

Legislative Committee Hearings

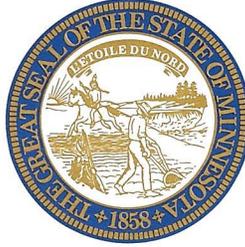
(July 1 - Nov. 7, 2017)

Date	Time	Body	Committee
7/10/2017	1:00:00 PM	Joint	Mississippi River Parkway Commission - Executive Committee
7/10/2017	2:00:00 PM	Joint	Advisory Committee on Capitol Security
7/12/2017	1:00:00 PM	Senate	Select Committee on Health Care Consumer Access and Affordability
7/18/2017	10:00:00 AM	Joint	Legislative Water Commission
7/19/2017	9:00:00 AM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources - Site Visit
7/19/2017	1:00:00 PM	House	Education Innovation Policy
7/19/2017	1:00:00 PM	Senate	E-12 Policy
7/20/2017	9:00:00 AM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources - Site Visit
7/24/2017	12:30:00 PM	Joint	Aggregate Resources Task Force
7/27/2017	2:00:00 PM	Joint	Minnesota Administrative Rules Status System Working Group
7/31/2017	8:00:00 AM	Joint	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
7/31/2017	3:00:00 PM	Joint	Legislative Energy Commission
8/8/2017	10:00:00 AM	Joint	Legislative Commission on Data Practices
8/15/2017	10:00:00 AM	Joint	Legislative Water Commission
8/17/2017	1:00:00 PM	Senate	Select Committee on Health Care Consumer Access and Affordability
8/17/2017	2:00:00 PM	Joint	Minnesota Administrative Rules Status System Working Group
8/22/2017	8:00:00 AM	Joint	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
8/23/2017	7:45:00 AM	Joint	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
8/23/2017	8:30:00 AM	Joint	Legislative Permanent School Fund Commission
8/24/2017	8:00:00 AM	Joint	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
8/31/2017	2:30:00 PM	Joint	Mississippi River Parkway Commission
9/7/2017	8:00:00 AM	Senate	Select Committee on Health Care Consumer Access and Affordability
9/11/2017	1:00:00 PM	House	Transportation Finance
9/12/2017	10:00:00 AM	Senate	Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy
9/12/2017	1:00:00 PM	Senate	Environment and Natural Resources Finance
9/13/2017	9:00:00 AM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources
9/14/2017	9:00:00 AM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources
9/14/2017	10:00:00 AM	Joint	Aggregate Resources Task Force
9/14/2017	1:00:00 PM	Joint	Legislative Energy Commission
9/14/2017	1:00:00 PM	Senate	Select Committee on Health Care Consumer Access and Affordability
9/14/2017	2:00:00 PM	Joint	Minnesota Administrative Rules Status System Working Group
9/19/2017	10:00:00 AM	Joint	Advisory Committee on Capitol Security
9/19/2017	2:00:00 PM	Joint	Legislative Commission on Data Practices
9/20/2017	10:00:00 AM	Senate	Human Services Reform Finance and Policy
9/20/2017	12:00:00 PM	Joint	Legislative Water Commission
9/20/2017	2:00:00 PM	Joint	Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement
9/21/2017	10:00:00 AM	Senate	Human Services Reform Finance and Policy
9/25/2017	1:00:00 PM	House	Job Growth and Energy Affordability Policy and Finance
9/25/2017	1:00:00 PM	House	Select Committee on Technology and Responsive Government
9/25/2017	2:00:00 PM	House	Government Operations and Elections Policy
9/25/2017	2:00:00 PM	Senate	State Government Finance and Policy and Elections
9/26/2017	8:30:00 AM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources
9/26/2017	3:00:00 PM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources - Subcommittee on Water Treatment Systems
9/27/2017	8:30:00 AM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources
9/28/2017	8:00:00 AM	Joint	Lessard-Sams Outdoor Heritage Council
9/28/2017	8:30:00 AM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources
10/3/2017	8:30:00 AM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources

10/3/2017	10:00:00 AM	Joint	Legislative Task Force on Child Protection
10/3/2017	10:00:00 AM	Senate	Judiciary and Public Safety Finance and Policy
10/4/2017	8:30:00 AM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources
10/4/2017	2:00:00 PM	Joint	Minnesota Administrative Rules Status System Working Group
10/5/2017	8:30:00 AM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources
10/5/2017	10:00:00 AM	Joint	Subcommittee on Employee Relations
10/5/2017	2:00:00 PM	Joint	Legislative Commission on Data Practices
10/10/2017	10:00:00 AM	Joint	Aggregate Resources Task Force
10/11/2017	10:00:00 AM	Senate	Homecare Workforce Shortage Working Group
10/12/2017	11:00:00 AM	House	State Government Finance
10/12/2017	1:00:00 PM	Senate	Select Committee on Health Care Consumer Access and Affordability
10/17/2017	8:30:00 AM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources
10/17/2017	9:30:00 AM	Joint	Legislative Water Commission
10/17/2017	10:00:00 AM	Joint	Legislative Audit Commission
10/17/2017	2:00:00 PM	Joint	Legislative Commission on Data Practices
10/17/2017	4:30:00 PM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources - Subcommittee on Water Treatment Systems
10/18/2017	8:30:00 AM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources
10/18/2017	4:00:00 PM	Joint	Legislative-Citizen Commission on Minnesota Resources - Subcommittee on Water Treatment Systems
10/19/2017	8:00:00 AM	Joint	Legislative Energy Commission
10/24/2017	1:00:00 PM	Senate	State Government Finance and Policy and Elections
10/26/2017	1:00:00 PM	Senate	Select Committee on Health Care Consumer Access and Affordability
10/26/2017	2:00:00 PM	Joint	Minnesota Administrative Rules Status System Working Group
10/31/2017	10:00:00 AM	Senate	Health and Human Services Finance and Policy
10/31/2017	2:00:00 PM	Joint	Legislative Commission on Data Practices
11/1/2017	10:00:00 AM	Senate	Human Services Reform Finance and Policy
11/1/2017	11:00:00 AM	House	State Government Finance
11/1/2017	2:00:00 PM	Joint	Advisory Committee on Capitol Security
11/2/2017	10:00:00 AM	Senate	Human Services Reform Finance and Policy
11/7/2017	10:00:00 AM	Joint	Aggregate Resources Task Force
11/7/2017	1:00:00 PM	Joint	Legislative Commission on Data Practices

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MAJORITY LEADER

From: Senator Paul Gazelka
Majority Leader

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "PG", written over the name "Senator Paul Gazelka".

To: All Senators and Staff

Re: Hiring Freeze

Date: June 27, 2017

Due to our current budget situation, a hiring freeze will be implemented for new Senate employee positions effective July 1, 2017. When an employee leaves the Senate, the vacant position will not be filled until the freeze is lifted. Positions that have been posted by June 30, 2017 are not subject to the freeze. If a vacancy occurs in a critical position while the freeze is in effect, the supervisor of that position may request an exception from the Majority Leader.

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From: Sen. David Senjem
Sent: Tuesday, September 19, 2017 3:28 PM
To: All_Senators
Cc: All_Staff
Subject: Update on Senate Capital Investment Committee

Dear Senate Colleagues and Staff,

I wanted to take a moment to update you on the status of planning for the Senate Capital Investment Committee's activities and the Senate bonding tours that we typically plan around the state. I am aware that many of you have a strong interest in the Senate bonding tours, an interest that is very likely being driven by inquiries from constituents and/or scheduling your calendars in the upcoming months.

Given the Governor's veto of legislative appropriations, and the ongoing legal action, the Senate Capital Investment Committee will not be conducting tours to view proposed bonding requests until the matter of the Governor's veto is resolved. I keenly understand and have great concerns over the fact that the veto puts the Senate at a distinct disadvantage in assembling a potential 2018 capital investment bonding bill.

At this time, there are 255 bonding proposals totaling \$3.3 billion. Bonding tours have been an essential part of the committee's understanding of capital requests and ensuring that all are given appropriate and fair consideration. The Capital Investment Committee has discovered long ago that conducting a committee hearing in St. Paul is a poor substitute for actually viewing proposed capital projects.

However, our situation is what it is. Statewide bonding tours have an associated expense and with the limited carry-forward money available, our emphasis must be on treating employees fairly and sustaining the essential services of the Senate as long as possible.

I hope that you will understand. Please feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
David Senjem
Chair, Senate Capital Investment Committee

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November 8, 2017

TO: Senators and Staff

FROM: Cal R. Ludeman
Secretary of the Senate

RE: Senate Shutdown Preparations

Many of you have inquired about the status of the veto litigation. As you know, the Legislature is expecting a decision by the Supreme Court regarding the lawsuit and, at the present time, no decision has been made. Governor Dayton's actions and the lack of a Supreme Court decision have forced the Senate to use Carry Forward monies since October 1st. It is my understanding that Senator Gazelka will be formally requesting the Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) to transfer its Carry Forward monies to assist in maintaining Senate operations.

If Senator Gazelka's request is approved by the LCC, the combination of the Senate and LCC Carry Forward monies will allow the Senate to operate until January 12, 2018. After that date, the Senate would not be able to sustain operations without additional funding, and would subsequently be forced to shut down.

Unfortunately, this lack of funds will impact the entire Senate. Without additional funding, beyond the LCC Carry Forward monies, Senate staff will be placed on furlough as of January 12, 2018. This means that as of the close of business on January 12, 2018, staff will not be allowed to perform any Senate related work and will not be compensated for any work done while on furlough. This includes the use of sick, vacation, or comp time. All keycards will be deactivated, and staff will not be able to return to work until notified. Senate staff who are paid for each pay period on the last day of that pay period will receive their final paycheck on January 12, 2018. For those staff who receive paychecks two weeks after the pay period, final paychecks will be delivered on January 26, 2018.

Senators will receive a salary for the month of January, but beginning in February, Senators' salaries will not be paid. In addition, all housing, per diem, mileage, communications, or any other reimbursable expenses will not be paid after January 12, 2017.

The furlough will act very similar to a mandatory salary savings leave. This means that accruals for vacation, sick leave, and length of service will remain in place. While employees will continue to receive employer-paid health and life insurance through February 28, 2018, Senators and staff will still need to pay the employee share for the months of January and February to retain healthcare and elected additional coverages. After their last paycheck,

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employees will not receive the contributions contained therein (i.e. retirement matching, additional insurance premiums, etc.).

Employees will be able to apply for unemployment compensation while on furlough. Please understand that eligibility for unemployment compensation is made on a case-by-case basis by the Department of Employment and Economic Development, and is not within the control of the Senate. I can assure you that Senate Human Resources staff will do their best to assist individuals with the application process. For additional information concerning unemployment compensation eligibility, please contact the Unemployment Insurance Program by phone at 651-296-3644 or on the web at www.uimn.org.

This information is specific to the Senate as it relates to its financial standing. The House of Representatives may have different timelines based on their financial situation.

If the Senate's funding requires shutting down Senate operations at the close of business on January 12, 2018, an official notice of furlough and additional information will be sent to each individual employee explaining health insurance payments, parking, MSRS retirement benefits, etc. by December 10, 2017. The Senate Human Resources and Fiscal Services offices will be reaching out to employees and Senators.

Cal Ludeman
Secretary of the Senate