



The sixth week of the 2026 legislative session has been packed with marathon committee meetings as legislators head toward the first and second committee deadline today at 5 p.m. Committees in both chambers had full agendas taking up potential omnibus bills and giving other single issue bills one last hearing before the deadline. Floor debate this week also went into hours long debate with the House spending six hours on Thursday debating gun violence bills that did not pass out of committee. The House and Senate are now adjourned until Tuesday, April 7th while legislators take their break to celebrate religious holidays.

Floor Proceedings

The House and Senate met on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday this week. On Monday the House took up five bills. The first bill would require vehicles approaching school buses to stop for flashing red lights, the bill passed 133-0. The second bill modifies educational assistance for veterans' children and spouses, the bill passed unanimously. The third bill would eliminate the Class A installer license from the electrical code, the bill was passed unanimously. The fourth bill amends the certificate of need in energy requirements, the bill was passed 133-1. The final bill modifies certain limitations on display of dynamic electronic content while operating a motor vehicle, the bill passed 111-23.

Wednesday was supposed to be a paper pushing day in the House, but a motion was made to adjourn the legislative session. The motion failed 58-72. You can watch the full discussion in the link below. On Thursday, the House took up many motions to move bills to the general register. These were bills that did not pass out of committee, and the motions were made to bypass the committee deadlines so these bills could be taken up on the floor. By attempting to bypass the committee deadline and send these bills to the general register, it would also open the door for amendments to be made on the floor to these bills. The bills ranged in topic from gun violence to cameras in day care centers. Every vote to move bills to the general register failed.

On Monday in the Senate the chamber took up one bill, laboratory testing requirements related to cannabis. The bill passed 41-26. On Wednesday the Senate held a lengthy debate on amending Senate chamber rules to allow members to bring children onto the Senate floor. The resolution passed 41-25. Thursday the Senate took up two bills, the first repealed Cesar Chavez Day in Minnesota which passed unanimously. The second bill was an appropriations bill for supportive housing services. The bill passed 39-28.

The Legislature has used 53 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 4790 House Files and 4932 Senate Files.

Hearing Updates

House Proceedings:

This week the House Children and Families committee met on Tuesday and Wednesday. On Tuesday, the committee heard eight bills related to SNAP recipient and funding requirements, and child care training requirements. HF 4316, Child care background study notification requirements modified, child care leadership made responsible for maltreatment at centers, and maltreatment notification requirements modified, was amended in committee and unanimously approved to send to the Ways and Means committee.

On Wednesday, the committee heard eight more bills related to grant program funding, adjusting DCYF programming with the budget forecast, and other bills related to SNAP and foster care programs.

Senate Proceedings:

On Tuesday, the Health and Human Services committee heard SF 4324, Licensed child care centers and licensed family care governing policies and rules encodement and modernization provisions. The bill was laid over for possible inclusion in an omnibus bill.

Next Week (As officially scheduled by 12:00 PM on 3/20/26)

- No Meetings Scheduled due to Legislative Break

General Interest

You can watch the House debate the motion to adjourn [here](#).

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