



It's the 10th week of session and the end seems close but there's still much work to be done before the legislature adjourns on May 18th. This past week we saw much of the policy bill work come together on the floor of each chamber. The Senate continued to work on their "mini" omnibus policy bills, including passing many of them off the floor. The House also worked hard this week passing 18 bills in one day on the floor. House Republican leadership has said they are only interested in passing single issue bills, or very small "policy package" bills, while the Senate is moving all finance related provisions in their committees into a few larger funding omnibus bills. End of session negotiations will likely determine how big or small these omnibus bills finally are.

Floor Proceedings

The House met on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday. On Monday the House heard 19 bills. The bills were largely noncontroversial. Here's the outcomes of the bills:

- Allowing the commissioner of veterans affairs to direct agency resources to veterans' initiatives; passed 134-0; concurrence and repassage after passing the Senate
- Modifying provisions relating to the practice of veterinary medicine and veterinary technology; passed 133-1; concurrence and repassage after passing the Senate
- Requiring disclosure of chemical irritants used in certain buildings; passed 129-5
- Prohibiting certain exclusions in homeowner's insurance policies when damage is done by a peace officer; passed 131-3
- Designating a portion of marked Trunk Highway 58 in Zumbrota as "Officer / Firefighter Gary L. Schroeder, Jr. Memorial Highway"; passed 134-0
- Providing protections, remedies, and modifying various provisions of the Safe at Home program; passed 134-0
- Modifying eligibility for the Dairy Assistance, Investment, Relief Initiative (DAIRI) program; passed 129-4
- Providing enhanced criminal penalty for certain violations of coercion crime; passed 134-0
- Clarifying certain grants from the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to local law enforcement as reimbursements; passed 131-1
- Establishing the legal age to possess kratom as 21 years of age or older; passed 127-5
- Modifying the supervision abatement status policy; passed 134-0

- Authorizing chiefs of police and sheriffs to open certain expunged records to determine eligibility to purchase, receive, or carry a firearm; passed 128-3
- Modifying and adding definitions for purposes of identity theft crime; passed 134-0
- Clarifying responsibilities of Department of Corrections licensed juvenile and adult community-based residential correctional facilities; passed 126-6
- Clarifying in law the multiple levels of substance abuse care provided by the commissioner of corrections; passed 129-5
- Requiring judge to inquire whether victim has been notified of plea and sentencing hearings; passed 134-0
- Increasing the statute of limitations for crimes involving medical assistance fraud or other theft of money belonging to the government; passed 133-0
- Withholding payments to program participants under certain circumstances; passed 134-0
- Changing provisions for grants management; passed 133-0

Wednesday in the House was a paper pushing day. No official business was conducted. Thursday, the House held debate on 15 bills. These bills are as follows:

- Modifying the application of residential mortgage loan fees and penalties in certain instances; passed 133-0; concurrence and repassage after passing the Senate
- Providing for local correctional officers in Peace Officers Discipline Procedures Act; passed 132-2; concurrence and repassage after passing the Senate
- Increasing criminal penalty for impersonating a peace officer; passed 134-0
- Including gift card fraud in organized retail theft; passed 134-0
- Changing the reporting date on the disaster assistance contingency account; passed 134-0
- Clarifying publication process for court notices and provisions regarding restitution and conciliation court; passed 133-0
- Making clarifying, technical, and conforming changes to the Minnesota Common Interest Ownership Act; passed 134-0
- Prohibiting access to nudification technology; passed 132-1
- Providing for the licensing and registration of limited lines travel insurance producers and travel retailers; passed 134-0
- Establishing a trusted contact program to mitigate financial exploitation and fraud; passed 134-0
- Modifying various consumer protections for insurance and financial products; passed 122-12
- Modifying and clarifying various provisions governing telephone company regulation, facilities and property, pricing plans, service classification, and reporting requirements; passed 134-0
- Modifying ignition interlock program license revocation requirements; passed 132-1
- Establishing a uniform procedure for imposition, implementation, and oversight of firearm restrictions resulting from certain criminal convictions and judicial orders; passed 111-21
- Establishing a remedy to extinguish a joint interest in a contract for deed of a perpetrator of domestic abuse or sexual assault; passed 120-13

The Senate met each day this week, excluding Friday. On Monday the Senate heard six bills. The bills passed as follows:

- Agriculture Policy Omnibus Bill; passed 67-0
- State and Local Government Policy Omnibus Bill; passed 35-32
- Providing for submetered utility service final billing for vacating tenants; passed 67-0
- Prohibiting pet shops from selling cats and dogs; passed 41-26

- Modifying the application of residential mortgage loan fees and penalties in certain instances; passed 67-0
- Modifying certain selection procedures for the Hennepin County medical examiner; passed 41-26

Tuesday the Senate heard six bills. The bills passed as follows:

- Public Safety Omnibus Policy Bill; passed 52-13
- Making forecast adjustments to prekindergarten through grade 12 education programs, human services, the Department of Children, Youth, and Families, and Metro Mobility; passed 34-32
- Authorizing credit unions to obtain insurance from a credit union share insurance provider; passed 51-15
- Providing standards for rent and utility payments, fees, and charges in manufactured home parks; passed 35-31
- Adding requirements for state park license plate contest; passed 48-18
- Permitting tow trucks to use variable message signs; passed 66-0

Wednesday the Senate took action on the appointments calendar. The Senate has a role in confirming the Governor's appointments to various state boards and commissions. These appointments were moved from committees and placed on the Confirmation Calendar. The Senate also heard four bills via special orders. The bills passed as follows:

- Modifying benefits available to veterans of the Secret War in Laos; passed 58-8
- [Health and Human Services Omnibus Policy Bill](#); passed 36-31
 - Includes provisions on Child Care Modernization
- Requiring data collection on bridge-related suicides; passed 63-4
- Revisors Technical Omnibus Policy Bill; passed 63-4

Thursday, the Senate took up four bills for passage. The bills passed as follows:

- Designating a portion of marked Trunk Highway 58 in Zumbrota as "Officer / Firefighter Gary L. Schroeder, Jr. Memorial Highway"; passed 66-0
- Establishing the legal age to possess kratom as 21 years of age or older; passed 56-10
- Elections Omnibus Policy Bill; passed 34-33
- Human Services Omnibus Policy Bill; passed 39-28

The Legislature has used 63 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 5073 House Files and 5231 Senate Files.

Hearing Updates

House Proceedings:

The House Children and Families Committee did not meet this week.

Senate Proceedings:

The Senate Health and Human Services committee did not meet this week.

Next Week (As officially scheduled by 12:00 PM on 4/24/26)

- No committees scheduled

General Interest

You can watch the press conferences from the week outlining the next few weeks of session below.

- [Senate Majority Leader Erin Murphy](#)
- [House Leadership](#)
- [Governor Walz](#)

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