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SAINT PAUL, MINNESOTA, THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025

The House of Representatives convened at 3:30 p.m. and was called to order by Lisa Demuth, Speaker of the House.

Prayer was offered by Chaplain Keith E. Beckwith, Minnesota National Guard, St. Paul, Minnesota.

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

The roll was called and the following members were present:

Allen	Davis	Igo	Murphy	Rarick	Stier
Altendorf	Dippel	Jacob	Myers	Repinski	Swedzinski
Anderson, P. E.	Dotseth	Johnson, W.	Nadeau	Roach	Torkelson
Anderson, P. H.	Duran	Joy	Nash	Robbins	Van Binsbergen
Backer	Engen	Knudsen	Nelson	Rymer	Warwas
Bakeberg	Fogelman	Koznick	Niska	Schomacker	West
Baker	Gander	Kresha	Novotny	Schultz	Wiener
Bennett	Gillman	Lawrence	O'Driscoll	Schwartz	Witte
Bliss	Gordon	McDonald	Olson	Scott	Zelevnikar
Burkel	Harder	Mekeland	Perryman	Sexton	Spk. Demuth
Davids	Heintzeman	Mueller	Quam	Skraba	

The Speaker declared there being 65 members present, a quorum was not present.

CALL OF THE HOUSE

On the motion of Niska and on the demand of 10 members, a call of the House was ordered. The following members answered to their names:

Allen	Burkel	Gander	Joy	Myers	Quam
Altendorf	Davids	Gillman	Knudsen	Nadeau	Rarick
Anderson, P. E.	Davis	Gordon	Koznick	Nash	Repinski
Anderson, P. H.	Dippel	Harder	Kresha	Nelson	Roach
Backer	Dotseth	Heintzeman	Lawrence	Niska	Robbins
Bakeberg	Duran	Hudson	McDonald	Novotny	Rymer
Baker	Engen	Igo	Mekeland	O'Driscoll	Schomacker
Bennett	Fogelman	Jacob	Mueller	Olson	Schultz
Bliss	Franson	Johnson, W.	Murphy	Perryman	Schwartz

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Scott	Stier	Van Binsbergen	Wiener	Spk. Demuth
Sexton	Swedzinski	Warwas	Witte	
Skraba	Torkelson	West	Zelevnikar	

Niska moved that further proceedings of the roll call be suspended and that the Sergeant at Arms be instructed to bring in the absentees. The motion prevailed and it was so ordered.

The roll was called for the purpose of establishing a quorum. The following members were present:

Allen	Dippel	Igo	Myers	Roach	Van Binsbergen
Altendorf	Dotseth	Jacob	Nadeau	Robbins	Warwas
Anderson, P. E.	Duran	Johnson, W.	Nash	Rymer	West
Anderson, P. H.	Engen	Joy	Nelson	Schomacker	Wiener
Backer	Fogelman	Knudsen	Niska	Schultz	Witte
Bakeberg	Franson	Koznick	Novotny	Schwartz	Zelevnikar
Baker	Gander	Kresha	O'Driscoll	Scott	Spk. Demuth
Bennett	Gillman	Lawrence	Olson	Sexton	
Bliss	Gordon	McDonald	Perryman	Skraba	
Burkel	Harder	Mekeland	Quam	Stier	
Davids	Heintzeman	Mueller	Rarick	Swedzinski	
Davis	Hudson	Murphy	Repinski	Torkelson	

The Speaker declared there being 67 members present, a quorum was present.

The Chief Clerk proceeded to read the Journal of the preceding day. There being no objection, further reading of the Journal was dispensed with and the Journal was approved as corrected by the Chief Clerk.

INTRODUCTION AND FIRST READING OF HOUSE BILLS

The following House Files were introduced:

Anderson, P. E.; Demuth; Niska; Nash; Gillman; Olson; Engen; Lawrence; Duran; Skraba; Franson; Perryman; Dippel; Schultz; Novotny; Baker; Davids; Mekeland; Jacob; Harder; Joy; Koznick; Torkelson; Witte; Wiener; Davis; Murphy; Repinski; Sexton; Gordon; Bliss; Gander; Altendorf; Fogelman and Backer introduced:

H. F. No. 1, A bill for an act relating to state government; establishing an Office of the Inspector General; providing powers; specifying duties; requiring a fraud reporting hotline; requiring agencies to halt payments when fraud is suspected; eliminating agency-based offices of inspector general; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.97, subdivision 1, by adding subdivisions; 3.971, subdivisions 1, 9; 142B.53; 245A.24; 268.19, subdivision 1; 268B.30; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 3; 15; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.321, subdivision 12; 127A.21.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy.

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Davis; Demuth; Niska; Nash; Perryman; Backer; Gander; Van Binsbergen; Zeleznikar; Murphy; Anderson, P. E.; Knudsen; Rarick; Koznick; O'Driscoll; Mekeland; Fogelman; Rymer; McDonald; Torkelson; Harder; Gillman; Hudson; Burkel; Altendorf; Dotseth; Johnson, W.; Heintzeman; Allen; Robbins; Novotny; Bennett; Stier; Sexton and Warwas introduced:

H. F. No. 2, A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring fraud reporting; strengthening grants management requirements; establishing a criminal penalty; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 16B.97, subdivisions 2, 4; 16B.98, subdivisions 4, 5, 8; 16B.981, subdivisions 2, 3; 16B.991, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 15.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy.

Nash; Robbins; Niska; Demuth; Quam; Engen; Harder; Dotseth; Davis; Mueller; Rarick; Perryman; Burkel; Joy; Davids; Gander; Johnson, W.; Repinski; Wiener; Igo; Lawrence; Gordon; Allen; Van Binsbergen; Zeleznikar; Jacob; Knudsen; O'Driscoll; Koznick; Gillman; Torkelson; Hudson; Mekeland and Rymer introduced:

H. F. No. 3, A bill for an act relating to state government; requiring the legislative auditor to submit a report to the legislature related to an agency's implementation of internal control or fiscal management recommendations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.971, by adding a subdivision; 16A.057, subdivision 5.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on State Government Finance and Policy.

Johnson, W.; Davids; Demuth; Niska; Hudson; Robbins; Zeleznikar; Gander; Harder; Schultz; Burkel; Dotseth; Rarick; Engen; Knudsen; Joy; Lawrence; Bennett; Gordon; Allen; Witte; Anderson, P. E.; Perryman; Backer; Nash; Davis; Jacob; Van Binsbergen; Koznick; O'Driscoll; Nadeau; Mekeland; Fogelman; Gillman and Rymer introduced:

H. F. No. 4, A bill for an act relating to taxation; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution by adding a section to article X; requiring that a portion of a projected budget surplus be returned to state taxpayers.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Joy; Koznick; Davids; Demuth; Niska; Johnson, W.; Zeleznikar; Gander; Harder; Schultz; Burkel; Dotseth; Rarick; Engen; Knudsen; Lawrence; Bennett; Gordon; Allen; Witte; Anderson, P. E.; Perryman; Backer; Nash; Davis; O'Driscoll; Gillman; Torkelson; Hudson; Mekeland; Rymer; McDonald; Swedzinski and Altendorf introduced:

H. F. No. 5, A bill for an act relating to government finance; modifying imposition and allocation of certain taxes; requiring certain tax analysis; repealing retail delivery fee; providing an unlimited Social Security subtraction; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 174.49, subdivisions 2, 3; 270C.15; 290.0132, subdivision 26; 296A.07, subdivision 3; 296A.08, subdivision 2; 297A.94; 297A.9915, subdivision 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 168E.01; 168E.03; 168E.05; 168E.07; 168E.09.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy.

Bennett; Mueller; Demuth; Niska; Bakeberg; Kresha; Knudsen; Zeleznikar; Anderson, P. E.; O'Driscoll; Koznick; Gillman; Fogelman; Torkelson; Harder; Lawrence; Hudson; Mekeland; Rymer; McDonald; Altendorf; Burkel; Heintzeman; Dotseth; Johnson, W.; Gander; Robbins; Stier; Sexton; Roach; Van Binsbergen and Dippel introduced:

H. F. No. 6, A bill for an act relating to education; modifying the Read Act; canceling appropriations; providing for education innovation; modifying innovation zone provisions; modifying P-TECH approval process; recodifying and reorganizing education innovation; establishing an Office of Achievement and Innovation in the Department of Education; modifying equity, diversity, and inclusion appropriation; requiring the commissioner to establish a school performance report system; authorizing certain fund transfers for fiscal years 2025 through 2029; authorizing a school board to not comply with certain recently enacted state laws or rules; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 120B.118; 120B.119, subdivision 4, by adding a subdivision; 120B.123, subdivision 7; 120B.124; 122A.091, subdivision 1; 122A.185, subdivision 1; 124D.085; 124D.093, subdivisions 3, 4; Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 52; Laws 2023, chapter 55, article 3, section 11, subdivision 2; article 12, section 17, subdivision 2, as amended; Laws 2024, chapter 115, article 3, section 8, subdivisions 3, 5; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 120B; 127A; repealing Laws 2017, First Special Session chapter 5, article 2, section 52, subdivision 3.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Policy.

Novotny; Witte; Demuth; Niska; Duran; Zeleznikar; Gander; Johnson, W.; Joy; Harder; Burkel; Dotseth; Rarick; Engen; Knudsen; Lawrence; Bennett; Gordon; Allen; Anderson, P. E.; Perryman; Backer; Nash; Van Binsbergen; Davis; Murphy; Koznick; O'Driscoll; Mekeland; Gillman; McDonald; Torkelson; Hudson; Altendorf and Heintzeman introduced:

H. F. No. 7, A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing that data held by law enforcement agencies regarding the person or entity that posted bail are public; requiring notice to the agency having custody of the arrested or detained person when bail or a bond is posted; establishing mandatory minimum sentences for certain sex trafficking offenses; requiring persons subject to stays of adjudication in criminal sexual conduct cases to register as predatory offenders; requiring the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission to maintain a publicly searchable database; requiring legislative approval of proposed changes to the Sentencing Guidelines; requiring county attorneys to record and report the reason for dismissing charges; requiring the Minnesota Sentencing Guidelines Commission to report information on dismissals to the legislature; requiring county attorneys to post information on dismissals to a publicly accessible website; creating liability and vicarious liability for trespass to critical infrastructure; creating a crime for recruiting or educating individuals to trespass on or damage critical infrastructure; enhancing the penalty for assaulting a police officer; establishing the crime of fleeing in a motor vehicle and failing to obey certain traffic laws; prohibiting being in a stolen motor vehicle; increasing penalties for obstructing trunk highway, airport, or transit traffic; eliminating the requirement that a vehicle be unoccupied when law enforcement attach a tracking device; authorizing the expanded use of tracking devices for fleeing motor vehicles; imposing criminal penalties; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 13.82, subdivision 2; 243.166, subdivision 1b; 244.09, subdivision 11, by adding subdivisions; 609.2231, subdivision 1; 609.322, subdivision 1; 609.487, by adding a subdivision; 609.52, by adding a subdivision; 609.594, subdivision 2; 609.6055, subdivision 2; 609.74; 609.855, subdivision 2; 626A.35, subdivision 2b, by adding a subdivision; 629.53; 629.67; 629.70; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 388; 604.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

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Heintzeman; Zeleznikar; Demuth; Niska; Warwas; Schultz; Backer; Nash; Davis; Van Binsbergen; Jacob; Anderson, P. E.; Knudsen; Gander; Rarick; O'Driscoll; Koznick; Gillman; Torkelson; Harder; Hudson; Mekeland; McDonald; Burkel; Altendorf; Dotseth; Robbins; Novotny; Sexton and Bennett introduced:

H. F. No. 8, A bill for an act relating to environment; improving efficiency of Wetland Conservation Act determinations; modifying permitting efficiency reporting requirements; improving the efficiency of the environmental and resource management permit application process; requiring the Pollution Control Agency to issue separate permits for the construction and operation of certain facilities; modifying the expedited permitting process of the Pollution Control Agency; requiring petitioners for environmental assessment worksheets to reside in the affected or adjoining counties; eliminating scoping environmental assessment worksheet requirements for projects requiring an environmental impact statement; requiring modification of the state implementation plan; requiring reports; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 15.99, subdivision 3; 116.03, subdivision 2b; 116.07, subdivisions 4a, 4d; 116D.04, subdivision 2a; 116J.035, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Swedzinski; Demuth; Niska; Igo; Wiener; Gillman; Perryman; Schultz; Backer; Nash; Davis; Jacob; Anderson, P. E.; Knudsen; Van Binsbergen; Zeleznikar; Rarick; Koznick; Mekeland; Fogelman; Torkelson; Harder; McDonald; Hudson; Altendorf; Dotseth; Burkel; Johnson, W.; Heintzeman; Allen; Gander; Robbins; Warwas; Novotny and Sexton introduced:

H. F. No. 9, A bill for an act relating to energy; modifying the hydroelectric capacity that qualifies as an eligible energy technology under the renewable energy standard; delaying the requirement for electric utilities to meet the renewable energy, solar, or carbon-free standard under certain conditions; prohibiting the demolition of fossil-fuel-powered electric generating plants under certain conditions; declaring as state policy support for the deployment of carbon capture and sequestration technologies as a means to reduce greenhouse gas emissions; abolishing prohibition on issuing certificate of need for new nuclear power plant; expanding the sales tax exemption for residential heating fuels and electricity; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 216B.1691, subdivisions 1, 2b; 216B.243, subdivision 3b; 297A.67, subdivision 15; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 216B; 216H.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Energy Finance and Policy.

Schultz; Schomacker; Rarick; Demuth; Niska; Perryman; Nash; Backer; Davis; Jacob; Anderson, P. E.; Knudsen; Gander; Van Binsbergen; Zeleznikar; Koznick; O'Driscoll; Fogelman; Torkelson; Gillman; Harder; Hudson; Mekeland; Rymer; Swedzinski; McDonald; Burkel; Altendorf; Dotseth; Heintzeman; Johnson, W.; Novotny; Robbins; Sexton and Bennett introduced:

H. F. No. 10, A bill for an act relating to state government; prohibiting state-funded services to undocumented noncitizens; providing that undocumented noncitizens are ineligible for MinnesotaCare and the North Star Promise scholarship program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 136A.1465, subdivision 1; 256L.04, subdivision 10; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16A.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Finance and Policy.

ADJOURNMENT

Niska moved that when the House adjourns today it adjourn until 12:00 noon, Monday, January 20, 2025. The motion prevailed.

Niska moved that the House adjourn. The motion prevailed, and the Speaker declared the House stands adjourned until 12:00 noon, Monday, January 20, 2025.

PATRICK D. MURPHY, Chief Clerk, House of Representatives