

# ***Legislative Summary***

## ***1973-74***



**Sixty-eighth Legislature  
State of Minnesota**

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The 68th legislative session is now history and the number of pieces of key legislation included in this booklet is a tribute to the successful leadership of the DFL.

A DFL majority made a difference whether you were a consumer, farmer, professional, public employee, senior citizen, veteran, woman, youth, or taxpayer.

We hope you will find this summary helpful in carrying the 1973-74 DFL record to the people.

DFL House and Senate  
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## AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

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#### Commission on Minnesota's Future C. 741 -- 1973

Creates 40-member commission appointed by Governor, with geographical distribution, to make recommendations to the governor and legislature on future growth and development policies for the state, with particular emphasis on environmental impact of future growth and development. Joint legislative review committee established to review commission reports.

\*H.F. 1000 (Kelly, Sabo, Sherwood, Knickerbocker, Newcome)  
S.F. 1081 (Chenoweth, Milton, Ueland)

#### Corporate Farming C. 427 -- 1973

Prohibits non-farm corporations from engaging in farming or owning land for farming purposes; exempts family and authorized farm corporations; allows existing corporate farms to expand acreage by up to 20 percent in any five-year period; provides that every corporation engaged in farming shall file annual reports with the agriculture commissioner.

\*S.F. 753 (Olson, A., Lord, Olson, H.)  
H.F. 800 (Mann, Lindstrom, J., Peterson, Carlson, D., Kelly)

#### Farmers Collective Bargaining C. 736 -- 1973

Provides mechanism for farmers to cooperatively contract with processors regarding the production and marketing of agricultural products; unfair practices for farmer associations and

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handlers are stipulated by law; commissioner of agriculture may be asked to supervise disputes arising under act if two bargaining groups cannot reach agreement; finally, act provides commissioner with enforcement power in case either party refuses to abide by commissioner's finding.

\*H.F. 647 (Lemke, Miller, D., Kvam, Dirlam, Enebo)  
S.F. 506 (Moe, Olson, H., Borden)

#### Tax-Loss Farming C. 737 -- 1973

Prohibits deduction of farm losses from non-farm income when non-farm income exceeds \$20,000.

\*H.F. 805 (Eken, Sherwood, DeGroat, Anderson, G., Vanasek)  
S.F. 750 (Conzemius, Olson, A., Jensen)

#### Young Farmers Loan Law C. 2 -- 1973

Allows young farmers 18 or older to qualify for emergency farm loans under Sections 1961 to 1967 of Title 7 of United States Code.

\*H.F. 84 (Anderson, G., Peterson, Dirlam, Wenzel, Fjoslien)  
S.F. 41 (Wegener, Berg, Moe)

#### Regional Development Commissions C. 589 -- 1973

Authorizes combination of funding to insure adequate financial support for existing or developing regional commissions.

\*S.F. 2016 (Olson, A.G., Conzemius, Borden)

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H.F. 2390 (Haugerud, Kelly, Anderson, G., Ulland, Faricy)

### State Arts Council

C. 592 -- 1973

Provides \$600,000 in biennium to State Arts Council to promote arts throughout the state with emphasis on out-state tours, exhibits.

\*S.F. 2167 (Novak)

H.F. 2274 (Norton, Smith)

### Medical Student Loan Program

C. 727 -- 1973

HECC may provide loans up to \$6,000 a year (not to exceed \$24,000) to a medical or osteopathic student who agrees to practice medicine or osteopathy in a medically needy rural community designated by the HECC. The student must attend an accredited medical or osteopathic school in Minnesota. The interest on these loans is 8%, but both interest and principal are forgiven if the student serves the medically needy community for three years.

\*H.F. 266 (Mann, Anderson, I., Eken, Graba, Long)

S.F. 185 Olson, H., Frederick, Olhoft)

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### Franchise Regulation

C. 612 -- 1973

Requires registration with commissioner of securities of information dealing with financing, advertising, contracts and policies of franchising company;

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requires disclosure of such information to prospective franchisee as directed by commissioner; provides for "bill of rights" for franchisees, including protections against unreasonable termination, fees and policies.

\*H.F. 1110 (Dieterich, Parish, Berg, Larson, Connors)

S.F. 810 (Davies, Hansen, M., Solon)

### Cable Television

C. 568 -- 1973

Authorizes state to take responsibility for establishing basic rules and regulations related to the franchising of cable television within state; granting of franchises is left with municipalities, but franchises will not be effective until franchisee meets state standards and certificate of confirmation is awarded by commission; seven-member commission appointed by governor will take responsibility for encouraging quality development of cable television.

\*S.F. 1283 (Borden, Dunn, Milton)

H.F. 1318 (Kelly, Dirlam, Adams, J., Newcome, Sabo)

### Utility Regulation

C. 429 -- 1974

Grants power to regulate gas and electric utility rates to the state Public Service Commission (PSC), which already has similar authority over telephone companies. It enlarges the Commission from 3 to 5 members, appointed by the Governor.

Municipal utilities are exempt (this affects 125 municipalities serving 300,000 Minnesotans), except for those areas served outside of corporate

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limits.

\*H.F. 1835 (Parish, LaVoy, Mann, Bell, Stangeland)  
S.F. 1205 (Olson, A., Ashbach, Perpich, A.)

### No-Fault Auto Insurance C.408 -- 1974

On January 1, 1974, Minnesota will become the thirteenth state to establish a no-fault auto insurance system.

Although the compromise bill does not represent pure "no-fault," it does represent an important step toward reducing both insurance premium and auto accident caseloads in our courts.

The Minnesota bill would require that each driver carry \$30,000 insurance to cover his own medical expenses and wage losses--paid by his own company regardless of fault--as well as \$25,000 per person and \$50,000 per accident liability coverage.

The liability insurance covers economic losses of more than \$30,000; fatalities; permanent injury or disfigurement; loss of employment for more than 60 days; or medical expenses in excess of \$2,000.

Under the provisions of the compromise bill, property damage would be left under the fault system.

### Summary of the Provisions of No-Fault Auto Insurance

#### Compulsory Coverages

##### First Party Benefits

\$30,000 total benefits

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\$20,000 medical benefits  
\$10,000 total nonmedical benefits  
\$1,250 funeral benefits  
\$200 per week limit on income and survivors benefits  
\$15 per day limit on loss of services benefits

### Residual Liability Coverage

\$25,000/\$50,000/\$10,000

### Uninsured Motorist Coverage

\$25,000/\$50,000

### Mandatory Offerings

#### Optional Coverages

\$10,000 additional medical benefits  
\$20,000 additional medical benefits  
\$25,000/\$50,000 additional liability coverage  
First Party Benefits for motorcyclists  
Underinsured motorist coverage

### Deductibles to First Party Benefits

\$100 to medical benefits  
\$200 to income loss benefits

### Tort Threshold

#### Economic Loss

Economic loss not compensated by first party benefits.

### General Damages

Medical expenses exceed \$2,000 (less diagnostic x-ray and rehabilitation)  
Permanent injury  
Permanent disfigurement  
Disability for 60 days  
Death



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### Automotive Property Damage

Present system retained

### Subrogation

Permitted if a commercial vehicle is involved in the accident or if the tort threshold for general damages is crossed and a lawsuit commenced.

### Motorcycles

Excluded from requirement of first party coverages

Liability insurance compulsory

Mandatory offer of first party benefits

### Premium Rates

Rates for required coverages to be 30% less than 1973 rates for \$25,000/\$50,000 liability coverage, \$1,000 medical payments coverage, \$25,000/\$50,000 uninsured motorist coverage. Insurance commissioner can make exceptions if an insurer's financial soundness or solidity would be jeopardized or if it would suffer an underwriting loss. Provision expires in one year.

### Effective Date

January 1, 1975

\*S.F. 96 (Davies, Novak, Knutson)

H.F. 151 (Connors, Graw, Haugerud, Adams, S., LaVoy)

### Municipal Liquor

C. 268 -- 1974

Cities may now exceed the number of

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statutory "on-sale" liquor licenses by a majority vote of the voters in a municipality. (See page 97)

\*S.F. 919 (Wegener, Hanson, R., Thorup)  
H.F. 936 (Lindstrom, J., Stanton, Miller, M., Myrah, Bell)

### Insurance After Termination of Employment

C. 101 -- 1974

Group insurance policies, group subscriber contracts, and health care plans must now contain a provision permitting every eligible employee whose employment is terminated to elect to continue the coverage for himself and his dependents.

\*S.F. 21 (Novak, Olson, J., Hansen, C.)

H.F. 261 (Ferderer, Ryan, Faricy, Quirin, Lombardi)

### Usury Law

C. 238 -- 1974

This act exempts loans of \$100,000 or more from the state's 8% usury law; loans yielding over 6% interest must be recorded in a written contract form.

\*S.F. 2558 (Borden, Wegener)

H.F. 3130 (Brinkman, Newcome, Clifford, Voss, Salchert)

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### Landlord-Tenant

C. 603 -- 1973

Restricts automatic lease renewal provisions in leases of real property.

\*H.F. 586 (Casserly, Berglin,

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Lindstrom, E., Stanton, Nelson)  
S.F. 754 (Humphrey, Chenoweth, Schaaf).

### Landlord-Tenant

C. 611 -- 1973

Provides for speedy judicial remedy whereby tenant occupying substandard dwelling may begin lawsuit and obtain appropriate relief (hearing may be held as early as five days after clerk of court receives tenant's complaint).

\*H.F. 1059 (Hook, Berg, Flakne)  
S.F. 961 (Tennessee, O'Neill, Perpich, G.)

### Landlord-Tenant

C. 561 -- 1973

Requires that any money held by landlord for tenant shall bear simple interest at rate of 5% per year. Such deposits must be returned to tenant within two weeks after termination of agreement unless there is valid reason for withholding deposit. In all actions, the burden of proof falls upon landlord to show why deposit not refunded within two weeks.

\*S.F. 965 (Tennessee, O'Neill, Perpich, G.)

H.F. 1034 (Berg, Berglin, Ferderer, Savelkoul, Stanton)

### Private Trade, Correspondence School Regulation

C. 714 -- 1973

Stiffens existing law by requiring full disclosure of course information and advertising with State Department of Education. Authorizes the

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Commissioner of Education to revoke license for reason of financial instability or inadequate disclosure, equipment and quality of instruction. Provides for a five-day cooling-off period during which prospective student may cancel contract without penalty. Prohibits schools from enrolling student when student is unlikely to complete course and qualify for employment, unless this fact is disclosed to student.

\*S.F. 2021 (Hughes, Chenoweth, Sillers)  
H.F. 2108 (Johnson, C., Johnson, R., Kempe, Becklin, Swanson)

### Uniform Trade Practices

C. 216 -- 1973

Defines deceptive trade practices as the passing of goods or services as those of another, causes misunderstanding as to source of certification of goods, or falsely represents goods as new or of particular grade. Permits injunctive relief to persons likely to be damaged by such practices.

S.F. 531 (Davies, Laufenburger, Larson)

### Three-Day Cooling Off Period

C. 443 -- 1973

Allows consumer to cancel within three days, without penalty, a sale of more than \$25 made at any place other than at seller's regular place of business. Act is expected to serve as strong deterrent against high pressure door-to-door salesmen.

\*S.F. 118 (Lewis, Spear, Borden)  
H.F. 96 (Sieben, M., Wenzel, Jude, Growe, Sarna)

Warranty Reform

C. 692 -- 1973

Clarifies law concerning express and implied warranties. Prohibits disclaimer of implied warranties for new products. Requires manufacturers to reimburse dealers for warranty work at same rate as dealers charge for non-warranty work.

\*S.F. 462 (North, Solon, Kowalczyk)  
H.F. 790 (Tomlinson, Moe, Adams, J., Sieben, M., Cleary)

Insurance Complaint Handling

C. 474 -- 1973

Makes it illegal for an insurance company to fail to respond to complaint from policy-holder in timely manner. Failure to obey cease and desist order is subject to fine of up to \$10,000 for each violation.

\*H.F. 1044 (Brinkman, Graw, Prah, Schulz, Kahn)  
S.F. 791 (Keefe, S., Doty, Perpich, A. J.)

Employment Agencies

C. 780 -- 1973

Stiffens requirements relating to licensing of fee employment agencies. Requires improved record keeping of job orders, prohibits false or misleading advertising, advertising of jobs that do not exist. Penalties expanded to include private lawsuits and civil fines of up to \$25,000.

\*H.F. 938 (Grove, Enebo, Adams, J., McCauley, Pavlak, R.L.)  
S.F. 888 (North, Kowalczyk, Keefe, S.)

Subdivided Land Sales

C. 413 -- 1973

Requires detailed registration statements with Commerce Commission of all land agents, offerings, financial condition of principals, advertising. Seller is required to provide foregoing information in prospectus. Provides for a five-day cooling-off period in which prospective buyer may cancel without penalty.

\*H.F. 873 (Vento, Faricy, Bell, Cummiskey, Salchert)  
S.F. 740 (Thorup, Ogdahl, Laufenburger)

Octane Rating Posting

C. 687 -- 1973

Requires posting on gas line pumps of octane ratings of all gasolines dispensed therefrom; takes effect July 1, 1974.

\*S.F. 328 (North, McCutcheon, Thorup)  
H.F. 337 (Sieben, M., Grove, Connors, Casserly, LaVoy)

Hearing Aid Sales

C. 383 -- 1973

To guard against sales of unneeded and overpriced hearing aids, law requires that hearing aids be sold only on prescription from doctor or qualified audiologist; persons between 18 and 60 may waive this protection.

\*S.F. 523 (Conzemius, Perpich, G., Kirchner)  
H.F. 279 (Sieben, M., St. Onge, Nelson, Miller, M., Tomlinson)

Lay Members on Licensing Boards

C. 638 -- 1973

Requires all health and non-health licensing boards to have 25 to 40

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percent public, or lay, membership; all boards, as far as possible, to be centrally housed and share administrative services.

\*H.F. 961 (Johnson, D., Quirin, LaVoy, Sarna, Myrah)  
S.F. 946 (Perpich, G., Schaaf, McCutcheon)

### Open Dating

C. 686 -- 1973

Requires packaging date to be affixed to certain foods with a shelf-life of 90 days or less. Commissioner of Agriculture is authorized to exempt products in specific cases and require open dating for certain products beyond 90 days. Does not apply to fresh fruit, meat, vegetables, and frozen foods.

\*S.F. 160 (North, Knutson, Spear)  
H.F. 918 (Connors, Cleary, Anderson, G., Miller, M., McCauley)

### Funeral Cost Itemization

C. 442 -- 1973

Requires morticians to furnish, at time arrangements are made, itemized statement of cost of various components in funeral. Implementation of act to be carried out through Board of Health regulations.

\*S.F. 34 (North, Conzemius, Lewis)  
H.F. 99 (Moe, Tomlinson, Nelson, Connors, Ferderer)

### Drug Price Advertising

C. 722 -- 1973

Requires posting in stores of prices of 60 most used prescription drugs; requires that price information be

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provided over telephone in answer to queries. Prohibits price discrimination between large and small buyers, and permits civil action to recover damages for violations.

\*H.F. 23 (Sieben, M., Jaros, Tomlinson, Carlson, L., Vento)  
S.F. 222 (Keefe, S., Humphrey, Tennessen)

### Odometer Tampering

C. 264 -- 1973

In line with federal rule, prohibits altering or disconnecting mileage indicator on motor vehicle; further, bans sale of tampering devices, requires indication of mileage when odometers are replaced and requires mileage statement when vehicle title is transferred.

\*S.F. 1791 (Wegener, Hanson, R., Hansen, Baldy)  
H.F. 1290 (Casserly, Sieben, M., Connors, McArthur, Anderson, G.)

### Consumer Law Violations

C. 155 -- 1973

Authorizes maximum \$25,000 civil fine for violators of consumer laws and permits consumers in individual or class action to sue for actual damages plus costs and attorney fees. Further, a court order won by attorney general shall serve as prima facie evidence of violation of consumer law in private lawsuit.

\*S.F. 819 (Borden, Hughes, Milton)  
H.F. 733 (Dieterich, Resner, Miller, M., Tomlinson, Sarna)

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### Toy Safety

C. 467 -- 1973

Gives broad powers to the Director of Consumer Services to regulate sale and importation of hazardous toys and other articles designed for children 14 and under. Consumer Services may test or require testing to insure compliance with law. The act requires retailers, distributors, and manufacturers to buy back unsafe toys.

\*H.F. 588 (Faricy, Fudro, Ferderer, Ulland, Connors)  
S.F. 664 (Keefe, S., Conzemius, Borden)

### Mechanics Lien Law

C. 247 -- 1973

Major reform of law aimed at preventing situation in which property owner pays twice for contract work. Requires contractors to notify property owner of fact subcontractor is on job and of expected cost of work; failure to provide such notification invalidates any lien. Owner is permitted to withhold from contractor that portion of contract price needed to pay subcontractor.

\*S.F. 6 (Tennessee, Ogdahl, Thorup)  
H.F. 711 (Moe, Dieterich, Weaver, Tomlinson, Connors)

### Lay Members on State Boards

C. 638 -- 1973

Increases the size of most state licensing and regulatory boards from 25 to 40 percent, with provision that new members be lay, or public members. Size increases are proportional to current sizes of boards.

\*H.F. 961 (Johnson, D., Quirin, LaVoy, Sarna, Myrah)

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S.F. 946 (Perpich, G., McCutcheon, Schaaf)

### Uniform Probate Code

C. 442 -- 1974

Reduces the amount of state involvement, paperwork and court time involved in the settling of an inheritance. Allows the unsupervised administration of an estate. An executor will still be appointed, but as long as there are no difficulties in administering the estate, he will report to probate court only when the estate's administration is complete.

The act eliminates the need for security bonding in estate settlements and the need for appraisers if market value of assets could easily be determined. Many probate hearings can also be eliminated if inheritors agree on the sale of the estate.

The act provides recourse for persons who feel the administration of an estate is being conducted improperly. They may request a supervised administration, and if granted, the administration would revert to a system similar to the present one.

\*H.F. 2992 (Lindstrom, J., Carlson, L., Savelkoul, Stangeland, Pavlak, R.)

### Investigation of Telephone Service

C. 40 -- 1974

The Public Service Commission may investigate without notice any telephone service it believes is inadequate or cannot be obtained. It may hold hearings and if there is finding of



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inadequate service, the PSC may establish regulations or service as may be necessary to remedy the situation.

\*H.F. 2197 (Wenzel, Stanton, Miller, M., Johnson, R., Anderson, G.)

S.F. 1975 (Lord, McCutcheon, Schaaf)

### Mobile Home Manufacturers and Dealers

C. 273 -- 1974

A new section on mobile homes is established within the Building Codes Division of the Department of Administration. Manufacturers and dealers in mobile home units must now be licensed and bonded.

\*S.F. 2161 (Milton, Kleinbaum, Ogdahl)

H.F. 2231 (McCarron, Voss, Newcome, Boland, Sieben, M.)

### Mobile Home Warranties

C. 231 -- 1974

Mobile homes sold in the state must now be accompanied by an implied warranty that the mobile home conforms in all material aspects to federal and state regulations of safety and quality. Mobile home manufacturers and dealers are jointly liable for service and repair under warranty.

\*S.F. 3159 (Milton Ogdahl, Kleinbaum)

H.F. 3017 (Voss, Patton, McCarron, Pehler, Ohnstad)

### Public Utility Deposits

C. 424 -- 1974

Requires payment of 6% interest on customer deposits with public utility companies. Deposit and interest returned after one year if all bills are paid.

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\*H.F. 1192 (Jaros, Fugina, Ojala, LaVoy, Ohnstad)

S.F. 2680 (Lord, Keefe, S., Keefe, J.)

### Door-to-Door Distribution

C. 85 -- 1974

The new consumer law prohibits indiscriminate distributing of advertising, merchandise samples, or promotional materials packaged in plastic bags with certain specifications. Violation is a misdemeanor.

\*S.F. 980 (Keefe, S., Solon, Lord)

H.F. 336 (Jaros, Vanasek, Adams, J., Dieterich, Sherwood)

### Disclosure of Name of Landlord

C. 370-- 1974

Requires landlord or authorized agent to disclose in the rental agreement or otherwise in writing, the name of the person who is authorized to manage the premises and an owner or other person authorized to be served with process and to receive notices and demands. Must be posted in building.

\*H.F. 3157 (Vento, Adams, J., Wolcott, Cumiskey, Ferderer)

S.F. 3106 (Arnold, O'Neill, Humphrey)

### Privacy

C. 479 -- 1974

The purposes of the new law are to encourage more efficient and secure systems of public records on persons, to more effectively protect individuals regarding public records, and to assure periodic reports to the governor and legislature regarding record-keeping.

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The Commissioner of Administration is authorized to promulgate rules and regulations based on the needs and usage of the data to be collected.

At the request of any affected person, the responsible authority must, without charge and as soon as possible, inform the person of the data concerning him in the file.

Any person may institute civil action if he feels his civil rights have been violated.

\*H.F. 1316 (Lindstrom, J., Quirin, Berg, Pleasant, Savelkoul)  
S.F. 1339 (Tennessee, Nelson, Olson, A.)

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### Ballots on Constitutional Amendments

C. 457 -- 1974

Lowers the necessary majority to pass constitutional amendments to a majority of those voting at the election or 55% of those voting on the question.

\*H.F. 47 (Boland, Vento, Sherwood, Grove, Ferderer)  
S.F. 101 (Chenoweth, Doty, Borden)

### Railroad Tax

C. 467 -- 1974

Repeal provisions requiring changes in taxes on railroads to be submitted to referendum.

\*H.F. 568 (Pavlak, R., Anderson, I., Johnson, R., Sabo, Weaver)  
S.F. 762 (Hughes, Lord, North)

## CORRECTIONS--CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### Style and Form

C. 409 -- 1974

Reforms structure, style and form of the Constitution. No substantive changes.

\*S.F. 1713 (Davis, McCutcheon, Doty)  
H.F. 1747 (Cummiskey, Dirlam, Anderson, I., Grove, Heinitz)

## CORRECTIONS--CRIMINAL JUSTICE

### Department Reorganization

C. 94 -- 1973

Permits Commissioner of Corrections to appoint four deputy commissioners and to organize departments on regional basis.

\*H.F. 418 (Sherwood, Nelson, Grove, Ulland, Spanish)  
S.F. 272 (North, Milton, Kirchner)

### Full-Time Parole Board

(Minnesota Corrections Authority)

C. 654 -- 1973

New five-member board will help guarantee that each case will receive full and fair attention and that hearing procedures and pre-release and post-release policies are standardized. Board is responsible for release of persons 18 and over; disposition of juveniles to be handled by Commissioner of Corrections. Abolishes part-time Adult Corrections and Youth Corrections Commissions.

\*H.F. 1372 (Pehler, Sarna, Dahl, Knickerbocker, Flakne)  
S.F. 1448 (Kleinbaum, McCutcheon, Keefe, S.)

Community Corrections Subsidy Program  
C. 354 -- 1973

Appropriates \$1.5 million to Department of Corrections to subsidize a wide spectrum of county correctional programs, including probation, parole, community corrections centers, treatment and diagnostic facilities for adults and juveniles. Upon advice of advisory committee, each Minnesota county may develop correctional program subject to approval of Commissioner of Corrections. Long-range effect will be to reduce state spending on institutional incarceration.

Recommended by LEAP.

\*S.F. 1353 (Conzemius, Kirchner, Tennesen)

H.F. 1487 (Moe, Carlson, A., LaVoy, Biersdorf, St. Onge)

Prison Ombudsman  
C. 553 -- 1973

First of its kind in the nation, this office was created by executive order in 1971 and now established by law. Ombudsman is authorized to investigate and hear complaints of inmates in correctional institutions and make appropriate recommendations to governor, state agencies and legislature.

\*S.F. 672 (Conzemius, Humphrey, Stassen)

H.F. 792 (Boland, Casserly, Ferderer, Norton, Nelson)

Private Industry in Prisons  
C. 145 -- 1973

Empowers Commissioner of Administration with approval of governor, to

lease building or sections of ground within state's adult corrections institutions to private corporations for up to 20 years for purposes of operating factories on premises; inmate workers to be granted probation status similar to work releases. Recommended by LEAP.

\*S.F. 197 (Chenoweth, Kirchner, Tennesen)

H.F. 339 (Moe, Faricy, Biersdorf, Kahn, Growe)

Prison Industry Expansion  
C. 512 -- 1973

Manufacture of new products, on approval of Commissioner of Corrections, permitted in attempt to improve effectiveness of vocational training; new product line to be consistent with private industrial job opportunities. Prison industry has been confined in past to farm machinery and rope manufacture. Recommended by LEAP.

\*H.F. 1486 (Nelson, Sherwood, Flakne, Growe, Pavlak, R.L.)

S.F. 1700 (Milton, Brown, Tennesen)

Inmate Banking  
C. 69 -- 1973

Permits inmates to bank their funds in outside financial institutions where they can earn a greater rate of interest and receive other banking privileges not now available to them.

\*S.F. 175 (Spear, Milton, North)

H.F. 415 (Moe, Prah, Forsythe, McCarron, Laidig)

Minimum Inmate Pay

C. 307 -- 1973

\$1 per day ceiling on pay removed. Limit to be set at discretion of Commissioner of Corrections. Will provide adequate money for basic inmate daily needs, establish pay scale based on experience and skill, provide incentive for good work performance. Recommended by LEAP.

\*H.F. 794 (Nelson, Moe, Spanish, Sherwood, Belisle)

S.F. 773 (Conzemius, Brown, Spear)

Inmate Vocational, Recreational Programs

C. 301 -- 1973

Expenses of recreational programs may be financed from prison revolving fund in amount not to exceed two-thirds of net profits from prison industries; use of industry profits will improve industrial and recreational programs designed to also create incentive for efficient production. Recommended by LEAP.

\*H.F. 400 (Ojala, Ferderer, Growe, Jaros, Spanish)

S.F. 1098 (Milton, Brown, Perpich, G.)

Early Retirement for Correctional Officers

C. 653 -- 1973

Sets up early retirement system for certain classes of employees who work directly with inmates in correctional institutions. By July 1, 1976, mandatory retirement age for such employees will be 55 instead of 70.

\*H.F. 1355 (Lindstrom, J., Weaver, Sherwood, Culhane, Samuelson)

S.F. 1438 (Chenoweth, Ogdahl, Hughes)

Peace Officers Death Benefits

C. 248 -- 1973

A "first" in the nation, law provides \$25,000 payments to heirs of peace officers killed in line of duty; peace officers defined as including policemen, full-time and volunteer firemen, highway patrolmen, sheriffs and sheriff's deputies, state conservation officers, Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) agents, and corrections officers.

\*H.F. 178 (Smith, Carlson, B., Anderson, I., Larson, Jaros)

S.F. 287 (Borden, Moe, Lord)

Conservation Camps

C. 144 -- 1973

Transfers control of conservation camps from Youth Division to Commissioner of Corrections; availability of camps to all "wards" of the department will provide greater flexibility for treatment programming with no extra cost to state.

\*S.F. 145 (North, Spear, Lewis)

State Training School

C. 68 -- 1973

Authorizes State Training School at Red Wing to become coeducational, thus making it possible to regionalize all diagnostic and treatment programs for juveniles in three regions of state; changes name of State Training School for Boys to State Training School.

\*S.F. 173 (Conzemius, Renneke, Tennesen)

H.F. 453 (Faricy, Ferderer, McMillan, Carlson, A., Jaros)

Rape Victim Program

C. 578-- 1974

Allows development of program by Commissioner of Corrections to aid victims of sexual attack.

\*S.F. 3301 (Spear, Kirchner, Solon)  
H.F. 3358 (Carlson, A., Kahn, McMillan, McArthur, Vento)

Commission on Organized Crime

C. 579 -- 1974

Establishes a legislative commission to study organized crime.

\*S.F. 3308 (Borden, McCutcheon, Ashbach)  
H.F. 3497 (McCarron, Pavlak, R.L., Haugerud, St. Onge, Lindstrom, J.)

Minnesota Metropolitan Training Center

C. 156 -- 1974

The name of the Youth Conservation Commission Reception and Diagnostic Center is changed to the Minnesota Metropolitan Training Center at Lino Lakes. The purpose of the center is training and treatment rather than diagnosis and evaluation, and the program is administered by the Commissioner of Corrections.

S.F. 1174 (Hughes, Renneke, Conzemius)

Prisoners May Communicate with News Media

C. 560 -- 1974

Gives prisoners right to communicate with representatives of the news media.

\*S.F. 1225 (Spear, Conzemius,

Tennesen)

H.F. 1608 (Ulland, Carlson, A., McMillan, Nelson)

Minimum Sentences for Certain Felonies

C. 32 -- 1974

Conviction for a crime committed with a dangerous weapon carries a minimum sentence of three years. Aggravated assault, burglary, kidnapping, manslaughter, murder in the second and third degree, rape, robbery, sodomy, and escape while under charge or conviction of a felony, or discharge of an explosive or incendiary device now carry mandatory minimum sentences.

\*H.F. 371 (Bennett, Faricy, Dirlam, McMillan, Haugerud)

S.F. 247 (Novak, Jensen, Thorup)

## EDUCATION

Student Loan Program

C. 605 -- 1973

Appropriates \$1 million and authorizes the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to issue revenue bonds to fund up to \$30 million in loans during the coming biennium. Loans up to \$2,500 per year will be available to Minnesota students on the basis of need. A variable repayment schedule will protect the student from having to pay out a disproportionate share of his salary when he graduates and begins repayment. Both the loans and the interest will be insured by the federal government.

\*H.F. 701 (Carlson, D., Norton, Fugina, Ulland, Smith)

S.F. 1326 (Hughes, Olson, J.,



Chenoweth)

Higher Education Omnibus Bill  
C. 768 -- 1973

Continues Right to Read Program through \$100,000 appropriation; nearly 300,000 public and nonpublic students presently participating in this statewide effort to acquire adequate reading skills.

Provides post-secondary scholarships for Indian students at area vocational schools and public and private colleges; cost, \$230,000 a year.

Continues council of Quality Education, set up in 1971 to develop, evaluate innovative educational techniques; appropriation is \$575,000 a year for grants, \$50,000 annually for administration.

Bolsters Department of Education "assessment of education" program through \$150,000-a-year appropriation.

Appropriates \$3,143,180 for operational costs of libraries, replacing discontinued federal funding.

Budget Review by HECC

Higher education appropriations bill includes \$120,000 for the operation of a higher education budget review program to be administered by the Higher Education Coordinating Commission. This program will permit development of a standardized budget format and reporting procedure. HECC will have preliminary budget review of the four public systems of higher education, as well as those segments of the private system budgets which use

public monies. This will permit better long-range planning to meet the needs of higher education in Minnesota. It will also provide the Governor and the Legislature with an overall picture of higher education resources and needs. This program represents implementation of another LEAP recommendation.

Contingency Funds

The State College Board received a \$750,000 contingency fund to minimize the effects of declining enrollment and subsequent faculty reductions. If enrollment exceeds estimates, additional teaching positions will be added. Up to \$600,000 of the fund may be used to provide for an orderly realignment of faculty staffing resulting from reduced or shifting enrollments. The funds will be used to pay salaries of faculty members employed on terminal year contracts. A similar contingency fund was given to the Junior College Board and will aid in ensuring that sound program offerings will be maintained at that system's smaller institutions.

\*H.F. 2437 (Norton)

Teacher Certification  
C. 749 -- 1973

Transfers teacher certification authority from State Board of Education to commission composed of teachers, with certification on "peer" basis. Commission duties include development of criteria, rules and regulations for certification of public school teachers.

\*H.F. 1779 (Quirin, Johnson, C.)  
S.F. 1844 (Hughes, Krieger, Conzemius)

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## School Aid Bill

C. 683 -- 1973

The table below shows the state aids from the 1971-73 biennium to the 1973-75 biennium. The final column shows the increase in appropriations granted in 1974.

### Comparison of State School Aids

Aid Category	H.F. 262 (1971) 1971-72	H.F. 262 (1971) 1972-73	S.F. 1626 (1973) 1973-74	S.F. 1626 (1973) 1974-75	H.F. 2996 (1974) 1974-75
Foundation Aid	\$378.8M	\$517.7M	\$541M	\$497.5M	\$5.5M
Transportation Aid	25.2	33.3	38.0	51.0	\$2.7M
Special Education	18.6	21.2	27.5	27.7	*
Secondary Vocational**			10.3	10.4	
Post-Secondary Vocational**	27.9	34.9	30.1	34.1	
Adult Vocational**			2.7	2.8	
Vocational Construction			0.75		
Gross Earnings Aid MS 124.28			0.9	0.9	
Exempt Land Special Aid MS 124.30			0.4	0.4	
Aid Pursuant to MS 360.133	}		0.2	0.2	
Aid Counties a/c of Non-Tax Area					
Emergency School Aid		4.0	0.5	0.5	

M=million

\*\*included in Foundation Aid

\* See S.F. 1558 (Page 34)

Elementary and Secondary

Basic state aids were increased \$225 million, to a total of \$1.325 million, largest item in the state budget.

Revisions written into the school aid formula in 1973 largely complete the historic school finance reform begun in Minnesota in 1971. Features of the new law:

1. A six-year plan will bring all low-expenditure school districts up to the state-mandated expenditure level.
2. New educational overburden aids granted to districts with heavy concentrations of students from families receiving Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC); aid is in addition to AFDC student aid begun in 1971.
3. Extra aid provided for fast-growing districts.
4. Equalization school transportation aid program begun, providing in transportation cost area what 1971 law did for operating costs; program gives aid for transportation of primary students within one mile of a school if a safety hazard exists, removes lid from handicapped student transportation aid program.
5. Increases reimbursement formula for special education for handicapped children.
6. Eliminates disequalizing minimum of \$215 per pupil unit aid and guarantee clause.

7. Improves levy limits by equalizing return on the capitol outlay levy, very slowly reducing the extra levy given high cost districts and making clear the local authority to hold a referendum to raise expenditures without penalty.

8. Provides adequate funds for increased educational costs by raising aid levels from present \$750 per pupil unit to \$788 in 1973-74, to \$820 in 1974-75, and recommending an \$860 figure for 1975-76.

9. In addition to general per pupil unit aid, bill provides \$13.5 million increase in funds for handicapped children's programs (34 percent).

\*S.F. 1626 (Anderson, Hughes, O'Neill)  
H.F. 1609 (Graba, Johnson, C., Adams, S., Sabo, Anderson, I.)

School Aids

C. 204 -- 1974

An omnibus school aid bill, representing the largest spending authorization for the 1974 half of the legislative session, allocates a total of \$8.899 million.

The measure makes several changes in state school aid programs including a 5% increase in transportation aid to help school districts pay for increased costs resulting from higher fuel prices. Another \$650,000 is earmarked for special programs such as the "Right-to-Read" program, educational television and early childhood education.

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The foundation aid formula for 1974-1975 is increased from \$820 to \$825. The appropriation to cover this is \$5.549 million.

\*H.F. 2996 (Graba, Vento, Weaver, Adams, S., Johnson, C.)  
S.F. 3047 (Anderson, Sillers, Hughes)

\*S.F. 1558 (Hughes, Olson, J.L., Doty)  
H.F. 1649 (Johnson, C.)  
C. 204 -- 1974

Appropriated \$440,000 for the purpose of paying a deficiency in funds available for biennium ending June 30, 1973, for special education for the handicapped reimbursement aids.

### Mandatory Kindergarten

C. 491 -- 1973

Makes kindergarten programs mandatory in all public school districts after July 1, 1974.

\*H.F. 70 (Johnson, D., Ojala, Jaros, Johnson, C., Heinritz)  
S.F. 83 (Conzemius, Lewis, Dunn)

### Flexible School Years

C. 326 -- 1974

Local school boards may, with the approval of the State Board of Education, establish and operate a flexible school year. The State Board is authorized to establish standards and requirements, evaluation criteria, review flexible school year programs and approve or disapprove these programs.

\*S.F. 2627 (Hughes, Lewis, Dunn)  
H.F. 2758 (Graba, Adams, S., Johnson, C., Growe, Stangeland)

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### Teachers--Seniority Rights on Mergers or Lack of Pupils

C. 458 -- 1974

Provides that in terminations based on lack of pupils or merger of classes, that teachers shall be terminated in reverse order of employment in fields in which they are qualified and in cases of merger seniority of total faculty shall be used to determine order of termination.

\*H.F. 210 (St. Onge, Fugina, Wenzel, Quirin, Kelly)  
S.F. 2083 (Conzemius, Perpich, A., Borden)

### Transportation to Non-Public Schools

C. 566 -- 1974

Permits transportation from public schools to sites of religious instruction. Permits transportation to non-public schools in an adjacent contiguous district, if the non-public school pays the cost of transportation outside the school district.

\*S.F. 2128 (Ashbach, Hughes, Milton)  
H.F. 2475 (Connors, Bell, Fudro, Wenzel, McArthur)

### Minnesota-Wisconsin Higher Education Reciprocity

C. 532 -- 1974

Permits the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to include in its reciprocity agreement with Wisconsin a provision for the transfer of funds between the two states when an imbalance exists.

\*H.F. 3140 (Smith, Fugina, Searle, Wenzel, Sieben, M.)  
S.F. 3065 (Conzemius, Larson, Laufenburger)

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### Cooperative Centers for Education C. 252 -- 1974

Provides that two or more independent school districts may enter into an agreement to establish a cooperative center to provide for vocational education. Requires majority vote of full membership of the districts entering into the agreement.

\*H.F. 1489 (LaVoy, Swanson, Erickson, Johnson, C., Dirlam)

S.F. 1477 (Solon, Sillers, Lewis)

### Student on State College Board C. 147 -- 1974

Membership on the state college board increased to 9 members with one director to be a student or graduate within one year prior to appointment.

\*H.F. 2876 (Stanton, Cumiskey, Fugina, McCauley, Wohlwend)

S.F. 2858 (Humphrey, Kleinbaum, Sillers)

## ELECTION REFORM

### Party Designation for Legislators C. 3 -- 1973

Provides for party designation of legislative candidates on ballots; re-enacts provision in law abandoned in 1913 during period of populist reform. Legislative candidates were transferred from the non-partisan canary ballot to the white partisan ballot and will follow congressional candidates and precede gubernatorial candidates.

In the 1950's a law was passed which gave the first position on the ballot

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to the party which received the highest average vote in the preceding general election--in effect preventing rotation of names on the ballot.

Contrary to the changes leveled at the DFL legislators, the 1973 legislature did not stop the rotation of names on the ballot. The party designation bill merely transferred legislators to the non-rotating ballot, where, as partisan candidates, they properly belong.

\*H.F. 2 (Enebo, Sabo, Anderson, I., Kahn, Forsythe)

S.F. 2 (Coleman, Hansen, B., Lewis)

### Party Designation for Cities of First Class

C. 387 -- 1973

Extends party designation to mayoral and council candidates in Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth.

\*S.F. 736 (Keefe, S., Coleman, Ogdahl)  
H.F. 1394 (Rice, Tomlinson, Salchert, Jaros, Norton)

### Voter Registration

C. 676 -- 1973

Revamps entire system of voter registration through three fundamental changes: (1) Permits voter registration at polls on election day for persons otherwise eligible but who have not previously registered (one may register by completing a registration card, taking an oath and providing proof of residence); (2) Permits registration by postcard prior to 20 days before an election; (3) Establishes permanent system of voter registration by county and makes



county auditor chief registrar of voters and custodian of records in each county. Residency requirement was set at 20 days, contrary to constitutional provision of 30 days in voting precinct.

\*S.F. 1246 (Keefe, S., Brown, Olson, A.)

H.F. 1395 (Tomlinson, Fudro, Samuelson, Sabo, Hanson)

#### Campaigning in Multiple Unit Dwellings C. 93 -- 1973

Prohibits denial of access to candidates to multiple-unit dwellings, such as dormitories and apartment houses; permissible to limit hours and require identification for candidate visits.

\*H.F. 307 (Kahn, Stanton, Sabo, Fudro)  
S.F. 350 (Spear, Keefe, S., Brown)

#### Ethics and Campaign Financing C.470 -- 1974

The act is a comprehensive attempt to regulate the conduct of lobbyists and public officials and the financing of election campaigns for state offices. The act has six major sections. The first establishes a bipartisan ethics commission which has responsibility for administering and enforcing the provisions of the law.

The second major section deals with the regulation of lobbyists. Generally a lobbyist is one who is paid or designated by another person or association or who spends more than \$250 in a year to influence legislative or administrative action. Lobbyists are required to register

with the commission and to make periodic reports of the money they spend on lobbying.

Public officials are defined in the act as members of the legislature, constitutional officers in the executive branch and their chief administrative deputies, major executive department officials, major legislative staff, members of the metropolitan council, metropolitan transit commission, metropolitan sewer board, metropolitan airports commissions and other state boards and commissions which have important rule-making powers. Public officials are required to file a statement of their economic interests with the commission and to report any potential conflicts of interest.

The fourth major section of the act provides the disclosure requirements for individuals, political committees and political funds. Associations who raise or spend money to influence elections must establish a political fund and keep that money separate from other funds of the association. Political committees and funds must register with the commission when they raise or spend more than \$100, and periodically report their contributions and expenditures. The source of all contributions, loans and transfers in excess of \$50 for legislative races and \$100 in statewide races must be disclosed along with all expenditures in excess of \$100. All expenditures made with the consent, expressed or implied, of a candidate must be authorized and are counted against his spending limits. Individuals who spend money genuinely independently of the candidate must

file reports with the commission if they spend over \$100.

The act also seeks to limit the amount of money which may be spent on elections. In an election year expenditures on behalf of a candidate are limited to:

Governor and Lieutenant Governor  
running jointly: \$600,000  
Attorney General: \$100,000  
Secretary of State, Treasurer and  
Auditor: \$50,000  
State Senator: \$15,000  
State Representative: \$7,500

Political parties may contribute to a candidate up to 50 percent of his spending limits. Other committees, funds or individuals may contribute to a candidate up to 10 percent of his spending limits. Independent spenders are also limited to 10 percent.

Finally, the act seeks to provide public financing by establishing a one dollar checkoff from income tax funds. Individuals may allocate one dollar of their taxes to either the candidates of one political party or to all qualifying candidates regardless of party affiliation. The money is allocated proportionately among the various statewide and legislative candidates.

The act also permits a tax credit of up to \$12.50 for contributions to political parties and candidates, although the maximum credit for contributions to parties is \$5.00.

\*H.F. 951 (Berg, Sieben, H.,  
Savelkoul, Ferderer, Fudro)  
S.F. 1005 (North, O'Neil, Keefe, S.)

### Transportation to the Polls

C. 250 -- 1974

Allows transporting of voters to the polls with certain restrictions; does not allow campaigning while transporting, and does not allow candidate to transport voters other than those in his own household.

\*H.F. 818 (Sarna, Tomlinson, Flakne, Nelson, McEachern)  
S.F. 959 (Keefe, S., Arnold, Hansen, B.)

### Time Off for Precinct Caucuses

C. 509 -- 1974

Prohibits schools from scheduling athletic events on the day of a precinct caucus. Permits employees to take two hours off from work, without pay loss, to vote at precinct caucuses.

\*H.F. 2715 (Wenzel, Fudro, Sieben, M., Sarna, Knickerbocker)  
S.F. 2633 (Keefe, S., Olhoft)

### Primary Election -- Governor and Lieutenant Governor Teams

C. 301 -- 1974

Provides for team voting for Governor and Lieutenant Governor, with only the voting lever opposite the name of the gubernatorial candidate being operable.

\*S.F. 3408 (Keefe, S., Brown)  
H.F. 3530 (Tomlinson)

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Energy Agency Act

C. 307 -- 1974

Creates an Energy Agency assisted by a Legislative Commission on Energy as the central repository for the collection and analysis of energy data and as the administrative body responsible for the coordination of state energy policies. Additionally, the Agency is responsible for conservation activities. The act requires adoption of an emergency allocation plan. Also, the Agency must issue a certificate of need before any large energy facility can be sited or constructed.

\*H.F. 2675 (Munger, Anderson, I., Quirin, Kelly, Anderson, R.)  
S.F. 2582 (Olson A., Ogdahl, Borden)

Highway Speed Reductions Authorized

C. 79 -- 1974

The Commissioner of the Highway Department is authorized, with the approval of the Governor, to designate the maximum speed limit.

\*H.F. 2862 (McCarron, Carlson, B., Munger, Weaver, Nelson)  
S.F. 2644 (Laufenburger, Borden, Ogdahl)

Lighting and Insulation Standards

C. 12 -- 1974

The Commissioner of Administration is authorized to promulgate amendments to the state building code to establish lighting standards and minimum insulation requirements for all new construction or remodeling.

\*S.F. 871 (Hansen, M., Gearty, Kirchner)

H.F. 899 (Connors, Adams, J., Flakne, Ryan, Wolcott)

Schools to Report on Energy Consumption

C.577 -- 1974

Requires school districts to make comprehensive reports on the energy consumed during the school year.

\*S.F. 3281 (Ueland, Patton, Humphrey)

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(See NATURAL RESOURCES; RECREATION)

Environmental Policy Act

C. 412 -- 1973

Establishes state environmental policy whereby state must use all practicable methods, including financial and technological assistance, to create harmonious balance between nature and man's requirements. State must coordinate all development plans under guidelines laid down in bill and must seek increased cooperation in planning and management between various governmental units. Requires creation of advisory councils on environment by state agencies where needed; requires environmental impact statements on major governmental and private actions of more than local significance. Establishes procedures for review and implementation of impact statements.

\*H.F. 1001 (Boland, Sherwood, Savelkoul, Berglin, LaVoy)  
S.F. 984 (Dunn, Lord, North)

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### Solid Waste Recycling

C. 748 -- 1973

Establishes \$1.5 million state grant program to fund comprehensive waste recycling projects by 15-cent per cubic yard fee at all permitted landfill dumps beginning March 1, 1974. Gives PCA some control over new packages or containers, with power to deny permission for sale or use within 120 days of submission of sample.

\*H.F. 1821 (Munger, Sabo, Hanson, Sherwood, Savelkoul)

S.F. 2197 (Lord, Coleman, North)

### Environmental Quality Council

C. 342 -- 1973

Establishes 11-member Environmental Quality Council consisting of seven major state officials and four members of Citizen's Advisory Committee to EQC. EQC is charged with responsibility for coordinating environmental planning and policy-making in state government, review of state programs affecting environment. EQC is required to convene annual congress for purpose of information exchange and submit report every two years on long-range environmental policy.

\*S.F. 1160 (Moe, Ogdahl, Lord)

H.F. 1202 (Boland, Munger, Berg, Savelkoul, Hanson)

### Critical Areas Act

C. 752 -- 1973

Authorizes governor to declare certain areas of state of "critical environmental concern" when such areas possess unusual scenic, recreational, other values; development in critical areas

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prohibited unless development consistent with state-local development plan. An order designating area as critical to be effective for only three years unless approved by Legislature or regional development commission. EQC mandated to prepare criteria for selection of areas of critical concern.

\*H.F. 1659 (Vento, Munger, Fjoslien, Searle, Sieben, H.)

S.F. 1775 (Borden, Moe, Olhoft)

### Power Plant Siting

C. 591 -- 1973

Empowers EQC to develop criteria for siting and selection of power plants and power corridors; major utilities required to develop 15-year forecasts of power needs. Includes provision for public input in decision-making process and for judicial review.

\*S.F. 2115 (Lewis, Dunn, Lord)

H.F. 2069 (Sieben, H., Savelkoul, Casserly, Searle, Growe)

### Civil Penalties for Polluters

C. 374 -- 1973

Empowers PCA to administer water pollution permit program as established by the Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972. Authorizes civil penalties with a minimum fine of \$300 a day for negligent violations and \$2,500 a day for willful violations.

\*S.F. 900 (Conzemius, Brown, Lord)

H.F. 923 (Boland, Sabo, Hanson, Savelkoul, Munger)

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### Water Pollution Control Fund Amendments C. 423 -- 1973

Places state in compliance with Federal Water Pollution Control Act of 1972 regarding sewage treatment facilities grants. Releases \$15 million in previously frozen federal funds.  
\*S.F. 507 (Moe, Hughes, Conzemius)  
H.F. 863 (LaVoy, Munger, Culhane, Knickerbocker, Johnson, D.)

### Bonding Authority for Sewage Treatment Facilities C. 771 -- 1973

Authorizes \$30 million in bonds for state grants to municipalities for 15 percent support of sewage treatment projects. Contains provision allowing PCA to make emergency grants to avoid health hazards.  
\*H.F. 2449 (Munger, Norton, Anderson, I., McFarlin, Searle)  
S.F. 2410 (Conzemius, Hughes, Moe)

### Minnesota Environmental Education Council C. 558 -- 1973

Establishes Minnesota Educational Council to implement state environmental education plan, including creation of regional councils. Council to operate under the direction of EQC.  
\*S.F. 926 (Borden, Dunn, Lord)  
H.F. 884 (Menke, Munger, Johnson, C., Sherwood, Weaver)

### Hazardous Waste Controls C. 346 -- 1974

Gives the PCA power to adopt standards

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for identification of hazardous wastes and their labeling, classification, storage, collection, transportation and disposal and to issue permits in connection with these. Also requires the PCA to develop a statewide hazardous waste control and spill contingency plan. Gives counties power to make regulations regarding hazardous wastes. Requires the Metropolitan Council to include hazardous waste disposal in its plan.  
\*S.F. 3193 (Gearty, Willet, Lord)  
H.F. 3252 (Hanson, Munger, Carlson, A., Andersen, R., Casserly)

### 'Solid Waste' User Fee Study C. 78 -- 1974

Authorizes the PCA to conduct a study of alternative methods for future financing of grants-in-aid to regions, municipalities or institutions. The agency's findings and recommendations will be submitted to the Governor and Legislature for consideration in the 1975 session.  
\*H.F. 2812 (Munger, Sabo, Hanson, W., Savelkoul, Sherwood)  
S.F. 2872 (Lord, Olson, A., Willet)

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### No-Fault Divorce C. 107 -- 1974

The new law eliminates the term "divorce" from the statutes and replaces it with the term "dissolution". The court may grant a dissolution on the grounds of an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage relationship.  
\*H.F. 835 (Kahn, Bell, Sieben, M., McMillan, Dieterich)  
S.F. 518 (Spear, Schaaf, Milton)



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### Child Guardians in Divorce Cases

C. 33 -- 1974

In divorce or separate maintenance actions in which custody or visitation or a minor child is in issue, the court may appoint a guardian to represent the interests of the child.

\*H.F. 487 (Sieben, M., Faricy, Carlson, A., Weaver, Lindstrom, J.)  
S.F. 742 (Schaaf, Anderson, Knutson)

### Rights of Parents of Illegitimate Children

C. 66 -- 1974

A parent of an illegitimate child may retain parental rights by filing an affidavit stating his intention to retain parental rights with the Department of Health within 90 days of the child's birth or within 60 days of the child's placement with prospective adoptive parents. This affidavit gives a parent of an illegitimate child the same rights to notification of adoption hearings as parents or guardians of a legitimate child.

\*H.F. 2332 (Kahn, Johnson, J., Swanson, Forsythe, Faricy)  
S.F. 2266 (Tennessen, Knutson, Humphrey)

### Children -- Custody Proceedings

C. 330 -- 1974

Requires the court to determine the best interests of the child in granting custody, including as factors emotional ties, capacities of competing parties to give the child love and guidance, food, clothing, etc., stability of environment, moral fitness of the

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parties and other factors.

\*S.F. 2747 (Knutson, Moe, O'Neill)  
H.F. 3547 (Kvam, Kempe, Laidig, Rice, Dahl)

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### Rules Changes

1973

One of the most significant changes in the 68th legislative session were the changes in the House and Senate rules. These changes opened up the governmental process to the public.

The minority is now allowed to make minority committee assignments including appointments to the Rules Committee.

Legislators must now disclose their economic interests in an attempt to prevent conflicts of interests on key votes.

All proceedings of the House and Senate are recorded on tape and are available to the public for a fee.

All committees, except the Legislative Ethics Committee, which by law is closed, are now open to the public. Even highly sensitive conference committees are open.

Roll call votes are permitted in the Committee of the Whole, allowing important votes to be recorded.

### Conciliation Court

C. 219 -- 1973

Increases to \$500 the maximum amount

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of claim for all conciliation or family courts; Hennepin, St. Louis, Ramsey and Martin Counties currently allow small claims of up to \$500. The limit in other counties typically is \$250. The effect is to open up family courts to more rural Minnesotans.

\*S.F. 632 (Ueland, Nelson, Tennesen)  
H.F. 1063 (Wigley, Berg, Parish, Lindstrom, J.)

### Lieutenant Governor

C. 394 -- 1973

Provides that the Lieutenant Governor shall be a member of the State Executive Council.

\*H.F. 1729 (Sieben, H., Sarna, Kahn, Vento, Anderson, G.)

S.F. 1733 (Anderson, Gearty, Willet)

### Supreme Court

C. 726 -- 1973

Increases number of Minnesota Supreme Court members from seven to nine.

The Governor is authorized to fill vacancies.

\*H.F. 223 (Faricy, Salchert, Casserly, Berg, Ferderer)

S.F. 141 (Perpich, A.J., Perpich, G., Spear)

### LEAP Legislative Program

1973

The six-month state government study undertaken by the Governor's Loaned Executive Action Program (LEAP) resulted in 138 recommendations, 28 of which required implementation by the legislature. The success ratio of LEAP bills was remarkable, with 27 of 28 passing into law. Major LEAP bills approved include those providing for

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creation of new departments of personnel and finance, in which will be consolidated for the first time the previously fragmented personnel and finance functions of state government. New commissioners of these departments, together with the Commissioner of Administration, will form a tightly knit management team designed to dramatically improve both the efficiency and accountability of the executive branch of state government. Annual savings from LEAP proposals may exceed \$65 million.

### Sunshine Law -- Openness in Government

C. 680 -- 1973

Officially known as "open meeting law," requires all meetings of public decision-making bodies from state agencies down to school boards to be open to the public. Public Officials are subject to \$100 fine on violation of law, removal from office for third violation.

S.F. 1480 (Humphrey, Ogdahl, Borden)

H.F. 2037 (Grove, Ferderer, Parish, Sarna, Quirin)

### Reporters' Shield Law

C. 735 -- 1973

To guard against stifling the free flow of information, this law generally prohibits government agencies or other parties from compelling newsmen to reveal confidential sources of information. Before a newsmen can be forced to reveal a confidential source, three conditions must be met: (1) The information sought must be shown to pertain to a crime more serious than a misdemeanor;

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(2) The information must be obtainable from no other source; (3) There must be an overriding public interest which requires that such information be revealed.

\*H.F. 624 (Stanton, Faricy, Parish, Ojala, Johnson, J.)  
S.F. 622 (Humphrey, Lord, Lewis)

### Conflict of Interest

C. 400 -- 1973

Prohibits state employees involved in purchase of goods and services to have any interest in a purchase or contract order. Prohibits state employees from receiving anything of value as a result of a purchase or contract order.

\*H.F. 1217 (Vento, Culhane, Connors, Wohlwend, Schulz)

S.F. 1397 (Lord, Ogdahl, Milton)  
(Recommended by LEAP)

### Finance Department

C. 492 -- 1973

Removes all financial functions from the Commissioner of Administration, Public Examiner, State Auditor and consolidates these functions in a new Department of Finance. The Commissioner of Finance must have broad experience in finance field and is to serve at pleasure of Governor as chief financial manager for state government. The Department of Finance is responsible for long-range financial planning and collection of all data required by Governor, Legislature, and Commissioner of Administration. The Commissioner of Finance may prescribe the manner in which financial information is maintained and will establish financial policies and objectives,

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including amount of cash needed on hand and amounts to be invested in short long-term securities. The Department of the Public Examiner is abolished and the public examiner division which audited the executive branch is transferred to the Legislative Audit Commission. The local audit division of the public examiner's office transferred to State Auditor.

Recommended by LEAP.

\*H.F. 308 (Quirin, Newcome, LaVoy, Stanton, Haugerud)

S.F. 385 (Gearty, Ogdahl, Schaaf)

### Personnel Department

C. 507 -- 1973

Abolishes Department of Civil Service, Civil Service Board, Compensation Review Board and State Employees Insurance Benefit Board and consolidates functions of these agencies under a new Commissioner of Personnel and his department. The Commissioner must be experienced in personnel matters and is to serve at pleasure of Governor. A new seven-member Personnel Board is established to be appointed by the Governor. The Personnel Board will hear and rule on appeals of classified employees who are fired, suspended or punitively transferred. The Board also rules on allowable 25 percent achievement award increases and renders advisory opinions on all proposed personnel rules before promulgation.

Recommended by LEAP.

\*H.F. 1550 (Menke, Cumiskey, Newcome, Quirin, Weaver)

S.F. 1487 (Borden, Ogdahl, Milton)

## HANDICAPPED

### State Demographer C. 327 -- 1974

The position of State Demographer is created within the State Planning Agency to gather and develop demographic data, prepare population projections and serve as the state representative to the Federal Bureau of Census.

S.F. 2669 (Coleman, Krieger, Conzemius)  
H.F. 3263 (Fugina, Sabo, Vento, Dirlam, Anderson, I.)

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### Community Facilities for Retarded C. 673 -- 1973

\$50,000 appropriated for construction, renovation, remodeling of community-based facilities providing residential care for retarded. DPW administers funds.

\*S.F. 1091 (Milton, Olson, J.L., Conzemius)  
H.F. 1143 (Boland, Resner, Hanson, Forsythe, Ohnstad)

### Community Facilities for Retarded C. 292 -- 1974

Municipalities, counties or any non-profit corporation may establish and operate community residential facilities for mentally retarded and cerebral palsied persons. Counties and cities may issue revenue bonds for said facilities.

\*S.F. 3075 (Milton, Olhoft, Krieger)  
H.F. 3133 Resner, Quirin, Lemke, McCauley, Miller, D.)

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### Commission on Handicapped C. 757 -- 1973

New commission deals with entire range of disability, replaces existing Governor's commission on employment of handicapped and advisory commission on handicapped, gifted and exceptional children. Members will represent each disability group; separate subordinate councils to be created for each disability group.

\*H.F. 1944 (Boland, Cleary, Ferderer, Quirin, Kelly)  
S.F. 1897 (Milton, Ashbach, Moe)

### Work Activity Programs for Handicapped C. 312 -- 1973

Improves rehabilitation services for severely disabled in Minnesota by providing for the development and continuation of long-term sheltered workshops and work activity programs. A work activity program utilizes manufacturing activities and other production work for the primary purpose of providing basic vocational skills development for the severely handicapped.

\*H.F. 1031 (Berglin, Boland, Heinitz, Jaros, Nelson)  
S.F. 933 (North, Kirchner, Milton)

### Eligibility for Rent and Property Tax Credit C. 190 -- 1974

Persons eligible to receive social security and aid to the disabled or SSI for the aged, blind and disabled are eligible for a rent and property tax credit. The act is effective for the taxable years beginning after December

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\*H.F. 2926 (Johnson, D., Growe, Dirlam, Adams, S., Pavlak, R.)

S.F. 2859 (Perpich, A., Conzemius, O'Neill)

### Medical Assistance Eligibility for Aged, Blind & Disabled

C. 525 -- 1974

Makes persons who receive or are eligible to receive supplemental security income for the aged, blind, or disabled eligible for medical assistance from the state.

\*H.F. 3029 (Samuelson, Swanson)

S.F. 3063 (Conzemius, Kirchner, Perpich, A.)

### Free Fishing Licenses

C. 248 -- 1974

Blind persons and recipients of social security aid to the disabled or recipients of workmen's compensation who have total or permanent disability are now eligible for free fishing licenses.

\*S.F. 3212 (Arnold, Willet, Olson, A.)

H.F. 3303 (Miller, M., Anderson, I., Lindstrom, J., Lindstrom, E., Miller, D.)

### Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Bill

C. 487 -- 1974

This bill provides added benefits for aged, blind and disabled people who formerly were in receipt of categorical aids. This bill guarantees that no aged, blind or disabled person will receive less under Federal Administration of Medical Assistance than they got under state-administered categorical aids program.

\*H.F. 1866 (Resner, Swanson, Samuelson, Rice, Hanson)

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S.F. 2251 (Conzemius, Kirchner, Perpich)

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### Health Maintenance Organizations

C. 670 -- 1973

Allows nonprofit corporations to establish and operate health maintenance organizations. These HMO's may contract with providers of health care services to render the services promised under the terms of the contract. \$250,000 was appropriated from the general fund to the Board of Health to start HMO's.

\*S.F. 985 (Conzemius, Kowalczyk, Olson, A.)

H.F. 1144 (Swanson, Samuelson, Heinitz, Rice, Wigley)

### Peer Review of HMO

C. 295 -- 1974

Health care, "peer review" legislation expanding coverage of peer review organizations to cover HMOs, quality and cost of health care, and professional standards. Gives them authority to review, rule or advise on disputes among:

- a) health insurance carriers or HMOs and their insured or enrollees,
- b) actions of professional licensing boards,
- c) professionals and their patients, and between other agencies.

\*S.F. 3175 (Milton, Kirchner, Lewis)  
H.F. 3445 Swanson, Lemke, Clifford, Salchert, Wigley)

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### HMO "Clean-up" Bill

C. 284 -- 1974

Broadened definition of health coverage under HMO purview; gives enrollees the ability to elect 40% of the HMO governing boards from among the enrollees.

\*S.F. 2971 (Conzemius, Kowalczyk, Olson, H.)

H.F. 3222 (Swanson, Heinitz, Samuelson, Wigley, Rice)

### Patients' Bill of Rights

C. 688 -- 1973

Provides for posting of "Bill of Rights" for patients or residents in conspicuous place in all licensed health care facilities. Establishes voluntary medical aid program aimed at expanding care into needed areas. Requires licensed health care facilities to file report on fees, income and expenditures on request. Provides mechanism for reporting maltreatment and establishes penalties.

\*S.F. 384 (Ogdahl, Coleman, Arnold)

H.F. 286 (Flakne, Salchert, Swanson, Ulland, Prah1)

### Health Insurance for Newborn

C. 303 -- 1973

Requires that all individual and group insurance policies providing family coverage must be renewed to cover infants from moment of birth. Formerly, the first two weeks of life were not covered.

\*H.F. 532 (Quirin, Flakne, Brinkman, Swanson, Growe)

S.F. 502 (Laufenburger, Nelson, Milton)

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### Health Insurance Benefits -- State Hospitals

1973

Requires that all insurance policies that provide coverage for treatment such as mental illness and alcoholism in private hospitals must also provide payment for treatment in state hospitals (most policies heretofore have excluded coverage of treatment rendered in public, tax-supported hospitals)

Recommended by LEAP. Part of welfare appropriations bill.

### German Measles Immunization

C. 137 -- 1973

Requires immunization for German Measles (Rubella) prior to initial enrollment in school. Children whose health would be endangered or whose religious beliefs bar immunization are exempted.

\*S.F. 839 (Kowalczyk, Stassen, Conzemius)

H.F. 1141 (Schreiber, Jude, Laidig, Jacobs, Dahl)

### Right to Medical Care for Institutionalized

C. 552 -- 1973

Entitles a person hospitalized under the hospitalization and commitment act to receive proper care and treatment according to the best available and most advanced contemporary standards.

\*S.F. 568 (Milton, Lewis, North)

H.F. 2079 (Johnson, C., Swanson, Samuelson, Larson)

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### Human Services Boards Enabling Legislation

C. 716 -- 1973

Authorizes counties or groups of counties with aggregate population of 50,000 or more, or all counties within a region, to establish human services board to assume responsibility for providing court services and other services in connection with public health, public assistance, mental retardation and mental health, social services; \$183,000 appropriated to launch pilot projects to two areas of state.

\*S.F. 2118 (Knutson, Conzemius, Kowalczyk)

H.F. 2122 (Swanson, Samuelson, Heinitz, Rice, Kvam)

### Health Credentialing

C. 709 -- 1973

Halts proliferation of health licensing boards by setting up a review agency empowered to determine competency of new health professions. The review body consists of one member from each of 13 existing health licensing boards, six consumer members appointed by the Governor, and representatives from several state agencies.

\*S.F. 1742 (North, McCutcheon, Milton)

H.F. 2159 (Swanson, Samuelson, Heinitz, Laidig, Rice)

### Computerized DPW Medical Payment System

C. 717 -- 1973

Department of Public Welfare is authorized to begin computerized system to insure speedy payment of all claims from doctors, dentists, pharmacists, other vendors. The system will provide department with

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screening and review capability of all payments (each county currently handles payments by hand and lacks auditing.)

\*S.F. 2119 (Perpich, G., Kowalczyk, Conzemius)

H.F. 2232 (Swanson, Norton, Heinitz, Kvam, Rice)

### Chiropractic Services

C. 252 -- 1973

Requires accident and health insurance companies and nonprofit health service plan corporations to cover expenses incurred for chiropractic treatment.

\*S.F. 181 (Conzemius, Humphrey, Renneke)

H.F. 176 (Sieben, H., Pavlak, R., Myrah, Mann, Adams, J.)

### Board of Health

C. 356 -- 1973

Modernizes the State Board of Health to better administer new responsibilities and to cooperate more effectively with other state departments and agencies. The Executive Secretary is redesignated as Commissioner.

\*S.F. 1498 (Milton, Pillsbury, Borden)

H.F. 1276 (Carlson, L., Berg, Swanson, Sieben, M., Heinitz)

(Recommended by LEAP)

### State Authority for Alcohol and Drug Abuse

C. 572 -- 1973

Creates authority in the Department of Public Welfare for alcohol and drug abuse. Establishes public policy for treatment of alcoholics and drug

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dependents. Provides definition in law of "drug abuse". Provides funding for comprehensive and coordinated local programs from the Welfare Department grants. Provides special treatment for veterans who developed drug problems while in service. Provides special treatment for all persons regardless of age and allows care and treatment on a confidential basis.

\*S.F. 1455 (Milton, Ogdahl, Novak)  
H.F. 1420 (Swanson, Prahl, Quirin, Berg, Johnson, R.)

### V.D. Centers

C. 575 -- 1974

Part of the Omnibus Welfare Bill that allocates \$100,000 for the State Board of Health to assist local agencies in setting up V.D. Centers.

S.F. 2964 (McCutcheon, Spear, Olhoft)  
H.F. 3444 (Samuelson, Casserly, Anderson, I., Becklin, Johnson, D.)

### Abortion Regulation

C. 177 -- 1974

This act allows abortions only during the first 20 weeks of pregnancy. The abortion must be performed by a licensed physician and in a hospital or abortion facility if the abortion is performed after the first trimester. Abortion is prohibited during the second 20 weeks of pregnancy unless it is performed to save the life of the mother.

\*S.F. 498 (Thorup, Schrom, Gearty)  
H.F. 2082 (Quirin, Weaver, Dirlam, Salchert, Pavlak, R.)

### Expanded Insurance Coverage

C. 30 -- 1974

Accident and health insurance policies

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must provide reimbursement for services provided by a licensed osteopath, optometrist, or chiropractor.

\*H.F. 140 (Sieben, H., Pavlak, R., Lemke, Brinkman)

### X-Ray Fees

C. 81 -- 1974

Registration fees must be required for x-ray and radium sources of ionizing radiation. The Board of Health is authorized to conduct periodic safety inspections on the basis of frequency of use of the equipment.

\*S.F. 190 (Lewis, North Milton)  
H.F. 1543 (St. Onge, Heinitz, Sherwood, Braun, Lemke)

### General Assistance Aid Standards

C. 297 -- 1974

Establishes minimum standard for cash payments for shelter and utilities at 100% of the actual need or at the state standard. These figures are subject to the maximum established for shelter in the aid to the blind, and aid to the disabled, and old-age assistance programs of December 1973. For other budgetary items, recipient may receive up to 50%. This makes SSI recipients eligible for general assistance.

\*S.F. 3208 (Coleman, Kirchner, Moe)  
H.F. 3405 (Nelson, Berg, Heinitz, Parish, Schreiber)

### Training and Employment of AFDC Recipients

C. 498 -- 1974

Requires that every individual, as a



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condition of receiving AFDC must register for employment services, training and employment with certain exceptions. County welfare agencies are to certify appropriate individuals to the Commissioner of Employment Services.

\*H.F. 2333 (Berglin, Casserly, Vanasek, Clifford, Forsythe)

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### Redlining Bill

C. 354 -- 1974

This act forbids banks and other financial institutions from discriminating against persons desiring to purchase or rehabilitate real property on the basis of the economic, social or environmental conditions of the area in which the property is located.

S.F. 3189 (Keefe, S., Doty, Keefe, J.)

H.F. 3179 (Berglin, Casserly, Norton, Adams, S., Sieben, H.)

### MHFA Bonding Authority Expanded

C. 441 -- 1974

Expands the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency's (MHFA) bonding authority from \$150 million to \$600 million to provide low interest loans to low and moderate income families:

\$100 million for rehabilitation loans  
\$500 million for housing purchase loans.

H.F. 2950 (Knoll, Quirin, Knickerbocker, Kostohryz, Kelly)

S.F. 3222 (Humphrey, Olson, H.)

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### Urban Homesteading

C. 228 -- 1974

Allows the governing body of any city or town to acquire vacant or sub-standard buildings and sell them to low and moderate income people providing that the purchaser agrees to fix up the house.

S.F. 3068 (Hughes, Ogdahl, Keefe, S.)

H.F. 3156 (Casserly, Wigley, Berglin, Quirin, Biersdorf)

### Hazardous Building Rehabilitation

C. 341 -- 1974

Permits local governments to correct hazardous conditions in buildings in addition to powers they already have to remove such buildings.

S.F. 3060 (Chmielewski, Larson, Humphrey)

H.F. 3183 (Sieben, H., Kvam, Knoll, Schreiber, Faricy)

### Metro Council Housing Authority

C. 359 -- 1974

Authorizes the Metropolitan Council to serve as a housing and redevelopment authority at the request of local units of government. This allows smaller communities to carry out projects without each community establishing its own HRA and having to hire a staff. There is no money provided in the bill. The Council will use existing staff.

H.F. 1951 (Casserly, Andersen, R., Voss, Clifford, Kostohryz)

S.F. 2222 (Humphrey, Gearty, McCutcheon)

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### Equal Rights Amendment -- 1973

Resolution provides that "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex"; with passage Minnesota became 26th state to ratify proposed amendment to U.S. Constitution. Before this amendment to become law of the land, three-quarters of the states, or 38, must ratify.

\*H.F. 3 (Kelly, Sabo, Anderson, I., Dirlam, McMillan)

S.F. 4 (Borden, Ashbach, Schaaf)

### Extension of Credit

C. 296 -- 1973

Prohibits discrimination in extension of credit to persons on basis of sex.

\*H.F. 11 (Faricy, Growe, Berglin, Berg, Bell)

S.F. 128 (Solon, Keefe, S., Olhoft)

### State Act Against Discrimination

C. 729 -- 1973

Extends to women full protection against discrimination on basis of sex; protection also extended to persons with mental and physical disabilities which constitute "a handicap" and to persons on public assistance. Discrimination is prohibited because of marital status.

Damage award to complainant injured by discrimination increased from \$100 to \$300.

\*H.F. 377 (Norton, Stanton, Bell, Nelson, Kahn)

S.F. 419 (Coleman, Brown, Lewis)

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### Age of Majority

C. 725 -- 1973

Lowers legal age of majority to 18 for most purposes, affecting more than 200,000 persons in 18-20 year bracket; effective June 1, 1973.

Included among the rights extended are right to vote in all elections, right to marry without parental consent, right to make wills, right to own property, right to enter certain professions formerly limited to those 21 and over, and right to purchase liquor.

\*H.F. 221 (Vento, Menke, Sieben, H., LaVoy, McCauley)

S.F. 301 (North, Doty, Spear)

### Adoption

C. 499 -- 1974

Requires that the Welfare Department or a licensed agency place a child before petitions for adoption can be presented. Tightens up the potential "black market" for adoptions.

\*H.F. 2334 (Dahl, Cleary, Niehaus, Jacobs, Braun)

S.F. 2432 (Lewis)

### Terminology Changes

C. 161 -- 1974

The word "man" is changed in certain statutes to the word "person".

S.F. 2353 (Schaaf, Pillsbury, Perpich, G.)

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### Commitment Procedures

C. 482 -- 1974

A court must find that a person is an inebriate or mentally ill and that hospitalization is necessary for the welfare of the person or for protection of society before commitment.

\*H.F. 1634 (Dieterich, Berg, Lindstrom, J., Savelkoul, Carlson, L.)

S.F. 1597 (Keefe, J., Tennessen)

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### Public Employees Bargaining Act (See PUBLIC EMPLOYEES)

### Teacher's -- Seniority Rights (See EDUCATION)

### Unemployment Compensation

C. 599 -- 1973

Maximum benefits increased more than 30 percent, from \$64 to \$85 per week; coverage broadened substantially to include: employers of four or more farm workers; nonprofit corporations having one or more employees (prior law covered corporations with four or more employees); and employees of public schools, county and city employees (coverage under latter political subdivisions previously was elective rather than mandatory). In addition, "Innocent man" provision extends eligibility to persons put out of work because of a strike or lockout in which they are neither participating nor directly interested. Under previous law, a Northwest Airlines mechanic who lived in Seattle could collect jobless benefits from Minnesota but a Minnesota resident working for the airline could not.

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\*H.F. 309 Sieben, H., Bell, Johnson, D., Sarna, Pehler)

### Workmen's Compensation Benefits Improved

C. 643 -- 1973

Raises maximum compensation for all disability, dependency and retraining from \$80 to \$100 per week. Raises maximum dependency benefits from \$35,000 to \$40,000.

\*H.F. 1053 (Vento, McArthur, Jacobs, Lindstrom, J., Jaros)

S.F. 1032 (Thorup, Ogdahl, Spear)

### Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA)

C. 732. -- 1973

Establishes program which meets federal standards laid down in Williams-Steigers Act of 1970 but which also incorporates extra protections against occupational hazards; state assumes complete responsibility for occupational health and safety law enforcement; passage of act expected to greatly reduce frequency of occupational-related deaths/injuries.

\*H.F. 491 (Anderson, I., Enebo, Pehler, Fudro, Sarna)

S.F. 610 (Chenoweth, Ogdahl, Thorup)

### Strikebreakers

C. 149 -- 1973

Bans use of professional strikebreakers in Minnesota; professional strikebreaker defined as anyone who has accepted employment as strikebreaker anywhere in country within past five years. Law supported by both labor

and management.

\*S.F. 317 (Chenoweth, Gearty, Ogdahl)  
H.F. 188 (Vento, Andersen, R., Fudro,  
Prah, Ojala)

#### Lie Detector Ban

C. 667 -- 1973

Prohibits employers or agents of employers from requesting or requiring employee or job applicant to take a lie detector test; prohibits use of existing test results.

\*S.F. 612 (Doty, Milton, O'Neill)  
H.F. 982 (Sieben, M., Patton, St. Onge,  
Berglin, Jaros)

#### Little Davis-Bacon Act

C. 724 -- 1973

Provides for payment of prevailing wage rates on all state-financed construction projects (patterned after the national act which affected only federally financed projects; University of Minnesota has passed a similar resolution for all contracts it lets.)

\*H.F. 134 (Samuelson, Norton, Adams,  
J., LaVoy, Sieben, H.)  
S.F. 1202 (Olson, A.G., Ogdahl,  
Conzemius)

#### Hospital Arbitration

C. 723 -- 1973

Requires mandatory arbitration on issue of union security in charitable hospitals.

\*H.F. 133 (Connors, Adams, J.,  
Samuelson, Pleasant, Flakne)  
S.F. 89 (Borden, Ogdahl, Gearty)

#### Minimum Wage Law

C. 721 -- 1973

Replaces the system whereby minimum wages in occupations subject to state regulation are set by individual wage orders for each industry. The law creates a general state minimum wage for the first time and sets it at \$1.80 per hour. The Commissioner of Labor, who administers the law, may set by regulation the minimum wages of persons under 18. The law requires payment of time-and-a-half for any work over 48 hours in a week. Most employees, including public employees, are covered.

\*H.F. 9 (Faricy, Hanson, Berglin,  
Tomlinson, Enebo)

S.F. 72 (Milton, Spear, North)

#### Youth Employment

C. 674 -- 1973

Allocates \$3 million for summers of 1973 and 1974 to provide employment for youths up to 22 years in age for 10-week periods (30 hours a week maximum) at rate of \$1.60 an hour in 1973 and \$1.80 an hour in 1974; employment to be in state agencies, county and local governmental units, and nonprofit organizations.

\*S.F. 1120 (Solon, McCutcheon, Gearty)  
H.F. 960 (LaVoy, Cumiskey, Pehler,  
Kahn, Jaros)

#### Guaranteed Private Pensions

C. 437 -- 1974

Landmark private pension bill protects the pensions of workers with at least 10 years of service with a company of 100 or more employees.

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H.F. 2764 (Enebo, Anderson, I., Moe  
Quirin, Sarna)  
S.F. 2671 (Chenoweth, Ogdahl,  
Coleman)

### Child Labor Standards Act C. 432 -- 1974

Governs the employment of persons under 18. Limits their work hours to 40 hours per week or 8 hours per day. Prohibits employment of minors under 14, with certain exceptions, and prohibits their employment in hazardous occupations.  
H.F. 2129 (Patton, Knickerbocker, McEachern, Prahl, St. Onge)  
S.F. 2437 (Schaaf)

### Workmen's Compensation -- Disability C. 486 -- 1974

Compensation for permanent partial disability is payable with and in addition to compensation for temporary total and temporary partial disability.  
\*H.F. 1839 (Sieben, H., Bennett, Salchert, Sarna, Quirin)  
S.F. 1931 (Gearty)

### Unemployment Compensation C. 477 -- 1974

No employee shall be denied benefits because of a strike or lockout caused by an employer's failure to observe the terms of the safety and health section of a union contract and/or federal and state laws involving occupational safety and health.  
\*H.F. 1136 (Prahl, Ojala, Fugina, Anderson, I., Spanish)

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#### Joint Powers C. 541 -- 1973

Amends joint powers act of 1971 by adding provisions that permit any county, except Ramsey, to enter into agreements to provide services or perform functions which other governmental units might provide or perform themselves.

\*S.F. 82 (Dunn, Olson, A.G., Larson)  
H.F. 63 (Stangeland, Peterson, Schreiber, Belisle, Graba)

#### Redistricting County Boards C. 240 -- 1974

Sets up standards for redistricting county boards to provide substantially equal population density in each commissioner's district. Redistricting is done by the county commissioners or by a redistricting commission. Any qualified voter may appeal to the district court if he feels that redistricting has not been carried out in accordance with this bill. When redistricting occurs, there shall be a new election of commissioners in all the districts of the county.

\*S.F. 2136 (Milton, Stokowski, Bernhagen)  
H.F. 2131 (Parish, Eckstein, Dahl, Belisle, Eken)

#### Development Districts C. 485 -- 1974

Authorizes municipalities to create development districts within their corporate boundaries. Purpose is to provide impetus for commercial

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development, to provide linkage between peripheral parking facilities and shopping and employment areas and to provide open space relief within the district.

H.F. 1810 (Cummiskey, Lindstrom, J., Pleasant, Wohlwend, Eckstein)  
S.F. 1322 (Conzemius, Keefe, J., Olson, A.)

### County Planning Bill C. 571 -- 1974

Authorizes counties to carry on county planning and zoning activities by ordinance. The seven county metro area is exempt from provisions.

\*S.F. 2576 (Anderson, Dunn, Olson, A.G.)  
H.F. 2591 (Sherwood, Graba, Erdahl, Savelkoul, Lindstrom, J.)

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### Metropolitan Government (See TRANSIT)

### Metropolitan Reorganization Act C. 422 -- 1974

Revises and recodifies the Metropolitan Council laws, and clarifies the relationship between the Council and the Transit Commission and the Sewer Board (renamed the Waste Control Commission).

This act includes a redistricting of Metropolitan Council districts, and an increase in Council membership from 15 to 17.

Uniform precincts are established for the two commissions.

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There are 9 members for each commission, with 8 members appointed by the Metropolitan Council, and the chairman selected by the Governor.

A uniform framework is established for the two commissions which may be extended to other commissions in the future if the legislature so desires. The framework includes procedures by which the Council adopts policy plans for each commission, and then the commission adopts a development program to implement the policy plan. At each step there are provisions for public hearings on the proposed policies and programs.

The Council is directed to establish an advisory committee of local officials and then, together with the committee, draw up guidelines for determining matters that are of metropolitan significance. After approval by the Legislature of the guidelines, the Council will be able to suspend action on matters of metropolitan significance for up to a year.

The Metropolitan Council is designated as the planning agency for highways in the metropolitan area, and has approval power over construction of controlled-access highways.

\*H.F. 636 (Berg, Salchert, Knickerbocker, Ferderer, Sabo)  
S.F. 157 (North, Ogdahl, Gearty)

### Parks and Open Space C. 563 -- 1974

Creates an Advisory Parks and Open Space Commission under the Metropolitan Council. Authorizes the sale of \$40,000,000 in bonds for

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park and open space acquisition and development. The money may be used for grants to counties and park districts for land acquisition, or the Commission may purchase the land and turn it over to a park district or county. The Commission is not given the power of eminent domain.

\*S.F.1759 (Chenoweth, Kirchner, Schaaf)  
H.F. 1525 (Casserly, Hook, Ferderer, Norton, Munger)

### Metro Water Resources

C. 565 -- 1974

Requires the Council to develop model ordinances which may be used by local units of government in the protection of open space and water resources. This is permissive legislation and is designed to aid those communities who wish to produce local ordinances, but who lack the professional resources to do the job.

\*S.F.2110 (Milton, Gearty, Keefe, J.)  
H.F. 2068 (Carlson, L., Clifford, Ferderer, Growe, Salchert)

### Metropolitan Airports Commission Expansion

C. 455 -- 1974

Expands the size of MAC to include a member from each county of the seven county metropolitan area. Requires approval of the Metropolitan Council of any expenditure over \$2 million. Requires approval of Legislature of any land acquisition for a new airport.

\*H.F.3512 (Vento, Hanson, Faricy)

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### Metro Council Housing Authority (See HOUSING)

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### Natural Resources (See ENVIRONMENT; RECREATION)

### Flood Plain Management C. 351 -- 1973

Authorizes the Commissioner of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) to review local government plans for new emergency flood protection measures and require modifications; flood plain management ordinances given first priority among flood damage reduction practices.

\*S.F. 1332 (Wegener, Borden, Dunn)  
H.F. 1616 (Growe, Savelkoul, Sieben, H., Andersen, R., Sherwood)

### Protection of Public Waters C. 315 -- 1973

Establishes state policy of supervising modification of public waters for "beneficial public purposes". Establishes statewide water information system and strengthens inspection powers of the Commissioner of DNR.

\*H.F. 1465 (Sherwood, Munger, Hanson, Savelkoul, Pleasant)  
S.F. 1334 (Wegener, Hanson, R., Olhoft)

### Shorelands Development C. 298 -- 1973

Directs the Commissioner of DNR to promulgate standards for development of shorelands within municipalities.

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The Commissioner is empowered to review existing shoreland ordinances and indicate changes where necessary.

\*S.F. 225 (Hansen, M., Arnold, Kowalczyk)  
H.F. 1784 (Wolcott, Berg, Munger, Andersen, R., Boland)

### Wild and Scenic Rivers Act C. 271 -- 1973

Declaration of state policy to preserve and protect the scenic beauty of Minnesota rivers and adjacent lands. Directs the Commissioner of DNR to conduct studies and develop criteria for classification, designation and management of rivers suitable for inclusion in the system. Establishes procedures for designation of wild and scenic river and up to 320 acres of adjoining land per river mile, and for acquisition of scenic easements.

\*H.F. 672 (Sieben, H., Savelkoul, Norton, Myrah, Munger)  
S.F. 642 (Borden, Nelson, Lord)

### Lower St. Croix River Act C. 246 -- 1973

Designates St. Croix River between Taylors Falls the the Mississippi River as part of the federal Wild and Scenic Rivers System. Outlines procedures whereby the Commissioner of DNR will prepare comprehensive management plan and plan for acquisition of necessary land interests.

\*H.F. 942 (Sieben, M., McCauley, Norton, Anderson, I., Laidig)  
S.F. 902 (Anderson, Hughes, Brown)

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### Comprehensive Drainage Law Revisions C. 479 -- 1973

Alters state drainage law to prohibit certain types of drainage and to provide for assessment of environmental impact by the DNR of all drainage proposals.

\*H.F. 1381 (Hanson, Munger, Sherwood, Andersen, R., Boland)  
S.F. 1330 (Wegener, Purfeerst, Willet)

### Mineland Reclamation C. 526 -- 1973

Requires the Commissioner of DNR to promulgate by July 1, 1974, rules governing mining operations, including procedures for reclaiming areas after mining. Provides that no person may mine without a permit after June 30, 1975, and that permit applications must include plan for mineland reclamation.

\*H.F. 2029 (Johnson, D., Fugina, Munger, Prahl, Ojala)  
S.F. 2265 (Perpich, A., Arnold, Perpich, G.)

### Natural Resources Reorganization C. 615 -- 1973

Authorizes the Commissioner of DNR to revise or abolish existing divisions within DNR, or to establish new divisions.

\*H.F. 1219 (Quirin, Dirlam, Miller, M., Vanasek)  
S.F. 1506 (Borden, Humphrey, Schaaf)



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DNR Groundwater Regulation  
C. 315 -- 1973

Strengthens DNR authority for regulation of groundwater resources use; provides for collection of data on water resources for use in establishing state water information program.

\*H.F. 1465 (Sherwood, Munger, Hanson, Savelkoul, Pleasant)

S.F. 1334 (Wegener, Hanson, R., Olhoft)

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Little Hatch Act  
C. 45 -- 1973

Extends to state employees the right to run for and hold public office. Sets procedures for employees to continue to hold job or request leave of absence during campaign and term of office. Continues ban against soliciting or collecting campaign contributions during working hours.

\*H.F. 65 (Quirin, Samuelson, Larson, Resner, Miller, D.)

S.F. 171 (Purfeerst, Ashbach, Borden)

Public Employees Bargaining Act  
C. 635 -- 1973

Major improvement in 1971 Public Employment Relations Act. Changes adopted include new definitions of supervisory and confidential employees, broadening of scope of negotiations and limited right to strike for non-essential employees, exclusive bargaining agents now to be selected by majority of those voting, facilitating determination of exclusive agent.

\*H.F. 295 (LaVoy, Enebo, Berglin,

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Quirin, Ojala)  
S.F. 365 (Thorup, Doty, McCutcheon)

Retirement  
C. 728, C. 753 -- 1973

Benefits substantially increased and retirement is made mandatory at age 65 for employees enrolled in Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS). Mandatory retirement is required at age 55 for corrections officers, and retirement at age 62 with full benefits allowed for employees with 30 or more years of service. Benefits increased 25% over coming year for persons already retired and those receiving survivor or disability benefits.

Comparable provisions contained in laws relating to two other statewide systems, Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) and Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA).

\*H.F. 358 (Moe, Larson, Patton, Quirin)

S.F. 472 (Chenoweth, Ogdahl, Kleinbaum)

\*H.F. 1673 (Parish, Patton, Johnson, R., Anderson, I., Menke)

S.F. 1438 (Chenoweth, Ogdahl, Hughes)

Youth Employment  
(See LABOR)

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Recreation  
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### State Zoo

C. 207 -- 1973

Authorizes \$23 million in bonds for construction of state zoo on 467 acre site near Lebanon Hills in northern Dakota County. Construction to begin in summer of 1974, scheduled for partial opening in 1976. Zoo expected to handle 2 million of more visitors per year. Emphasis in design to be placed on natural habitat enclosures and educational facilities.

\*H.F. 694 (Boland, Newcome, Kempe, McMillan, Klaus)

S.F. 618 (Conzemius, O'Neill, Lewis)

### St. Croix Wild River State Park

C. 567 -- 1973

Prescribes procedures for acquisition of 6,000 acre state park in Chisago County.

\*S.F. 1252 (Anderson, Krieger, Doty)

H.F. 2285 (Boland, Weaver, Munger, Knickerbocker, Carlson, B.)

### Trail Acquisition

C. 713 -- 1973

Empowers the Commissioner of DNR to acquire interests in land for trails when railroad rights-of-way are abandoned, when township roads could be used compatibly with vehicular travel and when needed to complete trails established by legislature.

\*S.F. 2014 (Willet, Fitzsimons)

H.F. 2028 (Carlson, L., Nelson, Kahn, Cleary, Sherwood)

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### Snowmobile Registration and Safety

C. 202 -- 1973

Transfers registration of non-highway vehicles, including boats and snowmobiles, to department of public safety, thus eliminating duplication with DNR responsibility and allowing computerization of registration process. Recommended by LEAP.

\*S.F. 1501 (Purfeerst, Dunn, Laufenburger)

H.F. 1199 (Eken, Anderson, G., Eckstein, Voss, Wohlwend)

### Water Craft Safety

C. 310 -- 1973

Requires persons aged 13-17 to complete boating safety instruction course before operating motors of more than 25 horsepower; and a five year permit costing \$3 is required for operators of such motors. Persons of any age who are convicted of reckless boating twice in a two-year period may be required to take boating safety course.

\*H.F. 945 (Hanson, Kempe, Pavlak, R.L., St. Onge, Wenzel)

S.F. 769 (Milton, Doty, Brown)

### Bicycle Paths

C. 491 -- 1974

County boards may expend road and bridge funds for the construction and maintenance of bicycle paths on road rights-of-way under county jurisdiction.

\*H.F. 2051 (Kahn, Norton, Bennett, Berglin, Heinitz)

S.F. 2187 (Milton, Kirchner, Hughes)

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### Two Line Fishing C. 356 -- 1974

Permits ice fishing with two lines.

\*H.F. 401 (Johnson, D., Spanish, Sarna, Pavlak, R., Hagedorn)

S.F. 402 (Kleinbaum, Larson, Novak)

## SENIOR CITIZENS

### Senior Citizens Property Tax Freeze (See TAXES)

### Senior Citizens Increased Property Tax Credit (See TAXES)

### Old Age Lien Law C. 78 -- 1973

Repeals law adopted in 1939 which required that any person over 65 who received public assistance have a lien placed on his home equal to the amount of assistance received. Repeal invalidates approximately 3,000 liens on homes of living senior citizens, plus several thousand unsatisfied liens against properties of deceased senior citizens.

\*S.F. 3 (Novak, Moe, Tennessen)

H.F. 220 (Ryan, Quirin, Kelly, Vento, Norton)

### Free Fishing for Senior Citizens C. 101 -- 1973

Provides that residents who have attained age 65 may take fish without a license.

\*H.F. 304 (Sherwood, Jaros, Braun, Miller, M., Erdahl)

S.F. 326 (Arnold, Hansen, M., Lord)

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### Free Admission to State Parks for Senior Citizens C. 308 -- 1973

Motor vehicle sticker for state parks to be issued without charge to persons 65 or older. Provides for payment of one-half of customary park user fees on Monday through Friday.

\*H.F. 813 (Munger, Jaros, Sherwood, Graba, Johnson, J.)  
S.F. 1173 (Schrom, Brown, Stokowski)

### Council on Aging C. 765 -- 1973

Provides for state contribution of 25% matching share of funds for 19 new positions on council needed to carry out provisions of Federal Older Americans Act. The new positions permit acceleration of community development projects for seniors and massive nutrition improvement project. Welfare appropriation bill.

\*H.F. 2275 (Norton, Smith)

### Foster Grandparents Program C. 302 -- 1973

Allows 90 or more senior citizens to participate in one-to-one working relationship with retarded child in state institution; \$400,000 appropriation in welfare bill provides for 400% increase in size of program.

\*H.F. 474 (Swanson, Growe, Lemke, Berglin, Wenzel)  
S.F. 675 (Borden, Humphrey, Milton)

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### Senior Citizen Organizations Exempt from Sales and Use Tax

C. 155 -- 1974

Senior citizen groups organized and operated exclusively for pleasure, recreation, and other nonprofit purposes are exempt from the sales and use tax.

\*S.F. 1099 (Borden, Anderson, Bang)

H.F. 1449 (Berglin, Casserly, Kahn, LaVoy, Faricy)

### Supplemental Security Income (See HANDICAPPED)

### Medical Assistance Eligibility for Aged, Blind and Disabled (See (HANDICAPPED))

### Delayed Payment of Special Assessments C. 206 -- 1974

Counties and municipalities are given the power to defer the payment of special assessments for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older.

\*S.F. 1877 (Laufenburger, Larson, Anderson)

H.F. 1958 (McCarron, Pehler, Johnson, D., Savelkoul, Stangeland)

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### Omnibus Tax Bill - 1973 C. 650 -- 1973

#### 1. Homestead Credit

Homestead credit for homeowners and farmers was substantially

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increased. The state formerly paid 35% of the non-debt property levy not to exceed \$250. This has been increased to 45% of the levy including school debt, but not municipal or county debt, not to exceed \$325. For farmers, the credit which had been restricted to the tax on the first 80 acres of land has been expanded to 120 acres. The reduction in local property taxes will be \$49,400,000 in 1974.

The state will also pay half of the costs of local poor relief and approximately 50 percent of local welfare administration costs. This will shift about \$18,000,000 in welfare costs from property taxes in 1974, and a part of these funds will be absorbed by the mandated increase in benefits in the poor relief bill. The property tax effects of the welfare measures are most significant in counties with extremely high welfare levies.

Over all, the combination of homestead credit and partial welfare takeover is expected to stabilize property taxes at the 1973 level, with most homeowners not experiencing increases in 1974. Small reductions in some areas and small increases in others can be expected.

The legislature also provided that reassessments may not exceed 5% a year of residential and agricultural property if the owner has owned the property for one year; provision is effective this year and will roll back reassessments in excess of 5% which have been

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made in 1973.

### 2. Renters Credit

Renters received a large increase (1/3) in renters' credit, from 7-1/2% of rent to 10%, with the maximum raised from \$90 to \$120. Those who move within the last six months of the year are also made eligible.

### 3. Senior Citizens Property Tax Freeze

State promises to pay 100% of any increase in the property tax a senior citizen experiences over his 1973 tax. Thus, if a senior citizen is now paying \$500 in property taxes and his 1974 bill is \$550, he need only file a claim with the state to be entitled to a \$50 refund. Credit applies to spouse of a deceased senior citizen. Minnesota is first state in nation to adopt such a freeze.

### 4. Senior Citizen Property Tax Credit

Income limit for eligibility under program, begun in 1967, increased from \$5,000 to \$6,000 a year; credit available continues to range from 90% to 10%, with benefits increased at all levels, particularly for senior citizens with \$3,000 or less income. Further, credit extended to totally disabled homeowners. Cost of increased benefits is \$3.5 million for biennium, raising cost of overall program to \$22.5 million.

### 5. Taxes in Business Community

In business taxes, several

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significant tax shifts were made at the request of Minnesota's business community. In a dollar-for-dollar exchange for the exemption of heavy industrial machinery from local property taxes, the exemption of tools used up rapidly in industrial production from the sales tax, and the lowering of the bank excise tax, business accepted a two-tenths of one percent employer-paid tax on local payrolls (one-half as much for unprofitable companies), and a minimum corporate tax of \$100 a year. Purpose was to shift business taxes on "job producing" industrial producers to the more broadly based general business community. Local governments will be fully reimbursed for the loss of local taxes on heavy machinery.

### 6. Sales Tax

There were several changes in sales taxes. Textbooks were made exempt, as well as advertising material shipped out-of-state, returnable food and beverage containers, and the first \$100,000 of newsprint and ink used by a newspaper. The sales tax was applied to private airplane sales and restaurant meals served to non-patients in hospitals.

### 7. Severed Minerals Tax

Provides for registration of mineral holdings held separately from surface ownership and tax of 25 cents an acre; 80 percent of revenue from tax to be distributed to local taxing districts, 20 percent to special loan account administered by Department

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of Economic Development for Indian economic development projects.

\*H.F. 2121 (Pavlak, R., Anderson, I., Sabo, Johnson, C.)

S.F. 2226 (Perpich, A., Olson, A., Coleman)

### Liquor Taxes

C. 483, C. 664 -- 1973

Liquor taxes were cut 3% and taxes on Minnesota-brewed beer were drastically reduced by exempting the first 80,000 barrels of beer brewed in Minnesota by each Minnesota company.

\*H.F. 1755 (Brinkman, Johnson, R., Anderson, I., Newcome, Salchert)

S.F. 2316 (Schrom, Jensen)

H.F. 2107 (Casserly, Johnson, R., Adams, J., Flakne, Fudro)

### Tax Compromise -- 1974

C. 556 -- 1974

#### 1. Working Poor

Eliminates state income taxes for some 200,000 individuals and families in the lower income brackets. To take effect on January 1, 1975 and will cost about \$2.7 million in the current biennium.

The act applies to individuals with annual incomes of less than \$3,200, couples with less than \$3,800, families of three with less than \$4,600, families of four with less than \$5,400, families of five with less than \$6,000 and families of six with less than \$6,400. This program will allow low income

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families a tax free income equal to what they would receive from welfare.

#### 2. Railroads

Requires railroads to pay state income taxes for the first time beginning next year. (Under a 1913 provision of the state Constitution, railroads are required to pay a 5 percent gross earnings tax in lieu of property taxes. This provision would be removed from the Constitution under an amendment that will be considered by the voters in November.)

#### 3. Oleomargarine

Reduces the state's tax on yellow margarine from 10 cents a pound to 5 cents on July 1, 1974, and totally repeals the tax on July 1, 1975. This will cost the state about \$2.1 million in this biennium.

#### 4. Tobacco Tax

Extends the state cigarette tax of 18 cents a pack to some "little cigars," tobacco products that are packaged to resemble cigarettes. These products now are taxed at a much lower rate based on their wholesale price. This tax is expected to bring in about \$600,000 a year.

#### 5. Iron Ore Tax Loophole

Eliminates two "loopholes" in the existing iron ore occupation tax, which will bring in an additional \$1 million to \$1.5 million

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a year from mining companies in the state.

### 6. Sales Tax on Taconite

Extends the sales tax exemption for materials used in the construction of taconite plants from July 1 until next Feb. 1. This will benefit Inland Steel Co., which is considering the construction of a plant near Virginia, Minn., and Hanna Mining Co., which is planning the expansion of its Nashwauk, Minn., plant.

H.F. 3707 (Johnson, D., Berglin, Jacobs, Lindstrom, E., Pavlak, R.)

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### Five Year Motor Vehicle License Plates C. 218 -- 1973

Increases life of plates from three to five years and reduces number of basic kinds of plates issued from 69 - 25; will result in estimated savings of \$465,000 a year.

\*S.F. 627 (Arnold, North, Willet)

H.F. 1648 (Voss, Bennett, Skaar, Sieben, H., Carlson, B.)

### Staggered Motor Vehicle Registration C. 6 -- 1973

Provides for rotating monthly, rather than once-a-year issuance of passenger car license plates; establishes a monthly series system for registration to apply to all cars sold after July 1, 1975. Will result in estimated annual savings of \$129,000 a year. Recommended by LEAP.

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\*S.F. 178 (Doty, Ashbach, Gearty)

H.F. 387 (Voss, Mueller, Carlson, B., Mann, Anderson, I.)

### Triple-Trailer Milk Trucks C. 17 -- 1973

Permits truckers to drive combinations of three units with a maximum length of 55 feet when units are used to transport milk from point of production to point of first processor (previously, only two units were allowed). Represents significant savings for dairy farmers.

\*H.F. 112 (Eckstein, Kvam, DeGroat, Lemke, Menke)

S.F. 50 (Borden, Josefson, Laufenburger)

### Double-Bottom Trucks C. 546 -- 1973

Authorizes highway commissioner to issue permits for trucks with two trailers with maximum length of 65 feet to be operated on four-lane highways and on other highways when proceeding to truck terminals; additional highways can be designated by highway commissioner. Designed to help offset high freight costs and decline of railroads in rural areas.

\*S.F. 342 (Krieger, Chmielewski, Laufenburger)

H.F. 439 (LaVoy, Lemke, Heinitz, Andersen, R., Mann)

### Motor Vehicle Safety Standards C. 21 -- 1974

The Commissioner of Public Safety is authorized to adopt and enforce

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regulations in conformity with federal motor safety standards. In the absence of safety standards pursuant to the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966, the Commissioner may require new vehicles to be tested for conformity to safety standards, and if the vehicles do not conform, he may restrict their sale in the state.  
S.F. 152 (Purfeerst, Hughes, Spear)

### Bus Improvement Program

C. 528 -- 1974

Raises the operating mill levy for the MTC; increases the MTC debt service fund to allow the MTC, with expected 80% federal funding, to complete a \$109 million bus service expansion program. Provides a small mill levy for transit programs for the handicapped. Allows those under 18 to ride free in off-peak hours. Sets a maximum fare for a ride of 50¢ except for express service (begins in January, 1975).  
\*H.F. 3035 (Tomlinson, Salchert, Wolcott, Clifford, Berg)  
S.F. 3076 (Chenoweth, Kirchner, North)

### Small Vehicle Study

C. 573 -- 1974

Requires the MTC, with Council guidance, to conduct a study of small vehicle transit options. The Council and the Commission shall report their findings to the Legislature in January, 1975.  
\*S.F. 2703 (Chenoweth, Kirchner, North)

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### Car Pooling

C. 574 -- 1974

Requires the MTC to promote the use of car pooling and employer vans to reduce single passenger use of automobiles. Allows the Council to require special lanes on new freeways for transit use.

\*S.F. 2885 (North, McCutcheon, Kirchner)

H.F. 3082 (Tomlinson, Andersen, R., Berglin, Knickerbocker, Nelson)

### Transit Bill

C. 534 -- 1974

\$4.5 million provided to the MTC to make a rapid, short-term expansion of bus service operations. \$1.5 million was provided to subsidize transit services in outstate Minnesota cities and to begin pilot programs to improve transit systems.

\*H.F. 3164 (Cumiskey, Carlson, B., Salchert, LaVoy, Bennett)

S.F. 3190 (Chenoweth, Laufenburger, Bang)

### Studded Tires

C. 389 -- 1974

Allows the use of studded tires in Minnesota on an occasional basis for vehicles registered outside the state of Minnesota. More than thirty days in any consecutive six-month period is not considered occasional. Out of state residents who either work in Minnesota or go to school in Minnesota may not use a vehicle with studded tires on Minnesota roads even on an occasional basis.

H.F. 3496 (Anderson, G., Wohlwend,



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Stanton, Peterson)

\*S.F. 2641 (Chmielewski, Sillers,  
Fitzsimons)

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### Veterans Bonus

C. 204 -- 1973

Authorizes \$60 million in bonds to pay bonuses ranging from \$100 to \$1,000 to veterans of Vietnam War era. Bonus schedule provides for \$300 to persons with domestic service, \$600 to recipients of Vietnam expeditionary or Vietnam service medal, \$1,000 to former POWs and survivors of veterans missing or killed in action.

\*H.F. 7 (Samuelson, Carlson, B., Graba, Hanson, Jacobs)

S.F. 43 (Laufenburger, Krieger, Olhoft)

### Fishing Rights

C. 130 -- 1973

Grants free fishing rights to veterans who are patients in VA hospitals or inmates of state mental or correctional institutions.

\*H.F. 946 (Pehler, LaVoy, Enebo, Sarna, Jacobs)

S.F. 936 (Kleinbaum, Larson, Willet)

### Veteran Employment

C. 178 -- 1974

State contracts of \$10,000 for materials, supplies, or construction must now contain a clause providing that if more than 25 employees are employed on the project, the contractor must file a list of job openings with the closest local office of the

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Department of Manpower Services.

\*H.F. 892 (Knickerbocker, Graba, Laidig, LaVoy, Berg)

S.F. 1040 (Frederick, Patton, Laufenburger)

### Veterans Day

C. 88 -- 1974

Veterans Day set at November 11th.

\*S.F. 1434 (Hansen, B., McCutcheon, Schrom)

H.F. 1388 (Patton, Admas, J., Dahl, Ohnstad, Spanish)

## ADDENDUM

### Municipal Liquor

In addition to giving local government more control over the issuance of liquor licenses, this bill will eliminate the flood of local liquor bills that have inundated the legislature the last few sessions. This is a significant change which should result in more efficient use of the legislator's time and talent.