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SIXTH LEGISLATIVE DAY

St. Paul, Minnesota, Monday, February 24, 2025

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

CALL OF THE SENATE

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

Prayer was offered by the Chaplain, Mr. Dan Erdman.

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 were present:

Abeler	Duckworth	Johnson	Mathews	Rasmusson
Anderson	Eichorn	Johnson Stewart	Maye Quade	Rest
Bahr	Farnsworth	Klein	McEwen	Seeberger
Boldon	Fateh	Koran	Miller	Utke
Carlson	Frentz	Kreun	Mitchell	Weber
Champion	Green	Kunesh	Mohamed	Wesenberg
Clark	Gruenhagen	Kupec	Murphy	Westlin
Coleman	Gustafson	Lang	Nelson	Westrom
Cwodzinski	Hauschild	Latz	Oumou Verbeten	Wiklund
Dahms	Hawj	Lieske	Pappas	Xiong
Dibble	Hoffman	Limmer	Pha	
Dornink	Housley	Lucero	Port	
Draheim	Howe	Mann	Putnam	
Drazkowski	Jasinski	Marty	Rarick	

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 communications were received.

January 3, 2023

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Champion:

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

MINNESOTA HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY
COMMISSIONER

Jennifer Ho, 400 Wabasha St. N., U. 400, Saint Paul, in the county of Ramsey, effective January 2, 2023, for a term expiring on January 4, 2027.

(Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.)

Sincerely,
Tim Walz, Governor

February 21, 2025

The Honorable Bobby Joe Champion
President of the Senate

Dear Senator Champion:

The Subcommittee on Committees met on February 21, 2025, and by appropriate action made the following appointments:

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes

97A.056: Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council - Senator Lang to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

116P.05: Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources - Senators Green and Westrom to serve a term until December 31, 2026.

135A.20: Midwestern Higher Education Commission - Senator Fateh to serve a term until January 1, 2027.

138.763: St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board - Senators Champion and Clark to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

218.75: Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Commission - Senators Kupec and McEwen, as alternate designee, to serve a term until January 15, 2027.

298.22: Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board - Senators Eichorn and Farnsworth to serve a term until January 1, 2027.

Pursuant to Minnesota Laws 2024

Chapter 125, article 6, section 4: Working Group on Simplifying Housing Resources - Senator Mohamed to serve at the pleasure of the appointing authority.

Sincerely,
Erin P. Murphy
Chair, Subcommittee on Committees
Senate District 64

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was referred

S.F. No. 472: A bill for an act relating to court fees; exempting the Office of Ombudsperson for American Indian Families from court fee requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 357.021, subdivision 1a.

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

Senator Cwodzinski from the Committee on Education Policy, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1474: A bill for an act relating to education; requiring public high schools to participate in the direct admissions program; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.

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

Senator Wiklund from the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 971: A bill for an act relating to health occupations; providing immunity from criminal liability for health care providers when providing health treatment and services; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145.

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

Page 1, delete lines 16 and 17 and insert:

"(b) Nothing in this section limits any liability for gross negligence; wanton, willful, malicious, or intentional misconduct; or intentional violation of law."

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

Senator Wiklund from the Committee on Health and Human Services, to which was referred

S.F. No. 942: A bill for an act relating to children and families; mandating school attendance reporting to a local welfare agency; modifying the habitual truant definition; appropriating money

for grants to fund child welfare response efforts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 260C.007, subdivision 19; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 260E.

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

Page 1, line 9, delete "between" and strike "the"

Page 1, line 10, delete the new language and strike "of" and insert "12 years of age or older and under"

Page 2, lines 3, 23, and 32, after "agency" insert ", Tribal social services agency,"

Page 2, line 20, after the second "agency" insert ", Tribal social services agency,"

Page 3, line 6, delete "human services" insert "children, youth, and families"

Page 3, line 8, after "agencies" insert ", including Tribal social services agencies,"

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

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

S.F. No. 483: A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; requiring rulemaking to amend loss of consciousness or voluntary control provisions.

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

Page 2, after line 17, insert:

"Sec. 2. **APPROPRIATION.**

\$11,000 in fiscal year 2026 is appropriated from the driver and vehicle services operating account under Minnesota Statutes, section 299A.705, to the commissioner of public safety for the costs of rulemaking under section 1. This is a onetime appropriation."

Amend the title as follows:

Page 1, line 3, after "provisions" insert "; appropriating money"

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

Senator Port from the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1339: A bill for an act relating to housing; appropriating money for the Greater Minnesota Housing Infrastructure program; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

Senator Putnam from the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development, to which was referred

S.F. No. 1552: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; modifying financial reporting requirements for grain buyers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 223.17, subdivision 6.

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

SECOND READING OF SENATE BILLS

S.F. Nos. 472 and 1552 were read the second time.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF SENATE BILLS

The following bills were read the first time.

Senators Johnson Stewart, Eichorn, Hauschild, and Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 1751: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; implementing recommendations of Aggregate Resources Task Force; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 84.94, subdivision 4; 473.859, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Port, Maye Quade, and Mann introduced--

S.F. No. 1752: A bill for an act relating to health insurance; requiring coverage of over-the-counter contraceptive drugs, devices, and products by insurers and medical assistance; requiring reports; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 62Q.522, subdivisions 1, 2; 256B.0625, subdivision 13.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Kreun, Coleman, Limmer, and Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 1753: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; transferring money for the agriculture best management practices loan program.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senators Pappas, Lang, and Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 1754: A bill for an act relating to state government; transferring certain state-owned land in the Cloquet Forestry Center to the University of Minnesota; appropriating money for defeasance of outstanding debt on certain state bond financed property.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Pha, Rest, and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 1755: A bill for an act relating to environment; appropriating money to improve water quality in Upper Twin Lake.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Kupec, Farnsworth, Seeberger, Duckworth, and Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 1756: A bill for an act relating to labor and industry; appropriating money for the Minnesota Helmets to Hardhats program.

Referred to the Committee on Labor.

Senator Kreun introduced--

S.F. No. 1757: A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; providing a distribution of the state general levy to certain municipalities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 275.025, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Dahms and Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 1758: A bill for an act relating to commerce; allowing the board of directors of the Minnesota Insurance Guarantee Association to request financial information from insureds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 60C.09, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Rasmusson, Pappas, and Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 1759: A bill for an act relating to alcoholic beverages; allowing transfer of wine between commonly owned liquor stores; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 340A.412, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Johnson Stewart introduced--

S.F. No. 1760: A bill for an act relating to transportation; limiting use of the westbound E-ZPass lane on Interstate Highway 394; instituting public notification requirements.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Hawj and Pha introduced--

S.F. No. 1761: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money to Hmong Zej Zog to preserve Hmong Minnesotans' heritage, history, language, and culture.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Hawj and Pha introduced--

S.F. No. 1762: A bill for an act relating to economic development; extending availability for relocation grants.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 1763: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for a winter festival on Lake Phalen.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Hawj, Pha, and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 1764: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money to facilitate cultural exchanges involving diverse Minnesota communities.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 1765: A bill for an act relating to food support; appropriating money for a grant to Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for food shelves.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 1766: A bill for an act relating to children and families; appropriating money to Greater Minneapolis Council of Churches for site selection and property acquisition for a new services and supports facility.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 1767: A bill for an act relating to local government; permitting home-based businesses in residential dwellings; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 462.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 1768: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a new gymnasium at Browerville High School; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Hoffman, Weber, and Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 1769: A bill for an act relating to health; modifying requirements for well disclosure certificates; establishing a fee; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103I.235, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Kupec and Johnson introduced--

S.F. No. 1770: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for grants to the Northern Crops Institute.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senators Green, Drazkowski, and Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 1771: A bill for an act relating to employment; repealing the Minnesota Paid Leave Law; returning unspent money in the family medical leave account to the general fund; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 268B.001; 268B.01; 268B.02; 268B.03; 268B.04, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 6a, 8; 268B.05; 268B.06, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7a, 8, 9; 268B.07; 268B.081; 268B.085; 268B.09; 268B.10, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 9a, 10, 12, 12a, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 21a; 268B.11; 268B.12; 268B.13; 268B.14, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 5a, 5b, 5c, 6, 7, 8, 9; 268B.145; 268B.15; 268B.155; 268B.16; 268B.17; 268B.18; 268B.185; 268B.19; 268B.21; 268B.22; 268B.23; 268B.24; 268B.25; 268B.26; 268B.27; 268B.28; 268B.29; 268B.30.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Koran and Drazkowski introduced--

S.F. No. 1772: A bill for an act relating to state government; modifying policy related to the legislative auditor; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.971, subdivisions 2, 8a, 9; 3.978, subdivision 2; 3.979, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 15; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 16B.45.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Koran and Drazkowski introduced--

S.F. No. 1773: A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring that certain violations of law related to misuse of public funds be reported to law enforcement; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.456, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Koran, Mathews, Bahr, Limmer, and Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 1774: A bill for an act relating to campaign finance; requiring disclosure of contributors who contribute less than \$200 who live outside the area represented by the candidate; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.20, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senators Kunesh, Putnam, Port, Draheim, and Koran introduced--

S.F. No. 1775: A bill for an act relating to housing; requiring a report; appropriating money for the manufactured home park infrastructure grants and loans.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senators Koran, Lang, and Dahms introduced--

S.F. No. 1776: A bill for an act relating to transportation; establishing a special license plate for veterans who received the Army of Occupation Medal; making technical changes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 168.123.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Weber introduced--

S.F. No. 1777: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for rehabilitation of certain segments of the Casey Jones State Trail; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Weber introduced--

S.F. No. 1778: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for improvements to water and sewer infrastructure and street reconstruction in the city of Ruthton; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Weber introduced--

S.F. No. 1779: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for Phase 2 of a new highway department maintenance facility in Murray County; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Cwodzinski introduced--

S.F. No. 1780: A bill for an act relating to the legislature; requiring members of the legislative committees on education policy and education finance to observe a teacher or administrator each year; requiring the house of representatives and senate to adopt rules; requiring reports; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 3.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senators Cwodzinski and Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 1781: A bill for an act relating to education; providing references to statutes governing student attendance; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120A.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senator Farnsworth introduced--

S.F. No. 1782: A bill for an act relating to veterans; appropriating money for a grant to Fishing with Vets; requiring reports.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senators Maye Quade, Gustafson, Lang, and Coleman introduced--

S.F. No. 1783: A bill for an act relating to commerce; prohibiting access to nudification technology; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Frentz and Draheim introduced--

S.F. No. 1784: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a new water treatment facility in the city of Eagle Lake; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Mann and Koran introduced--

S.F. No. 1785: A bill for an act relating to health; modifying medication repository program procedures; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 151.555, subdivisions 6, 10.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 1786: A bill for an act relating to children and families; modifying relative foster care licensing, training, and background study requirements; modifying the Minnesota family investment

program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 142B.01, subdivision 15; 142B.05, subdivision 3; 142B.47; 142B.51, subdivision 2; 142B.80; 142E.01, subdivisions 14, 19; 142G.01, subdivision 8; 142G.40, subdivision 4; 245C.02, by adding a subdivision; 245C.03, subdivision 1; 245C.08, subdivision 1; 245C.15, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 142B.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Xiong introduced--

S.F. No. 1787: A bill for an act relating to energy; establishing an air ventilation improvement and geothermal infrastructure for schools financing program; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

Senator Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 1788: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for metropolitan cities inflow and infiltration grants; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Gruenhagen, Utke, Hoffman, and Abeler introduced--

S.F. No. 1789: A bill for an act relating to human services; appropriating money for the Minnesota Board on Aging.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senators Wiklund and Mann introduced--

S.F. No. 1790: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for sanitary sewer improvements in the city of Bloomington; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Howe, Duckworth, and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 1791: A bill for an act relating to education finance; appropriating money for public access automated external defibrillator smart monitored cabinets; requiring a report.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senators Howe, Weber, Duckworth, Hoffman, and Dahms introduced--

S.F. No. 1792: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; providing a subtraction for income earned by certain family child care providers; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 290.0132, by adding a subdivision; 290.091, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senators Housley, Limmer, and Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 1793: A bill for an act relating to employment; exempting small employers from the Minnesota Paid Leave Law until January 1, 2028; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 268B.01, subdivisions 15, 17, 18.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Kupec, Koran, and Abeler introduced--

S.F. No. 1794: A bill for an act relating to health occupations; removing advanced practice registered nurse postgraduate collaborative practice requirements; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 148.211, subdivision 1c.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Kupec, Utke, and Rasmusson introduced--

S.F. No. 1795: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a nonsecure juvenile detention facility in Clay County; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Kupec and Dahms introduced--

S.F. No. 1796: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for reconstruction of 13th Street in the city of Barnesville; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Oumou Verbeten and Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 1797: A bill for an act relating to consumer protection; requiring lenders to pause monthly payments on seized property; prohibiting lenders from reporting failure to make monthly payments on seized property; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325G.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Hawj, Draheim, Pratt, and Mohamed introduced--

S.F. No. 1798: A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for a grant to the Neighborhood Development Center.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Mohamed and Boldon introduced--

S.F. No. 1799: A bill for an act relating to housing; allowing use of housing infrastructure bonds on adaptive reuse to develop supportive housing and permanent housing for households at or below 50 percent of the area median income; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.37, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senators Mohamed, Clark, Boldon, and Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 1800: A bill for an act relating to housing; authorizing housing and redevelopment authorities to establish local housing trust funds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462C.16, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senators Mohamed, Clark, Boldon, and Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 1801: A bill for an act relating to housing; modifying payment provisions of the state rental assistance program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 462A.2095, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4.

Referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention.

Senators Johnson Stewart, Kunesh, and McEwen introduced--

S.F. No. 1802: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; prohibiting sale, manufacture, and use of lead tackle; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 97C; 325E.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Mohamed, Lieske, and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 1803: A bill for an act relating to behavioral health; temporarily allowing licensed graduate social workers to engage in clinical practice without supervision if providing crisis response services and to provide treatment supervision to individuals on crisis teams; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 148E.050, subdivision 3; 245I.04, subdivision 7; 256B.0624, subdivision 9.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Putnam, Kunesh, Mitchell, Maye Quade, and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 1804: A bill for an act relating to elections; providing for ranked choice voting; authorizing jurisdictions to adopt ranked choice voting for local offices; establishing procedures for adoption, implementation, and use of ranked choice voting for local jurisdictions; allowing local jurisdictions to use electronic voting systems with a reallocation feature; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 204B.35, subdivision 1; 204C.21, by adding a subdivision; 204D.07, subdivision 3; 205.13, subdivision 2; 206.57, by adding a

subdivision; 206.83; 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 Elections.

Senators Dahms and Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 1805: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for grants to the Minnesota Livestock Breeders Association.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senators Mann, Wiklund, Lieske, and Gruenhagen introduced--

S.F. No. 1806: A bill for an act relating to health; prohibiting certain formulary changes during the plan year; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62Q.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Mann and Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 1807: A bill for an act relating to consumer protection; requiring social media platforms to post a mental health warning label and timer notifications; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325M.34; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325M.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Mohamed and Clark introduced--

S.F. No. 1808: A bill for an act relating to workforce development; appropriating money for job skills training for recently released inmates; requiring reports.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Pappas, Klein, Abeler, Hawj, and Kunesh introduced--

S.F. No. 1809: A bill for an act relating to arts and cultural heritage; appropriating money for Minnesota Children's Museum.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Rasmusson, Boldon, Abeler, and Kupec introduced--

S.F. No. 1810: A bill for an act relating to human services; clarifying permissible out-of-state billing for certain disability waiver services.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senators Kupec, Abeler, and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 1811: A bill for an act relating to behavioral health; adding occupational therapy services, occupational therapists, and occupational therapy assistants to mental health uniform service standards, mental health services, and children's mental health grants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 245.4889, subdivision 1; 245I.02, by adding subdivisions; 245I.04, by adding subdivisions; 245I.23, subdivisions 2, 4, 5; 256B.0622, subdivisions 2, 7a; 256B.0671, subdivision 3; 256B.0941, subdivision 2; 256B.0943, subdivisions 1, 2, 7, 9; 256B.0947, subdivisions 2, 3a, 5.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 1812: A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying certain filing dates and reporting requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 10A.09, subdivision 1; 205.13, subdivision 1a; 211A.02, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 1813: A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing guidelines and a process for prosecuting agencies to follow regarding Brady-Giglio lists; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Gustafson and Lieske introduced--

S.F. No. 1814: A bill for an act relating to health; authorizing the use of nonopioid directives; establishing immunity for certain acts or failures to act; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 145C.01, by adding subdivisions; 145C.17; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 145C.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Mann, Gustafson, Seeberger, Wiklund, and Fateh introduced--

S.F. No. 1815: A bill for an act relating to elections; providing for ranked choice voting; authorizing jurisdictions to adopt ranked choice voting for local offices; establishing procedures for adoption, implementation, and use of ranked choice voting for local jurisdictions; allowing local jurisdictions to use electronic voting systems with a reallocation feature; authorizing rulemaking; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 204B.35, subdivision 1; 204C.21, by adding a subdivision; 204D.07, subdivision 3; 205.13, subdivision 2; 206.57, by adding a subdivision; 206.83; 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 Elections.

Senators Wesenberg and Mathews introduced--

S.F. No. 1816: A bill for an act relating to natural resources; requiring rulemaking to delist Little Rock Creek in Morrison County as a trout stream and to prohibit trout stocking in the stream.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Kreun, Gustafson, Bahr, Hoffman, and Abeler introduced--

S.F. No. 1817: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for interchange improvements at marked Trunk Highway 65 and Bunker Lake Boulevard Northeast in the city of Ham Lake; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Coleman introduced--

S.F. No. 1818: A bill for an act relating to food support; appropriating money for food shelf programs.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Coleman introduced--

S.F. No. 1819: A bill for an act relating to education finance; increasing special education cross subsidy aid; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 125A.76, subdivision 2e.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senator Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 1820: A bill for an act relating to commerce; prohibiting the approval of an added flavor to an inhaled cannabis product; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 342.06, subdivision 1.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Housley, Johnson Stewart, Maye Quade, Draheim, and Pha introduced--

S.F. No. 1821: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for school bus stop-signal arm camera systems.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Draheim introduced--

S.F. No. 1822: A bill for an act relating to data practices; making portable recording system data on certain elected officials public; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 13.825, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Housley, Pratt, Rarick, Coleman, and Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 1823: A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring specific content in a report from Minnesota Management and Budget on agency actions with respect to legislative auditor findings; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 16A.057, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on State and Local Government.

Senator Wesenberg introduced--

S.F. No. 1824: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for improvements to sewer and stormwater infrastructure and street reconstruction in the city of Gilman; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Wesenberg, Bahr, Green, and Johnson introduced--

S.F. No. 1825: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; authorizing the taking of elk causing damage without a permit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.655, subdivisions 1, 2.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Abeler, Hoffman, and Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 1826: A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing payment rates for certain substance use disorder treatment services; recodifying vendor eligibility for payments from the behavioral health fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 254B.05, subdivision 5, by adding subdivisions; 256B.761.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senators Abeler, Hoffman, and Utke introduced--

S.F. No. 1827: A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying substance use disorder treatment provisions; directing the commissioner of human services to make recommendations related to transition support services; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 169A.284; 245G.031, subdivision 2.

Referred to the Committee on Human Services.

Senators Pappas and Klein introduced--

S.F. No. 1828: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for Thompson County Park in Dakota County; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Seeberger introduced--

S.F. No. 1829: A bill for an act relating to public safety; imposing civil penalty on persons who disrupt or interfere with youth athletic activity; establishing youth officiating account; providing for grants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 240A.03, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 240A.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Seeberger and Farnsworth introduced--

S.F. No. 1830: A bill for an act relating to education policy; allowing for the use of seclusion as a restrictive procedure; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 125A.0942, subdivisions 4, 6.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senators Kupec, Dahms, Putnam, Dornink, and Gustafson introduced--

S.F. No. 1831: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for county agricultural inspector grants.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Champion introduced--

S.F. No. 1832: A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing a biennial budget for the Department of Employment and Economic Development and Explore Minnesota; making various policy changes; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 116J.431, subdivision 2; 116J.8733, subdivision 4; 116J.8752, subdivision 2; 116L.04, subdivisions 1, 1a; 116L.98, subdivision 2; 469.54, subdivision 4; Laws 2023, chapter 53, article 20, section 2, subdivision 2, as amended; article 21, section 7, as amended; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116J; repealing Laws 2024, chapter 120, article 1, section 13.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senators Dibble, Eichorn, Hauschild, Johnson Stewart, and Hawj introduced--

S.F. No. 1833: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for forests and forestry capital projects; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Jasinski and Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 1834: A bill for an act relating to transportation; providing for commercial transportation; establishing a commercial driver training assistance program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 171.01, by adding a subdivision; 171.13, subdivision 8; 171.3213; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 171.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Pappas and Kreun introduced--

S.F. No. 1835: A bill for an act relating to judiciary; appropriating money for grants to provide legal representation for children in need of protection or services and children in out-of-home placement.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Johnson Stewart, Abeler, and Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 1836: A bill for an act relating to transportation; limiting authority to issue certain citations to pedestrians; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 169.06, subdivisions 5, 6; 169.21, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Abeler, Kupec, Hauschild, Maye Quade, and Mann introduced--

S.F. No. 1837: A bill for an act relating to education; clarifying allowed uses of student support personnel aid; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 124D.901, subdivision 4.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senators Boldon, Pappas, and Nelson introduced--

S.F. No. 1838: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for accessible housing units owned by Accessible Space, Inc., in the city of Rochester.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senator Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 1839: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; establishing a program to provide grants to prevent the spread of avian influenza; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senators Kupec and Putnam introduced--

S.F. No. 1840: A bill for an act relating to agriculture; establishing a grant program to promote certain nutrient management practices; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 17.

Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senators Anderson and Limmer introduced--

S.F. No. 1841: A bill for an act relating to child maltreatment; allowing for judicial review of maltreatment occurring outside of Minnesota; providing for local welfare agency responsibility for assessing or investigating alleged child maltreatment occurring outside of Minnesota; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 256.045, subdivision 7; 260E.14, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Boldon, Duckworth, Gustafson, and Mann introduced--

S.F. No. 1842: A bill for an act relating to education; modifying teacher licensure requirements; requiring professional development on dyslexia; requiring rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 122A.181, subdivision 3; 122A.182, subdivision 3; 122A.187, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Senators Boldon, Clark, Mohamed, Champion, and Housley introduced--

S.F. No. 1843: A bill for an act relating to education finance; appropriating money for a grant to the Minnesota Alliance of Boys and Girls Clubs for academic assistance programs.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senators Boldon and Cwodzinski introduced--

S.F. No. 1844: A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing a grant to the Center for Applied Research and Educational Improvement to conduct a survey of Minnesota principals; requiring a report; appropriating money.

Referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Senators Hauschild and Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 1845: A bill for an act relating to transportation; authorizing haulers of well driller equipment to apply for an oversized vehicle annual permit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 169.011, by adding a subdivision; 169.86, subdivision 5.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Kreun and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 1846: A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for improvements to Hornsby Street Northeast in the city of Columbus; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Kreun and Hoffman introduced--

S.F. No. 1847: A bill for an act relating to transportation; appropriating money for improvements to Hornsby Street Northeast in the city of Columbus.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senator Eichorn introduced--

S.F. No. 1848: A bill for an act relating to game and fish; requiring statewide wolf population survey; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.646.

Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Dornink, Draheim, Seeberger, and Rarick introduced--

S.F. No. 1849: A bill for an act relating to employment; exempting certain agricultural workers from the Minnesota Paid Leave Law; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 268B.01, subdivisions 15, 17, 18.

Referred to the Committee on Jobs and Economic Development.

Senator Howe introduced--

S.F. No. 1850: A bill for an act relating to transportation; establishing pavement asset sustainability ratio targets; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 174.03, by adding a subdivision.

Referred to the Committee on Transportation.

Senators Westlin and Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 1851: A bill for an act relating to elections; prohibiting misrepresentation of campaign authority; providing criminal penalties and civil remedies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 211B.32, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 211B.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senators Hauschild, Boldon, Pha, and Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 1852: A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; expanding the dependent care credit; establishing the Great Start child care credit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 290.0131, by adding a subdivision; 290.067, subdivisions 1, 2b, by adding subdivisions.

Referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Senator Pappas introduced--

S.F. No. 1853: A bill for an act relating to health; appropriating money to the Beautywell Project.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senators Westlin, Bahr, and Lucero introduced--

S.F. No. 1854: A bill for an act relating to political activity; prohibiting reprisals for refusing to communicate with public or local officials; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 10A.36.

Referred to the Committee on Elections.

Senator Westlin introduced--

S.F. No. 1855: A bill for an act relating to commerce; prohibiting persons from requiring consumers to engage in political activity; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 1856: A bill for an act relating to health insurance; prohibiting the use of artificial intelligence in the utilization review process; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 62M.02, by adding a subdivision; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 62M.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 1857: A bill for an act relating to commerce; prohibiting persons from allowing minors to access chatbots for recreational purposes; providing civil penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325M.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senators Mann, Abeler, and Maye Quade introduced--

S.F. No. 1858: A bill for an act relating to health; transferring the healthy eating, here at home program to the Department of Health; establishing the fresh bucks pilot program; requiring a report;

appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 138.912, subdivisions 1, 2, 3, 4, 6; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 138.912, subdivision 7.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

Senator Carlson introduced--

S.F. No. 1859: A bill for an act relating to public safety; limiting scope of video made available by Bureau of Criminal Apprehension for officer-involved death investigations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 299C.80, subdivision 6.

Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Senators Carlson and Mitchell introduced--

S.F. No. 1860: A bill for an act relating to telecommunications; prohibiting false caller identification information; providing for criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 325E.26, by adding subdivisions; 609.52, subdivision 3; 609.527, subdivision 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 325E.31.

Referred to the Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection.

Senator Hauschild introduced--

S.F. No. 1861: A bill for an act relating to health; modifying license conditions for certain hospital swing beds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 144.562, subdivision 3.

Referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Mitchell be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 8. The motion prevailed.

Senator Dahms moved that the name of Senator Lang be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 146. The motion prevailed.

Senator Draheim moved that the name of Senator Pha be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 227. The motion prevailed.

Senator Gustafson moved that her name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 360. The motion prevailed.

Senator Farnsworth moved that the name of Senator Seeberger be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 360. The motion prevailed.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that the names of Senators Putnam and Gruenhagen be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 377. The motion prevailed.

Senator Wiklund moved that the name of Senator Maye Quade be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 379. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mathews moved that the name of Senator Eichorn be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 432. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that the name of Senator Dornink be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 449. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kunesh moved that the names of Senators Pappas, Oumou Verbeten, and Clark be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 472. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the name of Senator Draheim be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 477. The motion prevailed.

Senator McEwen moved that the name of Senator Johnson Stewart be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 518. The motion prevailed.

Senator Westlin moved that the name of Senator Limmer be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 543. The motion prevailed.

Senator Koran moved that his name be stricken as a co-author to S.F. No. 651. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mohamed moved that the name of Senator McEwen be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 671. The motion prevailed.

Senator Westlin moved that the name of Senator Limmer be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 734. The motion prevailed.

Senator Carlson moved that the name of Senator Mitchell be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1070. The motion prevailed.

Senator Putnam moved that the name of Senator Howe be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1077. The motion prevailed.

Senator Kupec moved that the name of Senator Hoffman be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1084. The motion prevailed.

Senator Maye Quade moved that the name of Senator Mann be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1113. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappas moved that the name of Senator Housley be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1199. The motion prevailed.

Senator Wiklund moved that the name of Senator Mitchell be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1232. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pha moved that the name of Senator Eichorn be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1251. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that the name of Senator Kunesh be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1311. The motion prevailed.

Senator Boldon moved that the names of Senators Cwodzinski and Abeler be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 1355. The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson Stewart moved that the name of Senator Howe be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1361. The motion prevailed.

Senator Limmer moved that the name of Senator Eichorn be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1374. The motion prevailed.

Senator Carlson moved that the name of Senator Mitchell be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1430. The motion prevailed.

Senator Gustafson moved that the names of Senators Boldon, Mann, and Duckworth be added as co-authors to S.F. No. 1474. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pha moved that the name of Senator Mitchell be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1520. The motion prevailed.

Senator Johnson Stewart moved that the name of Senator Hawj be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1537. The motion prevailed.

Senator Cwodzinski moved that the name of Senator Mitchell be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1557. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pha moved that the name of Senator Mitchell be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1564. The motion prevailed.

Senator Xiong moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1576. The motion prevailed.

Senator Pappas moved that the name of Senator Mann be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1580. The motion prevailed.

Senator McEwen moved that the name of Senator Boldon be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1596. The motion prevailed.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1607. The motion prevailed.

Senator Oumou Verbeten moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1610. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1614. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1615. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hauschild moved that the name of Senator Boldon be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1643. The motion prevailed.

Senator Latz moved that the name of Senator Champion be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1719. The motion prevailed.

Senator Mann moved that the name of Senator Boldon be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1739. The motion prevailed.

Senator Lucero moved that the name of Senator Port be added as a co-author to S.F. No. 1750. The motion prevailed.

Senator Hoffman moved that S.F. No. 1447 be withdrawn from the Committee on State and Local Government and re-referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy. The motion prevailed.

Senators Murphy and Johnson, for the Committee on Rules and Administration, introduced

Senate Resolution No. 14: A Senate resolution amending the Temporary Rules of the Senate.

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

The Temporary Rules of the Senate shall be amended for the 94th session of the Legislature as follows:

TEMPORARY RULES OF THE SENATE

94TH LEGISLATURE (2025-2026)

1. PARLIAMENTARY REFERENCE

The rules of parliamentary practice contained in the most recent Mason's Manual of Legislative Procedure govern the Senate in all cases in which they are applicable, and in which they are not inconsistent with these rules and orders of the Senate and the joint rules and orders of the Senate and House of Representatives.

2. REPORTING OF BILLS

Every bill, memorial, order, resolution or vote requiring the approval of the Governor must be reported to the Senate on three different days before its passage.

(a) The first report, called the first reading, is made when it has been received for introduction.

(b) The second report, called the second reading, is made when it has been considered by all the necessary standing committees and is ready for debate.

(c) The third report, called the third reading, is made when it is ready for final passage.

3. BILL INTRODUCTION

3.1 Bills, memorials, and concurrent or joint resolutions may be introduced by a member or by a standing committee.

3.2 The name of the author, authors, or committee must be written on the bill, memorial or resolution. The number of authors may not exceed five.

3.3 An original and one copy are required for introduction.

3.4 A member or a committee desiring to introduce a bill, memorial or concurrent or joint resolution ~~shall~~ must deliver it to the office of the Secretary, and the Secretary ~~shall~~ must promptly deliver all the bills, memorials or concurrent or joint resolutions to the President who ~~shall~~ must present them to the Senate.

3.5 A bill may not be considered by a committee or a subcommittee on the day it is introduced.

~~3.6 During the period between the last day of the session in any odd-numbered year and the first day of the session in the following year, a bill filed with the Secretary for introduction must be given a file number and may be unofficially referred by the President, with the approval of the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, to an appropriate standing committee of the Senate. All bills filed for introduction during this period must be presented to the Senate when it reconvenes and must be referred to the standing committees previously indicated by the President, subject to objection to the referral under Rule 4.10.~~

4. BILL REFERRAL

4.1 The President ~~shall~~ must refer each bill without motion to the proper standing committee unless otherwise referred by the Senate.

4.2 A bill or resolution may not be referred to committee or amended until it has been given its first reading.

4.3 A member may not object to a bill or resolution on its introduction.

4.4 All bills appropriating money, or obligating the state to pay or expend money, or establishing a policy which to be effective will require expenditure of money, when referred to and reported by any other than the Committee on Finance, must be referred before passage to the Committee on Finance.

4.5 All bills delegating rulemaking to a department or agency of state government and all bills exempting a department or agency of state government from rulemaking, when referred to and reported by any other than the Committee on State and Local Government, must be referred before passage to the Committee on State and Local Government.

4.6 All bills creating a new commission, council, task force, board, or other body to which a member of the legislature will be appointed must be referred before passage both to the Committee on State and Local Government and to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

4.7 All bills authorizing or increasing a sentence of imprisonment to a state correctional institution must be referred before passage to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

4.8 All bills proposing a constitutional amendment must be referred before passage to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

~~4.8~~ 4.9 All resolutions required to follow the same procedure as bills must be referred before passage to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

~~4.9~~ 4.10 A bill introduced by a committee need not be referred to a standing committee unless a question arises. It must lie over one day before being given its second reading.

~~4.10~~ 4.11 A member may question the reference of a bill during the order of business of first reading on the day of introduction. When a member questions the reference of a bill, the bill must be referred without debate to the Committee on Rules and Administration to report the proper reference. Upon adoption of the report of the Committee on Rules and Administration, the bill must be referred accordingly.

5. RECALL FROM COMMITTEE

5.1 Before the applicable deadline for committee action on a bill, a majority of the whole Senate may recall the bill from a committee and re-refer it to any other committee or place it on General Orders. After the committee deadline for action on a bill, 41 affirmative votes of the whole Senate may recall the bill from ~~any~~ a committee that is subject to deadlines established under Joint Rule 2.03 and re-refer it to any other committee or place it on General Orders. A majority of the whole Senate may recall a bill that is in a committee that is not subject to committee deadlines at any time the bill is in that committee. Recall or re-referral of a bill under this rule requires the concurrence of the chief author of the bill.

5.2 By a report of the Committee on Rules and Administration adopted by the Senate, the Committee on Rules and Administration, on request of the chief author, may remove a bill from committee and re-refer it to any other committee or place it on General Orders.

6. RESOLUTIONS

6.1 Memorial resolutions addressed to the President or the Congress of the United States, or a house or member of Congress, or a department or officer of the United States, or a state or foreign government, joint resolutions, and resolutions requiring the signature of the Governor must follow the same procedure as bills before being adopted.

6.2 A resolution may not be changed to a bill, and a bill may not be changed to a resolution.

6.3 Upon the request of a member, a resolution not required to follow the same procedure as bills and not offered by the Committee on Rules and Administration must be referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. If the resolution is not referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, the resolution must lie over one calendar day without debate or other action, upon the request of a member. This paragraph does not apply before the Committee on Rules and Administration is established or to the adoption of temporary rules for purposes of organizing the Senate.

7. BUDGET TARGETS

7.1 The Committees on Taxes and on Finance must hold hearings as necessary to determine state revenues and appropriations for the fiscal biennium.

7.2 During the regular session in an odd-numbered year, the Chair of the Committee on Finance or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration must publicly announce general fund budget targets within 30 days after the last state general fund revenue and expenditure forecast for the next fiscal biennium becomes available ~~during the regular session in the odd-numbered year, targets for the general fund budget must be publicly announced by the Chair of the Committee on Finance or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration.~~ Subsequent adjustments to the targets required under this rule ~~shall~~ must be made by public announcement of the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

7.3 The omnibus tax and appropriation bills are:

- (1) the omnibus tax bill;
- (2) the agriculture, broadband, and rural development appropriations bill;
- (3) the education appropriations bill;
- (4) the commerce and consumer protection appropriations bill;
- (5) the elections appropriations bill;
- (6) the energy, utilities, environment, and climate appropriations bill;
- (7) the higher education appropriations bill;
- (8) the health and human services appropriations bill;
- (9) the human services appropriations bill;
- (10) the housing and homelessness prevention appropriations bill;
- (11) the environment, climate, and legacy appropriations bill;
- (12) the jobs and economic development appropriations bill;
- (13) the judiciary and public safety appropriations bill;
- (14) the labor appropriations bill;
- (15) the state and local government appropriations bill;
- (16) the veterans appropriations bill;
- (17) the transportation appropriations bill; and
- (18) the omnibus capital investment bill.

An omnibus appropriation or tax bill may not be divided.

7.4 An amendment to an omnibus appropriation or tax bill that is a Senate file or an unofficial engrossment of a House file is out of order if it will:

(1) increase net appropriations from a fund for a fiscal biennium, without a corresponding increase in net revenue, compared to the bill as it was reported to the floor of the Senate;

(2) reduce net revenue to a fund for a fiscal biennium, without a corresponding reduction in net appropriations, compared to the bill as it was reported to the floor of the Senate;

(3) change appropriations, transfers, or revenues to an agency that was not in the bill as it was reported to the floor of the Senate; or

(4) create or increase the amount of a tax expenditure by reducing appropriations, transfers, or revenues to an agency that was not in the bill as it was reported to the floor of the Senate.

8. CONFIRMATIONS

8.1 Every gubernatorial appointment requiring the advice and consent of the Senate must be referred by the President to the appropriate committee. If a question arises as to the proper committee, the appointment must be referred without debate to the Committee on Rules and Administration for a report making the proper reference.

8.2 An appointment referred to committee and not reported to the Senate within 60 legislative days after it was referred is withdrawn from committee and placed on the confirmation calendar for consideration by the Senate before adjournment of the regular session, unless the appointee's term has expired or the appointee is no longer serving.

8.3 The final question on the appointment is, "Will the Senate, having given its advice, now consent to this appointment?" The question must not be put the same day the appointment is received or on the day it is reported by committee except by unanimous consent. Confirmation of the appointment requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the whole Senate.

9. STANDING COMMITTEES

The standing committees of the Senate are as follows:

Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development

Capital Investment

Commerce and Consumer Protection

Education Finance

Education Policy

Elections

Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate

Environment, Climate, and Legacy

Finance

Health and Human Services

Higher Education

Housing and Homelessness Prevention

Human Services

Jobs and Economic Development

Judiciary and Public Safety

Labor

Rules and Administration

State and Local Government

Taxes

Transportation

10. APPOINTMENTS TO STANDING COMMITTEES

10.1 The majority and minority ~~groups~~ caucuses must each be represented on all standing committees of the Senate substantially in proportion to their numbers in the Senate. The majority ~~group shall~~ caucus must assign the number of positions the minority ~~group~~ caucus will hold on each committee. The minority ~~group~~ caucus must be given adequate notice of its positions before the session begins.

10.2 Both the majority and minority ~~groups shall~~ caucuses must appoint their own members to fill the number of positions each ~~group~~ caucus will hold on each committee. The minority ~~group shall~~ caucus must transmit notice of its assignments to the majority ~~group~~ caucus within 14 calendar days after receipt of the notice of positions available. The minority ~~group~~ caucus may designate a ranking member for each committee. Nothing prohibits a member of the minority ~~group~~ caucus from serving as chair or vice chair of a committee, subcommittee, or commission. If the minority ~~group~~ caucus for any reason fails to make its appointments pursuant to this rule, the majority ~~group~~ caucus may make all the committee assignments.

~~10.3 The majority and minority committee assignments are subject to the uniform criteria governing committee assignments applicable to both the majority and minority groups. The uniform criteria must be adopted by the Committee on Rules and Administration.~~

~~10.4~~ 10.3 The Senate resolution establishing representation on all Senate standing committees must set forth committee assignments as made by the majority and minority ~~groups~~ caucuses.

~~10.5~~ 10.4 A member may not serve as the chair of the same standing committee or a committee with substantially the same jurisdiction for more than three consecutive Senate terms. This limit does not apply to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

~~10.6~~ 10.5 After the organization of the Senate and after consultation with and the approval of the Minority Leader, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration may add members to or delete members from a standing committee.

11. APPOINTMENTS BY SUBCOMMITTEE ON COMMITTEES

11.1 The Committee on Rules and Administration may constitute a standing Subcommittee on Committees, the report of which within its jurisdiction has the effect of a report of the Committee on Rules and Administration. The subcommittee consists of at least five members, including members of the minority ~~group~~ caucus substantially in proportion to their number in the Senate.

11.2 Unless otherwise provided, the Subcommittee on Committees ~~shall~~ must appoint all members of commissions or other bodies authorized to be appointed by the Senate and report the appointments to the Senate.

12. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

12.1 (a) All meetings of the Senate, its committees, and subcommittees are open to the public. A meeting of a caucus of the members of any of those bodies from the same political party need not be open to the public. ~~A caucus of the Hennepin county, Ramsey county, or St. Louis county delegation is open to the public.~~ For purposes of this rule, a meeting occurs when a quorum is present and action is taken regarding a matter within the jurisdiction of the body.

~~(b) Senate committee and subcommittee meetings may be held using alternative means that permit remote participation and voting for members with the approval of the respective caucus leader, subject to this rule. A member voting from a remote location under this rule must inform the Chair of the city and state from which the member is voting at the time of the remote voting. Remote meetings under this rule may also be held: (1) during any peacetime emergency declared by the Governor that is related to the infectious disease known as COVID-19; (2) during a special session; or (3) by the Committee on Rules and Administration at any time. Compliance with this rule meets the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 3.055. The alternative means used to conduct a hearing under this rule must ensure that all members of the committee participating in the hearing can see and hear one another, and that all witnesses are also visible and audible to the members participating during the witness's testimony, with the ability for witnesses to see and hear the members participating during the witness's testimony. If a member participating in a hearing held under this rule verbally affirms during the course of the hearing that the member's Internet connection prevents the member from establishing a visual connection to the hearing, the member may participate using only an audio connection to the hearing. Any meeting using alternative means must be contemporaneously available electronically to the public. The notice provided for the hearing must specify how members of the public may access and monitor the meeting. All of the requirements of Senate Rule 12 apply to hearings held under this paragraph unless otherwise excepted.~~

(b) Senate committee and subcommittee meetings must be held in a manner that permits remote participation consistent with this Rule. The method used to conduct hearings under this rule must ensure that all members of the committee participating in the hearing can see and hear one another, and that witnesses are heard and seen as provided in paragraph (d). The notice provided for the hearing must specify how members of the public may access and monitor the meeting. Any meeting held using remote means under this Rule must be contemporaneously available electronically to the public. All of the requirements of Senate Rule 12 apply to hearings held under this paragraph unless otherwise excepted. Compliance with this rule meets the requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 3.055.

(c) Members may participate and vote remotely in Senate committee and subcommittee meetings. A member voting from a remote location under this rule must inform the Chair of the city and state from which the member is voting at the time of the remote voting. A member must be visible when speaking or voting. If a member participating in a hearing held under this rule verbally affirms during the course of the hearing that the member's technology connection prevents the member from establishing a visual connection to the hearing, the member may participate, speak, and vote using only an audio connection to the hearing.

(d) When a witness testifies, members must be able to see and hear the witness and the witness must be able to see and hear the members. If a witness participating in a hearing held under this rule verbally affirms the witness's technology connection prevents the witness from establishing a visual connection to the hearing, the witness may participate using only an audio connection to the hearing.

12.2 Any person may submit to the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration a complaint that members have violated the open meeting requirements of Minnesota Statutes, section 3.055. The complaint must be in writing. The Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration ~~shall~~ must immediately forward the complaint in writing to the Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct without disclosing the identity of the complainant. The complaint must not be further disclosed without the consent of the complainant, except to the members against whom the complaint was made, unless the complaint was made by a member of the Senate in writing under oath, in which case the investigatory procedures of Rule 55 apply.

12.3 To the extent practical, a committee or subcommittee ~~shall~~ must announce each meeting to the public at least three calendar days before convening. The notice must state the name of the committee or subcommittee, the bill or bills to be considered, and the place and time of meeting. The notice must be posted on the Senate's ~~Web site and on all Senate bulletin boards in the Capitol and the State Office Building. A notice must be sent to the House of Representatives for posting as it deems necessary~~ website. Notices posted on the website must include the date and time the notice was posted. Notice must be provided to the ranking member before the notice is posted on the website or sent via the committee listserv. If the three-day notice requirement cannot be met, the committee or subcommittee shall must give simultaneous notice to all of the known proponents and opponents of the bill as soon as practicable. A hearing notice sent by the committee listserv constitutes simultaneous notice to known proponents and opponents.

12.4 A Senate committee or subcommittee ~~shall~~ must adjourn no later than midnight each day, ~~unless two-thirds of the members present vote to suspend this requirement~~ except that a committee may extend a meeting for up to one hour past midnight by a vote of two-thirds of the members appointed to the committee.

12.5 Committees and subcommittees may not meet while the Senate is in session without permission of the Senate. The names of the members excused ~~shall~~ must be printed in the Journal.

12.6 A majority of its members constitutes a quorum of a committee or subcommittee.

12.7 Each standing committee of the Senate, including a subcommittee of the committee, may at any time sit and act, investigate and take testimony on any matter within its jurisdiction, report hearings held by it, and make expenditures as authorized by the Committee on Rules and Administration.

12.8 A standing committee, but not a subcommittee, may require by subpoena or otherwise the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of correspondence, books, papers, and documents, in the manner provided by Minnesota Statutes, section 3.153.

12.9 ~~Upon the request of a member of a committee or subcommittee to which a bill has been referred, or upon the request of the chief author of the bill, a record must be made of the vote on the bill or any amendment in the committee or subcommittee~~ Minutes must be taken for each meeting of a standing committee or subcommittee. The minutes must reflect every action and vote taken at the meeting.

12.10 Upon request of three members of the committee before the vote is taken, the record of a roll call vote in a standing committee must accompany the committee report and be printed in the Journal.

12.11 A committee report may only be based on action taken at a regular or special meeting of the committee. A report in violation of this rule is out of order.

12.12 ~~No~~ A Senate committee or subcommittee ~~shall~~ must not permit any appointed officer or employee of the executive branch, registered lobbyist, or lobbyist principal to be seated at the committee table with members of the Senate during an official meeting of a committee of the Senate.

12.13 Disturbances and disorderly conduct are prohibited in the committee hearing rooms during committee hearings. The committee chair is responsible for order and decorum.

13. HOUR OF CONVENING

If the Senate adjourns without setting a time to reconvene, the Senate ~~shall~~ must convene ~~on the next legislative day~~ at 11:00 a.m. on the following calendar day, excluding Sundays.

14. PRESIDENT

14.1 The President ~~shall~~ must take the chair at the time to which the Senate adjourned. The President ~~shall~~ must immediately call the members to order and, on the appearance of a quorum, ~~shall~~ must proceed with the regular order of business. For the purposes of establishing a quorum, members who have informed the President of their intention to vote from a remote location under the provisions of Rule 40.7 may be counted for the duration of the legislative day. If a member suggests the absence of a quorum at any time during the remainder of the legislative day, the President must confirm that each member intending to vote under Rule 40.7 intends to continue voting under Rule 40.7. At any time the President announces the presence of a quorum, the President ~~shall~~ must

announce the names of members intending to vote under Rule 40.7. A member voting from a remote location under this rule must inform the Senate President of the member's ~~geographic location~~ city and state at the time of remote voting. ~~For the purposes of this rule, "geographic location" means the state and city where the member is located.~~

14.2 The President may call a member to preside. In the absence of the President, the President Pro Tem, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, or the Chair's designee, ~~shall~~ must preside over the Senate. In the absence of the President and the Chair, the Senate may select a member to perform the duties of the President. Substitutions do not extend beyond adjournment.

14.3 The President ~~shall~~ must preserve order and decorum, may speak on points of order in preference to members, and ~~shall~~ must also decide all questions of order, subject to an appeal to the Senate by a member.

14.4 An appeal is decided by a majority vote of those present and voting. Upon an appeal from the decision of the President, the question is, "Shall the decision of the President be the judgment of the Senate?" A tie vote sustains the decision of the President.

14.5 The President ~~shall~~ must sign all acts, memorials, addresses and resolutions. All writs, warrants, and subpoenas issued by the Senate must be signed by the President and attested by the Secretary.

14.6 Upon a finding by the Committee on Rules and Administration that the President refuses or is unable to sign any of the documents described in this rule, the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, or some other member selected by the committee, ~~shall~~ must assume the duties of the President under this rule until the President is able to sign the documents described or until the Senate elects a new President, whichever occurs first.

15. ADMISSION TO SENATE CHAMBER

15.1 The Senate Chamber is reserved for Senate use.

15.2 A person may not be admitted to the Senate Chamber except as provided in these rules. A member, an officer, ~~the constitutional officers, ex-Governors of the State of Minnesota,~~ members of the House, ~~judges of the trial and appellate courts and members of Congress~~ and Senate staff may be admitted.

15.3 The constitutional officers, ex-Governors of the State of Minnesota, judges of the trial and appellate courts, and members of Congress may be personally admitted by a member of the Senate. Past members of Congress or of the state legislature who are not interested in any claim or directly in a bill pending before the legislature may be personally admitted by a member of the Senate.

15.4 An employee of ~~either house~~ the House of Representatives may be personally admitted at the request of a member or an officer of the Senate.

15.5 A member of another Tribal, state, provincial, or national legislative body may be personally admitted to the floor by any member of the Senate. A member of another legislative body who is personally admitted to the floor may be introduced to the Senate by the President.

15.6 The President may designate and personally admit the person who will provide the prayer and the person who will lead the Pledge of Allegiance.

15.7 When the Senate is not meeting, a person who is not a member may be admitted to the floor at the request of a member or an officer.

15.8 Public hearings may not be held in the Senate Chamber. The Senate Chamber may not be used for any commercial purpose.

15.9 The Retiring Room of the Senate is reserved for the exclusive use of the members of the Senate at all times. The Sergeant at Arms ~~shall~~ must strictly enforce this rule.

15.10 When a member-elect is sworn in, the member-elect may request that one guest be personally admitted until the member-elect has been sworn in.

16. CREDENTIALS FOR NEWS COVERAGE

16.1 (a) The Secretary of the Senate ~~shall~~ must provide a reasonable number of spaces on the Senate floor and in the Senate gallery for individuals and organizations with credentials and passes issued under this rule.

(b) The Sergeant at Arms may not issue credentials or day passes under this rule to political organizations or to individuals affiliated with a political organization. For the purposes of this rule, "political organization" means an organization owned or controlled by a registered lobbyist, a political caucus, a political party, or any party organization and "individuals affiliated with a political organization" means an individual who, during the preceding 24 months, has been employed by or received any compensation from a political organization.

(c) Due to the limited space available for organizations or individuals providing news coverage of the Senate, the Senate finds that there is a compelling public interest in limiting credentials issued under this rule to organizations or individuals who demonstrate that they provide regular news coverage of the legislature. For session credentials, an organization or individual must submit an application to the Sergeant at Arms. The Sergeant at Arms must review the application and approve or reject it within 14 days after receipt. Upon the request of the Sergeant at Arms, an applicant for credentials must provide evidence of the applicant's activities in providing regular news coverage of the legislature. Evidence of regular news coverage must include examples of news coverage of legislative matters produced by the applicant. The examples must include written, video, or audio coverage written or recorded in the past year, and a description of how they were publicly distributed. Any opinion expressed in the examples is not subject to review under this rule at any time.

(d) If an application is rejected, the Sergeant at Arms must state the reason for the rejection in writing and notify the applicant, the Secretary of the Senate, the Majority Leader, and the Minority Leader in writing.

(e) An appeal of a denial of credentials must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Senate, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Senate Minority Leader. The Committee on Rules and Administration ~~shall~~ must review and decide the appeal within 14 days after receiving a letter of appeal.

16.2 The Sergeant at Arms may grant a day pass for access authorized under Rule 16.1, paragraph (a). The day pass may be issued for a single day to an individual or organization who has not applied for credentials and who is not prohibited from receiving credentials under Rule 16.1, paragraph (b). The pass may be granted upon the request of a member or the organization or individual, and may be renewed from day to day upon request.

16.3 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must compile and distribute to the public a directory of individuals and organizations who have been issued credentials under Rule 16.1 to provide news coverage from the Senate floor. The directory must include each individual's picture and organization and a brief biography.

16.4 The Secretary must issue each individual or organization with credentials an identification badge showing the individual's name and organization. The individual must wear the badge when in the Senate Chamber.

16.5 (a) A credential ~~shall~~ must be revoked by the Sergeant at Arms if the Sergeant has received credible information indicating that the individual or organization either was not qualified to receive the credential when it was given, or no longer qualifies for a credential.

(b) An appeal of a revocation of credentials must be made in writing to the Secretary of the Senate, the Senate Majority Leader, and the Senate Minority Leader. The Committee on Rules and Administration ~~shall~~ must review and decide the appeal within 14 days after receiving a letter of appeal.

17. DECORUM

17.1 In case of a disturbance or disorderly conduct in the lobbies or galleries, the President may order them cleared.

17.2 A member may not introduce a visitor or visitors in the galleries from the floor or rostrum of the Senate.

17.3 Smoking is not permitted in the Senate Chamber or galleries, the Retiring Room, hearing rooms, offices, or other spaces under the control of the Senate.

17.4 During floor proceedings, picture taking by persons other than accredited news or legislative photographers, picture taking with floodlights or flash units, and visual or audible disruptions are prohibited.

17.5 Demonstrations are prohibited in the Senate Chamber and galleries at all times.

17.6 At all times, ~~demonstrations and~~ food or beverages are prohibited in the Senate Chamber and in the galleries, except that ~~when floor proceedings are expected to last more than one hour,~~ members of the Senate and Senate staff may consume water in the Senate Chamber. Water that is not being consumed must be stored out of sight in a sealed, ~~unadorned~~ container ~~under a member's desk~~.

~~17.5~~ 17.7 Television recording or broadcasting on the Senate floor is under the direction of the Secretary.

18. ORDER OF BUSINESS

18.1 The order of business is as follows:

1. Petitions, letters, remonstrances.
2. Executive and official communications.
3. Messages from the House of Representatives.
4. First reading of House bills.
5. Reports of committees.
 - (a) From standing committees.
 - (b) From select committees.
6. Second reading of Senate bills.
7. Second reading of House bills.
8. Introduction and first reading of Senate bills.
9. Motions and Resolutions.
10. Calendar.
11. Consent Calendar.
12. General Orders.
13. Announcements of Senate interest.

18.2 Under the order of business of Motions and Resolutions, the Senate may by a majority vote of the whole Senate temporarily revert or proceed to any other order of business.

19. PETITIONS AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

19.1 In presenting a petition, memorial, remonstrance or other communication addressed to the Senate, a member ~~shall~~ must only state the general purpose of it.

19.2 Every petition, memorial, remonstrance, resolution, bill and report of committee, must have an appropriate title, and the name of the member presenting it written on it.

19.3 Every written communication distributed to members in the Senate Chamber must have the name of the member or officer distributing it displayed on it.

19.4 The Secretary of the Senate must ensure all messages are promptly delivered in the Senate Chamber.

20. MESSAGES FROM THE HOUSE

A message from the House of Representatives that a Senate bill has been amended, and the amendment, must be printed and placed on the members' desks before a member may move to concur in the House amendment. If the amendment has been printed in the House Journal for a preceding day and is available to the members, the Journal copy may serve as the printed copy.

21. OBJECTIONS TO COMMITTEE REFERRALS

A member may question the proper reference of a bill at the time the bill is reported by a standing committee to which it was previously referred. When a member questions the reference of a bill, the bill must be referred without debate to the Committee on Rules and Administration to report the proper reference. Upon adoption of the report of the Committee on Rules and Administration, the bill must be referred accordingly.

22. GENERAL ORDERS

22.1 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must make a list of all bills, resolutions, reports of committees, and other proceedings of the Senate that are referred to the Committee of the Whole and number them. The lists are called the "General Orders."

22.2 Items on General Orders may be taken up in the order in which they are numbered, as ordered by the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, or as otherwise ordered by a majority of the committee.

22.3 General Orders, together with all bills required to be included on it, must be electronically available or printed at least one calendar day before being considered in Committee of the Whole.

22.4 With the concurrence of the chief author of the bill, a majority of the whole Senate may at any time take a bill from the table and place it on General Orders.

23. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE

23.1 All bills, memorials, orders, resolutions and votes requiring the approval of the Governor must, after a second reading, be considered in Committee of the Whole before they are finally acted upon by the Senate, unless considered on the Consent Calendar or as a Special Order.

23.2 The President may call a member to the Chair when the Senate resolves itself into the Committee of the Whole.

23.3 The rules observed in the Senate govern, as far as practicable, the proceedings of the Committee of the Whole, and the Chair of the Committee of the Whole has the powers of the President, as appropriate. However, a member may speak more than twice on the same subject and a call for the previous question may not be made.

23.4 A member may request a roll call vote. The vote must be recorded in the Journal along with the amendment.

23.5 The recommendations of the Committee of the Whole must be reported to the Senate. The question is on the adoption or rejection of the report, and no other question may be admitted. The question may be divided to permit separate Senate action on the report as to any bill.

23.6 On adoption of the report of the Committee of the Whole, all bills recommended to pass must be placed on the Calendar.

24. CALENDAR

24.1 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must make a Calendar of all bills, resolutions and other matters approved by the Committee of the Whole for final action. The Secretary ~~shall~~ must place them on the Calendar in the order in which they have been acted upon in Committee of the Whole.

24.2 The Calendar must be electronically available or printed at least one calendar day before the matters on it are considered.

25. CONSENT CALENDAR

25.1 If a committee determines that a bill it recommends to pass is not likely to be opposed, the committee may recommend that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar. If the committee report is adopted, the bill must be electronically available or printed and placed on the Consent Calendar after its second reading. On the question of adoption of the report, the question of accepting the recommendation that the bill be placed on the Consent Calendar may be divided from the question of adopting the report in other respects.

25.2 A majority of the whole Senate, or the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, may order a bill on General Orders placed on the Consent Calendar.

25.3 The Consent Calendar must be electronically available or printed at least one calendar day before the matters on it are considered.

25.4 If a member objects to consideration of a bill on the Consent Calendar at any time during its consideration in the Senate before the question on final passage is put, and that objection is supported by at least two other members, the bill is referred to the Committee of the Whole, and the Secretary ~~shall~~ must place it at the bottom of General Orders subject to Rule 22.2, except that it need not lie over one calendar day before consideration in the Committee of the Whole.

26. SPECIAL ORDERS

26.1 The Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration, or the Chair's designee, may designate a special order for a bill that has been given its second reading.

26.2 A special order may provide that the bill be considered immediately, at a time certain, or after specific other business is completed.

26.3 During consideration of a special order, Rule 36.5 is suspended.

26.4 As nearly as applicable, debate on the bill and all proceedings including amendments and substitutions must be conducted as in the Committee of the Whole.

26.5 On any question, a member may request a roll call vote, which must be entered in the Journal.

26.6 Unless it is otherwise disposed of, after consideration a bill on Special Orders must immediately proceed to its third reading and final passage.

27. MOTIONS

27.1 A motion or amendment must be written if a member requests. It must identify the member or committee offering it.

27.2 When a motion is made, it must be stated by the President. If it is in writing, it must be handed to the Secretary and read to the members.

27.3 After a motion is stated by the President, or read by the Secretary, it is in possession of the Senate, but may be withdrawn by the author at any time before decision or amendment.

28. PRECEDENCE OF MOTIONS

28.1 When a question is under debate no motion may be made, except:

1. To adjourn.
2. To recess.
3. To reconsider.
4. To lay on the table.
5. For the previous question.
6. To refer.
7. To postpone to a day certain.
8. To amend.
9. To postpone indefinitely.

28.2 Motions numbered 1, 2, 4 and 5 above are not debatable, except as provided in Rule 29.

28.3 These motions have precedence in the foregoing order; but when a motion for the previous question has been made, or the main question ordered, a motion to lay on the table is not in order.

28.4 A motion to postpone to a day certain, to refer, to postpone indefinitely, or to amend, having been decided, may not again be put on the same day, nor at the same stage of the bill or proposition.

29. MOTION TO ADJOURN

29.1 A motion to adjourn or a motion to adjourn to a time certain is always in order. The latter motion is debatable solely as to the time. When either motion is rejected, it may not be renewed until further business has been transacted.

29.2 A motion to adjourn sine die is subject to debate, amendment, and subsidiary motions.

30. MOTION TO RECONSIDER

30.1 When a motion or question has been decided, a member who voted with the prevailing side may move for reconsideration:

(1) on the same day on which the vote was taken;

(2) within the next two calendar days; or

(3) if after the time provided under clause (1) or (2), on the first day the Senate meets after the vote was taken. The motion takes precedence over all other questions except a motion to adjourn or recess.

30.2 When a motion to adjourn is adopted before the disposition of a motion for reconsideration, the motion for reconsideration must lie over until the next succeeding day the Senate meets except as provided in this rule.

30.3 When notice of intent to move reconsideration of the final action of the Senate on a question is given by a member, the Secretary ~~shall~~ must retain the subject of the notice until after the expiration of the time during which the motion can be made.

30.4 A notice of intent to move for reconsideration is not in order after the Tuesday before the third Saturday in May, but a motion to reconsider may be made.

30.5 A motion for reconsideration having been once voted on may not be made again nor reconsidered.

31. MOTION FOR THE PREVIOUS QUESTION

31.1 Unless a motion for the previous question is made specifically applicable to a subsidiary motion, it must be in this form: "Shall the main question now be put?" If the motion for the previous question is supported by a majority of the members present, its effect is to put an end to all debate and bring the Senate to a direct vote upon all pending amendments in their order and then upon the main question.

31.2 On a motion for the previous question, a call of the Senate is in order before the President submits the question to the Senate.

31.3 On a motion for the previous question there is no debate. All incidental questions of order, arising after a motion is made for the previous question, and pending the motion, must be decided, whether on appeal or otherwise, without debate.

32. MOTION TO REFER

A bill or resolution may be referred to committee at any time before its passage. If an amendment is reported on the referral to any committee other than the Committee of the Whole, it must again be read the second time, considered in Committee of the Whole, read the third time and placed on final passage. If the referral is to the Committee of the Whole it must be placed at the head of General Orders, except when the referral is from the Consent Calendar under Rule 25.4.

33. MOTION TO AMEND BILL OR RESOLUTION

33.1 A motion to amend must be written if a member requests. It must identify the member offering it.

33.2 In drawing an amendment to a bill or resolution, reference must be made, first to the number of the bill, then to the page, and then to the line or lines where language is to be stricken or inserted.

33.3 In filling blanks, the largest sum, the longest time and the greatest distance must be first taken.

33.4 The title to a bill may be amended by the Secretary at any time the bill is amended by the Senate.

33.5 An amendment is not in order to a bill on the Calendar or after third reading without the unanimous consent of the Senate unless it:

(1) fills a blank;

(2) amends the title;

(3) is proposed to the chief author of the bill by the Revisor of Statutes to correct technical defects found by the Revisor while engrossing earlier amendments to the bill; or

(4) is proposed to a bill on the Consent Calendar before the bill is given its third reading.

33.6 An amendment to an amendment, once adopted, may be amended.

34. MOTION TO SUSPEND RULES

34.1 A rule may be suspended by a vote of at least two-thirds of the whole Senate.

34.2 A motion to suspend the rules for the purpose of advancing a bill may be made only under the order of business, "Motions and Resolutions".

35. GERMANENESS

35.1 An amendment proposed to the Senate or to the Committee of the Whole that is not germane is out of order.

35.2 A non-germane amendment includes one that:

(1) relates to a substantially different subject; or

(2) is intended to accomplish a substantially different purpose, than that of the original bill to which it is proposed.

35.3 An amendment to insert a constitutional amendment is not germane to a bill that does not already include a constitutional amendment.

35.4 Whether an amendment is germane is to be decided by the President, ~~who~~. The President may put the question to the body if the President chooses. If put to the body, the question is "Is the point of order well taken?" The President must inform the body that a "yes" vote means the point of order is well taken and the amendment is not germane and a "no" vote means the point of order is not well taken and the amendment is germane. If there is a tie vote, the point of order is not well taken, and the amendment is germane.

35.5 A motion to remove an amendment placed on a House bill under Rule 45.1 is out of order if removal of the amendment would make a portion of the House bill not germane to the Senate companion for which it was substituted.

35.6 If a House amendment to a Senate bill is not germane to the Senate bill, a motion to concur in the House amendment is out of order.

36. DEBATE

36.1 When a member is about to speak to the Senate, the member ~~shall~~ must rise and respectfully address "Madam (or Mr.) President." The member may not proceed to speak further until recognized by the President.

36.2 The member ~~shall~~ must speak only to the question under debate and avoid personality.

36.3 The member may inform the Senate of the Governor's position on a bill and on its status in the House of Representatives.

36.4 In discussing a resolution, each member is limited to ten minutes.

36.5 A member may not speak more than twice on the same question on the same day without permission of the Senate.

36.6 When a member is speaking, no one may stand between the member speaking and the President.

36.7 A member may not speak without using a microphone.

36.8 All remarks during debate ~~shall~~ must be addressed to the President.

36.9 When the President puts a question, or addresses the Senate, no one may walk out of or cross the Chamber.

36.10 When a member is called to order, the member ~~shall~~ must be silent until it is determined whether or not the member is in order. If a member is called to order for words spoken in debate, the words excepted to must be taken down in writing by the Secretary immediately.

36.11 Debate on the report of a conference committee is in order at any time after the report has been made available electronically or printed and placed on the desk of each member, or at an earlier time agreed to by a majority of the whole Senate.

37. ABSENCE OF MEMBERS

A member ~~or officer~~ of the Senate may not be absent from a session of the Senate unless excused by the Senate. For the purposes of this rule only, a member is present when present in the Senate Chamber or when voting from a location outside of the Chamber, as provided in Rules 40.7 and 40.8. The name of a member excused must be printed in the Journal.

38. CALL OF THE SENATE

38.1 A member may impose a call of the Senate requiring the attendance of all members before any further proceedings occur except a motion to adjourn.

38.2 Upon the imposition of a call, a member may request a record of those present and the Sergeant at Arms ~~shall~~ must bring in the absent members.

38.3 When the Senate has been placed under call, a member may demand that the doors be closed and that no member be permitted to leave the Chamber until the matter or question, if any, under consideration at the time of the call is disposed of, or until the call is lifted by a majority of the whole Senate, or until the Senate adjourns.

38.4 A majority of the whole Senate may excuse members not answering the call.

38.5 A call may not be imposed after voting has commenced.

39. DIVISION OF QUESTION

39.1 A member may call for a division of the question when the division is possible. The member calling for the division must state the proposed division. The President must determine whether a division is possible. A motion to strike and insert is indivisible. The author of the question being divided must determine which portion to vote on first.

39.2 The defeat of a motion to strike does not preclude an amendment nor a motion to strike and insert.

40. VOTING

40.1 The President ~~shall~~ must distinctly state the question before taking the vote. The President ~~shall~~ must declare the result of the vote. If a member questions the result of a vote, the President ~~shall~~ must order a division.

40.2 Except as provided in Rules 40.7 and 40.8, a member may vote on a question or be counted on a division only at the member's own seat in the Senate Chamber.

40.3 At any time before the start of voting on a question, a member may request a roll call vote, which must be entered in the Journal, unless at the time the request is made, the Senate is taking a roll call vote using the electrical voting system.

40.4 Unless otherwise ordered, a roll call vote, except upon elections, may be taken by means of the electrical voting system under the control of the President.

40.5 A roll call vote may not be interrupted except: (1) to announce the vote of a member voting remotely, as provided in Rule 40.8, and (2) to close the roll as provided in Rule 41.3.

40.6 A member or other person may not proceed to or remain by the Secretary's desk while a roll call or division is being taken.

40.7 ~~During a special session, a peacetime public health emergency, or~~ With the approval of the respective caucus leader, a member may vote on a question from a location outside the Senate Chamber, in accordance with Rule 40.8. ~~For the purposes of this rule, "peacetime public health emergency" means any peacetime emergency declared by the Governor in an executive order that relates to the infectious disease known as COVID-19.~~

40.8 When permissible under Rule 40.7, a member may authorize a designee chosen by the respective caucus leader to vote on the member's behalf while the member is at a location outside of the Senate Chamber. When a member assigns the member's vote to a designee under this rule, the designee ~~shall~~ must vote on the member's behalf as directed by the member on each question. The Secretary may adopt procedures to ensure the accurate and efficient administration of this rule. When a member votes remotely, that fact must be recorded in the Journal.

~~40.9 A member voting remotely may not accept per diem living expenses for a day when the member voted remotely.~~

41. MEMBERS TO VOTE UNLESS EXCUSED

41.1 Every member who is in the Senate Chamber during a roll call, including in the Committee of the Whole, ~~shall~~ must vote upon the request of another member unless excused by the Senate.

41.2 A motion by a member to be excused from voting must be made before the question is put. A member wishing to be excused from voting may make a brief statement of the reason for making the request. The question on the motion to excuse must be taken without further debate.

41.3 When members have had an opportunity to vote and fail to do so, a majority of the whole Senate may, by motion, direct the President to close the roll.

41.4 The vote on a motion to close the roll must be taken without debate. No member is required to vote on the motion.

42. FINAL PASSAGE

The final question on a bill or other matter requiring action by both houses after its first and second reading, and after the consideration in Committee of the Whole, is on its final passage.

43. TRANSMITTING BILLS TO THE HOUSE

43.1 Except when a motion to reconsider has been made as provided in Rule 30, immediately after the passage of a bill or other matter in which the concurrence of the House of Representatives is requested, the Secretary ~~shall~~ must transmit it to the House.

43.2 On the concurrence of a bill or other matter of the House by the Senate, or on the concurrence or disagreement in a vote of the House, the Secretary ~~shall~~ must notify the House.

44. ENGROSSING AND ENROLLING OF BILLS

44.1 The Secretary and the Engrossing Secretary ~~shall~~ must ensure that every bill, memorial, or resolution originating in the Senate is carefully engrossed ~~before it is transmitted to the House of Representatives for concurrence.~~

All engrossing and enrolling of bills ~~shall~~ and resolutions must be done at the direction and under authority of the ~~Senate~~ Secretary and Engrossing Secretary.

44.2 The Engrossing Secretary must correct all mistakes in bill section numbering and internal references, whether the errors occur in the original bill or are caused by amendments to it.

~~44.2~~ 44.3 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must ensure that every bill, memorial, or resolution originating in the Senate is carefully enrolled by the Revisor of Statutes before it is presented to the Governor or filed with the Secretary of State.

45. COMPARISON AND SUBSTITUTION OF BILLS

45.1 A House bill, after its first reading, must be referred as follows, unless there is a motion by the Chair of the Committee on Rules and Administration or a designee of the Chair:

(a) If there is no Senate companion bill, the House bill must be referred to the appropriate standing committee, unless there is objection under Rule ~~4.10~~ 4.11.

(b) If there is a Senate companion bill, the House bill must be referred to the standing committee possessing the Senate companion.

(c) If the Senate companion bill has been reported to the Senate, the House bill must be referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration, which ~~shall~~ must report whether the House bill is identical to the Senate companion bill. If the bills are identical, the report must recommend that the House bill be given its second reading and substituted for the Senate companion bill and the Senate companion bill be indefinitely postponed. If the House bill is not identical to the Senate companion bill, the report of the committee must recommend an amendment to the House bill that when adopted will render the House bill identical to the Senate bill. Upon adoption of a committee report containing

the proposed amendment, the House bill as amended must be given its second reading and substituted for the Senate companion bill and the Senate companion bill must be indefinitely postponed.

45.2 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must prepare and submit reports under this rule on behalf of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

45.3 A House bill placed on the Calendar by substitution must not be given its third reading on the same day as the substitution.

46. CONFERENCE COMMITTEES

46.1 The Committee on Rules and Administration may constitute a standing Subcommittee on Conference Committees, the report of which within its jurisdiction has the effect of a report of the Committee on Rules and Administration. The subcommittee consists of three members, one of whom must be a member of the minority ~~group~~ caucus.

46.2 The Subcommittee on Conference Committees ~~shall~~ must appoint all conference committees of the Senate and report the appointments to the Senate. In the appointment of members of conference committees between the two houses, ~~the Subcommittee on Conference Committees shall appoint those who are in accord with the position of the Senate.~~ whenever practical, the subcommittee shall must give preference to authors of bills in dispute and to members of standing committees in which the bills were considered, and to members who are in accord with the position of the Senate. The Subcommittee on Conference Committees is not subject to the requirements provided in Rule 12.

47. DISPOSITION OF BILLS ON ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment of the regular session in an odd-numbered year to a date certain in the following year is equivalent to daily adjournment, except that a bill on the Calendar, Consent Calendar, General Orders, or on the table, other than a bill laid on the table after being vetoed by the governor or after its conference committee has been discharged under Joint Rule 3.02, must be returned to the standing committee other than the Committee on Rules and Administration from which it was last reported to the Senate, ~~unless otherwise provided for by motion before adjournment.~~

48. PRINTING AND DISTRIBUTION OF BILLS

48.1 Unless otherwise ordered by the Senate, all Senate bills that have been reported upon favorably or without recommendation by a committee must be electronically available or printed before consideration by the Senate or the Committee of the Whole.

48.2 A House bill amended by the Senate must be unofficially engrossed and electronically available or printed when placed on General Orders.

48.3 A bill may be electronically available or printed by order of the Secretary when amended after second reading.

48.4 A bill must be electronically available or printed when ordered by the Senate.

48.5 Action by the Senate on a bill that has not been printed is a waiver of the printing requirement.

48.6 To the extent practical, the Secretary ~~shall~~ must provide a copy of any bill to the public and may charge a reasonable fee.

49. JOURNAL AND INDEX

49.1 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must keep a correct Journal of the proceedings of the Senate and ~~shall~~ must perform other duties assigned to the Secretary.

49.2 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must not permit Journal records, accounts or papers to be taken out of the Secretary's custody, other than in the regular mode of business. If a document in the Secretary's charge is missing, the Secretary ~~shall~~ must report the fact to the President, so that inquiry may be made.

49.3 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must supervise the recording of proceedings in the Journal, the engrossing, transcribing and copying of bills and resolutions, and generally perform the duties of Secretary, under direction of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

49.4 The Journal of each day's proceedings is open for correction at any time during the session of the next day the Senate meets. Unless corrected on that day, the Journal stands approved.

49.5 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must keep a record of all Senate and House bills showing the status of each bill pending, until its final passage.

50. ELECTRONIC RECORDINGS

50.1 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must cause to be recorded on electronic media the proceedings of the Senate, the Committee of the Whole, and each standing committee and subcommittee. Each electronic record must be clearly labeled to show the name of the body whose proceedings are recorded and the dates the proceedings occurred. Each electronic record of the proceedings of the Senate and the Committee of the Whole must be accompanied by a log showing the number of each bill considered and the places on the record where consideration of the bill occurred.

50.2 Within two working days after each Senate session, the Secretary ~~shall~~ must make a copy of the electronic record and corresponding log of proceedings of the Senate and the Committee of the Whole available to the Legislative Reference Library.

50.3 Within one week after each meeting of a standing committee or subcommittee, the Secretary ~~shall~~ must make the electronic record of the meeting available to the Legislative Reference Library, together with an agenda showing bills considered and any action taken on them.

50.4 Upon completion and approval of the minutes of the meeting of a standing committee or subcommittee, the Secretary ~~shall~~ must ensure that the completed minutes of the meeting are made available to the public. By October 1st of each year, the Secretary ~~shall~~ must deliver a copy of minutes for each meeting held in that calendar year before October 1st to the Legislative Reference Library.

50.5 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must keep a record of each session of the Senate and the Committee of the Whole, each meeting of a Senate standing committee or subcommittee and the date on which the electronic record of the session or meeting was made available to the Legislative Reference

Library. The Library ~~shall~~ must keep a similar record of all electronic records to which it has been given access.

50.6 The Library ~~shall~~ must provide committee staff with reasonable access to Senate electronic records and ~~shall~~ must provide the public with convenient facilities to listen to them.

50.7 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must make copies of Senate electronic records available to the public for a fee determined by the Secretary to be adequate to cover the cost of preparing the copies. A copy must be provided free to a member of the Senate upon request for use in legislative business.

50.8 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must keep the original electronic record and log of each session of the Senate and the Committee of the Whole until the end of the period for which the members of the existing House of Representatives have been elected, at which time the electronic record may be preserved or disposed of as the Secretary sees fit. The Legislative Reference Library ~~shall~~ must keep electronic records, logs, and minutes forwarded to it until two years after the end of the period for which the members of the existing Senate have been elected, at which time they may be preserved or disposed of as the Library sees fit.

50.9 The Senate intends that testimony and discussion preserved under this rule not be admissible in any court or administrative proceeding on an issue of legislative intent.

51. OTHER DUTIES OF SECRETARY

51.1 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must not issue a certificate authorizing the payment of money by virtue of a motion or resolution, unless the motion or resolution is voted for by a majority of the whole Senate on a roll call vote.

~~51.2 The Secretary and the Engrossing Secretary shall correct all mistakes in numbering the sections and reference to them, whether the errors occur in the original bill or are caused by amendments to it.~~

~~51.3~~ 51.2 The Secretary is the agent of the Senate for the purchase of supplies and services. The Secretary's records on purchase of supplies and services are open for inspection.

~~51.4 The Secretary shall adopt administrative controls to ensure that each member is accountable for the member's own long distance telephone calls and that Senate telephones are used only for Senate business.~~

~~51.5~~ 51.3 By the 15th day of January, April, July, and October, ~~and January~~ of each year, the Secretary ~~shall~~ must submit a detailed report of Senate expenditures during the previous quarter to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

~~51.6~~ 51.4 The Secretary's public records may be inspected during normal business hours.

52. SERGEANT AT ARMS

The Sergeant at Arms ~~shall~~ must:

- (1) execute all orders of the President;

- (2) perform all assigned duties connected with the police and good order of the Senate Chamber;
- (3) exercise supervision over the entry and exit of all persons to and from the Chamber;
- ~~(4) see that messages are promptly delivered;~~
- ~~(5)~~ (4) see that ~~the hall is~~ Senate spaces are properly ventilated and the temperature is properly regulated;
- ~~(6)~~ (5) see that the Chamber is open for the use of members of the Senate at least one-half hour before the start of a session; and
- ~~(7)~~ (6) perform all other services pertaining to the office of Sergeant.

53. BUDGET AND EXPENDITURES

53.1 The Committee on Rules and Administration ~~shall~~ must adopt an operating budget for the Senate and post it on the Senate ~~Web site~~ website.

53.2 All propositions for the appointment and payment of employees of the Senate or for expenditures of the legislature, other than those provided by law, must be referred without debate to the Committee on Rules and Administration.

54. EMPLOYEES

54.1 The Committee on Rules and Administration ~~shall~~ must establish positions, set compensation, appoint employees, and authorize expense reimbursement for employees as it deems necessary to carry out the work of the Senate. ~~At the request of any committee member, an action of the committee must be submitted as a Senate resolution for adoption by the Senate.~~

54.2 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must keep a roster of all employees of the Senate, including positions and compensation, which must be open for inspection by the public.

54.3 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must post, ~~in a public place in the Capitol or on the Senate Web site,~~ website a notice of every vacant position on the permanent staff of the Senate. The notice must remain posted for at least one week, and no vacancy may be filled until the period of posting has elapsed.

54.4 Except as otherwise provided in these rules, the Committee on Rules and Administration has ~~full and exclusive~~ authority over, and charge of all employees of the Senate both elected and appointed. The committee ~~has the sole and exclusive power and authority to~~ may assign them to duties other than for which they were elected or appointed as the committee may provide.

54.5 The committee may make employment rules and regulations. In case of violation of an order of the committee by an employee, or in case of a violation of a rule or regulation made by the committee, or in case of misconduct or omission by an employee, the Committee on Rules and Administration may hear complaints and discharge the employee or impose discipline, a fine, or other punishment upon the employee. The committee may, by a vote of a majority of the members

of the committee, discuss an employee disciplinary proceeding under this rule in an executive session to which the open meeting requirements of Rules 12.1 to 12.3 do not apply.

54.6 The Secretary ~~shall~~ must supervise the employees under the direction of the Committee on Rules and Administration.

55. SUBCOMMITTEE ON ETHICAL CONDUCT

55.1 The Committee on Rules and Administration ~~shall~~ must appoint a Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct of the Committee on Rules and Administration consisting of four members, two from the majority ~~group~~ caucus and two from the minority ~~group~~ caucus.

55.2 The subcommittee ~~shall~~ must serve in an advisory capacity to a member or employee upon written request and ~~shall~~ must issue recommendations to the member or employee. A member may request the subcommittee to provide its advice on a potential conflict of interest to the member in private. If so requested, the subcommittee ~~shall~~ must conduct its proceedings on the advisory opinion in private. The request, proceedings on the request, and any advice given by the subcommittee in response to the request must remain private. The member may not use an advisory opinion from the subcommittee as a defense to a complaint under this rule unless the opinion has been adopted by the subcommittee at a public meeting.

55.3 ~~The subcommittee shall investigate a complaint made in writing by a member of the Senate under oath~~ A member may submit a complaint, in writing and under oath, to the chair of the subcommittee. The complaint must be received before adjournment sine die in the last year of a senate term or during a special session held after that time regarding improper conduct by a member or employee of the Senate. The chair of the subcommittee must promptly provide the subject of the complaint and members of the subcommittee a copy of the complaint. Complaints and any information included with or attached to the complaint are public after being provided to the subject of the complaint and members of the subcommittee.

~~55.4~~ 55.5 The subcommittee must investigate a complaint that satisfies the requirements of Rule 55.3. The subcommittee has the powers of a standing committee to issue subpoenas under Minnesota Statutes, section 3.153.

~~55.4~~ 55.5 Within 30 calendar days after receiving a complaint, the subcommittee must meet and either make a finding of no probable cause, vote to defer action until a certain time, or proceed with its investigation.

~~55.5~~ 55.6 In order to determine whether there is probable cause to believe that improper conduct has occurred, the subcommittee may, by a vote of three of its members, conduct a preliminary inquiry in executive session to which the open meeting requirements of Rules 12.1 to 12.3 do not apply. The executive session may be ordered by a vote of three of its members whenever the subcommittee determines that matters relating to probable cause are likely to be discussed. The executive session must be limited to matters relating to probable cause. The subcommittee must not call witnesses or take testimony during an executive session. Upon a vote of three members, an executive session must be recorded. A recording must only be made available to the public after the complaint has been finally acted upon. Upon a finding of probable cause, further proceedings on the complaint are open to the public.

~~55.6~~ 55.7 For complaints alleging any conduct prohibited by the nondiscrimination and anti-harassment policy applicable to the Senate, the subcommittee must conduct its proceedings in private to determine whether there is probable cause to believe that improper conduct occurred. The open meeting requirements of Rule 12.1 or 12.3 do not apply to a meeting held under this rule. The parties to the complaint may waive the requirements of this rule by mutual written agreement provided to the Chair of the Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct before any hearing is commenced. The recording required under Senate Rule 50 of any meeting held under this rule must be kept private by the Secretary, and no further description or distribution of the recording, including, but not limited to, any description or distribution required under Senate Rules 50.2 to 50.9, ~~shall~~ must be permitted without a vote of three of the members of the subcommittee.

~~55.7~~55.8 The subcommittee may appoint special counsel to provide expert advice on how to conduct its proceedings. The subcommittee may appoint a suitable person to conduct the investigation and report findings of fact and recommendations for action to the subcommittee.

~~55.8~~ 55.9 If, after investigation, the subcommittee finds the complaint substantiated by the evidence, it ~~shall~~ must recommend to the Committee on Rules and Administration appropriate disciplinary action.

~~55.9~~ 55.10 The subcommittee ~~shall~~ must hear an appeal by a member of the Senate from a Senate investigation of a complaint made pursuant to the Senate's nondiscrimination and anti-harassment policy, within the time limit for appeal provided in that policy. All hearings of appeals under this rule must be conducted privately under the terms and conditions provided under Rule ~~55.6~~ 55.7. The parties may agree to waive the privacy requirements of Rule ~~55.6~~ 55.7 as provided in that rule. The subcommittee may consider information gathered in the course of the Senate investigation that is under appeal, but is not bound by any determinations or recommendations from the investigation. The subcommittee may take action to gather additional information.

55.11 The complainant or the subject of the complaint may be represented by counsel at a hearing of the subcommittee. The Senate will not provide legal counsel or reimbursement for legal counsel for any party to a complaint.

55.12 A complainant may withdraw the complaint by submitting a notice of withdrawal, in writing, to the chair of the subcommittee. If the complaint was brought by multiple complainants, a withdrawal by one complainant has the effect of removing that complainant's name from the complaint but does not withdraw the complaint in its entirety. If a complaint is withdrawn by all complainants who submitted the complaint, the complaint is dismissed. The chair of the subcommittee must notify the subject of the complaint and the members of the subcommittee of any notice of withdrawal or if a complaint is dismissed pursuant to this rule. A notice of withdrawal is public after being provided to the subject of the complaint and the members of the subcommittee.

~~55.10~~ 55.13 To minimize disruption of its public proceedings, the subcommittee may require that television coverage be pooled or be provided by Senate media services.

~~55.11~~ 55.14 If criminal proceedings relating to the same conduct have begun, the subcommittee may defer its proceedings until the criminal proceedings have been completed.

~~55.12~~ 55.15 The Senate intends that proceedings of the Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct not be admissible in any criminal proceeding.

56. STANDARDS OF ETHICAL CONDUCT

56.1 Members ~~shall~~ must adhere to the highest standard of ethical conduct as embodied in the Minnesota Constitution, state law, and these rules.

56.2 A member ~~shall~~ must not publish or distribute written material if the member knows or has reason to know that the material includes any statement that is false or clearly misleading, concerning a public policy issue or concerning the member's or another member's voting record or position on a public policy issue.

56.3 Improper conduct includes conduct that violates a rule or administrative policy of the Senate, that violates accepted norms of Senate behavior, that betrays the public trust, or that tends to bring the Senate into dishonor or disrepute.

56.4 Members of the Senate ~~shall~~ must disclose potential conflicts of interest in the discharge of senatorial duties as provided in Minnesota Statutes, section 10A.07.

57. LOBBYING ACTIVITIES PROHIBITED

A member is prohibited from accepting employment with or otherwise receiving compensation for services performed from a business whose primary source of revenue is derived from facilitating government relations or government affairs services if the member's job duties include offering direct or indirect consulting or advice that helps the business provide those services to clients.

57 58. LOBBYISTS

~~57.1~~ 58.1 A lobbyist ~~shall~~ must not appear before a Senate committee pursuant to the lobbyist's employment unless the lobbyist is in compliance with the law requiring lobbyist registration, Minnesota Statutes, sections 10A.03 to 10A.06. A lobbyist, when appearing before a committee, ~~shall~~ must disclose to the committee on whose behalf the lobbyist speaks and the purpose of the lobbyist's appearance.

~~57.2~~ 58.2 A lobbyist ~~shall~~ must not knowingly, either directly or through a third party, furnish false or misleading information or make a false or misleading statement that is relevant and material to a matter before the Senate or any of its committees or subcommittees when the lobbyist knows or should know it will influence the judgment or action of the Senate or any of its committees or subcommittees.

~~57.3~~ 58.3 The Subcommittee on Ethical Conduct ~~shall~~ must investigate a complaint by a member of the Senate in writing under oath received before adjournment sine die in the last year of a Senate term or during a special session held after that time that a lobbyist has violated Rule ~~57.1~~ 58.1 or ~~57.2~~ 58.2. The investigatory procedures of Rule 55 apply, except as provided in this rule. The complaint and proceedings on the complaint are private until the subcommittee has found probable cause to believe that a violation of Rule ~~57.1~~ 58.1 or ~~57.2~~ 58.2 has occurred, unless they are made public by the lobbyist whose conduct is the subject of the complaint or by the vote of at least three members of the subcommittee.

58 59. AMENDMENTS TO RULES

Every proposition to amend a rule of the Senate must be referred to the Committee on Rules and Administration. The proposition may not be acted upon until the report of the committee is received by the Senate.

Senator Murphy moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

The question was taken on the adoption of the resolution.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 56 and nays 10, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Eichorn	Johnson Stewart	Miller	Rest
Boldon	Farnsworth	Klein	Mitchell	Seeberger
Carlson	Fateh	Kreun	Mohamed	Utke
Champion	Frentz	Kunesh	Murphy	Weber
Clark	Green	Kupec	Nelson	Westlin
Coleman	Gruenhagen	Lang	Oumou Verbeten	Westrom
Cwodzinski	Gustafson	Latz	Pappas	Wiklund
Dibble	Hauschild	Limmer	Pha	Xiong
Dornink	Hawj	Mann	Port	
Draheim	Housley	Marty	Putnam	
Drazkowski	Jasinski	Maye Quade	Rarick	
Duckworth	Johnson	McEwen	Rasmusson	

Pursuant to Rule 40, Senator Kunesh cast the affirmative vote on behalf of the following Senators: Fateh and Wiklund.

Those who voted in the negative were:

Anderson	Dahms	Howe	Lieske	Mathews
Bahr	Hoffman	Koran	Lucero	Wesenberg

The motion prevailed. So the resolution was adopted.

Senators Murphy and Johnson introduced --

Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 2: A Senate concurrent resolution relating to the adoption of temporary joint rules.

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

The temporary Joint Rules of the Senate and the House of Representatives for the 93rd session are adopted as the temporary joint rules for the 94th session, to be effective until the adoption of Permanent Joint Rules by the Senate and House of Representatives.

Senator Murphy moved the adoption of the foregoing resolution.

The question was taken on the adoption of the resolution.

The roll was called, and there were yeas 56 and nays 10, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were:

Abeler	Eichorn	Klein	McEwen	Rasmusson
Boldon	Farnsworth	Kreun	Miller	Rest
Carlson	Fateh	Kunesh	Mitchell	Seeberger
Champion	Frentz	Kupec	Mohamed	Utke
Clark	Green	Lang	Murphy	Weber
Coleman	Gustafson	Latz	Nelson	Westlin
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Dahms	Hawj	Lucero	Pappas	Xiong
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Bahr	Gruenhagen	Howe	Lieske	Westrom

The motion prevailed. So the resolution was adopted.

MOTIONS AND RESOLUTIONS - CONTINUED

Senator Lucero moved that S.F. No. 1750 be withdrawn from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety and re-referred to the Committee on Housing and Homelessness Prevention. The motion prevailed.

RECESS

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

After a 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 Order of Business of Reports of Committees.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES

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

Senator Fateh from the Committee on Higher Education, to which was referred

S.F. No. 164: A bill for an act relating to higher education; requiring public postsecondary institutions to maintain a supply of opiate antagonists on system campuses; amending Minnesota

Statutes 2024, section 151.37, subdivision 12; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 135A.

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

Page 1, line 13, after "of" insert "a" and delete "naloxone" and insert "opiate antagonist" and after "campus" insert "residential"

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

Senator Latz from the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety, to which was re-referred

S.F. No. 856: A bill for an act relating to state government; creating the Office of the Inspector General; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.971, by adding a subdivision; 15A.0815, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law as Minnesota Statutes, chapter 15D.

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

Page 3, line 10, delete the comma and insert "or"

Page 3, line 11, delete ", or judicial"

Page 3, line 22, before "intentional" insert "an" and delete "acts of deception" and insert "or deceptive act"

Page 3, line 25, after the second comma, insert "inefficient practices,"

Page 3, line 26, delete everything after the period

Page 3, delete line 27

Page 5, line 3, after "the" insert "Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, the attorney general's office, or other"

Page 6, line 5, delete "auditor" and insert "inspector general"

Page 6, delete section 8 and insert:

"Sec. 8. [15D.046] DATA PRACTICES.

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

(b) "Confidential data on individuals" has the meaning given in section 13.02, subdivision 3.

(c) "Government entity" has the meaning given in section 13.02, subdivision 7a.

(d) "Nonpublic data" has the meaning given in section 13.02, subdivision 9.

(e) "Not public data" has the meaning given in section 13.02, subdivision 8a.

(f) "Private data on individuals" has the meaning given in section 13.02, subdivision 12.

(g) "Protected nonpublic data" has the meaning given in section 13.02, subdivision 13.

Subd. 2. **Government Data Practices Act.** The inspector general is a government entity and is subject to the Government Data Practices Act, chapter 13.

Subd. 3. **Access.** In order to perform the duties authorized by this chapter, the inspector general shall have access to data of any classification, including data classified as not public data. It is not a violation of chapter 13 or any other statute classifying government data as not public data if a government entity provides data pursuant to a subpoena issued under this chapter.

Subd. 4. **Dissemination.** The inspector general may disseminate data of any classification, including not public data, to:

(1) a government entity, other than a law enforcement agency or prosecuting authority, if the dissemination of the data aids a pending investigation; or

(2) a law enforcement agency or prosecuting authority if there is reason to believe that the data are evidence of criminal activity within the agency's or authority's jurisdiction.

Subd. 5. **Data classifications.** (a) Notwithstanding any other law, data relating to an investigation conducted under this chapter are confidential data on individuals or protected nonpublic data while the investigation is active.

(b) Data relating to an investigation conducted under this chapter become public data upon the inspector general's completion of the investigation, unless:

(1) the release of the data would jeopardize another active investigation;

(2) the inspector general reasonably believes the data will be used in litigation; or

(3) the data is classified as not public under another statute or paragraph (e).

(c) Data subject to paragraph (b), clause (2), are confidential data on individuals or protected nonpublic data and become public when the litigation has been completed or is no longer being actively pursued.

(d) Unless the data are subject to a more restrictive classification, upon the inspector general's decision to no longer actively pursue an investigation under this chapter, data relating to an investigation are private data on individuals or nonpublic data except the following data are public:

(1) data relating to the investigation's existence, status, and disposition; and

(2) data that document the inspector general's work.

For an investigation subject to this paragraph, data identifying individuals or an entity that is not a government entity, are private data on individuals or nonpublic data.

(e) Data on an individual supplying information for an investigation that could reasonably be used to determine the individual's identity are private data on individuals if the information supplied was needed for the investigation and would not have been provided to the inspector general without an assurance to the individual that the individual's identity would remain private.

(f) Data relating to an investigation conducted under this chapter that is obtained from an entity that is not a government entity have the same classification that the data would have if obtained from a government entity."

Page 6, line 23, delete "licensed peace officers to serve as" and insert "individuals with experience in criminal investigations to serve as" and delete "and to" and insert "for the office."

Page 6, line 24, delete everything before the period and insert "To the extent the inspector general deems advisable, these individuals must have previous experience in complex investigations as law enforcement officers"

Page 7, delete lines 12 and 13

Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

Page 7, line 27, delete everything after the second period

Page 7, line 28, delete everything before the second "the"

Page 7, line 29, after "Commission" insert "is"

Page 8, after line 7, insert:

"Subd. 3. **Duties.** The Legislative Inspector General Advisory Commission must:

(1) consider applicants for and make recommendations to the chief administrative law judge for the position of inspector general; and

(2) may conduct hearings to review the work of the inspector general to ensure impartiality, independence, and effectiveness."

Renumber the subdivisions in sequence

Page 10, line 10, before "Positions" insert "(a)"

Page 10, after line 19, insert:

"(b) No employees or positions in the Department of Corrections are transferred under this section."

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

MEMBERS EXCUSED

Senator Pratt was excused from the Session of today.

ADJOURNMENT

Senator Murphy moved that the Senate do now adjourn until 11:00 a.m., Thursday, February 27, 2025. The motion prevailed.

Thomas S. Bottern, Secretary of the Senate

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