

## **Senate Committee Jurisdictions — 2005**

The following list shows the jurisdiction of each standing committee of the Senate, as shown by the state agencies, confirmations, and other laws over which the committee has jurisdiction. This list will be used as the primary basis for making bill referrals on introduction. Where a bill deals with issues under the jurisdiction of more than one committee, it will normally be referred first to the committee of primary concern, from which it may be referred to additional committees.

No list can dictate the proper committee of first reference for all bills, especially bills dealing with complex or sensitive issues of public policy. Questions about references should normally be worked out between the author and the affected committee chairs, in consultation with the President and the Chairman of the Committee on Rules and Administration as necessary. A Rule 4 objection should be made when consultation fails to resolve the disagreement.

**AGRICULTURE, VETERANS & GAMING COMMITTEE**

The Committee on Agriculture, Veterans, and Gaming has jurisdiction over all bills relating to agriculture and rural development, pet animals, veterans, military affairs, gambling, lotteries, and pari-mutuel wagering.

## State Agencies

Agriculture, Department of	17.01
Military Affairs, Department of	190.05
Veterans Affairs, Department of	196.01
Alcohol and Gambling Enforcement Division, Department of Public Safety	299L.01
Rural Finance Authority	41B.025
Agricultural Chemical Response Board	18E.05
Agricultural and Economic Development Board	41A.02, subd 3
Animal Health, Board of	35.02
Gambling Control Board	349.151
Veterans' Homes Board	198.002
Veterinary Medicine, Board of	156.01
Armory Building Commission, State	193.142
Racing Commission	240.02
Agriculture Education Leadership Council	41D.01
Area One Potato Council	17.54
Beef Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Corn Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Dairy Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Minnesota Egg Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Paddy Wild Rice Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Soybeans Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Turkey Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Wheat Research and Promotion Council	17.54
Agricultural Utilization Research Institute	1160.09
Organic Advisory Task Force	31.94
Passing on the Farm Center	17.985
State Agricultural Society	37.01
State Horticulture Society	

## Confirmations

Commissioner of Agriculture  
Commissioner of Veterans Affairs

Gambling Control Board Director  
State Lottery Director

Animal Health, Board of – 5 members  
Gambling Control Board - 7 members  
Racing Commission - 9 members  
Rural Finance Authority – 6 members  
Veterans' Homes Board – 9 members

## Other Laws

Corporate Farming Law  
Drainage  
Ethanol  
Farm Credit  
Farm Land  
Farm Loss Modification  
Pet Animals

## **CAPITAL INVESTMENT COMMITTEE**

The Committee on Capital Investment has jurisdiction over all bills appropriating money for the acquisition and betterment of public lands and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature, whether from the proceeds of state general obligation bonds or from the general fund or another operating fund.

**COMMERCE COMMITTEE**

The Committee on Commerce has jurisdiction over all bills relating to banking, insurance, securities, nonhealth related occupational licensing boards, and liquor.

## State Agencies

Commerce, Department of	45.012
Abstractors, Board of	386.63
Accountancy, Board of	326.17
Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying and Landscape Architecture, Board of	326.04
Barber Examiners, Board of	154.22
Electricity, Board of	326.241
Examiners in Watchmaking, Board of	326.541
Cosmetology Advisory Council	115A.06
Credit Union Advisory Task Force	52.061
Uniform Conveyancing Forms, Advisory Task Force on	507.09
Comprehensive Health Association	62E.10
Joint Underwriting Association	62F.02
Minnesota Insurance Guaranty Association	61C.04
Minnesota Life and Health Insurance Guaranty Association	61B.04

## Confirmations

Commissioner of Commerce

## Other Laws

Cemeteries  
Consumer Protection  
Notaries Public  
Real Estate Brokers  
Weights and Measures

**CRIME PREVENTION & PUBLIC SAFETY COMMITTEE**

The Committee on Crime Prevention has jurisdiction over all bills relating to crime prevention, law enforcement, criminal justice, and corrections.

## State Agencies

Corrections, Department of	241.01
Bureau of Criminal Apprehension, Department of Public Safety	299C.01
Capitol Security Division, Department of Public Safety	299E.01
Drug Policy and Violence Prevention Office, Department of Public Safety	299A.292
Emergency Management Division of Department of Public Safety	299A.01
Fire Marshal Division of Department of Public Safety	299A.01
Crime Victims Reparations Board	611A.55
Fire Fighter Training and Education, Board of	299N.02
Pardons, Board of	Const. V, § 4; 638.01
Peace Officer Standards and Training, Board of	626.841
Persons Committed as Mentally Ill and Dangerous to the Public, Special Review Board for	253B.18
Private Detective and Protective Agent Services, Board of	326.33
Public Defense, State Board of	611.215
Emergency Response Commission	299K.03
Sentencing Guidelines Commission	244.09
Chemical Abuse & Violence Prevention Council	299A.293
Criminal Gang Oversight Council	299A.64
Battered Women, State Advisory Council on	611A.34
Crime Victim and Witness Advisory Council	611A.71
Drug Abuse Resistance Education, Advisory Council on	299A.331
Fire Protection Advisory Council	299M.02
Corrections, Ombudsman for	241.41

Confirmations

Commissioner of Corrections  
Commissioner of Public Safety

Other Laws

Child Abuse (criminal law issues)  
Cigarette Fire Safety  
Driving (or flying, hunting or boating) While Intoxicated  
Gun Control  
Pornography

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE**

The Committee on Education has jurisdiction over all bills relating to education, children, and libraries, except bills relating to early childhood education.

## State Agencies

Education, Department of	120A.02
Higher Education Services Council	136A.011
Higher Education Services Office	136A.01
Minnesota State Academies Board	125A.62
Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Board of Trustees Minnesota State Colleges and Universities	136F.02
Perpich Center for Arts Education Board	129C.10
School Administrators, Board of	122A.12
Teaching, Board of	122A.07
University of Minnesota Board of Regents	Const. Art. XIII, § 3
Education Commission of the States	127A.80
Midwestern Higher Education Commission	135A.21
Children's Trust Fund for Prevention of Child Abuse Advisory Council	119A.35
Higher Education Advisory Council	136A.031
Student Advisory Council	136A.031
Minnesota Indian Scholarship Committee	124D.84
Permanent School Fund Advisory Committee	127A.30
Minnesota Academic Excellence Foundation	124D.94
Service Cooperatives	123A.21
Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority	136A.26
Minnesota State High School League	128C.01

Confirmations

Commissioner of Education

Minnesota State Academies Board – 9 members

Minnesota State Colleges and Universities, Board of Trustees – 15 members

Perpich Center for Arts Education Board – 15 members

School Administrators, Board of - 9 members

Teaching, Board of - 11 members

Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority – 8 members

Other Laws

Child Abuse Victim Services

Community Services

Libraries

Minnesota Academy of Science

## **ELECTIONS COMMITTEE**

The Committee on Elections has jurisdiction over all bills relating to elections, ethical practices, campaign financing, the structure of the Legislature, and redistricting seats in Congress, the Legislature, and the Metropolitan Council.

### State Agencies

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board 10A.02

### Confirmations

Campaign Finance and Public Disclosure Board – 6 members

**ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

The Committee on Environment and Natural Resources has jurisdiction over all bills relating to the environment or to the state's natural resources.

## State Agencies

Natural Resources, Department of	84.01
Pollution Control Agency	116.02
Environmental Assistance, Office of	115A.055
Environmental Quality Board	116C.03
Land Exchange Board	94.341, Const. XI, § 10
Mississippi Headwaters Board	103F.367
Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board	115C.07
Water and Soil Resources, Board of	103B.101
Zoological Board, State	85A.01
Great Lakes Commission	1.21
Minnesota Resources, Legislative Commission on	116P.05
Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission	1.33
Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Legislative Advisory Commission	1.34
South Dakota-Minnesota Boundary Waters Commission	103B.451
Forest Resources Council	89A.03
Governor's Nuclear Waste Council	116C.711
Voyageurs National Park, Citizens Council on	84B.12
Listed Metals Advisory Council	115A.9651, subd 5
Water Supply Systems and Wastewater Treatment Facilities Advisory Council	115.741
Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Technical Advisory Task Force	1.35
Facility Siting Policy Development Committee	116C.842
Environmental Trust Fund Citizens Advisory Committee	116P.06
Individual Sewage Treatment System Rules, Advisory Committee on	115.55, subd 1
Iron Range Off-Highway Vehicle Recreation Area Local Advisory Committee	Laws 1996, ch. 407, sec 32, subd 4
Watershed Districts, Advisory Committees	103D.331

Confirmations

Commissioner of Natural Resources

Environmental Assistance, Office of – Director

Environmental Quality Board – 5 members

Environmental Trust Fund Citizens Advisory Committee – 11 members

Pollution Control Agency – Commissioner and 8 other members

Water and Soil Resources Board – Chair

Other Laws

Mosquito Abatement  
Off-Highway Vehicles  
Reinvest in Minnesota  
Tax-Forfeited Lands

December 22, 2004

## **FINANCE COMMITTEE**

The Committee on Finance has jurisdiction over all bills appropriating money, or obligating the state to expend money, or establishing a policy that to be effective will require the expenditure of money.

### Confirmations

Commissioner of Finance

December 22, 2004

**FINANCE COMMITTEE  
EARLY CHILDHOOD POLICY & BUDGET DIVISION**

The Early Childhood Policy & Budget Division of the Finance Committee has jurisdiction over all bills relating to early childhood education.

**HEALTH & FAMILY SECURITY COMMITTEE**

The Committee on Health and Family Security has jurisdiction over all bills relating to health care and family security.

## State Agencies

Health, Department of	144.011
Human Services, Department of	245.03
Aging, Board on	256.975
Chiropractic Examiners, Board of	148.02
Dentistry, Board of	150A.02
Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board	144E.01
Examiners for Nursing Home Administrators, Board of	144A.19
Marriage and Family Therapy, Board of	148B.30
Medical Practice, Board of	147.01
Nursing, Board of	148.181
Optometry, Board of	148.52
Pharmacy, Board of	151.02
Podiatry, Board of	153.02
Psychology, Board of	148.90
Regional Treatment Center Review Boards (one for each regional treatment center)	253B.22
Social Work, Board of	148B.19
Disability, Council on	256.482
Physical Therapy Council	148.67
Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Advisory Council	254A.04
American Indian Advisory Council	254A.035
Licensed Traditional Midwifery, Advisory Council on	147D.05
Mortuary Sciences Advisory Council	149.02
Plumbing Code and Examinations, Advisory Council on	326.41
Wells and Borings, Advisory Council on	103I.105
Continuing Education, Advisory Task Force on	151.13
Services to Persons with Mental Retardation, Related Conditions, or Physical Handicaps, Advisory Task Force for	252.31
State Health Advisory Task Force	144.011
Community Health Advisory Committee	145A.10
Rural Health Advisory Committee	144.1481
Mental Health-Mental Retardation, Ombudsman for	245.92
Office of Rural Health	144.1482
Older Minnesotans, Ombudsman for	256.974

Confirmations

Commissioner of Health  
Commissioner of Human Services

Emergency Medical Services Regulatory Board - 12 members

Other Laws

Clean Indoor Air Act  
Compulsive Gambling  
Health Care Data Collection & Research Initiatives  
HMOs  
Lead/Asbestos  
Nursing Homes  
Safe Drinking Water Act  
Social Services:  
    Foster Care  
    Adoption  
    Family Preservation  
    Child Protection/Abuse  
Tobacco sales  
Vital Statistics

**JOBS, ENERGY & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE**

The Committee on Jobs, Energy and Community Development has jurisdiction over all bills relating to workers compensation, unemployment compensation, fair labor standards, minimum wage, occupational safety and health, public utilities, energy, telecommunications, economic development, housing, and world trade.

## State Agencies

Employment and Economic Development, Department of	116J.01
Labor and Industry, Department of	175.001
Energy Division, Department of Commerce	
Public Utilities Commission	216A.03
Housing Finance Agency	462A.04
Public Facilities Authority	446A.03
Bureau of Mediation Services	179.02
Invention, Board of	116J.988
Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board	298.22, subd 2
Job Skills Partnership Board	116L.03
Occupational Safety and Health Review Board	182.664
Economic Status of Women, Legislative Commission on	3.9222
Workers' Compensation, Permanent Council on	175.007
Workforce Development Council	268.665
Apprenticeship Advisory Council	178.02
Asian-Pacific Minnesotans, Council on	3.9226
Black Minnesotans, Council on	3.9225
Chicano/Latino People, Council on Affairs of	3.9223
Indian Affairs Council	3.922
Occupational Safety and Health Advisory Council	182.656
Rehabilitation Advisory Council	268A.02
Rehabilitation Advisory Council for the Blind	248.10

Urban Indians, Advisory Council on	3.922, subd 8
Minnesota Technology, Inc.	116O.03
Project Outreach	116O.091
Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals	175A.01
Minnesota Historical Society	138.01
Sibley House	

Confirmations

Commissioner of Employment and Economic Development  
Commissioner of Housing Finance  
Commissioner of Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation  
Commissioner of Labor and Industry  
Commissioner of Mediation Services

Public Utilities Commission – 5 members

Housing Finance Agency – 5 members

Board of Invention - 11 members

Workers' Compensation Court of Appeals – 5 judges

Other Laws

Allocating Bond Authority  
Amusement Rides  
Cable Communications  
Economic Development Authorities  
Elevators  
Enterprise Zones  
Food Shelves  
Formaldehyde Pollution  
Industrial Development Revenue Bonds  
Landlord - Tenant  
Low-Income Home Energy Assistance  
Manufactured Housing  
Minimum Wage  
Neighborhood Revitalization  
Oil Overcharge Money  
Pipefitters  
Port Authorities  
Rent Control  
Tax Exempt Financing  
Transitional Housing  
Weatherization

**JUDICIARY COMMITTEE**

The Judiciary Committee has jurisdiction over all bills relating to the judiciary, human rights, family law, property law, and remedies.

## State Agencies

Attorney General	Const. V, § 5
Court of Appeals	
District Court	Const. VI
Supreme Court	Const. VI
Human Rights, Department of	363.04
Judicial Standards, Board on	490.15
Law Examiners, Board of	481.01
Judicial Selection, Commission on	480B.01
Uniform State Laws, Commission on	3.251
County Attorneys Council	388.19
Rules of Evidence, Advisory Committee on	480.0591, subd 2

## Confirmations

Commissioner of Human Rights

Judicial Standards, Board on – 6 members

## Other Laws

Access by the Handicapped

Adoption

Attorneys and the Practice of Law

Child Abuse Reporting

Civil Procedure and Evidence

Commitment

Contracts

Corporations and Other Business Organizations

Dram Shop

Eminent Domain

Equal Rights

Family Law:

- Child Support, Custody, and Parenting Rights
- Domestic Abuse
- Grandparent and Third-Party Visitation
- Marriage and Marriage Dissolution
- Flag Desecration
- Juvenile Law:
  - Child Protection
  - Foster Care
  - Juvenile Court Records
  - Parental Rights
- Human Rights
- Liens
- Living Wills and Health Care Directives
- Mortgages
- Privacy:
  - Government Data Practices
  - Information Policy
- Probate
- Property Interests
- Remedies
- Revisor's Bills
- Tort Liability (including the state and municipalities)
- Uniform Commercial Code
- Vulnerable Adult Reporting

## **RULES & ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE**

The Committee on Rules and Administration has jurisdiction over all proposals to amend the Senate rules, over questions relating to the referral of bills and resolutions, and over Senate employees, supplies, equipment, and office space, and the Senate budget.

### State Agencies

Legislative Coordinating Commission

3.303

## STATE & LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee on State and Local Government Operations has jurisdiction over all bills creating a new state agency, substantially changing the organization of a state agency, transferring duties from one state agency to another, or relating to state administrative services, state administrative rulemaking procedures, state employee compensation, state employee labor relations, or pensions and retirement. The committee also has jurisdiction over all bills relating to the powers of local and metropolitan governmental units.

### State Agencies

Auditor	Const. V, § 1
Governor	Const. V, § 1
Lieutenant Governor	Const. V, § 1
Secretary of State	Const. V, § 1
Administration, Department of	16B.02
Employee Relations, Department of	43A.01
Finance, Department of	16A.01
Administrative Hearings, Office of	14.48
Strategic and Long-Range Planning, Office of	4A.01
Access Review Board	471.471
Arts, Board of the	129D.02
Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board	15.50
Designer Selection Board, State	16B.33
Investment, State Board of	Const. XI, § 8
Advisory Commission, Legislative	3.30
Amateur Sports Commission	240A.02
Audit Commission, Legislative	3.97
Interstate Industrialized/Modular Buildings Commission	16B.75
Metropolitan Airports Commission	473.603, 473.604
Metropolitan Mosquito Control Commission	473.701, 473.703
Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission	473.303
Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission	473.553
Regional Development Commissions	462.387
Pensions and Retirement, Legislative Commission on	3.85
Compensation Council	15A.082
Executive Council	9.011
Governor's Residence Council	16B.27
Metropolitan Council	473.123
Small Business and Targeted Group Procurement Advisory Council	16B.20

Public Employees Retirement Association	353.03
State Patrol Retirement Association	352B.02
Teachers Retirement Association	354.06
Minnesota State Retirement System	352.03

Confirmations

Commissioner of Administration  
Commissioner of Employee Relations

Arts, Board of the – 11 members

Metropolitan Council - Chair and 16 members

Office of Administrative Hearings – Chief Administrative Law Judge

Public Employees Retirement Association – Executive Director

Other Laws

Administrative Procedure Act  
Affirmative Action in State Agencies  
Airport Noise  
Bills Creating a New State Agency, Board, Commission, Council, or Task Force  
Bills Substantially Changing the Organization of a State Agency  
Bills Transferring Duties from One State Agency to Another  
Comparable Worth for Public Employees  
Hospital Districts  
Legal Newspapers  
Metropolitan Airports  
Open Meeting Law  
Planning and Zoning  
Public Broadcasting  
Public Employment Labor Relations Act  
Special Service Taxing Districts  
State Building Code

**TAX COMMITTEE**

The Committee on Taxes has jurisdiction over all bills relating to taxes and aid to local governments.

## State Agencies

Revenue, Department of	270.02
Assessors, Board of	270.41
Equalization, State Board of	270.12
Planning and Fiscal Policy, Legislative Commission on	3.885
Tax Court	271.01

## Confirmations

Commissioner of Revenue  
Tax Court – 3 judges

## Other Laws

Budget Reserve  
Fiscal Disparities

**TRANSPORTATION COMMITTEE**

The Transportation Committee has jurisdiction over all bills relating to transportation.

## State Agencies

Transportation, Department of	174.01
Administration and Related Services Division, Department of Public Safety	
Driver and Vehicle Services Division, Department of Public Safety	168.325
Pipeline Safety Office, Department of Public Safety	299J.03
State Patrol Division, Department of Public Safety	299D.01
Traffic Safety Division, Department of Public Safety	
State Airport Zoning Boards	360.063, subd 7
Mississippi River Parkway Commission	161.1419
Minnesota Safety Council	144.055, 471.63

## Confirmations

Commissioner of Transportation

## Other Laws

Driver and Vehicle Licensing  
Gasoline Taxes  
Handicapped Parking  
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax  
Outdoor Advertising  
Pipelines  
School Buses  
Traffic Laws