



With just over two calendar weeks left in the legislative session, the Senate and the House are hard at work trying to wrap up any outstanding issues before adjournment. While this isn't a budget year, legislators are focused on key issues Minnesotans need them to address before the clock runs out: federal tax conformity, a bonding bill, health and human services funding, addressing the issues with HCMC, and fraud. The Governor also gave his final State of the State address outlining his vision for the end of session and reflecting on his last term in office. You can watch more on that later on in the report.

Floor Proceedings

The House met on Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. On Monday the House heard 16 bills. The bills were largely noncontroversial. The bills passed as follows:

- Field trip policy established, reporting to licensing boards required, criminal offense of grooming established, and money appropriated; passed 134-0
- Removing advanced practice registered nurse postgraduate collaborative practice requirements; passed 119-12
- Modifying requirements for licensure by reciprocity for marriage and family therapists; passed 133-0
- Authorizing pharmacists to initiate, prescribe, administer, and dispense certain drugs for the treatment of opioid use disorder; passed 134-0
- Amending the definition of compounding of a drug to exempt the use of a flavoring agent; passed 134-0
- Modifying medication repository program procedures; passed 132-1
- Providing temporary authority to store drill cores outside the drill core library; passed 134-0
- Modifying requirements for water discharges; passed 134-0
- Removing expiration of crossbow hunting and fishing allowance; passed 133-0
- Prohibiting virtual currency kiosks; passed 127-7
- Updating terminology related to Ramsey County human resources personnel structure; passed 132-2
- Allowing watershed districts, watershed management organizations, and towns to self-insure for certain employee health benefits; passed 134-0

Tuesday the House met in a joint convention with the Senate for the State of the State. No official business was conducted. Thursday, the House held debate on seven bills. These bills are as follows:

- Funding provided from environmental and natural resources trust fund; passed 117-15
- Eligibility of certain applicants for licenses to serve as private detectives or protective agents modified; passed 133-0
- Public safety policy omnibus; passed 116-16
- Requiring data on bridge-related suicides; passed 134-0
- School bus requirements and modifications; passed 130-4
- Vacating tenants submetered utility service final billing provisions; passed 134-0
- Common interest communities provisions modifications; passed 100-34

On Thursday the House also heard a motion to suspend the House rules to take up House File 3819: Licensing inspection requirements for child care providers. This bill was amended in committee earlier this session but did not pass out of committee. The motion to suspend the rules to take up the bill failed on a 63-67 vote.

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

- Requiring removal of identifying equipment and insignia from emergency vehicles sold to the public; passed 45-19
- Including disability accommodations as protection from discrimination; passed 46-18
- Requiring payment transparency in public contracts; passed 63-0

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

- Establishing a disciplinary sanction matrix relating to real estate appraisers; passed 66-0
- Providing protections, remedies, and modifying various provisions of the Safe at Home program; passed 66-0
- Prohibiting certain exclusions in homeowner's insurance policies when damage is done by a peace officer; passed 54-11
- Requiring disclosure of chemical irritants used in certain buildings; passed 58-7
- Bureau of Criminal Apprehension policy and technical corrections bill; passed 65-0

Wednesday the Senate heard eight bills via special orders. The bills passed as follows:

- [SF 4612](#) - Health and Human Services Supplemental Funding Bill; passed 34-33
 - Includes provisions on Child Care Licensing Modernization
- Commerce and Consumer Protection Policy Omnibus; passed 41-23
- Judicial Branch Policy Omnibus; passed 64-0
- Establishing a trusted contact program to mitigate financial exploitation and fraud; passed 65-0
- Prohibiting access to nudification technology; passed 65-0
- Modifying and clarifying various provisions governing telephone company regulation; passed 65-0
- Including gift card fraud in organized retail theft; passed 65-0
- Uniform procedure establishment for imposition, implementation, and oversight of firearms restrictions; passed 40-25

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

- Coercion crime that causes great bodily harm or death of the victim criminal penalty enhancement provision; passed 67-0
- Certain wagers and other activities regarding prediction markets prohibition; passed 56-10
- Online sweepstakes games prohibition; passed 62-3
- Minnesota business recovery loan program establishment and appropriation; passed 35-31
- Water discharges notice requirements modifications; passed 65-0
- Housing and redevelopment agencies utilizing certain long-term equity investment authority authorization; passed 45-21
- Permit an action to terminate an interest in a contract for deed of a perpetrator of domestic abuse or sexual assault; passed 64-2

The Legislature has used 67 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 5102 House Files and 5251 Senate Files.

Hearing Updates

House Proceedings:

The House Ways and Means committee met on Wednesday this week to hear House File 4466, the Health Supplemental Finance bill. Rep. Kotyza-Witthuhn made a motion to add the childcare modernization omnibus bill that failed to move out of the Children and Families finance and policy committee. The amendment failed and the omnibus was not added to the final health supplemental finance bill.

Senate Proceedings:

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

Next Week (As officially scheduled by 12:00 PM on 5/1/26)

- No committees scheduled

General Interest

You can watch Governor Walz's final State of the State address and the following press conferences by GOP and DFL leadership below.

- [Governor Walz State of the State Address](#)
- [DFL Leadership Press Conference](#)
- [GOP Leadership Press Conference](#)

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