

**HF1236—Gutknecht (IR)**  
**Labor-Management Relations**  
Supplementary benefits regulated for workers' compensation.

**HF1237—McGuire (DFL)**  
**Judiciary**  
Work release law changes provided.

**HF1238—Limmer (IR)**  
**Judiciary**  
Restitution; financial disclosure form required from offenders ordered to pay restitution.

**HF1239—Limmer (IR)**  
**Judiciary**  
Counties reimbursed for convicted felons sentenced to local jails and workhouses under mitigated dispositional departures from sentencing.

**HF1240—Gruenes (IR)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Home care services and pre-admission screening requirements provided, alternative care requirements clarified, and a senior agenda for independent living established.

**HF1241—Waltman (IR)**  
**Agriculture**  
Cheese; pasteurization not required for processing farmstead cheese.

**HF1242—Uphus (IR)**  
**Rules & Legislative Administration**  
Legislators not to receive per diem during a special session.

**HF1243—Greenfield (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Chemical dependency treatment programs licensed to allow children to reside with the parent receiving treatment and appeal provided for transfer and discharge from a nursing home and proceedings under the vulnerable adults acts.

**HF1244—Greenfield (DFL)**  
**Health & Human Services**  
Adolescent pregnancy program established, pregnancy prevention grants authorized, and money appropriated.

**HF1245—Ogren (DFL)**  
**Governmental Operations**  
Independent school district No. 100 Wrenshall, authorized to enter into a contract with its superintendent.

**HF1246—Jacobs (DFL)**  
**Energy**  
Energy conservation improvement programs expanded, protection extended against disconnection of residential utility service during cold weather, utility use of nonrenewable energy regulated, and money appropriated.

## It's a fact!

There have been 66 female legislators since 1922, when women were first allowed to run for office. Of that number, well over half have been elected since 1977.

But one of the first female legislators, Mabeth Hurd Paige, still holds the title for the longest tenure as a female legislator. Rebuffed by the Republican Party in 1922, she ran as an independent and went on to serve Hennepin County for 10 terms in the Minnesota House.

She chaired the Welfare Committee and helped pass a law that outlawed street selling by minors.

But Paige may soon have to share her title. When Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) completes this legislative term, she will tie Paige's record.



(1943 photo)  
Rep. Mabeth Hurd Paige (left) and the only "page girl," Gladys Joe Brown. Said Rep. Paige: "I had hoped, when I entered the legislature in 1923, that by 1943 no less than ten per cent of the legislators would be women — yet I still am the only one." — *St. Paul Dispatch-Pioneer Press*  
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## Committee deadlines

If you're tracking important legislation and it has yet to have had a hearing, you might have to wait until next year before the measure is considered.

The first committee deadline is April 12, which is less than two weeks away. If a bill hasn't been approved by then in one House or Senate policy committee, chances are it won't be considered this session.

Here's how the deadline system works:

The first deadline (April 12) bars bills from being heard unless they have been approved in one policy committee in either the House or Senate.

The second deadline, which this year is

April 24, prevents bills from being heard in one body unless it has been approved by a policy committee in the other.

Because there are literally thousands of bills introduced each year, the deadlines help the Legislature focus on just a few of the proposals before them.

There are always exceptions to the rules, however. The authors of bills that have missed a deadline can plead their case with the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee to get a reprieve.

These deadlines generally don't apply to tax and appropriations bills, which aren't fashioned until late in the session.