



It's officially crunch time at the Minnesota Legislature. With just over one week left until the constitutional adjournment date of May 18, legislators are working to move important bills through committee and off each chamber's floor. Conference committees are beginning to take shape as bills are being passed and amended by each body. You can read more about those below.

## Floor Proceedings

The House met on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday. On Monday the House heard 18 bills. The bills were largely noncontroversial. The bills passed as follows:

- Modifying benefits available to veterans of the Secret War in Laos; passed 132-0
- Modifying the amount of pay for commissioned officers and enlisted members engaged in state active service; passed 133-0
- Modifying eligibility for burial in state veterans cemeteries; passed 133-0
- Allowing the commissioner of veterans affairs to close veterans homes under certain circumstances; passed 132-0
- Establishing standards for legislatively directed competitive and direct grants issued by the Department of Veterans Affairs; passed 133-0
- Establishing the Commanders Task Force; passed 133-0
- Proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, modifying the investment, management, and distribution policy for the permanent school fund; passed 133-0
- Higher Education policy omnibus bill; passed 82-52
- Supplemental Housing Finance omnibus bill; passed 99-34
- Labor and Workforce Development policy omnibus bill; passed 98-35
- Public Safety policy omnibus bill; passed 126-7
- Modifying licensing for practice of acupuncture and herbal medicine; passed 105-21
- Providing for an exception to the hospital construction moratorium; passed 131-1
- Requiring the commissioner of administration to provide a standard template summary page for requests for proposals; passed 132-0
- Extending the Legislative Commission on Cybersecurity; passed 132-0
- Requiring mandatory reports to be submitted to members of legislative committees electronically; passed 132-0

- Providing for and regulating short-term rental guarantees and reimbursement insurance policies; passed 131-0
- Modifying prior appropriation for Progress Parkway construction project in the city of Eveleth; passed 130-0

Tuesday in the House was a paper pushing day. Wednesday, the House held debate on 12 bills, and concurrence on one bill returned from the Senate. These bills are as follows:

- Capitol Safety and Security Omnibus Package; passed 92-42
- Designating thermal energy networks as public improvements and waterworks; passed 117-16
- Modifying provisions governing disposition of decedents' personal property by coroners and medical examiners; passed 133-1
- Elections policy omnibus bill; passed 199-15
- Modifying youth intervention programs; passed 104-30
- Establishing a disciplinary sanction matrix; passed 133-1
- Clarifying athletic trainer scope of practice; passed 127-5
- Permitting contracts for state historic sites; passed 133-0
- Designating the month of January as Snow Professionals Appreciation Month; passed 133-0
- Requiring payment transparency in public contracts; passed 133-0
- Revisors technical policy omnibus; passed 133-0
- Clarifying that an optometrist may prescribe certain window glazing materials; passed 133-0
- Concurrence with the Senate:
  - Establishing a trusted contact program to mitigate financial exploitation and fraud; re-passed 132-0

On Thursday the House heard eight bills. These bills are as follows:

- [Health and Human Services supplemental appropriations omnibus](#); passed 69-63
- Office of the Inspector General creation and appropriation; passed 127-5
- Requiring a grantee fraud risk rating system and corresponding management requirements; passed
- Authorizing meeting broadcasting through social media; passed 125-5
- Establishing reimbursement program for underground petroleum tank systems with pressurized single-walled steel piping; passed 128-0
- Authorizing issuance of cancer-related disability parking certificates; passed 130-0
- Modifying requirements for State Patrol compensation study; passed 100-19
- Modifying eligibility for noncommercial radio station grants; passed 120-4

The Senate met each day this week, excluding Friday. On Monday the Senate heard one bill. [SF 4067](#) is the Gun Violence Prevention Package, and while it passed the Senate 34-33, the bill is not anticipated to be taken up in the House. The bill contains provisions like mandatory anonymous reporting systems for school districts, ghost gun bans, assault weapons ban, reenacting the binary trigger ban, and modifying the extreme risk protection order law, among others.

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

- [Omnibus Finance Appropriations Bill](#); passed 35-31

- This bill contains all the supplemental funding bills for each committee in the Senate
- Modifying licensing and scope of practice omnibus; passed 44-21

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

- [Omnibus Human Services supplemental appropriations omnibus](#) bill; passed 35-32
- Omnibus Labor Policy bill; passed 48-18
- Allowing certain virtual-currency custody services to be offered and performed; passed 51-16
- Modifying school bus provisions and requirements; passed 63-3
- Modifying eligibility of certain applicants for licenses to serve as private detectives or protective agents; passed 66-0
- Clarifying in law the multiple levels of substance abuse care provided by the commissioner of corrections; passed 57-9
- Concurrence of House Files:
  - Modifying school bus provisions and requirements; re-passed 64-3

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

- Concurrence of Senate Files passed by the House:
  - Public contracts payment transparency requirement; re-passed 67-0
- Housing policy and supplemental appropriations omnibus bill; passed 35-31
- Proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, modifying the investment, management, and distribution policy for the permanent school fund; passed 59-8
- Commissioner of veterans affairs allowed to close veterans homes under certain circumstances; passed 67-0
- Exception to the hospital construction moratorium provided; passed 67-0
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The Legislature has used 71 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 5127 House Files and 5272 Senate Files.

## Hearing Updates

House Proceedings:

The House Ways and Means committee met this week to pass the omnibus Human Services policy bill to the House floor.

Senate Proceedings:

The Senate Health and Human Services committee held a joint hearing with the Human Services committee to draft and markup the Program Integrity Omnibus bill.

Conference committee appointments will be made as the House and Senate continue to meet.

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

- No committees scheduled

### General Interest

Conference committees are forming on bills passed by both bodies but where the House or Senate refuses to concur with amendments made by the opposite chamber. The conference committees will meet to iron out differences in the bills passed by each body. Conference committees appointed so far include:

Bill	House Members	Senate Members
Omnibus Veterans Policy and Supplemental Appropriations	No Appointments Made	No Appointments Made
Omnibus Public Safety Policy Bill	Novotny, Witte, Moller, Feist	Latz, Limmer, Oumou Verbeten
Omnibus Housing Finance and Policy Bill	Howard, Igo, Nash, Kozlowski	Port, Boldon, Lucero
Capitol Safety and Security Package	Moller, Liebling, Curran, Novotny, Scott, Olson	Latz, Dibble, Xiong, Westlin, Kreun
Omnibus Commerce and Consumer Protection Bill	Koegel, Elkins, O'Driscoll, Perryman	Klein, Seeberger, Frentz, Duckworth