



Legislature Concludes Special Session

After a four-day special session called at 12:01 a.m. May 22, the Legislature adjourned around 3:00 a.m. this morning, after having passed a \$46 billion budget that included the various omnibus budget bills, a \$660 million tax bill and \$990 million capital investment bill. The Legislature also passed a pensions bill that includes local employment mandate preemption language. Governor Dayton has said he would veto that bill. The Governor has not made public comments on any of the bills at this point.

The special session was called by Governor Dayton after legislative leaders and the Governor reached what was labeled a tentative budget agreement on Monday evening as the midnight adjournment requirement approached.

The intent stipulated in the agreement was for a one-day special session. The agreement also called for no amendments to budget bills. By the end of the special session, four days had passed and at several points, it appeared tentative as to whether the tentative agreement would hold, as amendments began to be offered to bills as they were debated, the pensions bill with preemption language was brought forth, and as the capital investment bill hung in brief limbo due to specific items in the bill.

As is typical, the capital investment bill, which requires three fifths vote of legislators, was the last bill to be passed, and shortly thereafter, the Legislature adjourned the special session. Click [here](#) for preliminary budget spreadsheets.

Metro Cities will provide a comprehensive legislative update next week. If you have any questions, please contact our office at 651-215-4000.

Have a safe and enjoyable Memorial Day weekend!

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