



The legislative session has come to a close. Following months of negotiations, public hearings, and lengthy floor debates, numerous bill packages were passed late last night in a fizzled end to a controversial biennium. A budget agreement was reached late last week between leadership and the governor, giving committee chairs budget targets to use when drafting their final bills. The final agreement included a \$1.2 billion dollar bonding bill, a one-time reduction in car tab fees, and a one-time property tax relief policy. One major piece of note is the passage of the child care licensing modernization in the Health and Human Services bill. A link to the final version is below.

## Floor Proceedings

### House Proceedings

The House met on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday, and Sunday. On Monday the House heard 4 bills on the Calendar for the Day, repassed a senate file, and declared an urgency for the Human Services Program Integrity bill. The bills passed as follows:

- Designating a portion of Ramsey County State-Aid Highway 96 as “Master Sergeant Nicole Amor Memorial Highway”; passed 126-0
- Human Services Policy Omnibus; passed 93-39
- Adjustments to forecasted programs for the Department of Human Services and the Department of Children, Youth, and Families; passed 86-45
- Making forecast adjustments to special transportation service; passed 106-27

### Concurrence and Repassage:

- Allowing certain virtual-currency custody services to be offered and performed; repassed 119-6

### Urgency Declared:

- Human Services Program Integrity Bill; passed 107-21

Tuesday the House took up two bills on the Calendar for the Day, along with concurrence and repassage of a Senate file, and one conference committee report.

#### Concurrence and Repassage:

- Allowing the commissioner of veterans affairs to temporarily close veterans homes under certain circumstances; repassed 134-0

#### Calendar for the Day:

- Establishing requirements for social media platforms related to accounts for minors; passed 132-2
- Including disability accommodations as protection from discrimination; passed 88-42

#### Conference Committee Report:

- Public Safety Policy Omnibus; passed 100-32

Wednesday the House took up four bills on the Calendar for the Day, along with a conference committee report.

#### Conference Committee Report:

- Housing Policy Omnibus; passed 105-28

#### Calendar for the Day:

- Retirement Programs Omnibus; passed 129-5
- Claims Bill; passed 134-0
- Clarifying paraprofessional qualifications; passed 134-0
- Making various forecast adjustments; passed 122-12

Thursday the House took up one bill on the Calendar for the Day, along with concurrence and repassage of two bills sent back by the Senate, and one conference committee report.

#### Conference Committee Report:

- Environment and natural resources omnibus; passed 117-15

#### Concurrence and Repassage:

- Secretary of State campaign finance omnibus; repassed 118-15
- Elections omnibus; repassed 127-6

#### Calendar for the Day:

- Adopting 2026 recommendations of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council; passed 132-1

Friday in the House was a paper pushing day. No official business was conducted. Saturday the House took up five bills on the Calendar for the Day, along with concurrence and repassage of three bills sent back by the Senate, and six conference committee reports.

#### Concurrence and Repassage:

- Establishing a field trip policy; passed 133-0
- Victim Services Public Safety bill; passed 123-10
- Education Omnibus; passed 129-3

#### Conference Committee Reports:

- Proposing an amendment to the MN Constitution, modifying the investment, management, and distribution policy for the permanent school fund; passed 134-0
- Making various forecast adjustments; passed 94-37
- Establishing requirements for social media platforms related to accounts for minors; passed 131-2
- Higher Education Omnibus; passed 101-33
- Commerce Omnibus; passed 121-13
- Safety and Security Package; passed 100-34

#### Calendar for the Day:

- Labor Policy Omnibus; passed 107-25
- Modifying requirements for abusive head trauma training for child care providers; passed 133-0
- Allowing eggs to be donated past their quality assurance date; passed 133-0
- Modifying certain requirements governing the excavation notice system; passed 133-0
- Medical Assistance Fraud Prevention; passed 118-16

Sunday the House took up eight bills on the Calendar for the Day, two bills to be concurred and repassed from the Senate, and four conference committee reports.

#### Calendar for the Day:

- Resolution on continuing House business during the interim; passed on voice vote
- IT Modernization bill; passed 134-0
- Cannabis Omnibus; passed 92-42
- Legacy and Lands Omnibus; passed 107-27
- State Government Finance and Policy Omnibus; passed 113-20
- Cash Bonding Bill; passed 96-38
- General Obligation Bonding Bill; passed 122-11
- Miscellaneous legislative corrections bill; passed 134-0

#### Concurrence and Repassage:

- Changing provisions for grants management; passed 134-0
- READ Act Modifications; passed 134-0

#### Conference Committee Reports:

- Environment and Natural Resources Omnibus; passed 111-22
- [Health Omnibus](#); passed 108-26

- Childcare Modernization was included in the final bill, it is Article 12
- [Human Services Omnibus](#); passed 108-26
- Taxes Omnibus; passed 126-8

### **Senate Proceedings**

The Senate met each day this week. On Monday the Senate heard five bills on Special Orders, along with the concurrence and repassage of one bill sent back by the House.

Concurrence and Repassage:

- Creating the Office of the Inspector General; repassed 66-0

Special Orders:

- Adopting 2026 recommendations of the Workers' Compensation Advisory Council; passed 65-0
- Higher Education Omnibus; passed 36-31
- Immigration Enforcement Provisions; passed 34-33
- Designating a portion of Ramsey County State-Aid Highway 96 as "Master Sergeant Nicole Amor Memorial Highway"; passed 66-0
- Environment and Natural Resources trust fund appropriation; passed 44-23

Tuesday the Senate heard three bills on Special Orders, along with the concurrence and repassage of one bill sent back by the House, and one conference committee report.

Concurrence and Repassage:

- Human Services Policy Omnibus; passed 41-26

Special Orders:

- Cannabis Policy Omnibus; passed 34-33
- Energy Omnibus; passed 35-32
- Miscellaneous Legislative Corrections Bill; passed 63-3

Conference Committee Report:

- Public Safety Omnibus; passed 57-9

Wednesday the Senate heard three bills via special orders, one resolution, concurrence and repassage of one bill sent back by the House, and one conference committee report. The bills passed as follows:

Concurrence and Repassage:

- Including disability accommodations as protection from discrimination; repassed 42-22

Special Orders:

- Resolution on continuing Senate business during the interim; passed 57-0
- Allowing eggs to be donated past their quality assurance date; passed 65-0

- Elections Omnibus; passed 36-28
- Secretary of State campaign finance Omnibus; passed 46-21
- Increasing criminal penalty for impersonating a peace officer; passed 67-0

Conference Committee Reports:

- Housing Omnibus; passed 42-25

Thursday the Senate took up one bill on Special Orders and one conference committee report.

Special Orders:

- Agriculture Omnibus; passed 55-10

Conference Committee Reports:

- Environment and Natural Resources Trust Fund; passed 46-19

Friday the Senate took up six bills via Special Orders and one conference committee report.

Conference Committee Reports:

- Making various forecast adjustments; passed 34-33

Special Orders:

- Establishing a field trip policy; passed 66-0
- Claims Omnibus; passed 64-2
- Retirement Programs Omnibus; passed 57-9
- Establishing requirements for social media platforms related to accounts for minors; passed 66-0
- Clarifying paraprofessional qualifications; passed 65-0
- Requiring the use of helmets for operators of electric-assisted bicycles under the age of 18; passed 34-33

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Special Orders:

- Modifying eligibility for public television station block grants and noncommercial radio station grants; passed 53-13
- Victim Services Public Safety bill; passed 42-24
- Meat raffle and certain prize and ticket limit modifications; 67-0
- Establishing reimbursement program for underground petroleum storage tank systems; passed 62-5
- READ Act Modifications; passed 53-14

Conference Committee Reports:

- Proposing an amendment to the MN Constitution, modifying the investment, management, and distribution policy for the permanent school fund; passed 43-24
- Safety and Security Package; passed 59-8
- Higher Education Omnibus; passed 52-14

Sunday the Senate took up four bills on Special Orders, five bills for concurrence and passage from the House, and five conference committee reports.

Special Orders:

- Changing provisions for grants management; passed 67-0
- Education Omnibus; 67-0
- Electronic visit verification requirements regulation and nonemergency medical transportation modification; passed 67-0
- Home care nursing coverage modifications; passed 40-27

Concurrence and Repassage:

- Human Services IT Modernization; repassed 67-0
- Cannabis Omnibus; repassed 34-33
- Cash Bonding Bill; passed 60-7
- General Obligation Bonding Bill; passed 50-17
- Miscellaneous legislative corrections; passed 64-3

Conference Committee Reports:

- Commerce Omnibus; passed 49-15
- Environment and Natural Resources; passed 47-20
- [Health Omnibus](#); passed 35-32
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- [Human Services Omnibus](#); passed 35-31
- Taxes Omnibus; passed 52-15

The Legislature used 78 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 introduced 5162 House Files and 5310 Senate Files.

## Hearing Updates

There were no public hearings on the Health and Human Services bill, which was brought up on the floor by Sen. Abeler and others. Though a public hearing would not have changed much in the way of the final product, it is a symptom of the larger issue of legislators insulating themselves from the people and

advocates that are impacted by the decisions they make. Hopefully a change in the makeup of the two bodies and executive branch can change this trajectory.

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