

STATE OF MINNESOTA

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
EIGHTY-FIFTH LEGISLATIVE SESSION  
*2007-2008 Regular Session*

**2007-2008 REGULAR SESSION AT A GLANCE**

**119 LEGISLATIVE DAYS USED**

**8151 TOTAL HOUSE FILES AND SENATE FILES INTRODUCED**

**4256 HOUSE FILES INTRODUCED**

3533 House files with Senate companions  
109 Became law in 2007-2008 Biennium

**3895 SENATE FILES INTRODUCED**

3533 Senate files with House companions  
221 Became law in 2007-2008 Biennium

**373 BILLS PRESENTED TO GOVERNOR** (Includes resolutions HF 995 and SFs 599 and 543)

150 Chapters presented to governor in 2007

220 Chapters presented to governor in 2008

138 Chapters were enacted in 2007 (Includes HFs 2245, 2227, 1078, 1063, 562, 548, 122, and SF 2096 approved with line item vetoes)

192 Chapters were enacted in 2008 (Includes HFs 380 and 1812 which were approved with line item vetoes and HF 2800 veto override. Also includes HF 2285 Constitutional Amendment Ballot Proposal)

44 Vetoes in 2007-2008 Biennium (Includes resolutions HF 995 and SFs 599 and 543)

3 Resolutions presented to governor in 2008 (No resolutions were presented to the governor in 2007)

The 2009 Legislative Session will convene on Tuesday, January 6, 2009, at 12:00 noon pursuant to MS 3.011.

## TABLE A

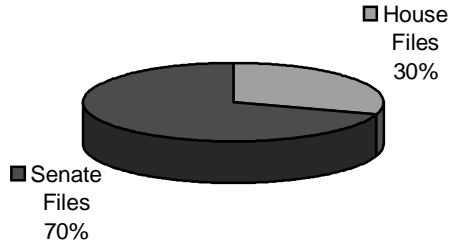
### BILLS TO GOVERNOR

	2007	2008	2007-2008
Bills to governor	150	220	370
Resolutions	0	3	3
Chapters of law	150	220	370
Vetoed (29 House and Senate Files and 3 Resolutions were vetoed in 2008)	12	32	44
Chapters enacted	138	192	330
Chapters signed with line item vetoes	8	2	10
Chapters containing line item vetoes which were overridden by the legislature	0	0	0
Chapters vetoed by the governor which were overridden by the legislature	0	1	1
Became law without governor's signature	0	0	0

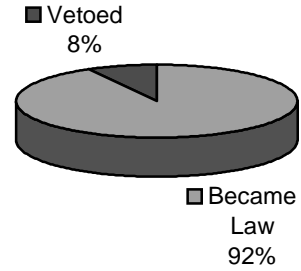
# TABLE B

## BILLS TO GOVERNOR

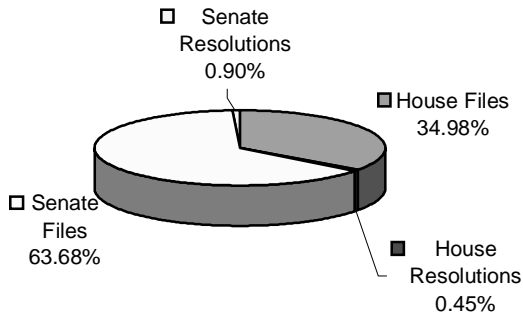
**Bills to Governor 2007**



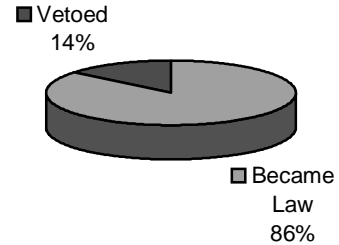
**Disposition of Bills 2007**



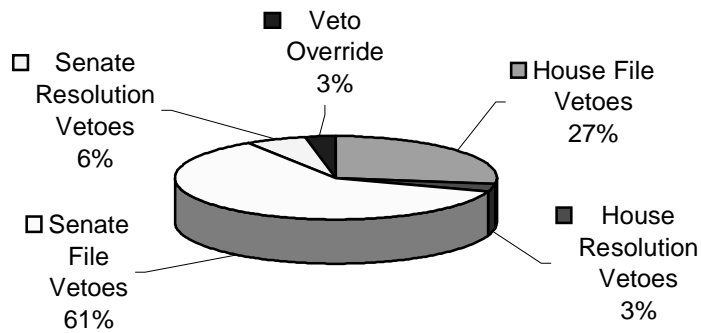
**Bills to Governor 2008**



**Disposition of Bills 2008**



**Veto 2008**



## TABLE C

### BILLS SENT TO THE GOVERNOR

These charts use the total number of bills sent to the governor for each year. Therefore, they include resolutions and vetoed bills and constitutional amendment ballot proposals. The charts do not reflect the number of bills enacted into law.

#### HOUSE FILES

	2007		2008		<i>TOTAL</i>	<b>TOTAL</b>
House files sent to governor	45		79			
HF's amended by the Senate	27		55			82
<i>HF's concurred in and repassed as amended by the Senate</i>		16		32	48	
<i>HF's sent to conference, CCRs adopted and bills repassed as amended by conference</i>		11		23	34	
HF's passed by the Senate without amendments	18		24			42
<b>TOTAL HF's SENT TO GOVERNOR</b>	<b>45</b>		<b>79</b>			<b>124</b>

#### SENATE FILES

	2007		2008		<i>TOTAL</i>	<b>TOTAL</b>
Senate files sent to governor	105		144			
SF's amended by the House	52		68			120
<i>SF's concurred in and repassed as amended by the House</i>		24		33	57	
<i>SF's sent to conference, CCRs adopted and bills repassed as amended by conference</i>		28		35	63	
SF's passed by the House without amendments	53		76			129
<b>TOTAL SF's SENT TO GOVERNOR</b>	<b>105</b>		<b>144</b>			<b>249</b>

## TABLE D

### Comparison of Odd-Year Sessions 1993-1994 through 2007-2008

	1997-1998	1999-2000	2001-2002	2003-2004	2005-2006	2007-2008
Legislative days used	109	118	115	111	112	119
House files introduced	<b>3884</b>	<b>4181</b>	<b>3741</b>	<b>3212</b>	<b>4223</b>	<b>4256</b>
House files passed both bodies and sent to governor	140	192	145	154	138	124 <sup>1</sup>
House files assigned resolution numbers	5	2	3	0	0	1
House files vetoed by governor	7	3	10	2	3	16 <sup>2</sup>
House files that became law	128	188	136	152	135	109
Senate files introduced	<b>3425</b>	<b>3835</b>	<b>3482</b>	<b>3073</b>	<b>3822</b>	<b>3895</b>
Senate files passed both bodies and sent to governor	276	314	265	143	145	249 <sup>3</sup>
Senate files assigned resolution numbers	3	3	4	1	0	2
Senate files vetoed by governor	19	11	8	4	3	28 <sup>4</sup>
Senate file chapter recalled from governor	2	--	--	--	--	--
Senate files that became law	252	301	255	138	142	221
TOTAL--HFs and SFs introduced	7309	8016	7223	6285	8045	8151
TOTAL--HFs and SFs sent to governor	416	506	410	297	283	373
TOTAL--Veto overrides	--	2	6	--	--	1
TOTAL--Bills assigned Resolution Numbers	8	5	7	1	0	3
TOTAL--Bills vetoed by governor	26	14 <sup>5</sup>	18 <sup>6</sup>	6	6	44 <sup>7</sup>
TOTAL--Bills enacted into law	<b>380</b>	<b>489</b>	<b>391</b>	<b>290</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>330</b>
TOTAL--Bills enacted with line item vetoes	8	15	1	2	1	10
TOTAL--Bills enacted without governor's signature	9	5	3 <sup>8</sup>	1	0	0 <sup>9</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Includes HF 995 (2008). This bill passed both bodies and was assigned a resolution number.

<sup>2</sup> Includes HF 995 (2008). This bill passed both bodies and was assigned a resolution number and was vetoed by the governor.

<sup>3</sup> Includes SFs 599 and 543 (Both 2008). These bills passed both bodies and were assigned resolution numbers.

<sup>4</sup> Includes SFs 599 and 543 (Both 2008). These bills passed both bodies and were assigned resolution numbers and were vetoed by the governor.

<sup>5</sup> Includes SF303 (1999) and HF2809 (2000). These bills were vetoed by the governor, vetoes overridden by the legislature, and the bills enacted into law.

<sup>6</sup> Includes HF197, HF351, HF2570, HF3270, SF1755, and SF2707 (2002). These bills were vetoed by the governor, vetoes were overridden by the legislature, and the bills enacted into law.

<sup>7</sup> Includes HF 2800 (2008). This bill was vetoed by the governor, veto was overridden by the legislature, and the bill was enacted into law. Includes HF 995 and SFs 599 and 543 (All 2008). These bills were assigned resolution numbers and were vetoed by the governor.

<sup>8</sup> SF 2328, Res. 5 (2001) not signed by the governor but was transmitted to the secretary of state for filing.

<sup>9</sup> HF 2285 (2008). This bill is a constitutional amendment ballot proposal and was placed on the ballot. It did not require a signature by the governor. HF 2800 (2008). This bill was vetoed by the governor, veto was overridden by the legislature and was enacted into law without governor's signature.

## TABLE E

### BILLS VETOED BY GOVERNOR

(Chapters 27-149 Vetoed in 2007)

(Chapters 152-360 Vetoed in 2008)

Chapter	HF	SF	Short Description	Notes
27	1105	<b>1017</b>	Charter commission expense limitations increased for specified cities.	
31	<b>881</b>	981	Metropolitan Land Planning act and related statutes modified, and erroneous and obsolete references corrected.	
38	<b>886</b>	2157	Omnibus bonding bill providing capital improvements funding, issuing bonds, canceling and modifying previous appropriations, and appropriating money.	
55		<b>2089</b>	Omnibus jobs and economic development bill providing accounts, assessments, fees, and funding; modifying certain programs; regulating certain activities and practices; and appropriating money.	
56	953	<b>1997</b>	State government funding provided, state and local operations regulated, public employment provisions modified, Department of Employee Relations abolished, and money appropriated.	
58	297	<b>2171</b>	Omnibus health and human services finance bill.	
65	797	<b>1989</b>	Omnibus higher education funding bill.	
81	<b>2294</b>	2003	Omnibus tax bill modifying property tax provisions, providing a homestead credit state refund, increasing property tax refunds, providing a school bond agricultural credit, and adding an income tax bracket and rate.	
84	<b>946</b>	1986	Omnibus transportation finance bill appropriating money for transportation, Metropolitan Council, and public safety activities; issuing bonds; modifying taxes; authorizing local transportation sales taxes; and modifying various fees.	
127	144	<b>463</b>	Notary public maximum fees increased.	
142	<b>464</b>	276	School employee statewide health insurance plan established, and money appropriated.	
149	<b>2268</b>	1933	Omnibus tax bill.	
152	<b>2800</b>	2521	Transportation finance bill appropriating money for highway maintenance, local roads, emergency relief related to the I-35W bridge collapse, establishing a bridge improvement program; issuing bonds; and modifying motor fuel taxes.	Veto Overridden House: 91-44 Senate: 47-20
163	1394	<b>457</b>	Independent School District No. 271, Bloomington, single-member school board election districts established.	
172	3296	<b>2688</b>	Independent contractor status rule exception eliminated, and audit activities and report required.	
193	<b>3114</b>	2820	Park district property acquisition provision provided.	
237	<b>3220</b>	2929	Nonprofit organization grants authorized by political subdivisions.	
239	<b>1351</b>	1971	Omnibus transportation policy bill providing policy changes relating to transportation, highways, drivers' licenses and railroads, and appropriating money.	
255	3396	<b>2919</b>	Hearing time requirements modified and clarified, prehearing discharge exception provided for commitment petitions involving mentally ill or sexually dangerous persons.	
264	3868	<b>3564</b>	Motor fuel surcharge administration provided, and transitional rate of special fuel excise tax on compressed natural gas corrected.	
279	3610	<b>3132</b>	Medical debt information regulated.	
301	934	<b>651</b>	Polybrominated diphenyl ether manufacture and sale restricted, report required, and penalties provided.	
310	3316	<b>3001</b>	Prekindergarten through grade 12 education policy provided for general education, education excellence, special programs, libraries, state agencies, self-sufficiency and lifelong learning. (Omnibus education policy bill.)	

319	4051	<b>3775</b>	Used paint collection and process pilot program established, and reports required.	
320	456	<b>875</b>	Minimum wage increased and indexed, training wage eliminated, and new employee notice required.	
323	3564	<b>3166</b>	Child welfare provisions amended, new Interstate Compact for the Placement of Children adopted, old compact repealed, child and adult adoptions and voluntary foster care regulated, and targeted case management services provided.	
324	219	<b>1128</b>	Personal sick leave benefit use modified.	
327	<b>3391</b>	3099	Health care program affordability and continuity increased, provisions modified, subsidies provided, commission established, standard created, program implemented, payment system and benefit evaluation required, and money appropriated.	
329	3448	<b>2965</b>	Gestational carrier arrangements regulated, and intended parents rights under assisted reproduction established.	
330	3371	<b>3193</b>	Adoption record and original birth certificate governing provisions modified.	
332	<b>6</b>	352	Omnibus prekindergarten through grade 12 education finance bill.	
334	<b>3807</b>	3494	Real ID Act implementation prohibited in Minnesota.	
339	2662	<b>2605</b>	Metropolitan Council members staggered terms provided.	
342	1097	<b>960</b>	Dependent definition modified relating to group benefits for local government officers and employees.	
345	3438	<b>3138</b>	Genetic information handling provisions changed.	Pocket Veto
346	<b>1875</b>	1593	Statewide health insurance purchasing pool created for school district employees, and money appropriated.	
351	34	<b>100</b>	Stem cell research state policy established authorizing the University of Minnesota to spend state-appropriated funds on stem cell research, and criminal penalties imposed.	Pocket Veto
352	3612	<b>3396</b>	Minnesota Subprime Borrower Relief Act of 2008 provided.	
354	2588	<b>2368</b>	Legislature notification required prior to the closure or transfer of an enterprise activity.	Pocket Veto
359	<b>2748</b>	3199	Rural health cooperative established, requirements revised for county-based purchasing for state health care programs, and money appropriated.	Pocket Veto
360	3587	<b>3363</b>	Budget development specified, Subcommittee on Government Accountability established, performance goals and agency resources aligned, duties and cash flow forecast required, and executive employees rights established.	Pocket Veto
<b>Resolution</b>	<b>HF</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>Short Description</b>	<b>Notes</b>
1	828	<b>599</b>	Cuba; a resolution urging the President and Congress to end trade, financial, and travel restrictions to Cuba.	
2	554	<b>543</b>	Employee Free Choice Act support memorialized by resolution to Congress.	
3	<b>995</b>	1948	Peak Oil; Governor memorialized, by resolution, to take action to prepare a plan of response and preparation to meet the challenges of Peak Oil.	

<b>BILLS WITH LINE ITEM VETOES</b> (Chapters 45-148 Line Item Vetoed in 2007) (Chapters 179-363 Line Item Vetoed in 2008)			
<b>Chapter</b>	<b>HF</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>Short Description</b>
45	<b>2227</b>	1925	Omnibus agricultural and veterans affairs bill appropriating money; modifying revenue and fund disposition; modifying and creating funds, fees, and accounts; providing for NextGen energy; and changing veterans provisions.
57	2410	<b>2096</b>	Environmental, natural resources, and energy funding provided; programs established; accounts, assessments, and fees provided; and money appropriated.
135	<b>122</b>	62	Omnibus jobs, economic development, and housing finance bill establishing and modifying programs; and appropriating money.
143	<b>562</b>	360	Transportation, Metropolitan Council, and public safety funding provided, motor vehicle sales tax provisions modified, Public Safety Department fees increased, and money appropriated.
144	<b>1063</b>	1051	Omnibus higher education finance bill establishing and amending higher education programs, and appropriating money.
146	<b>2245</b>		Omnibus E-12 education finance bill.
147	<b>1078</b>	967	Omnibus health and human services finance bill.
148	<b>548</b>	471	Omnibus state government finance bill appropriating money for general legislative and administrative expenses of state government, regulating state and local government, and abolishing the Department of Employee Relations.
179	<b>380</b>	223	Omnibus bonding bill authorizing spending to acquire and better public lands and buildings, issuing bonds, and appropriating money.
363	<b>1812</b>	3813	State government operations funding provided and money appropriated.

<b>BILLS FILED WITHOUT GOVERNOR'S SIGNATURE</b>				
<b>Chapter</b>	<b>HF</b>	<b>SF</b>	<b>Short Description</b>	<b>Notes</b>
151	<b>2285</b>	6	Natural resource and cultural heritage dedicated funding provided through increased sales tax revenue, funds established, and constitutional amendment proposed.	Constitutional Amendment Ballot Proposal
152	<b>2800</b>	2521	Transportation finance bill appropriating money for highway maintenance, local roads, emergency relief related to the I-35W bridge collapse, establishing a bridge improvement program; issuing bonds; and modifying motor fuel taxes.	Bill was vetoed. Veto was overridden by the legislature and subsequently became law without governor's signature



## **2007 FIRST SPECIAL SESSION AT A GLANCE**

Convened: Tuesday, September 11, 2007, pursuant to the Proclamation of the Governor.

Adjourned: House Sine die on Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

Senate Sine die on Tuesday, September 11, 2007.

- 1 LEGISLATIVE DAYS**
  
- 6 TOTAL HOUSE FILES AND SENATE FILES INTRODUCED**
  
- 3 HOUSE FILES INTRODUCED**
  - 3 House files with Senate companions
    - 1 Passed the House and was transmitted to the Senate
    - 1 Read for the first time in the Senate
    - 1 Enacted into law
    - 0 Vetoed by Governor
  
- 0 HOUSE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED**
  - 0 Adopted by the House
  
- 0 HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED**
  - 0 Passed both bodies
  
- 3 SENATE FILES INTRODUCED**
  - 3 Senate files with House companions
    - 1 Passed the Senate and was transmitted to the House
    - 1 Read for the first time in the House
    - 1 Enacted into law
    - 0 Vetoed by Governor
  
- 3 SENATE RESOLUTIONS INTRODUCED**
  - 3 Adopted by the Senate

The special session was called by the governor for the purpose of enacting essential legislation to provide disaster relief for southeastern Minnesota due to heavy rains and severe flooding.