

Senate Committee Jurisdictions – 2009

The following list shows the jurisdiction of each standing committee of the Senate, as shown by the state agencies, confirmations, and other laws over which the committee has jurisdiction. This list will be used as the primary basis for making bill referrals on introduction. Where a bill deals with issues under the jurisdiction of more than one committee, it will normally be referred first to the committee of primary concern, from which it may be referred to additional committees.

No list can dictate the proper committee of first reference for all bills, especially bills dealing with complex or sensitive issues of public policy. Questions about references should normally be worked out between the author and the affected committee chairs, in consultation with the President and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration as necessary. A Rule 4 objection should be made when consultation fails to resolve the disagreement.

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AGRICULTURE & VETERANS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Agriculture and Veterans has jurisdiction over all bills relating to agriculture and rural development, pet animals, veterans, and military affairs.

State Agencies

Agriculture, Department of	17.01
Military Affairs, Department of	190.05
Veterans Affairs, Department of	196.01
Rural Finance Authority	41B.025
Agricultural Chemical Response Board	18E.05
Agricultural and Economic Development Board	41A.02, subd 3
Animal Health, Board of	35.02
Veterinary Medicine, Board of	156.01
Armory Building Commission, State	193.142
Agriculture Education Leadership Council	41D.01
Area One Potato Council	17.54
Beef Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Corn Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Dairy Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Minnesota Egg Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Paddy Wild Rice Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Soybeans Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Turkey Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Wheat Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Agricultural Utilization Research Institute	116O.09
Organic Advisory Task Force	31.94
Passing on the Farm Center	17.985
Rural Policy and Development Center	116J.421
State Agricultural Society	37.01
State Horticulture Society	

Confirmations

Commissioner of Agriculture
Commissioner of Veterans Affairs

Animal Health, Board of – 5 members
Rural Finance Authority – 6 members

Other Laws

Corporate Farming Law
Drainage
Ethanol
Farm Credit
Farm Land
Farm Loss Modification
Pet Animals

BUSINESS, INDUSTRY & JOBS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Business, Industry, and Jobs has jurisdiction over all bills relating to workers compensation, unemployment compensation, fair labor standards, minimum wage, occupational safety and health, economic development, and world trade.

State Agencies

Employment and Economic Development, Department of	116J.01
Labor and Industry, Department of	175.001
Public Facilities Authority	446A.03
Bureau of Mediation Services	179.02
Access Review Board	471.471
Electricity, Board of	326.241
Invention, Board of	116J.988
Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board	298.22, subd 2
Job Skills Partnership Board	116L.03
Labor Interpretive Center Board of Directors	138A.01
Occupational Safety and Health Review Board	182.664
St. Anthony Falls Heritage Board	138.763
Humanities Commission	138.911
Interstate Industrialized/Modular Buildings Commission	16B.75
Sesquicentennial Commission	Laws 2005, 1 Sp. ch. 1, art. 4, § 121
Workforce Development Council	116L.665
Apprenticeship Advisory Council	178.02
Explore Minnesota Tourism Advisory Council	116U.25
Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Council	182.656
Plumbing Code and Examinations, Advisory Council on	326.41
Rehabilitation Advisory Council	268A.02
Rehabilitation Advisory Council for the Blind	248.10
Urban Indians, Advisory Council on	3.922, subd 8
Workers' Compensation, Advisory Council on	175.007
Minnesota Technology, Inc.	116O.03
Project Outreach	116O.091
Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals	175A.01
Minnesota Historical Society	138.01
Sibley House	
Victory Memorial Drive Implementation Steering Task Force	Laws 2006, ch. 218, § 2

Confirmations

Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development
Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation
Commissioner of Labor and Industry
Commissioner of Mediation Services

Board of Invention - 11 members

Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals – 5 judges

Other Laws

Allocating Bond Authority
Amusement Rides
Economic Development Authorities
Elevators
Enterprise Zones
Food Shelves
Formaldehyde Pollution
Industrial Development Revenue Bonds
Minimum Wage
Neighborhood Revitalization
Pipefitters
Port Authorities
Rent Control
State Building Code
Tax Exempt Financing

CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE

The Committee on Capital Investment has jurisdiction over all bills appropriating money for the acquisition and betterment of public lands and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature, whether from the proceeds of state general obligation bonds or from the general fund or another operating fund.

COMMERCE & CONSUMER PROTECTION COMMITTEE

The Committee on Commerce and Consumer Protection has jurisdiction over all bills relating to banking, insurance, securities, nonhealth related occupational licensing boards, and liquor.

State Agencies

Commerce, Department of (except Energy and Telecommunications Division)	45.012
Accountancy, Board of	326.17
Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture, Board of	326.04
Barber and Cosmetologist Examiners, Board of	154.22
Combative Sports Commission	341.22
Minnesota Comprehensive Health Association (MCHA)	62E.10
Minnesota Joint Underwriting Association	62I.02
Minnesota Insurance Guaranty Association	61C.04
Minnesota Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association	61B.04

Confirmations

Commissioner of Commerce

Other Laws

Cemeteries
Consumer Protection
Mortgage Origination and Servicing
Motor Vehicle Sales
Notaries Public
Real Estate Brokers
Unclaimed Property
Weights and Measures

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Committee on Education has jurisdiction over all bills relating to education, children, and libraries, except bills relating to higher education.

State Agencies

Education, Department of	120A.02
Minnesota State Academies Board	125A.62
Perpich Center for Arts Education Board	129C.10
School Administrators, Board of	122A.12
Teaching, Board of	122A.07
Education Commission of the States	127A.80
Interagency Coordinating Council	125A.28
Minnesota Commission on National and Community Service	124D.385
Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee	127A.30
Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation	124D.94
Service Cooperatives	123A.21
Minnesota State High School League	128C.01

Confirmations

Commissioner of Education

Minnesota State Academies Board – 9 members
Perpich Center for Arts Education Board – 15 members
School Administrators, Board of - 9 members
Teaching, Board of - 11 members

Other Laws

Child Abuse Victim Services
Community Services
Libraries
Minnesota Academy of Science

ENERGY, UTILITIES, TECHNOLOGY & COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee on Energy, Utilities, Technology, and Communications has jurisdiction over all bills relating to energy, public utilities, and telecommunications.

State Agencies

Energy and Telecommunications Division, Department of Commerce	216C
Public Utilities Commission	216A.03
Legislative Electric Energy Task Force	216C.051

Confirmations

Public Utilities Commission – 5 members

Other Laws

Cable Communications
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance
Oil Overcharge Money

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources has jurisdiction over all bills relating to the environment or to the state's natural resources.

State Agencies

Natural Resources, Department of	84.01
Pollution Control Agency	116.02
Environmental Assistance, Office of	115A.055
Environmental Quality Board	116C.03
Land Exchange Board	94.341, Const. XI, § 10
Mississippi Headwaters Board	103F.367
Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board	115C.07
Water and Soil Resources, Board of	103B.101
Zoological Board, State	85A.01
Great Lakes Commission	1.21
Minnesota-Ontario Matters, Legislative Commission on	3.884
Minnesota Resources, Legislative-Citizen Commission on	116P.05
Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission	1.33
Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Legislative Advisory Commission	1.34
South Dakota-Minnesota Boundary Waters Commission	103B.451
Forest Resources Council	89A.03
Governor's Nuclear Waste Council	116C.711
Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council	97A.056
Listed Metals Advisory Council	115A.9651, subd 5
Small Business Air Quality Compliance Advisory Council	116.99
Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Advisory Council	115.741
Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Technical Advisory Task Force	1.35
Facility Siting Policy Development Committee	116C.842
Individual Sewage Treatment System Rules, Advisory Committee on	115.55, subd 1

Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area
Local Advisory Committee
Watershed Districts, Advisory Committees

Laws 1996, ch. 407, § 32, subd 4
103D.331

Confirmations

Commissioner of Natural Resources

Clean Water Council - 19 members

Environmental Quality Board – 5 members

Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources - 5 members

Lessard Outdoor Heritage Council - 4 members

Pollution Control Agency – Commissioner and 8 other members

Water and Soil Resources Board – Chair

Other Laws

Mosquito Abatement
Off-Highway Vehicles
Reinvest in Minnesota
Tax-Forfeited Lands

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Committee on Finance has jurisdiction over all bills appropriating money, or obligating the state to expend money, or establishing a policy that to be effective will require the expenditure of money.

Confirmations

Commissioner of Finance

HEALTH, HOUSING & FAMILY SECURITY COMMITTEE

The Committee on Health and Family Security has jurisdiction over all bills relating to health care, housing, and family security.

State Agencies

Health, Department of	144.011
Human Services, Department of	245.03
Housing Finance Agency	462A.04
Aging, Board on	256.975
Chiropractic Examiners, Board of	148.02
Dentistry, Board of	150A.02
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board	144E.01
Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators, Board of	144A.19
Marriage and Family Therapy, Board of	148B.30
Medical Practice, Board of	147.01
Nursing, Board of	148.181
Optometry, Board of	148.52
Pharmacy, Board of	151.02
Podiatry, Board of	153.02
Psychology, Board of	148.90
Regional Treatment Center Review Boards (one for each regional treatment center)	253B.22
Social Work, Board of	148B.19
End Poverty in Minnesota by 2020, Legislative Commission to Health Care Access, Legislative Commission on	Laws 2006, ch. 282, art. 2, § 27 62J.07
Disability, Council on	256.482
Physical Therapy Council	148.67
Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council	254A.04
American Indian Advisory Council	254A.035
Licensed Traditional Midwifery, Advisory Council on	147D.05
Mortuary Sciences Advisory Council	149.02
Wells and Borings, Advisory Council on	103I.105
Community Health Advisory Committee	145A.10
Nonemergency Transportation Services, Advisory Committee on	Laws 2005, 1 Sp. ch. 4, art. 8, § 81
Rural Health Advisory Committee	144.1481
Continuing Education, Advisory Task Force on	151.13

Services to Persons with Mental Retardation, Related Conditions, or Physical Handicaps, Advisory Task Force for	252.31
State Health Advisory Task Force	144.011
Mental Health-Mental Retardation, Ombudsman for	245.92
Office of Rural Health	144.1482
Older Minnesotans, Ombudsman for	256.974

Confirmations

Commissioner of Health	
Commissioner of Housing Finance	
Commissioner of Human Services	
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board - 12 members	
Housing Finance Agency – 5 members	

Other Laws

Clean Indoor Air Act	
Compulsive Gambling	
Health Care Data Collection & Research Initiatives	
HMOs	
Lead/Asbestos	
Manufactured Housing	
Nursing Homes	
Safe Drinking Water Act	
Social Services:	
Foster Care	
Adoption	
Family Preservation	
Child Protection/Abuse	
Tobacco sales	
Transitional Housing	
Vital Statistics	
Weatherization	

HIGHER EDUCATION COMMITTEE

The Higher Education Committee has jurisdiction over all bills relating to higher education.

State Agencies

Office of Higher Education	136A.01
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Board of Trustees Minnesota State Colleges and Universities	136F.02
University of Minnesota Board of Regents	Const. XIII, § 3
Midwestern Higher Education Commission	135A.21
Regent Nominations, Legislative Joint Committee on	137.0246
Higher Education Advisory Council	136A.031, subd 2
MnSCU Board of Trustees Candidate Advisory Council	136F.03
Regent Candidate Advisory Council	137.0245
Student Advisory Council	136A.031, subd 3
Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority	136A.26

Confirmations

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Board of Trustees – 15 members

Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority – 8 members

JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

The Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over all bills relating to the judiciary, human rights, family law, property law, remedies, crime prevention, law enforcement, criminal justice, and corrections.

State Agencies

Attorney General	Const. V, § 5
Court of Appeals	
District Court	Const. VI
Supreme Court	Const. VI
Corrections, Department of	241.01
Human Rights, Department of	363.04
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Department of Public Safety	299C.01
Capitol Security Division, Department of Public Safety	299E.01
Drug Policy and Violence Prevention Office, Department of Public Safety	299A.292
Emergency Management Division of Department of Public Safety	299A.01
Fire Marshal Division of Department of Public Safety	299A.01
Crime Victims Reparations Board	611A.55
Fire Fighter Training and Education, Board of	299N.02
Judicial Standards, Board on	490.15
Law Examiners, Board of	481.01
Pardons, Board of	Const. V, § 4; 638.01
Peace Officer Standards and Training, Board of	626.841
Persons Committed as Mentally Ill and Dangerous to the Public, Special Review Board for	253B.18
Private Detective and Protective Agent Services, Board of	326.33
Public Defense, State Board of	611.215
Emergency Response Commission	299K.03
Judicial Selection, Commission on	480B.01
Sentencing Guidelines Commission	244.09
Uniform State Laws, Commission on	3.251
Correctional Facility Site Selection Committee	243.93
Chemical Abuse & Violence Prevention Council	299A.293
County Attorneys Council	388.19
Criminal Gang Oversight Council	299A.64

Rules of Evidence, Advisory Committee on	480.0591, subd 2
Battered Women, State Advisory Council on	611A.34
Crime Victim and Witness Advisory Council	611A.71
Drug Abuse Resistance Education, Advisory Council on	299A.331
Fire Protection Advisory Council	299M.02
Interstate Adult Offender Supervision, Advisory Council on	243.1606
Criminal and Juvenile Justice Information Policy Task Force	299C.65

Confirmations

Commissioner of Corrections
 Commissioner of Human Rights
 Commissioner of Public Safety

Judicial Standards, Board on – 6 members

Other Laws

Access by the Handicapped
 Adoption
 Attorneys and the Practice of Law
 Child Abuse
 Cigarette Fire Safety
 Civil Procedure and Evidence
 Commitment
 Contracts
 Corporations and Other Business Organizations
 Dram Shop
 Driving (or flying, hunting or boating) While Intoxicated
 Eminent Domain
 Equal Rights
 Family Law:
 Child Support, Custody, and Parenting Rights
 Domestic Abuse
 Grandparent and Third-Party Visitation
 Marriage and Marriage Dissolution
 Flag Desecration
 Gun Control
 Juvenile Law:
 Child Protection
 Foster Care
 Juvenile Court Records
 Parental Rights
 Human Rights
 Landlord-Tenant

Liens
Living Wills and Health Care Directives
Mortgages
Pornography
Privacy:
 Government Data Practices
 Information Policy
Probate
Property Interests
Remedies
Revisor's Bills
Tort Liability (including the state and municipalities)
Uniform Commercial Code
Vulnerable Adult Reporting

RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

The Committee on Rules and Administration has jurisdiction over all proposals to amend the Senate rules, over questions relating to the referral of bills and resolutions, and over Senate employees, supplies, equipment, and office space, and the Senate budget.

State Agencies

Legislative Coordinating Commission

3.303

STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS & OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

The Committee on State and Local Government Operations and Oversight has jurisdiction over all bills creating a new state agency, substantially changing the organization of a state agency, or transferring duties from one state agency to another. The committee also has jurisdiction over all bills relating to state administrative services, state administrative rulemaking procedures, state employee compensation, state employee labor relations, pensions and retirement, gambling, lotteries, pari-mutuel wagering, elections, ethical practices, campaign financing, the structure of the Legislature, or redistricting seats in Congress, the Legislature, or the Metropolitan Council. The committee also has jurisdiction over all bills relating to the powers of local and metropolitan governmental units.

State Agencies

Auditor	Const. V, § 1
Governor	Const. V, § 1
Lieutenant Governor	Const. V, § 1
Secretary of State	Const. V, § 1
Administration, Department of	16B.02
Finance, Department of	16A.01
Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division, Department of Public Safety	299L.01
Administrative Hearings, Office of	14.48
Arts, Board of the	129D.02
Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board	15B.03
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board	10A.02
Designer Selection Board, State	16B.33
Gambling Control Board	349.151
Investment, State Board of	Const. XI, § 8
Amateur Sports Commission	240A.02
Legislative Advisory Commission	3.30
Legislative Audit Commission	3.97
Legislative Commission on Metropolitan Government	3.8841
Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement	3.85
Metropolitan Airports Commission	473.603, 473.604
Metropolitan Mosquito Control Commission	473.701, 473.703
Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission	473.303
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	473.553
Racing Commission	240.02
Regional Development Commissions	462.387
Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, Council on	3.9226
Black Minnesotans, Council on	3.9225

Chicano/Latino People, Council on Affairs of	3.9223
Compensation Council	15A.082
Executive Council	9.011
Governor's Residence Council	16B.27
Indian Affairs Council	3.922
Metropolitan Council	473.123
Public Employees Retirement Association	353.03
State Patrol Retirement Association	352B.02
Teachers Retirement Association	354.06
Minnesota State Retirement System	352.03

Confirmations

Commissioner of Administration

Gambling Control Board - Director
Office of Administrative Hearings – Chief Administrative Law Judge
Office of Enterprise Technology - Chief Information Officer
Public Employees Retirement Association – Executive Director
State Lottery - Director

Arts, Board of the – 11 members
Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board – 6 members
Gambling Control Board - 7 members
Metropolitan Council - Chair and 16 members
Racing Commission - 9 members

Other Laws

Administrative Procedure Act
Affirmative Action in State Agencies
Airport Noise
Comparable Worth for Public Employees
Hospital Districts
Legal Newspapers
Metropolitan Airports
Open Meeting Law
Planning and Zoning
Public Broadcasting
Public Employment Labor Relations Act
Special Service Taxing Districts

TAX COMMITTEE

The Committee on Taxes has jurisdiction over all bills relating to taxes and aid to local governments.

State Agencies

Revenue, Department of	270.02
Assessors, Board of	270.41
Equalization, State Board of	270.12
Tax Court	271.01
Legislative Commission on Planning and Fiscal Policy	3.885
Multistate Tax Compact Advisory Committee	290.173

Confirmations

Commissioner of Revenue

Tax Court – 3 judges

Other Laws

Budget Reserve
Fiscal Disparities

TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE

The Transportation Committee has jurisdiction over all bills relating to transportation.

State Agencies

Transportation, Department of	174.01
Administration and Related Services Division, Department of Public Safety	
Driver and Vehicle Services Division, Department of Public Safety	168.325
Pipeline Safety Office, Department of Public Safety	299J.03
State Patrol Division, Department of Public Safety	299D.01
Traffic Safety Division, Department of Public Safety	
State Airport Zoning Boards	360.063, subd 7
Midwest Interstate Passenger Rail Compact Commission	218.75
Mississippi River Parkway Commission	161.1419
Minnesota Safety Council	144.055, 471.63

Confirmations

Commissioner of Transportation

Other Laws

Driver and Vehicle Licensing
Gasoline Taxes
Disability Parking
Motor Vehicle Sales Tax
Outdoor Advertising
Pipelines
School Buses
Traffic Laws