



Public workers expect Republican majorities in the House and Senate to work with Gov. Dayton to complete a budget that supports our work and the public services Minnesota needs. The GOP budget bills would eliminate some of these public services and underfund many others, while giving huge tax breaks to the rich. Despite an estimated \$1.65 billion surplus, these budget proposals would hurt public workers, our families, our communities and the residents we so proudly serve.

If the Legislature fails to get the job done by midnight Monday, state government could shut down July 1. Join us Monday as we hold our elected officials accountable during the final hours of the legislative session. Download a flyer at: <http://afscmemn.org/wearewatching>.

**Watch the Legislature
State Capitol
Meet in House Gallery
Monday, May 22
4 p.m. until adjournment
Bring your family
Wear AFSCME green**



Governor's Vetoes Protect Workers

Gov. Mark Dayton has been our goalie this legislative session, protecting public services, workers and our families against GOP attack. "I found the bill for roads, bridges, and transit disheartening

and wholly inadequate ... transportation does not appear to be one of the top priorities for Republicans," he wrote in a veto letter. See for yourself why Dayton vetoed GOP bills on taxes, transportation, health and human services, public safety, education,

Cuts Hurt

We all know that cuts to public services hurt Minnesotans across our state, and there are just a few hours left to take action to prevent this. The Legislature wraps up its session **Monday, May 22, at midnight**.

The proposed GOP budget cuts would hurt real people through crumbling roads, a lack of clean water, fewer services at state parks and less funding for education and older adults, just to name a few. AFSCME and MAPE are working to show lawmakers that the pain from these cuts is real: <http://www.cutshurtmn.com/>.

The @cutshurtmn campaign has resulted in a deluge of phone calls and comments to legislators. Join in the conversation at <https://www.facebook.com/cutshurtmn/>.

There's still time to take action.

Text CutsHurt to 237263. You'll be automatically connected to your legislators. **Or call your senator at 1-888-907-2053 and representative at 1-877-395-0968.**

Call Speaker of the House Kurt Daudt at 800-710-7642.

ASK THEM TO: Support Governor Dayton's budget. Republican budget cuts will hurt Minnesota families.

agriculture and the environment. Go to the tab called "Governor's message" at <https://www.leg.state.mn.us/lrl/vetoes/vetodetails/>.



Workers from Corrections, the DNR and other agencies, along with AFSCME Council 5's Executive Board and Retirees United members, talk with Rep. Paul Thissen, our champion on the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement. These AFSCME members and retirees have been a strong presence at every Pension Commission hearing this legislative session, putting pressure on lawmakers to allow them to retire with the dignity they've earned through years of service.



AFSCME members and retirees phone bank at Council 5's South St. Paul office to support shared sacrifice by the employer, employees and retirees to make pensions sustainable for years to come.

New Board Members Elected

Council 5 welcomes two new Executive Board members: Laura Birnbaum, Local 66, representing the County Sector; and Ashley Lokensgard, Local 668, representing the Private/Special Sector.

They replace Christine Harriman and Art McGrane, who have accepted jobs at Council 5 as part of the Member Action Center.

Last Chance at Scholarship

At least 30 Nellie Stone Johnson Scholarships will be given out to celebrate the 30th year of the program, named after the famous labor leader. It's open to minority students from union families attending a school in the Minnesota State system. The renewable scholarships are for up to \$1,200 a year for full-time students and up to \$500 for part-time students. The postmark deadline is **June 1**. <http://www.nelliestone.org>.

Get in on the Action

Action Update publishes twice a month for locals and activists in AFSCME Council 5.

Download a copy to post on your workplace bulletin board at www.afscmemn.org or share news by emailing: Lynette.Kalsnes@afscmemn.org.

Mark Your Calendars

Event	Date	Place
Last day of Legislative Session	Monday, May 22, 4 p.m. to adjournment	State Capitol, Saint Paul RSVP, https://tinyurl.com/m3fxkzh
AFSCME Family Picnic	Aug. 20, 1 to 5 p.m.	Battle Creek Regional Park, Maplewood
AFSCME Council 5 Annual Convention	Oct. 5 to 7	Duluth Entertainment Convention Center