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Important Dates:

- March 6, 2025: February forecast to be released
- Monday, March 31, 2025: Legislative break for Eid
- Tuesday, March 11, 2025: District 40B Special Election
- April 11, 2025 at 12:00 PM - April 21, 2025 at 12:00 PM: Legislative break for Easter and Passover
- May 9-10: 77th Minnesota Governor's Fishing Opener in Crosslake
- May 19: Constitutional deadline for adjournment for the 2025 Legislative Session

New House oversight panel aims to stop misuse of state grant dollars by nonprofits: A new House committee began working toward better preventing state grant dollars from being inappropriately spent. [Rep. Kristin Robbins](#) (R-Maple Grove) chairs the House Fraud Prevention and State Agency Oversight Policy Committee . . . Referencing a [2023 report](#), officials from the Office of the Legislative Auditor said state-funded grant expenditures to nonprofit organizations averaged \$514 million between fiscal years 2018-22. Of the roughly 2,400 recipients, the average grant was \$68,000. Most recipients are on the up and up, but still nefarious results have still occurred. In the office's [presentation](#), Deputy Legislative Auditor Jodi Munson Rodriguez said state agencies are not complying on purpose, but a lack of training for grant management staff and the lack of a standard statewide grant registry system are among problems encountered. [Read more.](#)

More: Some Minnesota lawmakers want to stop the practice of legislators giving money directly to nonprofits, concerned that it leads to uneven outcomes and lax oversight while favoring politically connected nonprofits: State government increasingly relies on nonprofits to complete its work . . . State agencies typically award a grant after performing background checks and analyzing numerous proposals, ultimately giving it to the applicant that best meets their criteria. But lawmakers can also go around that competitive process and directly name a nonprofit, granting funds in a budget bill through what are known as legislatively named grants . . . Ideally, Robbins said the Legislature should get rid of the practice of legislatively named grants, but she recognized that that would take time — and there's no mechanism to make lawmakers do it. According to [a 2023 audit](#), Minnesota struggles to oversee money it sends out the door . . . Both competitive and legislatively named grants are supposed to go through the same type of oversight by state agencies, but

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the Office of the Legislative Auditor has found that agencies have failed to provide the same oversight of legislatively named grants that they do for competitive grants . . . Legislative Auditor Judy Randall on Monday told members of the House fraud committee that her office has recommended that the Legislature stop employing legislatively named grants since 2007 . . . Marie Ellis, public policy director for the Minnesota Council of Nonprofits, said the vast majority of funding from the state to nonprofits is through the competitive process. But Ellis also said it can be unnecessary for a nonprofit to go through an onerous competitive process if, for example, they are the only organization in an area of Minnesota that provides that specific service.

House Republicans push for streamlined environmental permitting process: [Rep. Josh Heintzeman](#) (R-Nisswa) believes businesses needing environmental reviews and permits to operate in Minnesota are hampered by unnecessarily lengthy and burdensome permitting processes by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency. He sponsors [HF8](#), which he says would modernize existing regulatory systems and make them more efficient . . . The bill would limit extensions from 60 days that a local unit of government must make certain determinations under the Wetland Conservation Act to one extension that could not exceed 60 days. It would also require that if an environmental or resource management permit is not issued or denied within the applicable goal for issuing permits, the agency must immediately begin review of the application and take all necessary steps to issue the final permit, deny the permit, or issue notice of the draft permit within 150 days of the date the goal was not met. To be more efficient, the agency would be required to issue separate permits for construction and operation of certain facilities and be required to issue these permits in a manner that minimizes the time required to construct and begin operation. DFL members are not convinced environmental regulations would not be relaxed under the bill and expressed concerns that public input on permitting would be reduced. One provision would limit public input by modifying the signature threshold needed on a petition to require an environmental assessment worksheet from 100 individuals who live or own property in the state to 100 individuals who live or own property in the county or one or more adjoining counties where a project is being proposed. [Read more.](#)

New Minnesota DNR advisory committee meets for first time: Eli Mansfield, chair of the state chapter of Backcountry Hunters and Anglers, is also chairing the new DNR committee. The Fish and Wildlife Advisory Committee, the new iteration of the Minnesota DNR's citizen oversight committees, met for the first time on Monday, Feb. 3, for a kickoff. [Read more.](#)

Partnership between Minnesota DNR, Fond du Lac Band could bring elk to northeastern Minnesota: Elk used to roam across the entire state of Minnesota. Today there are just a few hundred, and only in the northwestern part of the state. But that could soon change. On Thursday night, the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources and the Fond du Lac Band of Lake Superior Chippewa [held] [a public meeting](#) to discuss the reintroduction of elk to the Fond du Lac Reservation and surrounding areas in northeastern Minnesota. It's a project that started more than ten years ago, and now is on its way to becoming reality. [Read/Listen here.](#)

Cattle producers, farmers cautious of Minnesota elk herd expansion: As elk damage continues in Minnesota and more funds are requested to handle that damage, plans for herd expansion continue to take shape. The current elk herds of northwest Minnesota may have some of the herd picked up and moved to northeast Minnesota on the Fond du Lac Reservation consistent with direction and funding provided by the Minnesota Legislature in 2023. It's a project that's been kicked around for the last 11 years . . . Members of the public have had opportunities to bring their comments and concerns to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources about this plan including a public hearing on Monday, Feb. 11, via an online video call . . . Kaitlyn Root, executive director of the Minnesota State Cattlemen's Association, commented during the hearing and asked DNR staff what assurances they could give to cattle producers and farmers that this would not adversely affect them. Elk depredation is a chief concern of theirs. [Read more.](#)

Minnesota elk hunt offers more permits, expands area: "Elk populations have increased significantly and we've observed increasing conflict because of elk depredation, so the number of permits available near Grygla has been increased and a new hunt has been authorized in Kittson County," said Lou Cornicelli, DNR big game program coordinator. Hunters have until Friday, July 18, to apply for one of 23 elk permits. In total, 12 permits (two either-sex and 10 antlerless) will be offered in the Grygla Zone and 11 permits (one either-sex and 10 antlerless) will be offered in the Kittson County Zone in the Lancaster vicinity. Maps of the two hunt zones can be found at <http://mndnr.gov/hunting/elk>. [Read more.](#)

Anderson: With crossbow's wider use, is the sun setting on the 'old way' of bow hunting? Minnesota legislators this session must renew crossbow use for deer hunting, or it lapses. [Read more.](#)

State lawmakers introducing a [bill](#) to extend the state ban on mining in the Boundary Waters: It follows an executive order by President Trump that cancels a Biden Administration moratorium on mining: Ingrid Lyons is executive director of the nonprofit Save the Boundary Waters and says the area deserves the state's protection . . . Environmental groups have been fighting the project and said at the time their study is tantamount to an admission that the current mine plan is fundamentally flawed. They say mining the large untapped reserves of copper, nickel and platinum-group metals under northeastern Minnesota would pose unacceptable environmental risks because of the potential for acid mine drainage from the sulfide-bearing ore. [Read more.](#)

Select DNR News releases

- [Longtime Duluth-area conservation officer named 2024 Conservation Officer of the Year:](#) Several other COs also honored at annual award celebration.
- [Minnesota DNR fisheries rulemaking proposals open for public comment:](#) The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is asking for the public to comment on proposed rules about fishing methods that, if adopted, would go into effect in March 2026.

Last Week at the Legislature:

On Monday at 8:15 AM, the House committee on [Fraud Prevention and State Agency Oversight Policy](#) met to hear from the Office of the Legislative Auditor regarding its report on "[Oversight of State-Funded Grants to Nonprofit Organizations](#)." See also: [OLA - 2023 Evaluation Report: Oversight of State Grants to Nonprofits](#); [OLA Presentation](#); [OLA Evaluation and Special Review Recommendation Updates \(2022-2024\)](#); and [Oversight of State-Funded Grants to Nonprofit Organizations Update to 2023 Evaluation Report](#).

On Monday at 1:00 PM, House [Agriculture Finance and Policy](#) convened for an informational hearings on opportunities and challenges facing Minnesota Agriculture, Sustainable Aviation Fuel, and First District Association Presentation on Milk Processing and wastewater challenges. See: [First District Association Wastewater Treatment Project](#), [MN Corn Growers Sustainability Analysis](#), and [MN SAF Hub Overview](#).

On Tuesday at 1:00 PM, House [Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy](#) met for member and staff introductions, and heard presentations from two agencies: a presentation by the DNR on the [GTAC Final Recommendations Report](#), and from the MPCA regarding [Recommendations for Products Containing Lead, Cadmium, and PFAS](#). See also: [DNR GTAC Recommendations and Draft Language for Regulating Gas Resource Development in Minnesota](#), comments from [CURE on GTAC](#), [Pulsar Handout on GTAC](#), and [Clean Water Action Handout on PFAS](#).

At 3:00 PM, Senate [Environment, Climate, and Legacy](#) convened to hear several bills, including [SF1039](#) (Hauschild) Parks and trails fund appropriation. See also: [Greater Minnesota Parks & Trails \(GMPT\) Handout](#) and [GMPT Commission Policy and Planning Report](#).

On Wednesday at 10:15 AM, House [Legacy Finance](#) met for member and staff introductions and heard a [presentation](#) by the Clean Water Council. See also: [Clean Water Council recommendations](#).

At 1:00 PM, House [Agriculture Finance and Policy](#) heard presentations by: [Agricultural Utilization Research Institute](#) (AURI), [DEED Office of Broadband Development](#), and the [Center for Rural Policy and Development](#).

At 3:00 PM, Senate [Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband and Rural Development](#) convened for a hearing on: [S.F. 1220 \(Seeberger\)](#): University of Minnesota Forever Green Initiative money transfer provision (see also: Forever Green [Coalition Letter](#) support letter, [U of M Forever Green Initiative Factsheet](#) by Friends of the Mississippi River, [Continuous Living Cover Coalition](#) letter of support, [MDA Developing Markets for CLC Crops Grant Program Factsheet](#), and letter of support from [Friends of the Mississippi River](#)); and [S.F. 0934 \(Kupec\)](#): Agricultural Utilization Research Institute appropriation; and [S.F. 1178 \(Kupec\)](#): Money transfer into the agriculture research, education, extension, and technology transfer (AGREETT) account (see: [Minnesota State Profitability in production agriculture](#)).

On Thursday at 10:15 AM, House [Capital Investment](#) convened to hear various presentations from agencies regarding Governor Walz's bonding recommendations. The committee first heard a [presentation](#) regarding

the DNR's bonding recommendations from Bob Meier, Assistant Commissioner, and Samantha Minkler, Capital Asset Manager. John Jaschke, BWSR Executive Director and Andrea Fish, BWSR Assistant Director also gave a [presentation](#) on the Governor's bonding recommendations for the Board of Water and Soil Resources. The committee also heard a presentation by the MPCA, by Kirk Koudelka, Assistant Commissioner for Land and Strategic Initiatives, and Dana Vanderbosch, Assistant Commissioner for Water Policy and Agriculture, regarding MPCA's bonding requests. See also: [Local Government Road Wetland Replacement Program Factsheet](#), [MPCA 2025 Capital Budget Proposals](#), and [MPCA Assist Communities with Contaminated Drinking Water](#).

On Thursday at 1:00 PM, House [Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy](#) heard a presentation on Minnesota Chamber Foundation Report, "[Streamlining Minnesota's Environmental Permitting Process: Essential for Economic Growth](#)" and discussed [HF8](#) (Heintzeman)- Efficiency of Wetland Conservation Act determinations improved, efficiency of environmental and resource management permit application process improved, Pollution Control Agency permit process modified, reports required, and money appropriated. See: [House Research Bill Summary](#) and written testimony from the following: [Minnesota Conservative Energy Forum](#), [Clean Energy Economy MN](#), [CURE Letter](#), [Greater Mankato Letter](#), [MEP](#), [Mining Minnesota](#), [Pork Producers](#), [St. Paul Area Chamber](#), [Nature Conservancy](#), and [Range Association of Municipalities and Schools](#).

At 3:00 PM, Senate [Environment, Climate, and Legacy](#) convened for a hearing on [S.F. 0506 \(Hawj\)](#): Environmental and natural resources trust fund appropriation. See: [LCCMR Recommendations for FY 2026 Summary of LCCMR Recommendations for FY 2026](#), [LCCMR Member Directory](#), [LCCMR 202 Acquisition Map](#), [ENRTF Coalition Support Letter](#), and [Ramsey/Washington Recycling and Energy Board \(R&E\)](#) support letter.

Next Week at the Legislature:

On Monday at 8:15 AM, House [Fraud Prevention and State Agency Oversight Policy](#) will meet to hear a presentation from the Department of Administration's Office of Grants Management regarding oversight of state grants, and the status of OGM implementation of recommendations received from the Office of the Legislative Auditor

At 12:30 PM, Senate [Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate](#) will hear budget overviews on the Minnesota Department of Commerce and the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission.

At 1:00 PM, House [Agriculture Finance and Policy](#) will hear a number of presentations from: Minnesota Agricultural Education Leadership Council, Farm Business Management, Rural Mental Health, County Fairs, [GreenSeam](#), and Second Harvest Heartland. The committee will also discuss the following bills: [HF711](#) (Anderson): Agricultural education and leadership council grants funding provided, and money appropriated; and [HF653](#) (Nelson): Money transferred to the agricultural research, education, extension, and technology transfer (AGRETT) account; grant program and farm business management challenge grant funding provided; reports required; and money appropriated.

At 3:00 PM, Senate [Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband and Rural Development](#) will convene for presentations from the Minnesota Department of Agriculture on Federal Interactions with State Programs, Second Harvest Heartland on Federal Interactions with state Hunger Relief programs, and Hunger Solutions on Federal Interactions with state Food programs.

On Tuesday at 8:15 AM, House [State Government Finance and Policy](#) will hear the following bills: [HF1](#) (Anderson, P.E.) Office of the Inspector General established, powers provided, duties specified, fraud reporting hotline required, agencies required to halt payments when fraud is suspected, agency-based offices of inspector general eliminated, report required, and money appropriated; and [HF2](#) (Davis) Fraud reporting required when an employee of a state agency has reason to suspect fraud, grants management requirements strengthened, and criminal penalty established.

On Tuesday at 9:00 AM, Senate [Taxes](#) will convene to hear a number of bills, including: [S.F. 0498](#) ([Dornink](#)): Certain conservation clubs sales and use tax exemption provision; and [S.F. 0011](#) ([Rest](#)): Exemption modification for firearm storage units.

At 12:30 PM, Senate [State and Local Government](#) will convene for budget overviews by Minnesota Management and Budget and the Attorney General's Office. The committee will also hear informational presentations on the Governor's Anti-Fraud Package and on the Office of Grants Management.

At 1:00 PM, House [Energy Finance and Policy](#) will discuss [HF75](#) (Anderson, P. H.) - Hydroelectric capacity that qualifies as an eligible energy technology under the renewable energy standard modified, and hear a presentation from the Midcontinent Independent System Operator (MISO).

Also at 1:00 PM, House [Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy](#) will hear budget overviews from the Department of Natural Resources and the Board of Water and Soil Resources.

At 3:00 PM, Senate [Environment, Climate, and Legacy](#) will convene to hear a number of bills and a presentation on the Clean Water Council FY26-27 Recommendations.

On Wednesday at 8:30 AM, Senate [Taxes](#) will hear a number of bills, including: [S.F. 0819](#) ([Putnam](#)): Soil and water conservation district aid appropriation increase; and [S.F. 1089](#) ([Hauschild](#)): Appropriation increase for soil and water conservation district aid.

At 12:30 PM Senate [Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate](#) will convene. Agenda to be announced.

Also at 12:30 PM, Senate [Jobs and Economic Development](#) will hear a number of bills, including: [S.F. 0240](#) ([Draheim](#)): Grants prohibition to nonprofit organizations with highly compensated officers or employees.

On Thursday at 1:00 PM, House [Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy](#) will convene for a presentation on MPCA's budget overview. Other items may be added to the agenda.

Bills Introductions of Interest:

Environment and Natural Resources:

Bipartisan Legislation:

Senators Hauschild and Farnsworth introduced--[S.F. No. 1129](#): A bill for an act relating to environment; providing for county regulation of gray water discharges from commercial houseboats in certain counties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Anderson, Eichorn, and McEwen introduced--[S.F. No. 1154](#): A bill for an act relating to environment; requiring amendments to subsurface treatment system rules to refer to straight-pipe system statutory requirements. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Seeberger, Dahms, Westrom, and Kupec introduced--[S.F. No. 1220](#): A bill for an act relating to agriculture; transferring money to the University of Minnesota for the Forever Green Initiative. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senators Kupec, Dahms, and Putnam introduced--[S.F. No. 1178](#): A bill for an act relating to agriculture; transferring money into the agriculture research, education, extension, and technology transfer (AGREETT) account; appropriating money for the agriculture research, education, extension, and technology transfer grant program and farm business management challenge grants; requiring reports. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senators Eichorn, Farnsworth, and Hauschild introduced--[S.F. No. 1262](#): A bill for an act relating to natural resources; requiring a report on payment in lieu of taxes on natural resource lands. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Kreun, Johnson Stewart, Eichorn, Dibble, and Jasinski introduced--[S.F. No. 1281](#): A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the local road wetland replacement program; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds. Referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

Senators Hauschild and Eichorn introduced--[S.F. No. 1298](#): A bill for an act relating to environment; exempting off-highway vehicles, snowmobiles, and electric-assisted bicycles from prohibitions on PFAS in certain juvenile products; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.943, subdivision 1. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Boldon, Westlin, Hawj, Duckworth, and Seeberger introduced--[S.F. No. 1346](#): A bill for an act relating to occupational safety; requiring holders of permits to harvest or destroy aquatic plants to safely use scuba diving equipment; establishing requirements for commercial diving operations; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.615, subdivisions 1, 3; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 182. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Kupec and Rasmusson introduced--[S.F. No. 1375](#): A bill for an act relating to legacy; appropriating money for river watch program; requiring a report. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Hoffman, Eichorn, Hauschild, and Drazkowski introduced--[S.F. No. 1406](#): A bill for an act relating to environment; adding installation of permeable synthetic turf to best management practices to control stormwater runoff. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Jacob; Anderson, P. H.; Burkel; Nelson; Gander; Altendorf; Murphy; Allen; Davis; Repinski; Harder; Joy; Schultz; Sexton and Cha introduced: [H. F. 363](#), A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; establishing a credit for certain acres certified under the Minnesota agricultural water quality certification program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 273.1392; 273.1393; 275.065, subdivision 3; 276.04, subdivision 2; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 273. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Anderson, P. H.; Klevorn and Pursell introduced: [H. F. 525](#), A bill for an act relating to agriculture; transferring money to the University of Minnesota for the Forever Green Initiative. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy.

Nelson and Fischer introduced: [H. F. 713](#), A bill for an act relating to environment; adding installation of permeable synthetic turf to best management practices to control stormwater runoff. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Skraba, Olson, Heintzeman, Burkel and Kozlowski introduced: [H. F. 723](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for Greater Minnesota Regional Parks and Trails Commission. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Skraba, Frederick and Kozlowski introduced: [H. F. 724](#), A bill for an act relating to capital investment; making changes to the water infrastructure funding program; making changes to the point source implementation grant program; establishing an emerging contaminants grant program; appropriating money for clean water; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 446A.072, subdivision 5a; 446A.073, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 446A. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

DFL Legislation:

Senators Gustafson, Xiong, Nelson, and Putnam introduced--[S.F. No. 1183](#): A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for nitrate private well mitigation. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senator Kunesh introduced--[S.F. No. 1247](#): A bill for an act relating to environment; modifying pesticide provisions to protect wild rice waters; protecting wild rice by requiring a wild rice risk justification before issuing certain permits; prohibiting operation of watercraft in a manner that threatens uncultivated wild rice beds; requiring maintenance of wild rice waters maps; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 1.148; 18B.01, by adding a subdivision; 18B.03, by adding a subdivision; 18B.04; 18B.045; 18B.063; 18B.305; 86B.311, subdivision 4; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Gustafson, Xiong, Nelson, and Putnam introduced--[S.F. No. 1183](#): A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for nitrate private well mitigation. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Pursell introduced: [H. F. 77](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; requiring disclosure of subsurface drain tile; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 103F. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Curran and Fischer introduced: [H. F. 79](#), A bill for an act relating to environment; modifying water appropriation allocation priorities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.261. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Senator Putnam introduced--[S.F. No. 1297](#): A bill for an act relating to natural resources; establishing Keep it Clean program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.475, subdivisions 11, 12; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97C. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Kupec and Kunesh introduced--[S.F. No. 1413](#): A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for the developing markets for continuous-living cover crops program; requiring reports. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Senators McEwen, Cwodzinski, Johnson Stewart, Kunesh, and Boldon introduced--[S.F. No. 1382](#): A bill for an act relating to natural resources; requiring certain determinations before conducting environmental review and issuing permits relating to proposed nonferrous sulfide ore projects; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 93.001; 115.03, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 93. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Johnson Stewart, McEwen, Cwodzinski, Kunesh, and Boldon introduced--[S.F. No. 1383](#): A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying financial assurance requirements for nonferrous permit to mine; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 93.481, subdivision 1; 93.49. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Falconer; Feist; Jordan; Acomb; Liebling; Norris; Reyer; Kraft; Greene; Momanyi-Hiltsley; Hussein; Rehm; Lee, K.; Pursell; Freiberg; Virnig; Rehrauer and Hanson, J. introduced: [H. F. 309](#). A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying Boundary Water Canoe Area Wilderness mining restrictions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.523. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Republican Legislation:

Senators Howe, Eichorn, Lang, and Jasinski introduced--[S.F. No. 1157](#): A bill for an act relating to natural resources; providing for grants to restore and create wetlands for the wetland banking program; appropriating money. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senator Eichorn introduced--[S.F. No. 1225](#): A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying membership of Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area Citizens Advisory Council; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 85.0146, subdivision 1. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Drazkowski and Green introduced--[S.F. No. 1211](#): A bill for an act relating to natural resources; eliminating statutory appropriation of the pollinator account; repealing the lawns to legumes grant program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103B.101, subdivision 19; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103B.104. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Gander, Burkel and Anderson, P. H. introduced: [H. F. 38](#). A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money to the Agricultural Utilization Research Institute. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy.

Davis and Heintzeman introduced: [H. F. 78](#). A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying membership of Cuyuna Country State Recreation Area Citizens Advisory Council; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 85.0146, subdivision 1. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Heintzeman introduced: [H. F. 80](#). A bill for an act relating to natural resources; providing for grants to restore and create wetlands for the wetland banking program; appropriating money. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Schultz introduced: [H. F. 253](#), A bill for an act relating to water; temporarily prohibiting modifications to the public water inventory; requiring a report. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Schultz introduced: [H. F. 254](#), A bill for an act relating to water; modifying public water inventory revision process; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.201. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Heintzeman introduced: [H. F. 277](#), A bill for an act relating to environment; requiring certain recipients of money appropriated from the environment and natural resources trust fund to perform criminal background checks on employees, volunteers, and contractors that work with children; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116P. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Igo introduced: [H. F. 291](#), A bill for an act relating to mining; improving coordination, effectiveness, transparency, and accountability of environmental review and permitting process for metallic mineral mining projects; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 93. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Senators Gruenhagen and Lieske introduced--[S.F. No. 1260](#): A bill for an act relating to energy; abolishing prohibition on issuing certificate of need for new nuclear power plant; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 216B.243, subdivision 3b. Referred to the Committee on Energy, Utilities, Environment, and Climate.

Senator Green introduced--[S.F. No. 1396](#): A bill for an act relating to environment; prohibiting the commissioner from adopting rules that apply only to construction and demolition landfills; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 115A.06, subdivision 2. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Murphy, Joy and Koznick introduced: [H. F. 376](#), A bill for an act relating to environment; repealing clean car rules; repealing Minnesota Rules, parts 7023.0150; 7023.0200; 7023.0250; 7023.0300. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Transportation Finance and Policy.

Skraba introduced: [H. F. 430](#), A bill for an act relating to environment; providing for county regulation of gray water discharges from commercial houseboats in certain counties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 115. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Jacob, Nelson, Schultz, Burkell, Harder and Anderson, P. H. introduced: [H. F. 451](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; eliminating statutory appropriation of the pollinator account; repealing the lawns to legumes grant program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103B.101, subdivision 19; repealing

Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103B.104. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Jacob introduced: [H. F. 452](#), A bill for an act relating to legacy; appropriating money from the clean water fund for a southeast regional groundwater protection and soil health initiative. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Legacy Finance.

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Bliss introduced: [H. F. 527](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; establishing alternative wetland mitigation options in greater than 80 percent areas; authorizing rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 103G.222, by adding a subdivision. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Bliss introduced: [H. F. 528](#), A bill for an act relating to state lands; prohibiting acquisition of land for flood control or water retention under certain circumstances; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 16B. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Bliss introduced: [H. F. 529](#), A bill for an act relating to legacy; prohibiting payment of certain indirect costs from legacy funds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 16A.127, subdivision 8; 85.53, by adding a subdivision; 97A.056, by adding a subdivision; 114D.50, by adding a subdivision; 129D.17, by adding a subdivision. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Legacy Finance.

Bliss introduced: [H. F. 530](#), A bill for an act relating to state lands; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article IV, by adding a section; requiring supermajority vote of the legislature to convey certain

state land for less than market value. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Bliss introduced: [H. F. 531](#), A bill for an act relating to local government; establishing procedures for county to alter preexisting boundary line; requiring counties to restore and perpetuate United States public land survey monuments; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 381.12, subdivision 1; 508.671, by adding a subdivision; 559.23. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Elections Finance and Government Operations.

Nadeau introduced: [H. F. 632](#), A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; allowing valuation reductions on certain property with conservation restrictions or easements; making technical corrections; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 273.117. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Nelson; Anderson, P. H., and Frederick introduced: [H. F. 653](#), A bill for an act relating to agriculture; transferring money into the agriculture research, education, extension, and technology transfer (AGRETT) account; appropriating money for the agriculture research, education, extension, and technology transfer grant program and farm business management challenge grants; requiring reports. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy.

Zelesnikar, Heintzeman, Stier, Davis and Knudsen introduced: [H. F. 654](#), A bill for an act relating to environment; allowing the presence of perfluoroalkyl and polyfluoroalkyl substances in safety-related items and clothing used by juveniles operating all-terrain vehicles or dirt bikes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.943, subdivision 5. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Burkel introduced: [H. F. 693](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for Red River mediation agreement. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Burkel and Gander introduced: [H. F. 694](#), A bill for an act relating to legacy; appropriating money for river watch program; requiring a report. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Legacy Finance

Game and Fish:

Bipartisan Legislation:

Senators Pha, Hawj, and Wesenberg introduced--[S.F. No. 1251](#): A bill for an act relating to game and fish; removing expiration of crossbow hunting and fishing allowance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.037. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Republican Legislation:

Senators Howe, Lang, Jasinski, and Drazkowski introduced--[S.F. No. 1156](#): A bill for an act relating to natural resources; allowing straight-wall cartridge ammunition to be used to take deer statewide; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.318, subdivision 1. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Senators Wesenberg, Farnsworth, Green, Eichorn, and Westrom introduced--[S.F. No. 1193](#): A bill for an act relating to agriculture; modifying wolf depredation compensation program; modifying compensation program for crop or fence damage caused by elk; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.737, subdivisions 1, 3, 5; 3.7371, subdivisions 1a, 2a, 2b, 3, 5; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 3.737, subdivision 4; 3.7371, subdivision 6. Referred to the Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, Broadband, and Rural Development.

Burkel introduced: [H. F. 40](#), A bill for an act relating to agriculture; removing requirement that fencing prevent physical contact between farmed Cervidae and free-roaming Cervidae; removing authority to revoke registrations under certain conditions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 35.155, subdivision 4. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy.

Burkel introduced: [H. F. 271](#), A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for wolf and elk depredation payments. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy.

Heintzeman introduced: [H. F. 275](#), A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying trapping provisions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 97B.931; 97B.945; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 97B; repealing Minnesota Rules, part 6234.2400, subpart 10. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Nash, Heintzeman and Scott introduced: [H. F. 276](#), A bill for an act relating to game and fish; reducing fishing license fees for persons 65 years of age and older; transferring money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 97A.055, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision; 97A.475, subdivision 6. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Heintzeman introduced: [H. F. 302](#), A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; providing annual tax holiday periods for sales and purchases of certain firearms and certain fishing equipment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 297A.68, by adding subdivisions. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Murphy introduced: [H. F. 372](#), A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying restrictions on discharging firearms near livestock corrals; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.001, subdivision 7.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Myers and Nadeau introduced: [H. F. 411](#), A bill for an act relating to game and fish; providing for free angling licenses to residents age 65 or over; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.441, by adding a subdivision. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Franson and Dippel introduced: [H. F. 413](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; modifying age to angle without a license; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.451, subdivision 8. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Franson introduced: [H. F. 434](#), A bill for an act relating to agriculture; allowing the importation of live Cervidae to certain accredited facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 35.155, subdivision 12. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy.

Burkel; Anderson, P. H.; Jacob; Gander; Harder; Lawrence and Nelson introduced: [H. F. 601](#), A bill for an act relating to agriculture; appropriating money for depredation compensation payments. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Finance and Policy.

Swedzinski introduced: [H. F. 611](#), A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying age-related exemptions for certain licenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 97A.451, subdivisions 2, 3; 97A.475, subdivisions 2, 3, 6, 7, 20; 97B.022, subdivision 2; 97B.601, subdivision 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.451, subdivisions 2a, 3b, 5, 6. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Swedzinski introduced: [H. F. 613](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; allowing straight-wall cartridge ammunition to be used to take deer statewide; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.318, subdivision 1. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Swedzinski introduced: [H. F. 621](#), A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying deer firearms season dates; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.311. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Swedzinski introduced: [H. F. 623](#), A bill for an act relating to game and fish; eliminating shotgun zone for taking deer; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.031, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.318. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Swedzinski introduced: [H. F. 624](#), A bill for an act relating to game and fish; allowing anglers with a walleye stamp validation to use additional lines; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97C.315, subdivision 1. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Swedzinski introduced: [H. F. 625](#), A bill for an act relating to game and fish; eliminating shotgun zone for taking deer; requiring a report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.031, by adding a subdivision; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.318. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Swedzinski introduced: [H. F. 626](#), A bill for an act relating to game and fish; modifying age-related exemptions for certain licenses; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 97A.451, subdivisions 2, 3; 97A.475, subdivisions 2, 3, 6, 7, 20; 97B.022, subdivision 2; 97B.601, subdivision 4; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97A.451, subdivisions 2a, 3b, 5, 6. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Burkel and Nelson introduced: [H. F. 649](#), A bill for an act relating to game and fish; requiring annual open season for wolves; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.645, subdivision 9. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Davis introduced: [H. F. 782](#), A bill for an act relating to game and fish; requiring an open season for wolves; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 97B.645, subdivision 9. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Outdoor Recreation:

Bipartisan Legislation:

Senators Hauschild, Farnsworth, and Eichorn introduced--[S.F. No. 1128](#): A bill for an act relating to all-terrain vehicles; modifying provisions for operating all-terrain vehicles on public roads; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.928, subdivision 1. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Skraba, Olson, Heintzeman, Burkel and Lillie introduced: [H. F. 489](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money from the parks and trails fund. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

GOP Legislation:

Heintzeman introduced: [H. F. 81](#), A bill for an act relating to environment; exempting off-highway vehicles, snowmobiles, and electric-assisted bicycles from prohibitions on PFAS in certain juvenile products; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 116.943, subdivision 1. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Skraba and Schultz introduced: [H. F. 274](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money to update the C.J. Ramstad/North Shore State Trail Master Plan to allow for all-terrain vehicle use on a portion of the trail. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Heintzeman, Skraba, Warwas and Igo introduced: [H. F. 278](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; adding a grant-in-aid surcharge to the all-terrain vehicle registration fee; increasing fee for nonresident all-terrain vehicle state trail passes; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 84.922, subdivision 5; 84.9275, subdivision 1. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Warwas, Skraba, Zeleznikar, Igo and Schultz introduced: [H. F. 279](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for all-terrain vehicle trails and studies. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Heintzeman, Skraba, Warwas, Zeleznikar, Schultz and Igo introduced: [H. F. 281](#), A bill for an act relating to natural resources; appropriating money for all-terrain vehicle trails. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Skraba, Igo, Heintzeman and Schultz introduced: [H. F. 566](#), A bill for an act relating to all-terrain vehicles; modifying provisions for operating all-terrain vehicles on public roads; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.928, subdivision 1. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Environment and Natural Resources Finance and Policy.

Igo, Skraba, Warwas, Zeleznikar and Dotseth introduced: [H. F. 634](#), A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for a Sportsman's and Sportswoman's Outdoor Development Learning Center in the city of Hibbing. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Capital Investment.

DFL Legislation:

Senators McEwen, Dibble, Marty, Kunesh, and Hawj introduced--[S.F. No. 1245](#): A bill for an act relating to natural resources; requiring the commissioner of natural resources to consider decommissioning a road or trail designated for off-highway vehicle use under certain circumstances; protecting land, water quality, aquatic life, and wildlife from effects of using certain motorized recreational trails; requiring environmental assessment worksheet to construct or expand off-highway vehicle trails; requiring rulemaking; appropriating

money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 84.777; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 84; repealing Laws 2003, chapter 128, article 1, section 167, subdivision 1, as amended; Minnesota Rules, part 6100.0500, subpart 8d. Referred to the Committee on Environment, Climate, and Legacy.

Firearms:

Republican Legislation:

Senators Eichorn, Wesenberg, Mathews, and Koran introduced--[S.F. No. 1221](#): A bill for an act relating to public safety; authorizing the lawful carry and possession of firearms at the State Fairgrounds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 37.16; 624.714, subdivision 17. Referred to the Committee on Judiciary and Public Safety.

Davis, Burkel, Schultz, Warwas and Joy introduced: [H. F. 126](#), A bill for an act relating to public safety; authorizing the lawful carry and possession of firearms at the State Fairgrounds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 37.16; 624.714, subdivision 17. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Sexton; Johnson, W.; Davis; Joy; Anderson, P. H.; Koznick; Bakeberg and Witte introduced: [H. F. 283](#), A bill for an act relating to firearms; clarifying law on use of force in defense of home and person; codifying and extending Minnesota's self-defense and defense of home laws; eliminating the common law duty to retreat in cases of self-defense outside the home; expanding the boundaries of dwelling for purposes of self-defense; creating a presumption in the case of a person entering a dwelling or occupied vehicle by stealth or force; extending the rights available to a person in that person's dwelling to a person defending against entry of that person's occupied vehicle; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.065. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Heintzeman introduced: [H. F. 284](#), A bill for an act relating to public safety; expanding the information collected and scope of background check conducted for noncitizen permit to carry applicants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.714, subdivisions 3, 4. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Heintzeman introduced: [H. F. 285](#), A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing for the right to carry without a permit; providing for an optional permit to carry; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.714, subdivisions 2, 3, 7, 15, 20, 23, by adding subdivisions; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 624.714, subdivisions 1a, 1b, 16; 624.7181. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Scott and Rarick introduced: [H. F. 391](#), A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing for enforcement of judicially ordered firearms restrictions for abusing parties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections

260C.201, subdivision 3; 518B.01, subdivision 6; 609.2242, subdivision 3; 609.749, subdivision 8. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Judiciary Finance and Civil Law.

Franson, Warwas, Knudsen and Gordon introduced: [H. F. 416](#). A bill for an act relating to firearms; establishing age of eligibility to apply for permit to carry pistol at 18 years old; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.714, subdivision 2. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Scott and Rarick introduced: [H. F. 493](#). A bill for an act relating to public safety; modifying prohibition on transferring certain firearms to persons who are ineligible to possess firearms; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.7141, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.7141, subdivision 4. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Bliss introduced: [H. F. 534](#). A bill for an act relating to public safety; expanding the permissible methods of submitting an application for a permit to carry a handgun; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.714, subdivision 3. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Altendorf; Novotny; Davis; Knudsen; Murphy; Rymer; Fogelman; Harder; Bliss; Nelson; Allen; Duran; Schultz; Gordon; Warwas; Wiener; Skraba; Igo; Dotseth; Lawrence; Sexton; Joy; Burkel; Mekeland; Anderson, P. H.; McDonald; Nash; Swedzinski; Jacob; Gander and Hudson introduced: [H. F. 636](#). A bill for an act relating to public safety; providing for the right to carry without a permit; providing for an optional permit to carry; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 624.714, subdivisions 2, 3, 7, 15, 20, 23, by adding subdivisions; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2024, sections 624.714, subdivisions 1a, 1b, 16; 624.7181. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Davis introduced: [H. F. 705](#). A bill for an act relating to firearms; clarifying law on use of force in defense of home and person; codifying and extending Minnesota's self-defense and defense of home laws; eliminating the common law duty to retreat in cases of self-defense outside the home; expanding the boundaries of dwelling for purposes of self-defense; creating a presumption in the case of a person entering a dwelling or occupied vehicle by stealth or force; extending the rights available to a person in that person's dwelling to a person defending against entry of that person's occupied vehicle; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section 609.065. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

Davis introduced: [H. F. 786](#). A bill for an act relating to firearms; clarifying law on use of force in defense of home and person; codifying and extending Minnesota's self-defense and defense of home laws; eliminating the common law duty to retreat in cases of self-defense outside the home; expanding the boundaries of dwelling for purposes of self-defense; creating a presumption in the case of a person entering a dwelling or occupied vehicle by stealth or force; extending the rights available to a person in that person's dwelling to a person defending against entry of that person's occupied vehicle; amending Minnesota Statutes 2024, section

609.065. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.

DFL Legislation:

Freiberg; Frazier; Lee, K.; Virnig; Hollins and Long introduced: [H. F. 132](#), A bill for an act relating to public safety; prohibiting the open or concealed carry of firearms within 100 feet of designated polling places; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 204C. The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety Finance and Policy.