 1, 2002. The recommendations may include rate-increase mitigation options, including contingent nonforfeiture benefits and optional benefit changes to protect policy holders that may receive rate increases.

(b) In developing these recommendations, the commissioner may consult with the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, the Society of Actuaries and the Academy of Actuaries, representatives of the long-term insurance industry, and the house and senate committee chairs and ranking minority members for the committees having jurisdiction over commerce. The commissioner may submit progress reports to the chairs and ranking minority members of the house and senate committees having jurisdiction over commerce on October 15, 2015, and February 1, 2016."

Delete the title and insert:

"A bill for an act relating to insurance; regulating disability income coverage; reducing the minimum permitted inflation protection for a long-term care insurance partnership policy; continuing to permit other types of inflation protection for long-term care policies; authorizing the commissioner of commerce to make certain long-term care policy rate recommendations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 62S.23, subdivision 1; 62S.24, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62A."

We request the adoption of this report and repassage of the bill.

Senate Conferees: Vicki Jensen, James P. Metzen, Paul E. Gazelka

House Conferees: Joe Schomacker, Joe Hoppe, Joe Atkins

Senator Jensen moved that the foregoing recommendations and Conference Committee Report on S.F. No. 997 be now adopted, and that the bill be repassed as amended by the Conference Committee. The motion prevailed. So the recommendations and Conference Committee Report were adopted.

S.F. No. 997 was read the third time, as amended by the Conference Committee, and placed on its repassage.

The question was taken on the repassage of the bill, as amended by the Conference Committee.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 57 and nays 0, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

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| Anderson | Cohen | Gazelka | Jensen | Metzen |
| Bakk | Dahms | Goodwin | Johnson | Miller |
| Benson | Dibble | Hall | Kent | Nelson |
| Bonoff | Dziedzic | Hawj | Kiffmeyer | Newman |
| Brown | Eaton | Hayden | Koenen | Nienow |
| Carlson | Eken | Hoffman | Latz | Osmek |
| Chamberlain | Fischbach | Housley | Limmer | Pappas |
| Clausen | Franzen | Ingebrigtsen | Marty | Pederson, J. |

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So the bill, as amended by the Conference Committee, was repassed and its title was agreed to.

RECESS

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

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

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

Without objection, remaining on the Order of Business of Motions and Resolutions, the Senate reverted to the Orders of Business of Messages From the House and Introduction and First Reading of Senate Bills.

MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

Madam President:

I have the honor to announce that the House has adopted the recommendation and report of the Conference Committee on Senate File No. 997, and repassed said bill in accordance with the report of the Committee, so adopted.

S.F. No. 997: A bill for an act relating to insurance; long-term care; reducing the minimum permitted inflation protection for a long-term care insurance partnership policy; continuing to permit other types of inflation protection; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 62S.23, subdivision 1; 62S.24, by adding a subdivision.

Senate File No. 997 is herewith returned to the Senate.

Patrick D. Murphy, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives

Returned May 16, 2015

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senators Koenen, Gazelka, Senjem, Eaton and Ruud introduced—

S.F. No. 2208: A bill for an act relating to economic development; establishing a tax refund program for restaurant and hotel renovations or repair; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 469.

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

Senators Rest, Gazelka, Koenen, Eaton and Ruud introduced—

S.F. No. 2209: A bill for an act relating to taxation; income; providing for a prepared food donation credit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 290.01, subdivisions 19a, 19c; 290.06, by adding a subdivision; 290.091, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Rest, Gazelka, Koenen, Senjem and Ruud introduced—

S.F. No. 2210: A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; providing a reduced rate for electricity, natural or artificial gas, propane, and water sold to restaurants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297A.62, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Reinert and Miller introduced—

S.F. No. 2211: A bill for an act proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IX, section 1; changing the method for amending the constitution.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Reinert introduced—

S.F. No. 2212: A bill for an act relating to elections; providing for nonpartisan legislative elections; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 204D.08, subdivisions 4, 6.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senators Reinert and Miller introduced—

S.F. No. 2213: A bill for an act relating to taxes; creating a Tax Expenditure Advisory Commission; providing for review and sunset of tax expenditures; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290D.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Reinert and Miller introduced—

S.F. No. 2214: A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying primary elections for partisan offices; requiring the top two vote getters in partisan primary races to be placed on the general election ballot; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 200.02, subdivisions 7, 23; 204B.03; 204B.07, subdivision 4; 204C.13, subdivision 3; 204C.21, subdivision 3; 204C.32, subdivision 1; 204D.03, subdivisions 1, 3; 204D.05, subdivisions 1, 3; 204D.07, subdivisions 1, 3; 204D.08, subdivision 4; 204D.10, subdivision 1; 204D.20, subdivisions 1, 2; 206.61, subdivision 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 204B.04, subdivisions 2, 3; 204D.07, subdivision 2; 204D.08, subdivision 5; 204D.13, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

Senators Reinert, Kent, Osmek, Carlson and Housley introduced—

S.F. No. 2215: A bill for an act relating to liquor; authorizing shipments of malt liquor into Minnesota with certain conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 297G.07, subdivision 1; 340A.417.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce.

Senators Petersen, B. and Marty introduced—

S.F. No. 2216: A bill for an act relating to health; removing natural marijuana as a Schedule I controlled substance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 152.02, subdivision 2; 152.027, subdivision 6.

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

Senators Miller, Anderson and Reinert introduced—

S.F. No. 2217: A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring the legislature to meet in odd years only; requiring submission of governor's operating and capital budget in odd-numbered year; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 3.011; 16A.11, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Dibble and Johnson introduced—

S.F. No. 2218: A bill for an act relating to state government; providing a process for community ownership of a major league soccer team; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 4B.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Kent, Limmer and Dibble introduced—

S.F. No. 2219: A bill for an act relating to privacy; establishing student user privacy in education rights; requiring online educational services to comply with security and privacy standards; prohibiting use of student information for targeted marketing or creation of student profiles; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 13.321, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 125B.

Referred to the Committee on Education.

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senators Lourey, Ortman, Rosen, Stumpf, Thompson, Westrom and Wiger were excused from the Session of today. Senators Champion and Dahle were excused from the Session of today from 12:00 noon to 12:35 p.m. Senator Hann was excused from the Session of today from 12:10 to 12:35 p.m.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Bakk moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 3:00 p.m., Sunday, May 17, 2015.
The motion prevailed.

JoAnne M. Zoff, Secretary of the Senate