



The fourth week of the Minnesota session brought forward productive floor debates, more press conferences, and a robust discussion in committee around cameras in child care facilities. More on that below.

Floor Proceedings

The House met in session this week on Monday and Thursday. The Senate met on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday. In the House, Monday was a quick paper push business day. Thursday the House took up three bills on the floor, the first requiring the Commissioner of Human Services to release an unredacted version of the Optum report. This bill passed 107-27. The second bill passed 133-0 to rename the Community Solar Garden program in honor of Melissa Hortman. The final bill on the calendar appropriated money for grants to supportive housing providers, this bill passed 103-31.

In the Senate on Monday, a bill requiring vehicles approaching school busses with flashing red lights to stop was passed unanimously. On Wednesday, the chamber had a lengthy floor debate on onetime emergency rental assistance funding for counties and Tribal governments impacted by Operation Metro Surge. The bill passed on party lines 35-32. Thursday, Sen. Dibble moved to take up the confirmation of the appointment of the new Metropolitan Council Chair, Robin Hutcheson. After debate on the motion, Sen. Dibble requested the appointment be laid on the table, the motion prevailed 54-10. The Senate also heard a bill related to health, modifying the professions that may serve as a medical consultant for a community health board. This bill passed 64-2.

The Legislature has used 47 of their 120 allotted legislative days. As a reminder, the legislative day count only goes up when one of the two bodies gives any bill a third reading, adopts a rule of procedure or organization, elects a university regent, confirms a gubernatorial appointment, or votes to override a gubernatorial veto.

Legislators have introduced 4289 House Files and 4440 Senate Files.

Hearing Updates

House Proceedings:

This week the House Children and Families Committee met on Tuesday and Wednesday.

On Tuesday, the committee held an informational hearing on HF4277, which would require child care centers who receive state funding to use video security cameras. The bill is known as “Harvey’s Law” and was introduced by Rep. Nolan West. During the discussion, differing data points were mentioned causing confusion among the committee members. The bill will have an official hearing next week on Tuesday.

On Wednesday, the committee heard four bills. The first bill aims to clarify notices to public authorities in dissolution cases. The second would modify benefits under the Northstar foster care, kinship, and adoption assistance programs. The third bill heard in committee would exempt crisis nurseries from child care licensure under chapter 142B, and the last bill would establish a Foster Youth Bill of Rights.

Senate Proceedings:

They did not discuss any bills of note this week.

Next Week (As officially scheduled by 2:00 PM on 3/13/26)

- Monday, March 16
 - House and Senate Floor Sessions
- Tuesday, March 17
 - [House Children and Families](#)
- Wednesday, March 18
 - [House Children and Families](#)

Bill Lists

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