The following House Files were introduced:

Youakim, Davids, Considine, Baker and Metsa introduced:

H. F. No. 473, A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; authorizing valuation exclusion for certain improvements to homestead and commercial-industrial property; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 273.11, subdivision 16, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Anderson, P., and Backer introduced:

H. F. No. 474, A bill for an act relating to transportation; capital investment; appropriating money for a railroad grade separation project in Glenwood; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

Quam; Anderson, P.; Hancock; Drazkowski and Hertaus introduced:

H. F. No. 475, A bill for an act relating to education; allowing sponsored agriculture education community experts; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.25, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Policy.

Yarusso, Isaacson, Hausman and Runbeck introduced:

H. F. No. 476, A bill for an act relating to regional parks; modifying use of interest payments from metropolitan parks appropriations.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy.
Mahoney, Nelson and Johnson, S., introduced:

H. F. No. 477, A bill for an act relating to retirement; general employees retirement plan of the Public Employees Retirement Association; permitting a service credit purchase for certain St. Paul public school employees.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy.

Drazkowski introduced:

H. F. No. 478, A bill for an act relating to natural resources; requiring conservation officer vehicles to be marked; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 169.98, subdivision 1; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 168.012, subdivision 1a.

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

Wagenius and Mahoney introduced:

H. F. No. 479, A bill for an act relating to building codes; requiring separate metering for natural gas and water services in certain newly constructed residential buildings; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 326B.106, subdivision 12.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform.

Metsa, Anzelc, Melin and Dill introduced:

H. F. No. 480, A bill for an act relating to local government; allowing for cancellation of tax forfeiture in certain circumstances in St. Louis County; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 383C.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy.

Newberger and O'Driscoll introduced:

H. F. No. 481, A bill for an act relating to transportation; capital investment; appropriating money for a trunk highway interchange and frontage roads in Watab; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

Wills, Drazkowski, Erhardt, Rosenthal and O'Neill introduced:

H. F. No. 482, A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; eliminating the automatic inflation of the state general levy; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 275.025, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes.
Anderson, P.; Drazkowski; Hackbarth; Hancock; Metsa; Backer; Lueck; Newberger; Johnson, B.; Schomacker; Swedzinski and Franson introduced:

H. F. No. 483, A bill for an act relating to environment; prohibiting regulation of wood-burning heaters; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116.07, by adding a subdivision.

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

Urdahl; Pelowski; Gruenhagen; Torkelson; Anderson, P.; Kresha; Howe; O'Neil; Swedzinski; Kiel; Franson; Heintzeman; Rarick; Marquart; Poppe; Bennett; Vogel; Hertaus; Daniels; Davids; Dettmer; Pierson; Melin; Petersburg; Backer; Johnson, B.; Lueck; Schomacker; Baker; Dean, M.; Miller; Persell; Gunther; Fabian and Drazkowski introduced:

H. F. No. 484, A bill for an act relating to disaster relief; authorizing state grants to eligible utility cooperatives to match federal disaster assistance; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 12A.15, subdivision 1.

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

Kahn, Davids, Lesch, Schultz, Simonson, Clark, Lillie, Drazkowski, McDonald and Anderson, M., introduced:

H. F. No. 485, A bill for an act relating to alcohol; allowing certain persons under the age of 21 to drink alcohol under certain conditions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 340A.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform.

Kahn; Erhardt; Lesch; Drazkowski; McDonald; Anderson, M., and Nash introduced:

H. F. No. 486, A bill for an act relating to alcohol; allowing certain persons under the age of 21 to drink alcohol under certain conditions; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 340A.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform.

Vogel, Schomacker, Cornish and Dean, M., introduced:

H. F. No. 487, A bill for an act relating to human services; providing a nursing facility operating payment rate increase for a facility in Le Sueur County; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.431, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care Policy.

Knoblach, Lillie, Cornish, Nornes and Carlson introduced:

H. F. No. 488, A bill for an act relating to state government; ratifying labor agreements and compensation plans.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy.
Zerwas, Newton, Uglem, Whelan, Newberger, Lucero and Hortman introduced:

H. F. No. 489, A bill for an act relating to transportation; capital investment; appropriating money for construction at the intersection of marked Trunk Highway 101, U.S. Highway 10, and U.S. Highway 169; authorizing the sale and issuance of trunk highway bonds.

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

Zerwas, Newton, Uglem, Newberger and Hortman introduced:

H. F. No. 490, A bill for an act relating to transportation; capital investment; appropriating money for construction at the intersection of marked Trunk Highway 101, U.S. Highway 10, and U.S. Highway 169; authorizing the sale and issuance of trunk highway bonds.

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

Heintzeman, Lueck, Kresha, Howe, Newberger and Baker introduced:

H. F. No. 491, A bill for an act relating to taxation; property; modifying due dates and penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 279.01, subdivisions 1, 3.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Newberger and Hertaus introduced:

H. F. No. 492, A bill for an act relating to energy; modifying the assessment mechanism used by the Legislative Energy Commission; requiring a yearly expense report; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 3.8851, subdivision 7.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance.

McDonald; Pugh; Miller; Lohmer; Drazkowski; Anderson, M.; Loonan; Garofalo; Davids and Hertaus introduced:

H. F. No. 493, A bill for an act relating to taxation; estate; repealing the estate tax; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 291.005; 291.01; 291.016; 291.03, subdivisions 1, 1a, 1d, 8, 9, 10, 11; 291.031; 291.075; 291.12, subdivisions 1, 2, 3; 291.13, subdivisions 1, 3; 291.16; 291.21, subdivision 1; 291.215, subdivision 1; 291.27.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes.

Johnson, S., and Hausman introduced:

H. F. No. 494, A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the Wakan Tipi Center in the Bruce Vento Nature Sanctuary; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance.
Howe; Kresha; O'Driscoll; Kiel; Newberger; Theis; Anderson, P.; Urdahl; Backer and Lueck introduced:

H. F. No. 495, A bill for an act relating to local government; permitting counties to have audits performed by certified public accountant firms; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 6.48.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy.

Nornes introduced:

H. F. No. 496, A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; exempting purchases of certain building materials and supplies; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297A.71, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Greater Minnesota Economic and Workforce Development Policy.

Scott and Whelan introduced:

H. F. No. 497, A bill for an act relating to family law; child support; modifying withholding requirements for child support obligors in arrears; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 518A.53, subdivisions 1, 4, 10; 518A.60.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices.

Dettmer, Urdahl, Moran and Norton introduced:

H. F. No. 498, A bill for an act relating to education; providing for physical education standards and benchmarks; requiring assessments; amending graduation requirements; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 120B.021, subdivisions 1, 3, 4; 120B.024, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 120B.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Innovation Policy.

Gunther, Baker, Marquart and Dill introduced:

H. F. No. 499, A bill for an act relating to energy; defining synthetic gas; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 216B.02, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance.

Bennett, Erickson, Lohmer, Drazkowski, Davnie, Nash, Loonan, Vogel, Whelan, Heintzeman, Poppe and Carlson introduced:

H. F. No. 500, A bill for an act relating to education; expanding the list of offenses that authorizes the Board of Teaching or Board of School Administrators to deny or revoke a teaching license; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 122A.20, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Innovation Policy.
Fenton, Nelson, Sanders, Youakim, Howe, Theis, Halverson, O’Driscoll, Pugh, Selcer, Albright, Scott, Nash, Dettmer, Runbeck and Lesch introduced:

H. F. No. 501, A bill for an act relating to elections; modifying provisions related to military and overseas voting; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 203B.01, subdivision 3; 203B.16, subdivisions 1, 2; 203B.17, subdivisions 1, 2; 204D.11, subdivision 4.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division.

Johnson, B., and Scott introduced:

H. F. No. 502, A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring petition for restoration of ability to possess firearms by felon be made in court of conviction; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.165, subdivision 1d.

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

Johnson, B., and Winkler introduced:

H. F. No. 503, A bill for an act relating to crime victims; establishing a grant program for child advocacy centers that assist victims of abuse; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 611A.

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

Johnson, B.; Scott and Hilstrom introduced:

H. F. No. 504, A bill for an act relating to public safety; authorizing issuance of a criminal protection order as part of a sentence; creating new criminal penalties; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 609.10, subdivision 1; 609.125, subdivision 1; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 609.

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

Davids and Franson introduced:

H. F. No. 505, A bill for an act relating to taxation; individual income; allowing a tax credit for excess advance premium credits required to be repaid under the Affordable Care Act; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 290.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform.

Schoen introduced:

H. F. No. 506, A bill for an act relating to health licensing; providing temporary licensing as an LPC, LPCC, or LADC for former and current members of the military; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 148B.53, by adding a subdivision; 148B.5301, by adding a subdivision; 148F.025, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division.
Murphy, E., introduced:

H. F. No. 507, A bill for an act relating to health; modifying the definition of residential hospice facility; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 144A.75, subdivision 13.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform.

Bly; Sundin; Anzelc; Clark; Johnson, C.; Hornstein and Hansen introduced:

H. F. No. 508, A bill for an act relating to pipelines; providing owners of certain types of land the option to require a pipeline proposing to locate on that land to purchase any amount of the owner's contiguous land; modifying fees and penalties; providing for the disposition of abandoned pipelines; requiring a report; requiring a change in rules; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 216G.07, subdivisions 6, 7, 10, by adding a subdivision; 216G.09; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 216G.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance.

Bly, Vogel and Albright introduced:

H. F. No. 509, A bill for an act relating to education; creating a new intermediate school district in Carver, Scott, and Le Sueur counties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 136D.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Innovation Policy.

Pugh and Nelson introduced:

H. F. No. 510, A bill for an act relating to Hennepin County; providing for filing of approved law modifying certain duties and procedures.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy.

Hansen and Schoen introduced:

H. F. No. 511, A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for economic development, redevelopment, and job creation programs and projects.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance.

Norton, Scott, Mahoney, Laine, Albright, Drazkowski and Liebling introduced:

H. F. No. 512, A bill for an act relating to child support; modifying computation of child support obligations; modifying parenting time expense adjustment; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 518A.26, subdivision 14; 518A.34; 518A.36, subdivisions 1, 2; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 518A.36, subdivision 3.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices.
Zerwas, Schoen and Newberger introduced:

H. F. No. 513, A bill for an act relating to health; requiring stroke transport protocols; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 144E.16, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform.

Fabian, Lueck, Rarick, Hancock and Johnson, B., introduced:

H. F. No. 514, 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.

Lueck, Heintzeman and Anderson, M., introduced:

H. F. No. 515, A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying exceptions for replacement nursing home beds; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 144A.071, subdivision 4a.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care Policy.

Lueck introduced:

H. F. No. 516, A bill for an act relating to taxes; sales and use; allocating the estimated revenue from the sale of motor vehicle tires to the highway user tax distribution fund; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297A.94.

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

Scott, Albright, Nash and Pugh introduced:

H. F. No. 517, A bill for an act relating to privacy; regulating installation and use of supercookies; providing remedies; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325M.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices.

Scott, Norton, Laine and Mahoney introduced:

H. F. No. 518, A bill for an act relating to family law; clarifying parenting time rebuttable presumption; modifying remedies following denial of court-ordered parenting time or other agreements; allowing post-decree modification of maintenance; requiring disclosure of income information; allowing an alternate effective date for modification of child support; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 518.175, subdivisions 1, 6; 518.552, subdivision 5; 518A.28; 518A.39, subdivision 2.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Civil Law and Data Practices.
Gunther and Norton introduced:

H. F. No. 519, A bill for an act relating to taxation; economic development; individual income; modifying the small business investment tax credit; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 116J.8737, subdivision 5.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Greater Minnesota Economic and Workforce Development Policy.

Davnie and Murphy, E., introduced:


The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform.

Mullery introduced:

H. F. No. 521, A bill for an act relating to employment; providing for voluntary paid parental leave; requiring a report; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 181.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform.

Zerwas; Hamilton; Moran; Fabian; Murphy, E.; Liebling; Mack; Schoen; Dean, M., and Backer introduced:

H. F. No. 522, A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying the family assets for independence program; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256E.35, subdivision 2, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform.

Zerwas introduced:

H. F. No. 523, A bill for an act relating to health; providing additional accrediting organization for ambulatory health care; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 62Q.37, subdivision 2.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform.

Lenczewski introduced:

H. F. No. 524, A bill for an act relating to state government; appropriating money for state services for the blind.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance.

Freiberg, Schoen and Newberger introduced:

H. F. No. 525, A bill for an act relating to human services; expanding the integrated health care delivery network pilot program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.0756.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform.
McNamara introduced:


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

Dill and Metsa introduced:

H. F. No. 527, A bill for an act relating to state lands; modifying provisions for sale of certain tax-forfeited lakeshore lots in St. Louis County; amending Laws 2012, chapter 236, section 28, subdivision 6.

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

Atkins introduced:

H. F. No. 528, A bill for an act relating to the state lottery; providing for restrictions on certain types of lottery sales; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 349A.13.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform.

Hornstein; Dehn, R.; Loeffler; Wagenius and Clark introduced:

H. F. No. 529, A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for the I-35W storm tunnel; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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

Rosenthal, Selcer and Applebaum introduced:

H. F. No. 530, A bill for an act relating to state government; reducing the number of members of the legislature; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 2.021; 2.031, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy.

Swedzinski, Rarick, Zerwas, Carlson, O'Driscoll, Erhardt and Freiberg introduced:

H. F. No. 531, A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; modifying exemption provisions for construction materials by certain contractors; adding a refund provision; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 297A.71, by adding a subdivision; 297A.75, subdivisions 1, 2, 3.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy.
H. F. No. 532, A bill for an act relating to taxation; sales and use; clarifying exemption on nonprofit tickets or admissions; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 297A.70, subdivision 10.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Policy.

H. F. No. 533, A bill for an act relating to motor vehicles; establishing Start Seeing Motorcycles special license plates; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 168.

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

H. F. No. 534, A bill for an act relating to taxation; authorizing the city of Windom to impose sales and use and excise taxes.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Taxes.

H. F. No. 535, A bill for an act relating to corrections; providing a grant to Sherburne County to fund community supervision of offenders.

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

H. F. No. 536, A bill for an act relating to agriculture; creating an advanced biofuel production incentive program; establishing a renewable chemical production incentive program; establishing a biomass production incentive program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 41A.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Agriculture Policy.

H. F. No. 537, A bill for an act relating to crime; modifying the crime of defamation to prohibit statements that a person knows are false and defamatory; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 609.765.

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

H. F. No. 538, A bill for an act relating to campaign finance; repealing the political contribution refund; repealing the public subsidy program and related expenditure limits; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 10A.01, subdivision 26; 10A.105, subdivision 1; 10A.257, subdivision 1; 270A.03, subdivision 7; 289A.50, subdivision 1; 290.01, subdivision 6; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 10A.25,
subdivisions 1, 2, 2a, 3, 3a, 5, 10; 10A.255, subdivisions 1, 3; 10A.30; 10A.31, subdivisions 1, 3, 3a, 4, 5, 5a, 6, 6a, 7, 7a, 10, 10a, 10b, 11; 10A.315; 10A.321; 10A.322, subdivisions 1, 2, 4; 10A.323; 10A.324, subdivisions 1, 3; 13.4967, subdivision 2; 290.06, subdivision 23; Minnesota Rules, parts 4503.1400, subparts 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9; 4503.1450.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Government Operations and Elections Policy.

Theis, Peterson, O'Neill, Nelson, Howe, Schomacker, Kresha, O'Driscoll, Lien, Ward, Simonson, McNamara, Norton, Knoblach, Mahoney, Marquart, Pelowski and Sanders introduced:

H. F. No. 539, A bill for an act relating to construction codes; adopting a six-year cycle for code adoption and a 12-month implementation period; requiring free copies of construction codes; delaying the effective date of the International Residential Code; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 326B.106, subdivision 1, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform.

Knoblach introduced:

H. F. No. 540, A bill for an act relating to employment; appropriating money for a grant to Big Brothers Big Sisters.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance.

Hansen introduced:

H. F. No. 541, A bill for an act relating to environment; prohibiting sale of certain personal care products containing synthetic plastic microbeads; providing civil penalties; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 325E.

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

Hausman introduced:

H. F. No. 542, A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring courts to allow evidence of medical necessity for certain criminal, administrative, and civil cases involving natural herbs of the genus Cannabis; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 634.

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

Cornish introduced:

H. F. No. 543, A bill for an act relating to public safety; requiring policies addressing the investigation of peace officer-involved deaths; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 626.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Public Safety and Crime Prevention Policy and Finance.
Albright, Hertaus, Nash, Runbeck, Fabian, Scott, Pugh, Hoppe and Kelly introduced:

H. F. No. 544, A bill for an act relating to state government; transferring responsibilities relating to administration of the federal weatherization program and the low-income home energy assistance program.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform.

Johnson, C.; Poppe; Persell; Newton; Murphy, M.; Considine; Metsa; Pelowski; Marquart; Hansen; Bly and Clark introduced:

H. F. No. 545, A bill for an act relating to higher education; establishing a veterans-to-agriculture pilot program; appropriating money.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division.

Dettmer introduced:

H. F. No. 546, A bill for an act relating to state government; permitting a government entity to release certain military release forms to another government entity for a limited purpose; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 196.08.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division.

Pelowski introduced:

H. F. No. 547, A bill for an act relating to state lands; authorizing conveyance of certain tax-forfeited land bordering public water in Winona County.

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

Lenczewski introduced:

H. F. No. 548, A bill for an act relating to education finance; authorizing a grant for The Works Museum; appropriating money.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Lesch; Melin; Winkler; Moran; Anzelc; Schoen; Newton; Johnson, S.; Johnson, C.; Dehn, R.; Carlson; Murphy, E.; Nelson; Youakim; Laine; Yarusso; Mahoney; Lillie; Clark; Schultz; Sundin; Masin; Hausman; Metsa; Bly; Mullery; Lenczewski; Considine; Isaacson; Hornstein; Kahn; Hansen; Wagenius and Pinto introduced:

H. F. No. 549, A bill for an act relating to employment; providing for earned sick and safe time; changing Department of Labor and Industry enforcement powers; increasing fines and penalties; requiring a report; authorizing rulemaking; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 177.27, subdivisions 2, 4, 7; 177.28, subdivision 1; 181.032; 181.940; 181.942; 181.9436; 181.944; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 177; 181; repealing Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 181.9413.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Commerce and Regulatory Reform.
Baker; Marquart; Urdahl; Lueck; Miller; Dean, M., and Backer introduced:

H. F. No. 550, A bill for an act relating to energy; increasing the size limit of natural gas utilities not subject to rate regulations; expanding the scope of energy improvement projects whose costs can be repaid via a property tax surcharge; exempting propane tank purchases from the sales tax; adding definitions; transferring unused funds; requiring a report; appropriating money; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 216B.02, by adding subdivisions; 216B.16, subdivision 12; 216B.2421, subdivision 2; 216C.435, subdivision 5; 297A.67, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance.

O'Neill, Isaacson, Gunther, Nornes, Uglem, Fischer and Rosenthal introduced:

H. F. No. 551, A bill for an act relating to workforce development; requiring the commissioner of labor and industry to identify competency standards for dual training; creating a dual training competency grant program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapters 116L; 175.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Higher Education Policy and Finance.

Gunther; Mahoney; Isaacson; Johnson, S., and Davids introduced:

H. F. No. 552, A bill for an act relating to workforce development; appropriating money to the commissioner of employment and economic development for career counseling services; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 116L.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Innovation Policy.

Backer, Lien and Schomacker introduced:

H. F. No. 553, A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying the operating payment rate for certain nonprofit nursing facilities in border cities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.431, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care Policy.

Christensen; Loon; Murphy, M.; Kresha and Fenton introduced:

H. F. No. 554, A bill for an act relating to education finance; requiring a three-fifths vote to pass legislation reducing the school aid payment percentage below 90; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 127A.45, subdivision 1.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Backer; Murphy, M.; Nornes and Marquart introduced:

H. F. No. 555, A bill for an act relating to education finance; providing funding to expand career and technical education in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics fields; appropriating money.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance.
Johnson, S.; Simonson and Metsa introduced:

H. F. No. 556, A bill for an act relating to economic development; appropriating money for the border-to-border broadband account.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Greater Minnesota Economic and Workforce Development Policy.

Bly introduced:

H. F. No. 557, A bill for an act relating to education finance; making charter schools and the Crosswinds Integration Magnet School eligible to generate small schools revenue; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, sections 124D.11, subdivision 1; 126C.10, subdivision 2c.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Education Finance.

Howe, Heintzeman and Kresha introduced:

H. F. No. 558, A bill for an act relating to transportation; modifying eligibility for safe routes to schools grants; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 174.40, by adding a subdivision.

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

Zerwas; Schoen; Loeffler; Hamilton; Franson; Liebling; Murphy, M.; Moran and Hornstein introduced:

H. F. No. 559, A bill for an act relating to human services; increasing the income medical assistance eligibility limit, the asset limits, and the excess income standard for the blind, disabled, and elderly; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.056, subdivisions 3, 4, 5c.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform.

Albright; Hamilton; Freiberg; Murphy, M.; Loeffler and Schoen introduced:

H. F. No. 560, A bill for an act relating to human services; reducing premium payments for the medical assistance employed persons with disabilities program; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.057, subdivision 9.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Health and Human Services Reform.

Hamilton and Dehn, R., introduced:

H. F. No. 561, A bill for an act relating to human services; establishing a jobs and health innovation grant program for hard-to-employ Minnesotans; requiring reports; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law in Minnesota Statutes, chapter 256E.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Veterans Affairs Division.
O'Neill, McDonald, Urdahl, Lucero, Newberger, Schomacker and Zerwas introduced:

H. F. No. 562, A bill for an act relating to human services; modifying nursing facility operating payment rates for certain facilities; amending Minnesota Statutes 2014, section 256B.431, by adding a subdivision.

The bill was read for the first time and referred to the Committee on Aging and Long-Term Care Policy.

Nornes introduced:

H. F. No. 563, A bill for an act relating to capital investment; appropriating money for flood projects in Otter Tail County; authorizing the sale and issuance of state bonds.

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