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INTRODUCTION

"Actions of the 1974 Legislature" is designed to provide members of the Legislature and other interested persons with a summary of major legislation passed during the 1974 Session. It is a source book of new laws, amendments, and appropriations of the 1974 Session.

A majority of the "local bills", those dealing with the concerns of a specific locality, have not been summarized.

Many of the major items have been cross-referenced by listing them under more than one category, (e.g., a health insurance bill may be listed under both Health and Insurance). The summaries are brief and indicate the general purpose of the law. Copies of the laws may be obtained from the Documents Division of the State Department of Administration, 140 Centennial Building, St. Paul (296-2874).

Additional information may be obtained by calling the House Research Department at 296-6753 or the House Index Department at 296-6646.

Because Legislative Research does not staff retirement matters, detailed research and information on retirement law may be obtained from the staff of the Legislative Retirement Study Commission (296-6806).

Statistical Summary

The Sixty-Eighth Session of the Minnesota Legislature reconvened on January 15, 1974, and adjourned sine die on March 29, 1974. During the session 1,145 bills were introduced in the House of Representatives and 1,057 bills were introduced in the Senate. A total of 583 bills were enacted into law and two resolutions passed. The Governor exercised the regular veto one time.

THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

House of Representatives:

Martin O. Sabo - Speaker of the House
Irvin N. Anderson - Majority Leader
Neil S. Haugerud - Assistant Majority Leader
Bruce Vento - Assistant Majority Leader
Aubrey W. Dirlam - Minority Leader
Robert Johnson - Assistant Minority Leader
Thomas W. Newcome - Assistant Minority Leader
Charles R. Weaver - Assistant Minority Leader

Standing Committees in the House:

Agriculture
Appropriations
City Government
Commerce and Economic Development
Crime Prevention and Corrections
Education
Environmental Preservation and Natural Resources
Financial Institutions and Insurance
General Legislation and Veterans Affairs
Governmental Operations
Health and Welfare
Higher Education
Judiciary
Labor-Management Relations
Local Government
Metropolitan and Urban Affairs
Rules and Legislative Administration
Taxes
Transportation

THE SENATE

Senate:

Alec G. Olson - President
Nicholas D. Coleman - Majority Leader
Harold G. Kreiger - Minority Leader

Standing Committees in the Senate:

Committee on Committees
Education
Finance
Governmental Operations
Health, Welfare and Corrections
Judiciary
Labor and Commerce
Local Government
Metropolitan and Urban Affairs
Natural Resources and Agriculture
Rules and Administration
Taxes and Tax Laws
Transportation and General Legislation

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution No. 1, S.F. 720: Memorializes the President and Congress to declare a moratorium on railroad abandonment until a reasonable transportation alternative is found.

Resolution No. 2, S.F. 3479: Memorializes the President, the Congress and the State Department to refrain from re-establishing the bracero program with Mexico.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, Chapter 409, S.F. 1713: Amends the Minnesota Constitution to eliminate obsolete and inconsequential provisions; correct grammar and style defects; and reorganize the provisions to produce an organized and coherent document.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT, Chapter 457, H.F. 47: Amends Minnesota Constitution, Article XIV, section 1 to provide that proposed amendments to the Minnesota Constitution must receive a 55% vote of all electors voting on the amendment or alteration, or a majority of those persons voting in the election for passage. Question will be submitted to the people at the 1974 general election.

REMOVAL OF RAILROAD TAXES FROM THE CONSTITUTION, Chapter 467, H.F. 568: Places an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution on the ballot for the 1974 general election. The question to be submitted to the people is "Shall the Constitution of the State of Minnesota be amended to permit the legislature to establish the rate and method of taxing railroads? Yes ____ No ____".

AGRICULTURE

FOOD HANDLERS, Chapter 2, H.F. 662: Amends various statutes. Adds specific mention of salvage food processors as among those requiring food processor licenses. Excludes from food handler licensing provisions any person selling only ice manufactured and packaged by another. Increases fee for non-resident frozen food manufacturer from \$19.00 to \$50.00. Shifts license requirement for non-alcoholic beverages manufactured outside of the state from manufacturer to distributor. Increases the license fee from \$30.00 to \$50.00. Exempts distributors of non-alcoholic beverages manufactured outside of the state if the manufacturer is already licensed and his identity appears on the label. Repeals bonding requirement for salvage food processors.

APIARIES, Chapter 35, H.F. 1005: Amends M.S. 19.19, subds. 1 and 2; 19.20; 19. Requires that certain information be contained in apiary registration applications and increases the registration fee from \$1.50 to \$5.00. Exempts persons owning less than 11 bee colonies from inspection fee; increases annual inspection fee for owners of 11 or more bee colonies from \$.05 to \$.15 per colony.

IMITATION HONEY, Chapter 71, S.F. 2248: Forbids sellers of imitation honey or honey substitutes from using the word "honey" or "imitation honey" on the labels of such products, or in advertisements for such products.

MINNESOTA FOOD LAW, Chapter 84, S.F. 951: Amends M.S. 31 by adding sections; Sec. 31.01, subds. 2, 3, and 4, and by adding subdivisions; 31.02; 31.04; 31.05; 31.14; and 32.021, subd. 2. Repeals M.S. 31.01, subds. 5 and 19.

Amends the Minnesota food law, bringing it into conformity with federal regulations for the manufacture, distribution, and sale of food. Adopts as state regulations, federal regulations regarding the manufacture, distribution and sale of food. Defines several terms and lists regulations related to food purity, packaging, labeling, and false advertising of food products. Lists prohibited actions and provides penalties. Authorizes the Commissioner of Agriculture to publish reports summarizing all judgments, decrees, and court orders rendered under the Minnesota food law.

COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATIONS, Chapter 99, H.F. 2822: Amends M.S. 308.11. Allows any cooperative association, not just those composed of other cooperative associations, to elect more than one vice chairman of the board of directors and to provide for more than one vice president of the cooperative. Allows any cooperative to choose its vice presidents from among persons who are not directors or stockholders of the cooperative.

DISPOSAL OF ANIMAL CARCASSES, Chapter 159, S.F. 1591: Amends M.S. 35.82, subds. 2 and 3, and by adding a subdivision; repeals M.S. 35.82, subd. 1a. Allows dead domestic animals to be used for pet food in addition to their present uses by animal rendering plants and for mink food. Requires a permit from the Livestock Sanitary Board and inspection

of the dead animal by an official veterinarian approved by the Livestock Sanitary Board. Allows carcasses collected by rendering plants to be utilized for pet food or mink food purposes provided that the owner or operator employs an official veterinarian approved by the Livestock Sanitary Board. Allows reciprocal agreements with adjacent states providing for the issuance of permits for pet food processing establishments and mink ranch operators to transport dead animals over the public highways of both states.

FROZEN FOOD RESTRICTIONS, Chapter 170, S.F. 2944: Amends M.S. 32.62, subd. 2. Eliminates requirement that baked cups or baked cones in which ice milk is sold bear the legend "ice milk".

LIVESTOCK MARKET AGENCIES AND DEALERS, Chapter 347, S.F. 3194: Amends and repeals various Minnesota Statutes. Transfers the responsibilities under several sections of Minnesota Statutes 1971 regarding the sale of livestock from the Department of Public Service to the Commissioner of Agriculture. Provides for the annual licensing and bonding of livestock market agencies which are defined as "any person who sells livestock for the account of others, but does not include an occasional or special event or disposal sale". Provides for the annual licensing of public stockyards. The license fee shall be \$100 for each livestock market agency and public stockyard. Livestock market agency bond amounts shall be set by the Commissioner of Agriculture, but shall be not less than \$10,000. Removes specific penalties for violations of the provisions of this act, and makes several minor amendments to licensing procedures for livestock dealers and agents.

LIVESTOCK OR POULTRY CHUTES, Chapter 358, H.F. 773: Authorizes a farm truck or a livestock or poultry truck drawing one trailer to draw one additional two-wheel trailer for the sole purpose of transporting a livestock or poultry loading chute provided such two-wheel trailer shall not be drawn beyond a ten-mile radius of the home post office of the owner or operator of the vehicle. This act does not apply to the seven-county metropolitan area.

PROMOTION OF MINNESOTA AGRICULTURE, Chapter 402, S.F. 3280: Appropriates \$100,000 from the general fund to the Department of Economic Development for the purpose of promoting products of Minnesota agriculture in conjunction with the Bicentennial Agricultural Exposition of 1976.

GRAIN WEIGHING AND SAMPLING, Chapter 548, H.F. 3352: Amends and repeals various Minnesota Statutes. Consolidates several sections of Minnesota Statutes 1971 concerning grain weighing, sampling and analysis, and transfers the duties and responsibilities of their enforcement from the Department of Public Service to the Department of Agriculture. Establishes a system for settling disputes between the person receiving and the person delivering grain as to the proper grade or dockage. Contains minor amendments regarding grain inspection procedures.

COMMERCE AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Consumer Protection

SAFETY GLASS, Chapter 53, H.F. 874: Requires glazing materials placed in the front and back doors and the immediately adjacent area of residential buildings and other dwellings, in sliding doors, and in bath tub and shower enclosures to meet standards of the American National Standards Institute. Glazing materials meeting the standard must be so labeled. Installation of substandard glazing materials at the aforementioned locations is a misdemeanor. Imposes liability on the employer responsible for compliance. Effective 6/1/74.

MOBILE HOME SALES, Chapter 54, H.F. 1288: Amends M.S. 168.27, subd. 13. Provides that licensed real estate brokers, or salesmen, who attempt to sell mobile homes affixed to land need not be licensed mobile home dealers.

IMITATION HONEY, Chapter 71, S.F. 2248: Forbids sellers of imitation honey or honey substitutes from using the word "honey" or "imitation honey" on the labels of such products, or in advertisements for such products.

DOOR TO DOOR ADVERTISING, Chapter 85, S.F. 980: Amends M.S. 325.925 to place restrictions on the use of plastic bags for door to door advertising. The act prohibits distribution of drugs, medicines, razor blades, and aerosol cans by indiscriminant delivery. Makes violation a misdemeanor.

FROZEN FOOD RESTRICTIONS, Chapter 170, S.F. 2944: Amends M.S. 32.62, subd. 2. Eliminates requirement that baked cups or baked cones in which ice milk is sold bear the legend "ice milk".

NEW MOBILE HOME WARRANTIES, Chapter 231, S.F. 3159: All sales of new mobile homes in this state are accompanied by implied warranties of merchantability, fitness for a particular purpose, and conformity to all applicable federal or state laws. The warranties cannot be limited, modified, or disclaimed. The warranties have a duration of one year from the date of delivery to the buyer. The dealer and manufacturer have co-responsibility to repair any breach of the implied warranties at the site of the mobile home.

MOBILE HOMES, Chapter 273, S.F. 2161: Amends various statutes. Provides for the licensing and bonding of mobile home dealers and manufacturers by the Commissioner of Administration, and establishes requirements for the installation of mobile homes, particularly with respect to support and ground anchoring systems. Effective 1/1/75 except Sec. 4, subd. 6, and Sec. 8, subd 4, 9/1/74.

PRIVATE DETECTIVE REGULATION, Chapter 310, S.F. 162: Amends various sections of M.S. 326. Creates a private detective and protective agent review board. The board has the power to issue, deny, revoke, or suspend licenses. Requires ID cards for employees of licensed employers. Provides a misdemeanor penalty for employees who make false

reports to their employers or divulge facts other than as directed by their employer. Restricts use of badges, weapons and other equipment. Appropriates \$20,000 to the board.

CERTIFIED PUBLIC ACCOUNTANTS, EDUCATIONAL REQUIREMENTS, Chapter 325, S.F. 2621: Amends M.S. 326.19 and 326.20. Allows study at an area vocational-technical school or a private licensed vocational school to satisfy the educational prerequisite for becoming a CPA. Eliminates the requirement that an accountant must have an office in the state before he is required to register to practice accounting.

REAL ESTATE, Chapter 370, H.F. 3157: Amends M.S. 504 by adding two sections. Provides that the names and addresses of the owner of the residential property, or the owner's authorized agent, and the authorized manager be disclosed to the tenant either in the rental agreement or otherwise in writing before the tenancy begins. This same information is to be posted on the premises. All code violation records pertaining to a particular parcel of real estate are to be available to any persons having a legal or beneficial interest in the premises, including, tenants, prospective tenants or owners, and any party to any action related to the premises. Failure to comply with these provisions means that no owner may begin action to recover possession of real property or make any claim against a tenant.

HEALTH, BUYING AND SOCIAL REFERRAL CLUB CONTRACTS, Chapter 418, S.F. 3123: Protects consumers against buying clubs, health clubs and social referral clubs which require deposits or prepayments and then fail to provide the services or merchandise ordered. A three-day cooling off period is provided during which a consumer can cancel a membership contract with any of the clubs listed above. A cancellation is without liability and triggers a full refund within 10 days. A copy of a membership contract must be given to a buyer when he signs it and must include a provision advising the buyer of his right to cancel.

The initial contract of membership can be for a period for no longer than 18 months, but after 6 months can be extended indefinitely. This is to protect consumers against onerous lifetime contracts. Each health club, buying club, and social referral club must post a bond equal to the amount of its prepayments over a \$25 minimum. A minimum bond of \$25,000 is required. The attorney general is given enforcement powers. A civil action is provided to private individuals who are damaged by violations of the act.

EMPLOYMENT AGENCIES, Chapter 423, H.F. 1191: Amends various sections of M.S. 184. Excludes persons who perform employment agency services only as a peripheral aspect of their business from the definition of employment agency. Requires separate agency license for each agency location. Raises the cost of licenses. Provides for refusal to license on grounds of bad character or unfit business premises. No license may be issued to a disbarred attorney or to a person who has committed a felony if either has occurred in the preceding 3 years prior to application for a license. Provides that money cannot be solicited from applicant for any reason prior to the placement of that person.

CUSTOMER'S DEPOSITS TO UTILITIES, Chapter 424, H.F. 1192: Requires return of a customer's deposit within 45 days after termination of service if all bills have been paid. Interest at 6 percent must be paid on deposits of over \$20. Customer must be given a receipt for the deposit which receipt shall state the conditions which cause the deposit to be kept.

Liquor

TEMPORARY BEER LICENSES, Chapter 150, H.F. 2909: Amends M.S. 340.02, subd 2, and M.S. 624.701, subd. 1. Allows clubs and non-profit organizations to obtain temporary 3.2 beer on-sale licenses, and allows such licenses to authorize sales in school buildings and on school grounds.

DEFINITION OF RESTAURANT, Chapter 196, H.F. 3121: Amends M.S. 340.07, subd. 14. Removes from the definition of "restaurant" in the Intoxicating Liquor Act, the requirement that restaurants have as the principal part of their business the serving of food.

COUNTY COMBINATION LICENSES, Chapter 200, H.F. 3322: Amends Laws 1973, Chapter 566. Reduces the minimum distance which establishments holding combination on and off-sale licenses in St. Louis, Koochiching and Itasca counties must maintain from municipalities having a licensed off-sale store from five to three miles.

LIQUOR LABELING, Chapter 243, S.F. 2332: Amends M.S. 340.461. Allows the Commissioner of Liquor Control to waive the requirement that certification labels be affixed to liquor cartons or bottles.

LIQUOR LICENSE LIMITS, Chapter 268, S.F. 919: Amends various statutes. Allows cities to exceed the statutory limits on the number of on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses they may issue, if authorized to do so in a referendum; allows "split-liquor" municipalities to issue as many private on-sale licenses as they would be able to issue if they did not have municipal liquor stores, and to exceed those limits if authorized by a referendum; deletes the provisions requiring municipalities operating municipal liquor stores to cease their on-sale operation after issuing private licenses, and to cease their off-sale operation after reaching their statutory limit on private on-sale licenses; allows on-sale licenses in first-class cities with charter limits on where licenses may be located to relocate outside those limits when they are displaced by public projects; allows municipal liquor stores to serve food and to offer live or recorded entertainment.

ST. LOUIS AND KOOCHICHING COUNTIES, Chapter 333, S.F. 2830: Authorizes St. Louis County to issue five additional licenses and authorizes Koochiching County to issue two additional licenses for the on-sale of intoxicating liquor.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY, Chapter 335, S.F. 2850: Amends Laws 1973, Chapter 663, section 1. Increases from 5 to 10 the number of seasonal on-sale liquor licenses which may be issued by the St. Louis County Board.

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA, Chapter 345, S.F. 3183: Amends Laws 1973, Chapter 327, Section 7, subds. 1 and 3; and by adding a section. Provides that revenue bonds issued by the Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Authority may be issued for public sale or negotiated sale. Further provides that a trust indenture in which any terms, covenants, or conditions of such bonds are set forth may confer or authorize a mortgage lien on the real or operating properties or general funds of the authority. Authorizes the city of Duluth to issue an on-sale liquor license to the Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Authority.

ST. PAUL LICENSES, Chapter 398, S.F. 3163: Allows the city of St. Paul to issue on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses to the Arts and Science Center and the Old Federal Courts Building; provides that such licenses may be used for events held by persons or organizations contracting for the use of the building.

SALES BY WINERIES, Chapter 438, H.F. 2837: Amends M.S. 340.13, subd. 1. Allows wineries manufacturing wine of not more than 25% alcohol and not less than 51% wine made from Minnesota-grown agricultural products to sell their product at a location in conjunction with the winery without obtaining an off-sale license.

CHISAGO LAKES SCHOOL DISTRICT, Chapter 453, H.F. 3372: Allows a licensed establishment in Independent School District 141 (Chisago Lakes) to be located within 1500 feet of a school.

PROHIBITED LICENSE LOCATIONS, Chapter 501, H.F. 2349: Amends M.S. 340.13, subd. 3. (See also Chapter 501 in Summary of Local Licensing Acts.) Allows liquor licenses to be located no closer than one-tenth of a mile of the main building of the University of Minnesota; deletes the prohibition against licenses within one mile of the Kirby student center building in Duluth.

Local Liquor

Chapter 109--International Falls, two licenses.

Chapter 117--Benson, two licenses without referendum and without discontinuance of municipal on-sale or off-sale.

Chapter 146--Island View, two licenses.

Chapter 148--Mantorville, one license without referendum and without discontinuance of municipal on-sale or off-sale.

Chapter 207--Itasca County, five licenses.

Chapter 281--McLeod County, one club license to a veterans' organization.

Chapter 446--Detroit Lakes, one license without referendum and without discontinuance of municipal on-sale or off-sale.

Chapter 452--Thief River Falls, six licenses without referendum and without discontinuance of municipal on-sale or off-sale.

Chapter 501--Virginia, one license.

Chapter 505--Grand Rapids, three licenses without referendum and without discontinuance of municipal off-sale.

Chapter 523--Beaver Bay, two licenses without discontinuance of municipal on-sale or off-sale.

Chapter 535--Coon Rapids, twelve licenses without referendum and without discontinuance of municipal off-sale.

Chapter 546--Rogers, one license without referendum and without discontinuance of municipal on-sale or off-sale.

Miscellaneous

REPURCHASE OF FARM MACHINERY, IMPLEMENTS, ATTACHMENTS AND PARTS UPON TERMINATION OF CONTRACT, Chapter 158, S.F. 1427: Requires a wholesaler, manufacturer, or distributor of farm implements and parts to pay to a retailer with whom it has terminated its contractual relationship: 1) 100% of the net cost, including transportation charges paid by the retailer, of unused implements purchased within 24 months preceding notification, by either party of a desire to terminate the contractual relationship unless the retailer has the contractual right to retain and desires to retain the implements; 2) 80% of the current net prices for used parts plus 5% for handling unless the inventorying, packing and loading is done by the manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor. Repurchases under the act shall not be subject to the bulk sales law, shall not impair the retailer's contract remedies, and shall not prohibit the manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor from charging back previously credited discounts.

Upon the death of a dealer, the purchase provisions of the act shall apply unless the dealer's heirs agree to continue the business. If the manufacturer, wholesaler, or distributor refuses to pay the sums required to be paid, a civil action for the unpaid sums is provided.

The act shall not apply to repair parts which the retailer has failed to return for 80% of cost after being given a reasonable opportunity to do so nor to repair parts which have a limited storage life or are otherwise subject to deterioration. Effective 7/1/74.

MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS, Chapter 288, S.F. 3023: Amends M.S. 474.02 and 474.06. Broadens projects for which municipalities or redevelopment agencies can exercise development powers to include revenue producing enterprises engaged in any business.

MOBILE HOME CONDOMINIUMS, Chapter 319, S.F. 1977: Amends M.S. 515.02, subd. 2, and 515.15. Brings mobile homes and mobile home parks within the state condominium law, thereby permitting mobile home parks to be operated as condominiums.

MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT, Chapter 338, S.F. 2995: Amends M.S. 474.02 and 474.13. Includes telephonic communications businesses within scope of projects for which municipalities can exercise Chapter 474 developmental powers. Provides that state laws and regulations applicable to property owned by telephone companies shall apply to property acquired by the sale of bonds pursuant to Chapter 474 in those cases where a project involves telephone companies. Effective 4/1/74.

TOURISM, Chapter 430, H.F. 2065: Amends M.S. 474.02. Permits tourism projects to be included within projects for which municipal industrial development powers may be used if the municipality is located outside the metropolitan area.


MUNICIPAL ADVERTISING, Chapter 448, H.F. 3143: Amends M.S. 465.56. Permits certain statutory cities or home-rule charter city of the fourth class to appropriate money to advertise themselves.

COMMERCIAL LAW, ATTORNEY GENERAL POWERS, Chapter 524, H.F. 3015: Amends M.S. 325.8021 and 325.907. The scope of investigatory powers given to the attorney general in the anti-trust area are expanded to include those powers given to the attorney general under M.S. 325.907 in the investigation of unlawful practices in business, commerce and trade.

The powers of investigation given to the attorney general in M.S. 325.907 are expanded to include the power of discovery of any fact, matter, or circumstance under investigation. The discovery powers shall include the power to serve written interrogatories answerable in 20 days, to require the production and inspection of documents and other tangible things within 15 days and to depose individuals on 15 days' notice. No court action is necessary to institute any discovery procedure but a court order is necessary to compel compliance.


The act provides that an assurance of discontinuance may be accepted by the attorney general from a person believed to be violating any business, trade, or commerce law. The assurance shall be filed in court and any violation of its terms shall be punishable as contempt. Provides a consent decree remedy without any finding of illegality by the court and allows for the recovery of the costs of investigation.

CORRECTIONS AND CRIME PREVENTION

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS, Chapter 32, H.F. 371: Amends M.S. 609.11. Provides a minimum sentence of 3 years, without parole, for certain crimes committed with firearms or other dangerous weapons. 

INTERSTATE COMPACT ON JUVENILES, Chapter 125, H.F. 3052: Changes the administrator of the Interstate Compact on Juveniles from the director of the Youth Conservation Commission to the Commissioner of Corrections. Amends M.S. 260.53 and 260.55.

INTERSTATE COMPACT FOR THE SUPERVISION OF PAROLEES AND PROBATIONERS, Chapter 126, H.F. 3053: Changes the official administrator of the Interstate Compact for the Supervision of Parolees and Probationers from the chairman of the Adult Corrections Commission to the Commissioner of Corrections. Amends M.S. 243.16.

CORRECTIONS REGIONALIZATION, Chapter 156, S.F. 1174: Establishes the juvenile corrections facility at Lino Lakes as the training and treatment center for the metropolitan region. Completes the regionalization of state correctional juvenile institutions and provides for the diagnosis of juveniles at each facility, as opposed to Lino Lakes only. Amends M.S. 242.385, 260.151, 260.175; and repeals M.S. 242.386. 

TRANSFER OF COUNTY OFFICERS TO STATE EMPLOYMENT UNDER THE COMMUNITY CORRECTIONS ACT, Chapter 174, S.F. 3200: Relates to the transfer of state correction employees to a county correctional system under the Community Corrections Subsidy Act. Provides that the transfer of any such employee shall be deemed a transfer in grade to include all the benefits previously enjoyed by these employees. Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 401.04.

PEACE OFFICERS, Chapter 255, H.F. 2588: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 352E.01, subd. 2. Defines "peace officer" to mean reserve police officers or reserve duty sheriffs acting under the supervision and authority of a political subdivision, for purposes of eligibility of dependent children and spouses of peace officers killed in the line of duty.

CONTRABAND IN STATE INSTITUTIONS AND COUNTY JAILS, Chapter 291, S.F. 3048: Substitutes the words "controlled substances," as defined in M.S. 152.01, subd. 4, for a list of substances covered by that section of the statutes. Provides that no "controlled substance" may be brought into or on the grounds of any state institution or county jail. Amends M.S. 243.55 and 641.165.

LICENSING OF EX-CRIMINAL OFFENDERS, Chapter 298, S.F. 3247: Provides that no person may be disqualified from engaging in an occupation for which state licensure is required or from public employment solely because of a previous criminal conviction unless the crime of conviction

directly relates to the occupation for which licensure or in which employment is sought. Further provides that anyone convicted of such a crime shall not be disqualified if he is able to show competent evidence of rehabilitation and present fitness for licensure or employment.

Indicates that certain criminal records may not be disseminated by the state, its agencies or political subdivisions, that grievances concerning this section shall be processed according to Minnesota Statutes, chapter 15, and that a violation of this act shall constitute a violation of one's civil rights.

REPORT OF THE SELECT ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON CORRECTIONS, Chapter 302, S.F. 3409: Extends the date by which the Select Advisory Committee on Corrections was to submit its report to the legislature from January 2, 1974 to January 2, 1975. Amends Laws of 1973, Chapter 765, sec. 3.

RAMSEY COUNTY, Chapter 304, S.F. 3422: Authorizes Ramsey County to issue \$500,000 in general obligation bonds for the costs of architectural and professional services in the construction of an adult detention, juvenile center, and security treatment facility at St. Paul-Ramsey Hospital.

USE OF DUPLICATING MACHINES FOR POLICE TRAINING, Chapter 315, S.F. 1149: Allows the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension to utilize duplicating machines in the administration of police training. Amends M.S. 16.02, subd. 16.

SETTING ASIDE OF MISDEMEANOR CONVICTIONS, Chapter 331, S.F. 2779: Changes the law so that a person convicted of a misdemeanor may move the convicting court for an order setting aside the conviction. Provides that a person seeking to set aside a conviction must show, among other things, that during five years after his discharge from prison or probation, he has not been convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor. The law formerly allowed only those convicted of felonies or gross misdemeanors to move for an order setting aside their convictions. Amends M.S. 609.166.

COMPENSATION TO VICTIMS OF VIOLENT CRIME, Chapter 463, H.F. 452: Creates a three-person Crime Victims Reparations Board in the Department of Public Safety to hear and determine claims made by victims, dependents or estates of victims of violent crimes. Provides, in case of injury, compensation for reasonable costs incurred for medical expenses and services, psychological and psychiatric treatment, loss of income, replacement of child care and household services. In case of the victim's death, provides that the victim's dependents or estate may recover, in addition to the expenses listed above, reasonable expenses incurred for burial or cremation. Compensation determined according to actual economic loss, but limited in any one case to a maximum of \$10,000, and is reduced to the extent that the victim's loss is recouped from collateral sources. Effective 7/1/74.

COMMITMENT OF JUVENILE DELINQUENTS, Chapter 469, H.F. 798: Changes the definition of "delinquent child" found in M.S. 260.015, subd. 5 by eliminating from the definition a child "who habitually departs himself in a manner that is injurious or dangerous to himself or others." No child found to be habitually truant from school or to be "uncontrolled" may be committed to either a state or county correctional institution unless the child has previously appeared before the court on the same charge, and community resources have been exhausted with regard to disposition of the child. Also amends M.S. 260.185.

MINIMUM STANDARDS OF FITNESS FOR RECRUITMENT OF NON-ELECTIVE PEACE OFFICERS, Chapter 478, H.F. 1292. Empowers the Minnesota Peace Officer's Training Board to recommend to the Attorney General rules and regulations concerning minimum standards of physical, mental and educational fitness for the recruitment of non-elective peace officers and minimum standards of conduct affecting the performance of an individual in his duties as a peace officer. Amends M.S. 626.843.

REMOVES REQUIREMENT OF MAXIMUM TERM OF COMMITMENT ON YOUTHFUL OFFENDER CASES, Chapter 519, H.F. 2980: Removes the requirement that counties commit youthful offenders to the Minnesota Corrections Authority for the maximum statutory term required for the crime of conviction. Changes references relating to the "Youth Conservation Commission" to the "Minnesota Corrections Authority." Amends M.S. 242.13.

INMATES' COMMUNICATION WITH THE MEDIA, Chapter 560, S.F. 1225: Allows inmates to communicate with the media on a daily basis by phone, subject to the limitations of this act, between 8 a.m. and 9 p.m. Allows inmates to correspond with the media on a regular basis.

PROGRAMS TO AID VICTIMS OF SEXUAL ATTACK, Chapter 578, S.F. 3301: Requires the Commissioner of Corrections to develop a community-based statewide program of voluntary counseling to aid victims of non-consensual acts of rape, sodomy, or indecent liberties. ✓

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON ORGANIZED CRIME, Chapter 579, S.F. 3308: Provides for the creation of a legislative commission to study organized crime in Minnesota and to propose legislative remedies relating thereto.

GRANTING OF A PARDON EXTRAORDINARY, Chapter 582, S.F. 3433: Requires the Board of Pardons to file a copy of each pardon with the district court in the county where conviction occurred, whereupon that district court must order the conviction set aside. Further requires that records pertinent to the conviction be sealed, and such records be reopened only in case of subsequent criminal judicial proceedings. Provides that anyone who received a pardon extraordinary before this enactment may apply to the county court where conviction occurred for an order to set aside the conviction and to seal all records pertinent thereto. Amends M.S. 638.02 by adding subdivisions.

EDUCATION

TEACHERS' LIFE OR PERMANENT CERTIFICATES, Chapter 24, S.F. 944: Permits public and private school teachers eligible for life or permanent certificates prior to July 1, 1969, to receive such certificates if they apply and pay a \$10 fee before July 1, 1975.

PUBLIC SCHOOL PRINCIPALS, Chapter 37, H.F. 1196: Amends M.S. 123.34. Requires each school building or unit of classification to be under the supervision of a principal who holds valid certification. Establishes duties of the principal.

PUPIL TRANSPORTATION, Chapter 44, H.F. 1566: Amends M.S. 123.39, subd. 1. Requires all special or independent school districts to provide transportation or room and board for all pupils living two miles or more from school. Effective 7/1/74.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERSHIP IN CERTAIN ASSOCIATIONS, Chapter 82, S.F. 283: Amends M.S. 123.33, subds. 10 and 14. Provides that school boards may be members of only those associations which file detailed financial statements with the Commissioner of Education. Effective 7/1/74.

COMPENSATION FOR THE MINNESOTA EDUCATION COUNCIL, Chapter 83, S.F. 534: Amends M.S. 121.83. Provides that members of the Minnesota Education Council shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incurred in attendance at council meetings.

PEDDLING ON SCHOOL GROUNDS, Chapter 92, S.F. 2370: Repeals M.S. 126.19. Removes prohibition of peddling and canvassing on school grounds located outside city, village or borough limits.

RETIREMENT, Chapter 213, S.F. 2949: Relating to retirement; state contributions to certain teachers' retirement associations. Effective 9/1/74.

RETIREMENT, Chapter 214, S.F. 2951: Relating to retirement; tax levy for certain teachers' retirement funds.

VOCATIONAL OR COOPERATIVE CENTERS, Chapter 252, H.F. 1489: Permits school districts with the approval of the State Board of Education to enter agreements to establish cooperative centers to provide vocational and special education. Provides for the operation of centers by center boards composed of school board members from each participating district. Permits participating districts to issue bonds to acquire and improve center facilities. Permits center boards to collect a proportionate share of the expenses of the center from participating districts.

RETIREMENT, Chapter 289, S.F. 3033: Relating to retirement; revising the law governing the Teachers Retirement Association and fund. Effective 7/1/74 except section 53, day after enactment.

FLEXIBLE SCHOOL YEAR PROGRAMS, Chapter 326, S.F. 2627: Amends various Minnesota Statutes. Authorizes school districts, with the approval of the State Board of Education, to establish flexible school year programs, utilizing school facilities through the entire year and providing innovative scheduling for pupils and teachers. Requires school boards

to negotiate with school personnel and hold meetings with parents before implementing a flexible school year program. Establishes rules for the assignment of pupils and teachers and for teacher tenure under a flexible school year program. Provides for adjustments in state school aids to accommodate flexible school year programs.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY, Chapter 332, S.F. 2794: Amends M.S. 169.45 and 169.451. Directs the State Board of Education to develop a safety education program for students transported to school. Gives the State Board sole authority to adopt regulations to govern the operation of school buses. Directs the Commissioner of Public Safety to provide a point system to evaluate the effect on safety operation of any variance from law detected during school bus inspection. Effective not later than 1/1/75.

INCREASE IN AID FOR CALAMITY, Chapter 436, H.F. 2725: Amends M.S. 124.16. Adds fuel shortage to the list of calamitous causes of school shut-downs justifying increased state aid. Requires districts to demonstrate good faith attempts to make up time lost before qualifying for increased aid.

UNREQUESTED LEAVES OF ABSENCE FOR TEACHERS, Chapter 458, H.F. 210: Amends M.S. 125.12. Strikes provision permitting termination of contracts of tenured teachers on the grounds of discontinuance of position, lack of pupils or merger of classes. Permits school boards and exclusive bargaining representatives of teachers to negotiate plans providing for unrequested leave of absence for teachers because of discontinuance of position, lack of pupils, financial limitations or merger of classes. Establishes rules for placing teachers on unrequested leave to apply if a plan is not negotiated before the beginning date of a new master contract. Provides for placement of teachers on unrequested leave in inverse order of seniority, except where this order will violate a district's affirmative action program. Grants teachers a two-year right to reinstatement to their positions, if available, in inverse order of placement on leave of absence. Prohibits appointment of new teachers without first offering the position to properly certified teachers available on unrequested leave. Effective 4/15/74.

TEACHER CERTIFICATION, Chapter 488, H.F. 1973: Amends M.S. 125.08. Provides for the refund of the renewal fee when the applicant already holds a valid unexpired certificate.

EDUCATION, Chapter 496, H.F. 2323: Amends M.S. 1971, 121.02, subd. 1 and 197.09. Raises the per diem for members of the State Board of Education to \$35. Provides for free tuition for the dependent of any prisoner of war or person missing in action at any state supported institution of higher education or technical-vocational school.

CONDUCT OF PUBLIC SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENTS, Chapter 529, H.F. 3054: Amends M.S. 120.06, subd. 1. Provides that the conduct of all students under 21 years of age attending a public secondary school shall be governed by a single set of rules promulgated by the school board.

PARKING AT AVTI'S, Chapter 540, H.F. 3248: Allows any school board operating an AVTI, following a public hearing, to adopt rules regulating traffic and parking facilities. Limits parking fees to \$1 per day per vehicle. Makes violation of rules a petty misdemeanor.

COUNCIL ON QUALITY EDUCATION, Chapter 553, H.F. 3507: Amends M.S. 3.926, subd. 2 and Laws 1973, Chapter 768, sec. 2, subds. 4 and 7. Reduces from six to three months the period the Council must hold program proposals before funding them.

PUBLIC SCHOOL FEES, Chapter 561, S.F. 1530: States policy that public education shall be free. Authorizes school boards to charge fees in specific areas of voluntary and extracurricular activity. Prohibits school boards from charging fees in specific areas of required activity. Requires school boards to hold a public hearing and notify the State Board of Education before initiation of a fee not specifically authorized or prohibited in the act. Permits the State Board of Education to disapprove of proposed new fees and to specify further authorized and permitted fees. Effective 7/1/75.

SCHOOL BUS TRANSPORTATION TO NONPUBLIC SCHOOLS, Chapter 566, S.F. 2128: Amends M.S. 123.78. Requires school boards to transport resident school children attending a nonpublic school in an adjacent district to the district boundary under certain circumstances. Permits school boards to transport resident school children to the nonpublic school they attend in an adjacent district under certain circumstances.

PUPIL FAIR DISMISSAL, Chapter 572, S.F. 2580: Prohibits public schools from denying pupils due process or equal protection of the law in suspension, exclusion or expulsion proceedings. Requires schools to attempt to provide pupils with alternative programs prior to dismissal proceedings. Establishes permissible grounds for dismissal. Mandates suspension procedures including an informal administrative conference with the pupil. Mandates exclusion and expulsion procedures including a hearing upon written notice with the rights to counsel, a record, and confrontation of witnesses. Provides for appeal, subject to judicial review, of an exclusion or expulsion to the Commissioner of Education. Repeals M.S. 127.071.

SCHOOL DISTRICT REPORTS OF ENERGY CONSUMPTION, Chapter 577, S.F. 3281: Requires each school district to report annually to the Commissioner of Education on the district's energy consumption and to submit a plan to reduce such consumption during 1974-1975.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND INSURANCE

Banking

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, Chapter 4, H.F. 1320: Amends M.S. 11.16, subd. 8. Establishes bonds, notes and other obligations issued by the Inter-American Development Bank and Asian Development Bank as legal investments for the purposes of the state retirement system.

COMMON TRUST FUNDS, Chapter 6, H.F. 1620: Amends M.S. 1971, sec. 290.281, subd. 1. Permits any trust company or state bank which is permitted to exercise trust powers to establish and maintain common trust funds, and, in its capacity as a fiduciary or co-fiduciary, to place investment funds in common trust funds maintained pursuant to this statute. Amends the definition of "common trust fund" used for purposes of taxation.

AUTHORIZED SECURITIES FOR SAVINGS BANKS, Chapter 27, S.F. 2246: Amends M.S. 1971, sec. 50.14, subd. 2. Places in class one of authorized securities in which money deposited in savings banks may be invested shares of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, whose shares are registered under the Securities Act of 1933, provided that the only investments of that company are in obligations fully guaranteed by the United States government, or in obligations of instrumentalities of the United States government.

AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS OF SAVINGS BANKS AND INSURANCE COMPANIES, Chapter 64, H.F. 1309: Amends M.S. 1971, sec. 50.14, 60A.11, 61A.28. Eases restrictions on class thirteen for investments of savings institutions, and adds two new classes of allowable investments for savings institutions. Class fourteen shall be obligations payable in U.S. dollars issued or fully guaranteed by the Asian Development Bank. Class fifteen shall be obligations payable in U.S. dollars issued or fully guaranteed by the Inter-American Development Bank.

Classes fourteen and fifteen are declared authorized investments for domestic insurance companies and for life insurance companies, so long as each respective investment does not exceed in aggregate face amount five percent of the total admitted assets of such insurance company.

NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS, Chapter 106, H.F. 601: Amends M.S. 1971, sec. 609.535, subds. 2 and 3. Allows the court to require restitution in cases where a person has issued a check he did not intend to pay and establishes criteria for proving intent not to pay.

FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS, Chapter 221, H.F. 2148: Amends M.S. 1971, sec. 47.52. Allows banks to maintain detached teller windows within 3,000 (instead of the previous 1,000) feet of their main building.

HUMAN RIGHTS/BANKING, Chapter 354, S.F. 3189: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, sec. 363.03, subd. 2. Forbids financial institutions from discriminating against persons who desire to purchase or rehabilitate real property because of the social, economic or environmental conditions of the area in which the property is located.

AUTHORIZED INVESTMENTS OF BANKS AND TRUST COMPANIES, Chapter 421, S.F. 3338: Amends M.S. 1971, sec. 48.61, by adding a subdivision. Authorizes banks and trust companies to invest a maximum of 3% of their capital and surplus in shares of stock in any banks or bank holding companies in which the ownership of such stock is restricted to banks authorized to do business in the state of Minnesota.

Insurance

INSURANCE LICENSE FEES, Chapter 5, H.F. 1383: Amends M.S. 1971, sec. 60A.14, subd. 1 and sec. 70A.14, subd. 4. Provides that the fee paid by insurance companies to the Commissioner of Insurance for an agent's license be increased from \$2 to \$3, and that the three-year license fee for a rate service organization be increased from \$25 to \$100.

ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE, Chapter 30, H.F. 140: Amends M.S. 62A.03, subd. 1. Provides for reimbursement on an equal basis from physician, osteopath, optometrist, or chiropractor from individual accident and health insurance.

AUTO INSURANCE CANCELLATION, Chapter 56, H.F. 1617: Amends M.S. 1971, secs. 65B.14, 65B.17, and 65B.18. Extends restrictions on cancellation or nonrenewal of automobile policies to all policies, and not just liability policies. Also, eliminates the requirement that notice of cancellation be sent on the standard registered mail, return receipt requested form.

CONTINUATION OF GROUP MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL COVERAGE UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, Chapter 101, S.F. 21: Provides that group insurance policies, group subscribers' contracts, and health care plans established through health maintenance organizations shall be continued, at the election of the employee, upon his termination of employment, for a period of six months or until he is reemployed, whichever comes first. If the employer fails to inform employee of his right to continue coverage within five days of termination of employment, the employee is conclusively presumed to elect to retain coverage, and is relieved of his obligation to make monthly payments to the employer.

VARIABLE LIFE INSURANCE CONTRACTS, Chapter 203, H.F. 3394: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, sec. 61A.17 by providing that no variable life insurance contract may be filed with the commissioner for issuance, or may be issued until the commissioner has promulgated rules and regulations under sec. 61A.20. (This amendment removes from the law the March 1, 1971, date for the permissible issuance of such contracts.)

HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS, Chapter 284, S.F. 2971: Makes technical amendments to the Health Maintenance Act of 1973 (M.S. 62D), such as: 1) changing "medical services" to "health services" in the definition of "comprehensive health maintenance services"; 2) allowing health plans to require pre-enrollment physical exams; 3) mandatory cooperation with other health providers by a planning organization seeking financial assistance in establishing an HMO; 4) permitting for reimbursement to enrollees for certain non-elective emergency services; and 5) consumer representation on the governing body of an HMO must be elected by enrollees.

NO-FAULT AUTOMOBILE INSURANCE LAW, Chapter 408, S.F. 96: The new law makes automobile insurance compulsory for the first time in Minnesota. All owners of motor vehicles, except motorcycles, must purchase \$30,000 in first party, no-fault coverage; residual liability insurance with limits of \$25,000 per person for bodily injury, \$50,000 per accident for bodily injury, and \$10,000 for property damage; and uninsured motorist coverage with limits of \$25,000 per injured person and \$50,000 per accident. Owners of motorcycles are required to purchase only liability coverage.

The first party, no-fault policy pays "basic economic loss benefits" which reimburse actual economic loss resulting from bodily injury or death and include \$20,000 total benefits for medical and rehabilitation expenses and \$10,000 total non-medical benefits. Benefits do not cover property damage. Non-medical benefits reimburse 85% of lost income up to \$200 per week, the expense of replacing the services an injured victim would have performed for himself or his family up to \$15 per day and the expense of replacing the services a deceased victim would have performed for himself or his family up to \$200 per week.

Lawsuits to recover damages for negligently inflicted automobile accident victims are limited by the act. A victim may sue to recover actual economic loss only if that loss is not compensated by first party benefits.

General damages, for pain and suffering, disability and the like may be recovered only if the victim had medical expenses which exceeded \$2,000 after deducting expenses incurred for diagnostic x-rays and for rehabilitation, suffered a "permanent injury" or "permanent disfigurement" was disabled so that he was unable to engage in all or nearly all of his normal daily activities for 60 days or more, or died. There is no restriction on lawsuits to recover for property damage.

Subrogation, a process by which the insurance company which has paid basic economic loss benefits may recover the amount it paid from the insurance company of the person whose fault caused the accident, is permitted only if a commercial vehicle or a vehicle weighing over 5,500 pounds is involved in the accident or if a lawsuit to recover general damages is begun.

The act requires a reduction in automobile insurance rates during the first year it is in effect. Rates for the compulsory package of basic economic loss coverage, bodily injury liability coverage, and uninsured motorist coverage must be 30% less than the rates charged by that same company in 1973 for a package consisting of bodily injury liability coverage with limits of \$25,000 per person and \$50,000 per accident, uninsured motorist coverage with limits of \$25,000 per person and \$50,000 per accident, and \$1,000 medical payments coverage. The Commissioner of Insurance may waive the rate reduction requirement if an insurance company's financial soundness or solidity would be jeopardized or if it would suffer an underwriting loss. Effective 1/1/75.

SECURITY DEPOSITS BY MINNESOTA INSURANCE COMPANIES, Chapter 425, H.F. 1382: Amends various sections of Minnesota Statutes. Cleans up existing law by consolidation and reorganization. Provides that the required securities worth at least \$100,000 which must be on deposit with the Commissioner of Insurance shall be retained under his control as long as any policies of the company remain in force.

Provides that in cases of bankruptcy of the insurance company, the company's deposit, together with any accrued income thereon, shall be transferred to the commissioner for equitable distribution, rather than being immediately accessible to creditors or other claimants.

WRITTEN MEMORANDA FOR NEW OR ALTERED INSURANCE COVERAGE, Chapter 426, H.F. 1386: Amends M.S. 1971, 60A.17 to provide that any insurance agent who orally agrees on behalf of an insurer to provide insurance coverage or to alter an existing insurance agreement, shall deliver a written memorandum containing the terms of the agreement to the insured within three business days from the time of the oral agreement. The commissioner may suspend or revoke the license of any agent who fails to comply with this provision.

ALLOWABLE INTEREST RATES PAYABLE ON LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES, Chapter 433, H.F. 2377: Raises allowable interest rates payable on ordinary and industrial life insurance policies from three and one-half percent to four percent per year for policies issued before January 1, 1986. Sets forth minimum standards of valuation [tables and interest rates] for annuities and pure endowment contracts issued or purchased on or after the operative date of this act. A company may elect dates for compliance with these provisions. If it makes no such election, the operative date of these provisions shall be January 1, 1979.

NONRESIDENT INSURANCE AGENTS, Chapter 476, H.F. 1123: Amends M.S. 1971, sec. 60A.17, subd. 3. Requires that nonresident insurance agents placing insurance with any insurer doing business in the state must first be licensed by the Commissioner of Insurance.

Usury

USURY LAW EXEMPTION, Chapter 26, S.F. 2244: Amends M.S. 1971, Chapter 334. Exempts from the usury law margin accounts maintained by securities-broker-dealers; limits the interest rate to 10% per year.

USURY LAW EXEMPTION, Chapter 238, S.F. 2558: Amends M.S. 1971, sec. 334.01. Until July 1, 1975, exempts from the usury law loans in excess of \$100,000.

INSURANCE PREMIUM FINANCE COMPANY ACT, Chapter 353, S.F. 1879: Provides for licensing and regulation of insurance premium finance companies. Sets license application fee at \$250 plus \$100 annual renewal fee (for a period terminating on May 31 of each year). Licensee shall pay commissioner for actual costs of each license examination.

Sets maximum allowable finance charge at \$8 per \$100 per year for amounts financed of \$300 or less, and \$6 per \$100 per year on that

amount financed over \$300, plus a flat rate service fee of \$10 per premium finance agreement. Authorizes delinquency charges of \$1 to \$5, or 5% of any installment in default for a period of 10 days or more. Sets forth conditions under which an insurance contract may be cancelled upon default.

Sets forth procedures and rules and powers of the commissioner.

SMALL LOANS, Chapter 412, S.F. 1963: Amends various statutes in M.S. 1971, chapter 56. Raises maximum allowable under a small loan from \$900 to \$1,200. Authorizes the licensee to collect from the proceeds of any loan an investigation charge of \$1 for each \$100 or fraction thereof, of the principal amount loaned, for expenses including those for examination or investigation of the borrower. The investigation charge shall not be deemed interest, but shall be included in the principal. If a loan for which an investigation charge was made is renewed within 12 months from the date of the loan, then 1/12 of such investigation charge shall be deemed earned for each month or portion thereof, from the date of the loan to the date of renewal, and the balance shall be returned to the borrower. Effective 7/1/74.

Miscellaneous

PUBLIC INDEBTEDNESS SINKING FUND, Chapter 25, S.F. 2243: Amends M.S. 1971, sec. 475.66. Provides that any surplus in a sinking fund, above an amount sufficient to cover annual payments of principal and interest, may be invested in shares of an investment company registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940, (whose shares are registered under the Securities Act of 1933, provided that the only investments of that company are in obligations of or guaranteed by the U.S. government); and in time deposits of any state or national banks (subject to limitations of M.S. chapter 118).

INVESTMENT SECURITIES, Chapter 46, H.F. 1939: Amends M.S. 1971, secs. 336.8-102; 336.8-320; 520. Changes the definition of a "clearing corporation" and requires that a clearing corporation furnish to any issuer a breakdown of the issuer's securities on deposit and a list disclosing the names of all persons who have securities of the issuer in their account with a depository. Authorizes any fiduciary, or any bank or trust company holding securities as a custodian or managing agent, to deposit such securities in a clearing corporation, and outlines related rules governing fiduciaries.

STATE INVESTMENTS, UNCLASSIFIED EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT FUND, Chapter 152, H.F. 3058: Amends various statutes in Chapters 11, 69, and 352D. Removes permission for investment of state treasury funds in shares of an investment company registered under the Security Act of 1949. Provides for distribution from the income account of investment securities of the Minnesota state retirement system in cases of gains or losses in the market value of corporate stocks in which such funds are invested.

Provides for a fixed-return account as one supplemental retirement fund investment alternative to the income-share account and growth share account, for state employees, and provides additional investment options

including 100% investment in the fixed-return account; and 75% investment in the fixed-return account and 25% investment in the growth share account for unclassified employees. Effective 7/1/74.

FILING OF MORTGAGE DEEDS OF TRUST BY PUBLIC UTILITIES, Chapter 272, S.F. 2084: Amends M.S. 1971, chapter 300 by adding a section 300.114. Provides that the filing of the mortgage or deed of trust with the Secretary of State shall be sufficient notice of rights and interests of the mortgagee or trustee in easements and less than fee simple interests in real estate.

SUBDIVIDED LANDS, Chapter 440, H.F. 2937: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, chapter 83 (entire chapter recodified last session) by amending secs. 83.20, 83.23, 83.30, and 83.38. Redefines "disposition" to include license. Places a maximum of \$2,500 on the filing fee for registering lots to be offered. Makes several changes regarding documents which must accompany application for registration of subdivided lands.

If additional subdivided lands of the same subdivider are subsequently offered for disposition, an amendment fee of \$50 must accompany the application for consolidation. Additionally, a fee of \$100 must accompany the required annual report. Extends powers of the commissioner regarding subdivided lands.

GENERAL LEGISLATION AND VETERANS AFFAIRS

Elections

NOMINATING PETITIONS, CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS, Chapter 41, H.F. 2789: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 202.09, subd. 1. Changes requirement that nominating petition for municipal office contain names of two percent of total persons voting for that office to the requirement that for municipal offices in cities of the first class only, the petition must contain the names of two percent of the total persons voting in the municipality, ward, or other election district at the last municipal general election (or 500, whichever is greater).

VOTER REGISTRATION, Chapter 55, H.F. 1504: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 201.091, subd. 6. Specifies hours that voter registration locations must remain open.

ELECTION LAWS, Chapter 120, H.F. 2985: Amends M.S. 1971, 203.16, subd. 2. Provides that the Secretary of State shall furnish county auditors with copies of the Minnesota election laws on or before July 1 (instead of January 1) of every even-numbered year.

ELECTION FORMS, Chapter 169, S.F. 2910: Amends M.S. 1971, 204.18, 204.24 and 204.25. Provides for the preparation, furnishing and distribution of the tally books, ballots, and summary statements used in election procedures.

TRANSPORTATION OF VOTERS, Chapter 250, H.F. 818: Repeals M.S. 1971, 211.14, subd. 4. Removes limitations on the transportation of voters to the polls and forbids those who are transporting voters from displaying campaign material or soliciting votes.

ABSENTEE VOTING, Chapter 259, H.F. 3276: Amends various statutes in chapter 207. Provides for the designation by county auditors of municipalities where applications for absentee ballots may be made. Provides for the duties of municipal clerks relating to absentee voting in municipal elections, and establishes procedures for absentee voting for members of the armed services.

LEGISLATIVE VACANCIES, Chapter 264, H.F. 3395: Amends M.S. 1971 203.45, subd. 3. Provides for the calling of a special election if a vacancy occurs in the legislature after the last day of the session in an odd-numbered year, but more than 33 days prior to the date of the start of the session set for an even-numbered year.

JOINT VOTE FOR GOVERNOR AND LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR, Chapter 301, S.F. 3408: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 206.07. Provides that a single joint vote shall be cast for both the governor and lieutenant governor.

ELECTION CONTESTING AND RECOUNT, Chapter 312, S.F. 735: Amends various statutes of chapters 204 and 209. Provides for the contesting of elections under certain circumstances and for recounts in certain legislative primaries.

NOMINATING PETITIONS, Chapter 391, S.F. 2817: Amends M.S. 1971, 202.13. Provides that nominating petitions for names to be placed upon the state white ballot are to be filed with the Secretary of State when the office is to be voted for in more than one county, and with the county auditor if it is to be voted for in a single county.

CANDIDATE RESIDENCY REQUIREMENT, Chapter 415, S.F. 2818: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 202.04, subd. 1. Requires that candidates for public office maintain residency in their districts for at least 30 days prior to the general election.

PRECINCT BOUNDARY MAPS, Chapter 434, H.F. 2405: Amends M.S. 1971, 203.06, subd. 1. Provides that the clerk shall file with the Secretary of State a map showing the correct boundaries of the precincts in the municipality.

BALLOT COUNTING, Chapter 439, H.F. 2848: Amends M.S. 1971, 204.19, subd. 2. Provides that if enough election judges from both parties are present, two or more ballot boxes may be opened and counted simultaneously.

CAMPAIGN ETHICS BILL, Chapter 470, H.F. 951: Amends various statutes. The Comprehensive Campaign Regulation and Ethics in Government Act creates a six-member Ethics Commission to administer the act and to supplement the act with regulations. No more than three members of the commission shall be members of the same political party. All the reports and statements required by the act are to be filed with the commission.

Regulates lobbyists, who are defined to include individuals who spend more than \$250 in any year, excluding travel and membership dues, to influence legislative action by communicating with public officials. All lobbyists must register and submit periodic reports of their activity. Prohibits contingent fees for lobbyists.

Public officials are required to submit a written statement if they are confronted with a conflict of interest. A conflict of interest occurs when an official's financial interests may be affected by a decision he makes; unless the effect would be the same on all those with interests similar to those of the official. Officials can then be removed or excused from the action presenting the conflict.

All public officials and candidates, including legislators and top ranking bureaucrats, must file statements of economic interest listing holdings in excess of \$2,500 in any business, and real estate interests exceeding \$2,500, but excluding homestead interests. Businesses from which compensation is in excess of \$50 a month, excluding expenses, must also be listed.

Requires each candidate to have a principal political committee. The committee can be financed only by transfers from a political fund or by natural persons. Political funds are the finance arm of associations. Associations are any group of two or more persons excluding the immediate family, acting in concert. A political fund may be financed by the membership dues of the association.

Political committees and political funds are required to keep accounts, to register and to report periodically. They must keep account of all contributions and all expenditures. Itemization is required of contributions in excess of \$20 and expenditures in excess of \$100. Disclosure of the source of earmarked funds is required. Expenditures in excess of \$20 must be authorized by the treasurer of the principal campaign committee, if they are made on behalf of a candidate and with his authority or under his control. Unauthorized committees or persons must disclose their lack of authorization.

Each political committee and fund must report the name and address of each person who contributes an aggregate amount in any year in excess of \$100 in a statewide race or in excess of \$50 in a legislative race. The report shall also contain other detailed summaries of the financial activities of the committee or fund. Every person, other than a fund or committee, who spends more than \$100 other than in contributions to a political fund or committee must make the same reports made by a political committee or fund.

Sets expenditure limits for candidates with the governor and lieutenant governor deemed one candidate. The limits are stated in per capita amounts and in absolute dollar limits whichever is greater. The absolute dollar limits are: \$600,000 for governor-lieutenant governor; \$100,000 for attorney general; \$50,000 for secretary of state, state treasurer and state auditor; \$15,000 for state senator, \$7,500 for state representative. If a candidate goes through a close primary he can spend an additional one-fifth of his limit on the primary. A candidate can spend 20% of his limit in a non-election year. The 20% is in addition to his limit for an election year.

Any association or individual except a political party or the candidate's principal campaign committee, can contribute only up to 10% of the candidate's spending limit. A political party can contribute up to 50% of a candidate's spending limit.

Creates a state election campaign fund. A taxpayer may check off \$1.00 either to the candidates of a political party or to all candidates proportionately. The \$1.00 is an allocation of the tax payment and is not an additional tax liability. There are two accounts created in the campaign fund; one a general account, the other account containing the money designated for individual parties. The party account money is distributed after the primaries. The general account money is distributed after the general election to statewide candidates who receive 5% of the vote and to legislative candidates who receive 10% of the vote. No candidate can receive from the state money in excess of his spending limit or the money he has spent, whichever is less.

A tax credit of \$12.50 (or \$25 if filing a joint return) is created for contributions to a candidate or a party. No more than \$5 (or \$10 if filing a joint return) may be taken as a credit for contributions to a political party.

PARTY CAUCUSES, Chapter 509, H.F. 2715: Provides that no governing body may conduct a meeting on the night of a precinct caucus, and that no public school or state college may schedule an event for such a night. Employees are to be granted time off from their jobs for the purposes of attending party caucuses. Public school buildings are to be made available for precinct caucuses.

REGISTRATION OF VOTERS, Chapter 583, S.F. 3434: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 201.061 and 201.071. Provides for the registration of voters in political subdivisions which did not have permanent registration as of July 1, 1973. Removes the requirement that a voter's sex, date of birth, and social security number be listed on the voter registration card, and makes the listing of phone numbers optional.

Miscellaneous

LEGAL NOTICE PUBLICATION RATES, Chapter 38, H.F. 1211: Amends M.S. 1971, 3.21 and 331.08. Provides the maximum rate for publication of proposed constitutional amendments be changed from \$1.20 per folio to 16¢ per line and the publication fee for legal notices be changed from 19.3¢ to 24¢ per standard line for first publication and from 13¢ to 16¢ per standard line for subsequent publications. The additional fee for "price and a half" and "double price" composition matter shall be raised from 6.5¢ to 8¢ per standard line.

FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE FOR CONGRESSIONAL CANDIDATES, Chapter 48, S.F. 1522: Amends M.S. 1971, 211.20. Provides that congressional candidates may file required federal financial disclosures in lieu of those required by chapter 211.

REQUIRING FIRE EXTINGUISHERS IN APARTMENT BUILDINGS, Chapter 63, H.F. 952: New legislation requiring that at least one fire extinguisher of a minimum specified rating be installed in each apartment in a building containing 4 or more units or that one lesser rated fire extinguisher be installed within 50 feet of each apartment entrance. The act does not prohibit more stringent local standards.

CELEBRATION OF VETERANS DAY, Chapter 88, S.F. 1434: Amends M.S. 1971, 645.44, subd. 5. Changes holiday for the celebration of Veterans Day from the fourth Monday in October back to November 11.

DEFINING ARMORY, Chapter 95, H.F. 1829: Amends M.S. 1971, 193.139. Adds to chapter 193 devoted entirely to armories, a definition of armory.

PARTITION FENCES, Chapter 116, H.F. 2827: Repeals M.S. 1971, 344.15, relating to the construction and upkeep of fences running into bodies of water.

HISTORIC SITES, Chapter 171, S.F. 3001: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 138.73, subd. 3. Changes the boundaries of the historic hill district in St. Paul.

CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS, Chapter 367, H.F. 2799: Amends M.S. 1971, 309.55, subd. 4. Exempts firemen from the prohibition of uniformed government personnel to solicit charitable contributions.

METRIC SYSTEM, Chapter 474, H.F. 1047: Provides for the gradual implementation of the metric system of weights and measures in Minnesota and the education of the citizens in this system.

VETERANS, Chapter 549, H.F. 3368: Amends M.S. 197.46. Provides that a veteran shall be given written notice of the intent to discharge him from his position or employment with the state or its political subdivisions. The veteran then has 60 days in which to request a hearing. Failure to do so amounts to a waiver of all other available legal remedies for reinstatement.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Housing

STATE BUILDING CODE, Chapter 12, S.F. 871: Amends M.S. 16.86. Provides that the Commissioner of Administration shall, after holding public hearings, promulgate amendments to the state building code relating to permissible lighting, heat loss and minimum insulation requirements for all new construction and remodeling involving light or heating changes. Effective 6/1/74.

URBAN HOMESTEADING, Chapter 228, S.F. 3068: Amends the existing Housing and Redevelopment Authority Act to permit local governments to acquire by means of eminent domain vacant properties and provide for the disposal of these properties through a variety of techniques including a form of urban homesteading. The law also requires HRA's to file and maintain a catalog of all vacant, open, and undeveloped land and land which contains substandard buildings owned and controlled by the Authority and make this list available to other agencies interested in housing and development. HRA's may make property available at a price which does not necessarily reflect fair market value but can reflect certain write-down costs and the ability of potential low and moderate income owners to rehabilitate the building using in part their own effort.

MOBILES HOMES, Chapter 273, S.F. 2161: Amends various statutes. Provides for the licensing and bonding of mobile home dealers and manufacturers by the Commissioner of Administration, and establishes requirements for the installation of mobile homes, particularly with respect to support and ground anchoring systems. Effective 1/1/75 except sec. 4, subd. 6 and sec. 8, subd. 4, 9/1/74.

MINNEAPOLIS, HOUSING AND REHABILITATION LOANS AND GRANTS, Chapter 285, S.F. 2977: Authorizes the city of Minneapolis to develop a housing rehabilitation loan and grant program. Authorizes issuance of \$10,000,000 in bonds to finance program.

MOBILE HOME CONDOMINIUMS, Chapter 319, S.F. 1977: Amends M.S. 515.02, subd. 2, and 515.15. Brings mobile homes and mobile home parks within the state condominium law, thereby permitting mobile home parks to be operated as condominiums.

SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS, Chapter 329, S.F. 2739: Amends M.S. 463.22. Includes attorney's fees in the expenses relating to the repair and removal of hazardous or substandard buildings which the municipality is to account for in seeking recovery of costs from an owner.

HAZARDOUS BUILDINGS, Chapter 341, S.F. 3060: Amends various statutes. In addition to existing powers under the Hazardous Building Act, authorizes municipalities to correct any hazardous condition on a parcel of real estate and to assess the cost to the owner. Also allows municipalities to exercise eminent domain to acquire property upon which hazardous buildings are located. Provides for the enforcement of these provisions.

REAL ESTATE, Chapter 370, H.F. 3157: Amends M.S. 504 by adding two sections. Provides that the names and addresses of the owner of the residential property, or the owners' authorized agent, and the authorized manager be disclosed to the tenant either in the rental agreement or otherwise in writing before the tenancy begins. This same information is to be posted on the premises. All code violation records pertaining to a particular parcel of real estate are to be available to any persons having a legal or beneficial interest in the premises, including, tenants, prospective tenants or owners, and any party to any action related to the premises. Failure to comply with these provisions means that no owner may begin action to recover possession of real property or make any claim against a tenant.

MINNEAPOLIS HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Chapter 372, H.F. 3242: Increases the membership of the Minneapolis Housing and Redevelopment Authority from 5 commissioners to 7.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT ACT, Chapter 403, S.F. 3311: Amends M.S. 462.421, subd. 20; and 462.605. Expands the definition of "redevelopment company" applicable in cities of the first class to include limited partnerships. Grants the powers conferred by the Minnesota Uniform Limited Partnerships Act to redevelopment companies organized as limited partnerships.

HOUSING FINANCE AGENCY, Chapter 441, H.F. 2950: Amends various statutes. Increases the basic bonding authorization of the agency from \$150 million to \$500 million. Also permits the agency to begin a housing rehabilitation loan program and establishes a \$100 million bonding authority for the program. Additional security for these bonds is provided by an appropriated debt reserve of \$1,000,000. Authorizes the agency to operate as an HRA anywhere in the state for the purposes of carrying out the Section 23 housing program. Also adds two more public members to the Housing Finance Agency Board.

HOUSING--DETERIORATED AREAS, Chapter 443, H.F. 3027: Amends various sections and subdivisions of M.S. 462. Reclassifies blighted areas as deteriorated areas in the appropriate sections.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS, Chapter 444 H.F. 3048: Amends M.S. 462.425, subd. 5 to allow public officers and employees of a municipality to be eligible to serve as a commissioner of the municipal authority.

SCOTT COUNTY, HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Chapter 473, H.F. 987: A Scott County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is created with all the authority of a municipal HRA; such authority may exercise the powers of an HRA in a municipality upon request of the municipality.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES; TOWN OF FOREST LAKE, FIRE PROTECTION, Chapter 475, H.F. 1075: A Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is created with all the authority of a municipal HRA; such authority may exercise the powers of an HRA in a municipality upon request of the municipality. The town of Forest Lake is authorized to levy a tax for fire protection at its annual meeting.

Retirement and Pensions

STATE RETIREMENT SYSTEM, Chapter 4, H.F. 1320: Amends M.S. 11.16, subd. 8. Establishes bonds, notes and other obligations issued by the Inter-American Development Bank and Asian Development Bank as legal investments for the purposes of the state retirement system.

MINNEAPOLIS CITY EMPLOYEES, Chapter 73, S.F. 2823: Relating to the city of Minneapolis; disability, retirement, and survivor benefits for city employees; providing for adjustments in cost, benefits and contributions.

MINNEAPOLIS CITY EMPLOYEES, Chapter 74, S.F. 2891: Relating to the city of Minneapolis; retirement, disability benefits for city employees.

MINNEAPOLIS CITY EMPLOYEES, Chapter 75, S.F. 2892: Relating to the city of Minneapolis; retirement, survivor benefits for dependents of city employees.

MINNEAPOLIS CITY EMPLOYEES, Chapter 76, S.F. 2921: Relating to the city of Minneapolis; retirement, disability, retirement and survivor benefits for city employees.

HENNEPIN COUNTY, Chapter 94, H.F. 1630: Relating to Hennepin County; retirement of county employees.

DISTRICT COURT JUDGES, Chapter 129, H.F. 3132: Relating to retirement; service required for retirement of district court judges.

INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN PENSIONS, Chapter 145, H.F. 995: Amends M.S. 290.08, subd. 6; exempts pension payments, from other states and from Minnesota volunteer firemen's relief associations, from the Minnesota personal income tax. Effective 1/1/75.

TEACHERS RETIREMENT ASSOCIATIONS, Chapter 213, S.F. 2949: Relating to retirement; state contributions to certain teachers retirement associations. Effective 9/1/74.

TEACHERS RETIREMENT FUNDS, Chapter 214, S.F. 2951: Relating to retirement; tax levy for certain teachers retirement funds.

RAMSEY COUNTY, Chapter 222, S.F. 2350: Relating to the county of Ramsey; providing for the retirement of employees thereof; providing certain benefits therefor; and authorizing the levy of certain taxes.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, Chapter 229, S.F. 3144: Relating to retirement; miscellaneous amendments to the public employees retirement law; providing benefits to qualified survivors of a basic member or a member of the police and fire fund, including members of the Association of Minnesota Counties in membership in the Public Employees Retirement Association.

TEACHERS, Chapter 289, S.F. 3033: Relating to retirement; revising the law governing the Teachers Retirement Association and fund. Effective 7/1/74 except sec. 53, day after enactment.

LEGISLATURE, Chapter 306, H.F. 102: Amends various statutes. Provides for the continuance in or return of legislative members to their employment after legislative sessions, providing for restoration to their position and the retention of all other rights such as seniority and pensions incident to the position. Applies to both public and private employment.

LEGISLATURE, Chapter 420, S.F. 3272: Relating to the legislature; authorizing group hospital and medical benefits coverage for retirement members.

LEGISLATORS, CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICERS AND JUDGES, Chapter 445, H.F. 3060: Relating to retirement; transferring duties of the state auditor and treasurer in connection with legislators', constitutional officers' and judges' retirement to the executive director of the Minnesota state retirement system. Effective 7/1/74.

UNCLASSIFIED STATE EMPLOYEES, Chapter 454, H.F. 3398: Relating to retirement; authorizing under specified conditions and circumstances, a participant in the Minnesota unclassified employees retirement program to withdraw employer and employee shares therefrom and transfer such shares to the highway patrolmen's retirement fund.

STATE CORRECTIONAL INSTITUTION EMPLOYEES, Chapter 520, H.F. 2990: Relating to retirement; coverage for certain employees at state correctional institutions. Effective 7/1/74.

RETIRED ELECTED STATE OFFICIALS, Chapter 552, H.F. 3479: Relating to retirement; benefits payable to certain retired elected state officials.

State Agencies

INADEQUATE TELEPHONE SERVICE, Chapter 40, H.F. 2197: Amends M.S. 237. Permits the Public Service Commission to investigate any telephone service which it believes is inadequate and authorizes the commission to order service adjustments.

STATE BOARD OF ELECTRICITY, Chapter 45, H.F. 1577: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 326.241, subd. 3. Changes the number of days for which members of the State Board of Electricity can receive compensation and expenses from 24 to 30.

CIVIL SERVICE, Chapter 58, H.F. 2873: Provides that the rules and regulations of the Department of Civil Service are to remain in effect until June 30, 1974, or until the Department of Personnel can promulgate permanent rules.

BOXING COMMISSION, Chapter 80, H.F. 2150: Amends M.S. 341.07. Removes restriction on days which boxing and sparring exhibitions (Sunday, Christmas and Good Friday) could not formerly be held.

LEGISLATIVE AUDITOR, Chapter 118, H.F. 2911: Grants the legislative auditor the power of subpoena.

STATE AUDITOR--REIMBURSABLE EXAMINATIONS, Chapter 149, H.F. 2908: Amends M.S. 215.225. Allows the State Auditor to contract for accounting and technical personnel to be used in conjunction with reimbursable examinations; authorizes the use of the revolving fund for such activities; and provides for the adjustment of fee schedules to cover the costs of such examinations.

OMNIBUS STATE GOVERNMENT BILL, Chapter 184, H.F. 2043: Amends various statutes. Will: update statutory provisions on the printing of proposed constitutional amendments; authorize the payment of all travel expenses for all state employees on official business; give the Commissioner of Administration the power to supervise and control all state telecommunication facilities; allow the Commissioner of Administration to dispose of lost or abandoned property with a minimal value as state surplus property; eliminate the requirement for contractors' bonds or security for negotiated state public work contracts not exceeding \$5,000; allow the Commissioner of Administration to survey any state-owned lands for sale if their estimated value is under \$5,000; and require the appraisal of all such land estimated to be of a value in excess of \$5,000; clarifies the state record disposition and management system by designating a records disposition panel; and allows the municipal redevelopment and housing authorities to determine whether they desire inclusion in the state social security agreement.

BASIC SCIENCES, Chapter 224, S.F. 2687: Amends various statutes. Abolishes the State Board of Examiners in the Basic Sciences, Examinations in the Basic Sciences, and Registration in the Basic Sciences.

OMNIBUS STATE GOVERNMENT BILL, Chapter 260, H.F. 3279: Amends various statutes. Will allow the Commissioner of Administration to take over the management functions of any dissolved or suspended state agency; allow state departments to make advance deposits on purchases from the Federal Supervisor of Documents; authorize the Commissioner of Administration to use state-owned vehicles for car-pooling state employees; require the Commissioner of Administration to publish notice of hearings on surplus land at least once in a newspaper of general circulation in the county in which the land is located; require the Commissioner of Administration to enter into a contract of deed with the purchaser of surplus land on an installment basis; allow the political subdivisions of the state to bid for or contract with any state agency for the purchase or lease of equipment or property; repeal M.S. 94.15, relating to land patents.

LEGISLATURE, Chapter 306, H.F. 102: Amends various statutes. Provides for the continuance in or return of legislative members to their employment after legislative sessions, providing for restoration to their position and the retention of all other rights such as seniority and pensions incident to the position. Applies to both public and private employment.

ALTERNATE METHODS OF CREATION, MAINTENANCE AND STORAGE OF OFFICIAL RECORDS, Chapter 323, S.F. 2516: Permits any public officer who has jurisdiction over a collection of official records to select and use, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Administration, alternate

methods for the compilation, maintenance, and storage of the information contained in those records subject to conditions established in the act. The methods selected must provide for access to the information contained in the records by those authorized by law to have access to that information and the method selected must provide for the preservation of the information contained in the records to the extent specified by law.

STATE GOVERNMENT, Chapter 344, S.F. 3160: Amends various statutes. Provides for the regular publication by the Commissioner of Administration of a state register. The register shall contain all notices for hearings concerning all rules and regulations, amendments and repeals as adopted under Chapter 15, and all executive orders issued by the Governor, as well as any other notice deemed to be of significant interest to the public. No rule, regulation or executive order, with the exception of emergency orders, will be effective until after it has been published in the register. The register is to be available at a central location and by subscription. Effective 7/1/75.

ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, Chapter 348, S.F. 3233: Amends M.S. 85A.03. Allows the state zoological gardens four positions in the unclassified service of the state. All other employees are to be in the classified state civil service.

OFFICE OF LEGISLATIVE RESEARCH, Chapter 404, S.F. 3342: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 3.304, subd. 2, and by adding a subdivision. Places employees of the Office of Legislative Research in the unclassified service of the state. Authorizes the Director of Research to contract for legal, technical, or research services when full-time personnel are not available to carry out the duties of the Office of Legislative Research.

CIVIL DEFENSE, Chapter 428, H.F. 1834: Changes the name of the Division of Civil Defense in the Department of Public Safety to the Division of Emergency Services. Designates the Division of Emergency Services as the state agency to purchase, accept, lease, and distribute excess property made available by the federal government to governmental or nonprofit organizations. Creates an excess property revolving fund to pay for excess property received from the federal government, and outlines the administration of this fund. Effective 7/1/74.

STATE REGULATION OF GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES, Chapter 429, H.F. 1835: Establishes statewide rate and service regulation of gas and electrical utilities in Minnesota with administration and adjudication through the Public Service Commission. The Commission is expanded from three to five members. Municipally owned utilities are exempt from state jurisdiction and remain subject only to local regulation (though expressly subject to several lesser state administrative requirements, such as accounting and depreciation procedures). Exclusive service areas designation for electrical utilities is authorized, and rate base determination is left to the judgment of the PSC, although some criteria are set forth. Utilities are to be allowed a "fair rate of return" on the rate base established. Effective 1/1/75 except secs. 36-44, 62-64, 69, day after final enactment.

PUBLIC RECORDS, Chapter 479, H.F. 1316: Requires the Commissioner of Administration to report annually to the legislature on all the systems of the state and its subdivisions which keep data on individuals. Standards of operations are established for these systems and the individuals' rights concerning the collection and use of data are delineated. Provisions are made so that an individual may bring action for damages and a violation of the act is made a misdemeanor.

ADVISORY COUNCILS, Chapter 494, H.F. 2191: Amends various statutes. Authorizes the Governor to appoint an Information Services Advisory council, consisting of 25 members, to assist the Commissioner of Administration in the development of intergovernmental information systems.

CABLE COMMUNICATIONS, Chapter 506, H.F. 2608: Grants the State Cable Communications Commission the power of subpoena; provides for the issuance of interim certificates of conformation for cable operations; extends the Commission's initial rule-making period relating to franchising and certification (to April 1, 1975); defines "lead end"; and makes various "housekeeping" amendments.

SALARY SETTING FOR STATE OFFICIALS AND EMPLOYEES, Chapter 511, H.F. 2785: Amends various sections concerning salary setting and recommending procedures, particularly with respect to the jurisdiction and methods of the State Board of Personnel. Among its provisions are the following:

1. After consultation with appropriate officials, the Personnel Board is to (on or before November 15 of each even-numbered year) make salary recommendations for major unclassified state positions (listed in M.S. 15A.081) and for members of the legislature.
2. Salaries for unclassified positions in state government not otherwise set by law or exempted by this chapter are to be set by the Commissioner of Personnel.
3. In determining or recommending salaries, the Personnel Commissioner and Board shall give consideration to an equitable relationship between positions of similar requirements within state government and to an equitable relationship between positions of similar requirement in state government and outside state government.
4. The Personnel Board is authorized to make achievement awards to individuals in unclassified positions listed in M.S. 15A.081, but not to exceed in aggregate 25% of the base salary established by the position.

Also defines executive, legislative and judicial branches for the purpose of salary setting and makes various other procedural amendments.

STATE DESIGNER SELECTION BOARD, Chapter 533, H.F. 3151: Establishes a State Designer Selection Board, consisting of five individuals appointed by the Governor (one nominated by the Minnesota Consulting Engineers Council, one nominated by the Society of Architects, and one nominated by the State Arts Council). In addition, for the purposes of interviewing and selecting designers, the Board shall have two ex-officiate non-voting

members representing the Commissioner of Administration and the user agency.

Agencies are required to submit to the Board the details of any project that involves costs greater than \$250,000 or a planning project with estimated fees greater than \$20,000 with a request that a project designer be selected (with the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Commission excepted). The Board is required to publicize the project, establish criteria for the selection process, and after interviewing and evaluating applicants, select the primary designer (architect or engineer) for the project. The Commissioner of Administration shall negotiate the designer's fee and prepare the contract. Other procedural details are specified.

AERONAUTICS, Chapter 538, H.F. 3239: Transfers \$500,000 from the state airports fund to the hangar construction revolving account.

INDIAN AFFAIRS COMMISSION, Chapter 539, H.F. 3240: Amends M.S. 3.922, subd. 3. Raises the per diem pay of Commission members from \$10 to \$35.

ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, Chapter 543, H.F. 3313: Amends M.S. 85A.03, subd. 4. Exempts the granting of food and transit concessions at the state zoological gardens from the practice of competitive bidding and gives the Commissioner of Administration discretionary authority to determine that other concessions should not be awarded to the highest bidder.

PUBLIC SAFETY, Chapter 550, H.F. 3436: Authorizes the Commissioner of Public Safety to promulgate a uniform fire code, and to formulate rules and regulations for its enforcement.

STATE BUILDING CODE, Chapter 568, S.F. 2231: Amends various statutes. Provides for the filling of vacancies in the office of municipal certified building officials; allows municipalities to keep a portion of all permit surcharges they collect and makes the State Building Code and its enforcement applicable to all buildings constructed by the state, its agencies, and political subdivisions.

CAPITOL AREA ARCHITECTURAL AND PLANNING COMMISSION, Chapter 580, S.F. 3323: Amends various sections concerning the powers and responsibilities of the Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Commission. Among the chapter's provisions are the following:

- appropriates to the Commission \$93,000 to delineate alternative means of implementing its official master plan.
- expands the Commission's concern to include the architectural integrity of the Capitol and its grounds.
- puts the Lieutenant Governor on the Commission as chairman replacing the Governor and has the Governor appoint four members (rather than three) and the mayor of St. Paul appoint two members (rather than three).
- allows the City of St. Paul to hold moneys in its capitol approach improvement fund until expenditures therefrom are required by the legislature and removes the city's obligation to share the Commission's administrative and planning expenses.

- requires the Commissioner of Administration to consult with and obtain the approval of the Commission with respect to any building construction plans involving the capitol area.
- requires the Commissioner of Administration to maintain the capitol area buildings and grounds according to the standards of the Commission, with similar provisions for repairs, land rentals, office space assignments, etc.
- provides that the State Historical Society will have final authority over all monuments, works of art, etc., that might be removed from the capitol or grounds.

Miscellaneous

STATE GOVERNMENT LAND CONVEYANCE, Chapter 142, S.F. 3085: Authorizes the conveyance of certain state-owned lands to the city of Owatonna and specifies the terms.

STATE LANDS, Chapter 168, S.F. 2860: Provides for the conveyance of certain state lands in Isanti County to Cambridge Memorial Hospital.

LAND ACQUISITION, Chapter 242, S.F. 2264: Authorizes the Commissioner of Administration to acquire certain lands for the Commissioner of Natural Resources for use as wildlife management areas, spawning, and trout stream management and angling for the public.

STATE LANDS, Chapter 245, S.F. 3009: Authorizes the conveyance of certain state lands in Pine and Carlton Counties to the city of Moose Lake.

STATE LANDS, Chapter 303, S.F. 3417: Conveys a portion of the property of Gillette Childrens Hospital to the city of St. Paul.

TAX FORFEIT LANDS, Chapter 318, S.F. 1900: Amends M.S. 282.226. Provides that a greater share of the receipts from tax-forfeited lands be paid to the counties to defray the expenses of administrating these lands (not to exceed annually 10% of such receipts).

EMPLOYEE INTERCHANGE, Chapter 320, S.F. 2005: Amends M.S. 15 by adding a section. Authorizes the interchange of employees between any department, political subdivision or agency of state government and private industry.

STATE LANDS, Chapter 324, S.F. 2611: Provides for the conveyance to the Moose Lake Community Hospital District a reversionary interest and right of reentry to real property located in Carlton County.

CIVIL SERVICE LAW REVISIONS, Chapter 364, H.F. 2728: Makes various technical amendments to the State Civil Service Law, largely related to specifying duties to the Personnel Commissioner; and further, authorizes rules relating to temporary placement of positions in the unclassified service, clarifies responsibilities in classification of positions and in relation to the allocation of positions to classes within the classification plan; provides for continuity of leave privileges when an employee transfers from the unclassified to the classified service; and generalizes the benefits of "veterans preference" to all honorably discharged veterans.

STATE LANDS, Chapter 374, H.F. 3281: Authorizes the exchange of certain public lake access land in Clearwater County.

PUBLIC INDEBTEDNESS, Chapter 380, S.F. 1104: Amends various sections so as to:

- adjust allowable municipal debt or a percent of the assessed value so as to reflect change in state assessment procedure (to market value).
- authorizes a procedure whereby a municipality may issue temporary obligations in anticipation of state or federal grants.
- clarify other provisions.

MUNICIPAL HOSPITALS, Chapter 489, H.F. 1991: Allows any county or municipal hospital to employ a certified public accountant to annually audit their books.

REGISTERED NURSES, Chapter 554, H.F. 3544: Amends M.S. 148.171. Amends the statutory definition of professional nursing to include independent ministrations of health care, assessment of actual or potential health needs, and the supervising and teaching of nursing personnel.

CHIROPRACTIC LICENSURE, MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS, Chapter 564, S.F. 1769: Amends M.S. 1971, 148.06. Requires that for licensure to practice chiropractic a person must have earned at least one-half of all academic credits required toward a baccalaureate degree and have taken a four-year resident course (of at least eight months each) in an accredited school of chiropractic. Credits in prechiropractic training (toward a baccalaureate) may require approval by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Allows the Board to waive requirements for a written licensure examination when an applicant holds a valid certificate from the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, though a practical examination would still be required.

Authorizes the Board to require evidence of participation in continuing chiropractic education for license renewal, with a minimum requirement of not less than five hours during the preceding year.

HEALTH AND WELFARE

Income Maintenance

GENERAL ASSISTANCE, Chapter 297, S.F. 3208: Amends the General Assistance Act of 1973 (M.S. 245A) to provide that the standard for cash payments will be 100% of the actual need or state standards established in December, 1973, for shelter and utility, and for other budgetary items 50% of the state standard. Also amends the definition of county of financial responsibility to determine the county which is financially responsible for individuals placed in a county as a result of a correctional program, a treatment plan for health, rehabilitation, foster care, child care, or training.

WELFARE: SUPPLEMENTAL AID, Chapter 487, H.F. 1866: Provides for county and state supplemental aid to all applicants or recipients of supplemental security income who: a) were receiving old age assistance, aid to the blind or aid to the disabled during December, 1973; or b) who were not receiving aid under a categorical aid program during December, 1973, but who meet the eligibility criteria in effect December 31, 1973, for any of the categorical aid programs. Raises the real property equity limitation for applicants for supplemental aid to \$12,000 effective 7/1/74 and \$15,000 effective 1/1/75. Provides for recalculations of supplemental aid in cases of changed circumstances. Provides administrative and judicial review; special 1974 fiscal procedures; and rule-making authority for the Commissioner of Public Welfare. Provides a penalty for failure of a board of county commissioners to levy sufficient taxes for purposes of the county share of supplemental aid to eligible individuals. Effective 4/1/74.

WELFARE: MANDATORY CERTIFICATION TO THE COMMISSIONER OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, Chapter 498, H.F. 2333: Amends the Work Incentive Program law (M.S. 256.736) to provide that county welfare agencies shall certify appropriate individuals to the Commissioner of Employment Services. The Commissioner of Public Welfare shall provide the standards for county welfare agencies consistent with standards promulgated by the Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare. Registration for employment services, training, and employment is a condition of receiving aid to families with dependent children. Instances in which an applicant for AFDC are exempt from this requirement are specified. The recipient has the right to be informed in writing of the requirement to register with the Commissioner of Employment Services and a right to a fair hearing with respect to the appropriateness of his registration. The obligations of the Commissioner of Public Welfare, the county welfare agencies and the applicant or recipient of AFDC are delineated in this law.

MEDICAL ASSISTANCE, Chapter 525, H.F. 3029: Amends the Medical Assistance Statutes (M.S. 256B) by providing that recipients of supplemental security income for the aged, blind and disabled, shall be eligible for medical assistance payments in the state. Raises the income limitation for eligibility for medical assistance.

Social Services

Children

GUARDIANS FOR MINOR CHILDREN, Chapter 33, H.F. 487: Amends M.S. 518. Provides that the court may appoint a guardian ad litem to represent the interests of the child in actions for divorce or separate maintenance where a minor is involved. Court may assess costs against either or both parties.

RIGHTS OF PARENTS IN ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS, Chapter 66, H.F. 2332: This law amends Minnesota adoption laws (M.S. 259) and laws relating to termination of parental rights (M.S. 260) to provide to parents of illegitimate children an opportunity to declare their intention to retain parental rights. Notice of the hearing upon a petition to adopt a child must be given except: a) when parental rights have been terminated; b) when intention to retain parental rights has been successfully challenged; c) when the adoption has been consented to; or d) when notice of the hearing has been waived. Effective 7/1/74.

ADOPTION, Chapter 113, H.F. 2085: Amends M.S. 1971, 259.24, subd. 5 requiring that consents to an adoption shall be in writing and executed before a representative of the Commissioner of Public Welfare, his agent or a licensed child placing agency in addition to the competent witnesses. An exception is made for those adoptions effected by the Commissioner of Public Welfare, his agent or a licensed child placing agency.

ZONING OF FOSTER CARE AND GROUP HOMES, Chapter 274, S.F. 2177: Prohibits zoning ordinances which prevent the use of single family dwellings in residential areas for foster care or day care of five or less children. The Commissioner of Public Welfare shall notify a municipality or political subdivision 30 days prior to issuing a license for such a facility. Group homes for more than five persons must provide 30 days prior notice to the affected municipality or political subdivision. State funding shall be conditioned upon such notice being provided. Effective 7/1/74.

GILLETTE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, Chapter 277, S.F. 2661: Amends M.S. 250 to clarify policy regarding transfer of personnel from classified service to unclassified and the filling of vacancies by unclassified employees. Also provides for transfer of bequests and title to property from Gillette Children's Hospital to the Gillette Hospital Authority created by the 1973 legislature.

CHILD CUSTODY, Chapter 330, S.F. 2747: Amends M.S. 1971, 257 by adding a section and Chapter 518.17, relating to custody of minor children and custody of children in divorce proceedings. Provides that the court be required to consider the best interests of the child in granting custody. Delineates certain factors which the court must weigh in making its decision.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM, Chapter 383, S.F. 1888: Provides the court may appoint an attorney or guardian ad litem for a person being adopted. Court may require adopting parents to pay costs of such services.

FEEES FOR DAY CARE SERVICES, Chapter 405, S.F. 3372: County welfare boards are authorized to establish fee schedules based on the recipient's ability to pay for day care services, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Public Welfare.

ADOPTION, Chapter 499, H.F. 2334: Amends Minnesota law pertaining to petitions for adoption (M.S. 259.22) requiring that petitions for adoption cannot be presented unless, prior to the filing of the petition, the child has been placed by the Commissioner of Public Welfare, his agent or a licensed child placing agency. Exception is made in the case of children over 14 years of age being adopted, children being adopted by a step-parent, or a relative or a child placed under the laws of another state or when the court waives the requirement in the best interest of the child or the petitioners. Effective 8/1/74.

GILLETTE HOSPITAL AUTHORITY, Chapter 541, H.F. 3285: Appropriates \$3,900,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, to the Gillette Hospital Authority from the Minnesota state building fund for the acquisition and betterment of lands and buildings and other capital improvements needed to provide new facilities for the Gillette Children's Hospital in conjunction with the Ramsey County Hospital. The Commissioner of Finance is authorized upon the request of the Governor to sell and issue state building bonds to provide the above sum.

Handicapped

MINNEAPOLIS REHABILITATION AND THERAPY FACILITY, Chapter 70, S.F. 2121: Authorizes the city of Minneapolis to acquire a rehabilitation and therapy health care facility for lease to the American Rehabilitation Foundation.

EXTENSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS' CREDIT TO DISABLED, Chapter 190, H.F. 2929: Amends M.S. 290.0601, subds. 6 and 9; and M.S. 290.061; clarifies the definition of claimant as the aged, blind and disabled eligible to receive aid under the social security amendments of 1972 (P.L. 92-603) or under the social security aid to the disabled (USCA Title 42, sec. 416, paragraph (i)(1) or sec. 423(d)). Effective 1/1/75.

SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED CREDIT, Chapter 199, H.F. 3264: Amends M.S. 290.0601, subd. 9; clarifies reference for the schedule of tax credits. Effective 1/1/75.

SENIOR CITIZENS: DISABLED CREDIT, Chapter 263, H.F. 3328: Amends M.S. 290.0601, subd. 6 and M.S. 273.011, subd. 2; allows people who receive state aid to the blind or aid to the disabled in 1973 to qualify for the senior citizen property tax credit for 1973. Also expands the definition of "qualified home owner" for the senior citizen property tax freeze. Allows two or more people who own a home as joint tenants or tenants in common to qualify for the freeze if each would qualify if he were the sole owner of the property.

COMMUNITY RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES FOR RETARDED AND CEREBRAL PALSID PERSONS, Chapter 292, S.F. 3075: Adds a section, 447.42, to M.S. 1971, chap. 447, providing for the establishment of community residential facilities for mentally retarded and cerebral palsied persons by any city, county, town, nonprofit corporation or combination thereof. Provisions are made for the acquisition, leasing, establishment, funding and licensing of such facilities.

M.S. 1971, 447.45, subd. 1, dealing with the financing and leasing of hospitals and nursing homes, is amended by striking references to villages and boroughs. A new subdivision 2 is added to extend the powers conferred by secs. 447.45 to 447.50 to facilities for the care, treatment and training of the mentally retarded and persons with cerebral palsy.

BUILDING FACILITIES FOR HANDICAPPED PERSONS, Chapter 360, H.F. 2200: Amends the law regarding building regulations for the physically handicapped by including in the statutory definition of "buildings and facilities" the requirements included in the rules promulgated by the Commissioner of Administration. The administration and enforcement of these laws are shared by the Commissioner of Administration and the local authority. Transfers the regulation of building requirements for handicapped persons from the Minnesota State Fire Marshal to the Commissioner of Administration.

MENTALLY RETARDED AND CEREBRAL PALSID, Chapter 480, H.F. 1415: Sections of Minnesota Statutes, chap. 252 which apply to facilities for day activity centers for the mentally retarded are amended to include the cerebral palsied in the programs and the grants made for such facilities.

Aged

SALES AND USE TAX, Chapter 155, S.F. 1099: Amends M.S. 297A.25, subd. 1; allows a sales tax exemption for senior citizens groups organized for pleasure, recreation and other nonprofit purposes.

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SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED CREDIT, Chapter 199, H.F. 3264: Amends M.S. 290.0601, subd. 9; clarifies reference for the schedule of tax credits. Effective 1/1/75.

SEWER DISTRICT--SPECIAL HOMESTEAD ASSESSMENTS, Chapter 206, H.F. 1877: Authorizes the council of a city to adopt ordinances establishing storm sewer improvement districts within its corporate limits. The council may then construct and maintain such sewers. Upon levying the special assessments to finance the cost of the improvements, the city may defer the payment of that assessment for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older for whom the

payments would create a hardship. The deferred assessment procedure applies to all improvements under M.S. 429.

SENIOR CITIZENS: DISABLED CREDIT, Chapter 263, H.F. 3328: Amends M.S. 290.0601, subd. 6, and M.S. 273.011, subd. 2; allows people who received state aid to the blind or aid to the disabled in 1973 to qualify for the senior citizen property tax credit for 1973. This act also expands the definition of "qualified home owner" for the senior citizen property tax freeze. It allows two or more people who own a home as joint tenants or tenants in common to qualify for the freeze if each would qualify if he were the sole owner of the property.

SENIOR CITIZEN FISHING, Chapter 393, S.F. 2857: Amends M.S. 1971, 98.45, subd. 2; and M.S. 1973, 98.47, subds. 1 and 8. Requires residents over 65 who desire to take fish without a license to have proper identification showing their age and residency with them when taking fish. Limits free fishing privileges to angling or spearing.

TRANSIT; BUS SYSTEM FARES, Chapter 528, H.F. 3035: Amends M.S. 473A.09; 473A.111, subd. 1. Effective 1/30/75, the Transit Commission may not charge in excess of \$.50 per ride except on express bus service. A mill levy is provided to provide for service to the handicapped. \$2,000,000 may be levied for bus service expansion. The time for free transit service for the aged is extended from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., and from 6:30 p.m. to the last bus on weekdays and all day Saturday and Sunday and is extended to all persons under the age of 18.

GOVERNOR'S CITIZEN COUNCIL ON AGING, Chapter 536, H.F. 3223: Extends the duties of the Governor's Citizen Council on Aging to include administration and policy making relating to the implementation of the Older Americans Act of 1965. The Council is authorized to accept monies through the Department of Public Welfare for the implementation of programs for the aging.

Organizational

Human Services

PATIENTS' RIGHTS, Chapter 162, S.F. 2449: Amends M.S. 1971, 253A.08 and provides that all persons admitted to federal institutions in this state shall have the same rights afforded to patients of state mental hospitals by sec. 253A.16.

HUMAN SERVICES ACT, Chapter 234, S.F. 3287: Amends Human Services Act of 1973 (M.S. 402) to provide that:

1. private providers of human services shall participate in the development of the human services plan;
2. advisory committees shall include representatives of private providers;
3. county boards, committees or commissions providing human services shall cease their operation 30 days after the approval of the initial human services board plan and budget;

4. there shall be a public hearing prior to adoption of a human service plan; and
5. the pilot study human services boards need not be formally designated human service boards to be eligible to receive financial assistance.

HUMAN SERVICES BOARD IN CARVER AND SCOTT COUNTIES, Chapter 293, S.F. 3079: Provides for the designation of a human services board for Carver and Scott counties with the powers and duties provided in the Human Services Act of 1973 (M.S. 402).

County Welfare

MINNEAPOLIS BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, Chapter 191, H.F. 2936: Allows the city of Minneapolis to abolish the board of public welfare. Effective 1/1/75.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY WELFARE BOARD, Chapter 266, S.F. 423: Increases the size of St. Louis County welfare board from five to seven members, four of whom shall be county commissioners and three shall be lay members.

JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS ACT, Chapter 328, S.F. 2715: Amends the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (M.S. 393.01) to provide that in the event two or more counties resolve to combine the functions of their separate welfare agencies; each county board shall, on an annual basis, select two rather than one of its members to serve on the joint welfare board. One person who is not a county commissioner shall be chosen from each county to serve as a welfare board member and no less than 1/3 of the members of the joint welfare board must be persons who are not commissioners.

Health

Insurance

ACCIDENT AND HEALTH INSURANCE, Chapter 30, H.F. 140: Amends M.S. 62A.03, subd. 1. Provides for reimbursement on an equal basis from physician, osteopath, optometrist, or chiropractor from individual accident and health insurance.

CONTINUATION OF GROUP MEDICAL AND HOSPITAL COVERAGE UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT, Chapter 101, S.F. 21: Provides that group insurance policies, group subscribers contracts, and health care plans established through health maintenance organizations shall be continued, at the election of the employee, upon his termination of employment, for a period of six months or until he is reemployed, whichever comes first. If the employer fails to inform employee of his right to continue coverage within five days of termination of employment, the employee is conclusively presumed to elect to retain coverage, and is relieved of his obligation to make monthly payments to the employer.

HEALTH MAINTENANCE ORGANIZATIONS, Chapter 284, S.F. 2971: Makes technical amendments to the Health Maintenance Act of 1973 (M.S. 62D), such as: 1) changing "medical services" to "health services" in the definition of "comprehensive health maintenance services"; 2) allowing health plans to require pre-enrollment physical exams; 3) mandatory cooperation with other health providers by a planning organization seeking financial assistance in establishing an HMO; 4) permitting for reimbursement to enrollees for certain non-elective emergency services; and 5) consumer representation on the governing body of an HMO must be elected by enrollees.

LEGISLATURE, Chapter 420, S.F. 3272: Relating to the legislature; authorizing group hospital and medical benefits coverage for retirement members.

Personnel

MEDICAL PRACTICE, Chapter 31, H.F. 284: Amends M.S. 147.021, subd. 1. Provides the State Board of Medical Examiners with the right to compel a physician to submit to a mental or physical examination. Failure to submit to such an examination shall constitute an admission to the allegations against the physician. All licensed physicians practicing in this state are considered to have given their consent to such examinations, and are considered to have waived all objections to the admissibility of the examining physician's testimony on the grounds of privileged communications. This act further defines the reasons for refusing or revoking a license to include persons adjudged to be drug dependent, inebriate, dangerous to the public or of a psychopathic personality, and persons who display a willful or careless disregard for the welfare of their patients.

EXAMINATION AND LICENSING OF PHYSICIANS, SURGEONS AND OSTEOPATHS, Chapter 42, H.F. 285: Amends M.S. 147.02, subd. 1. Raises the examination fee to practice medicine. Authorizes the board to administer an examination prepared and graded by a nationally recognized agency, which may then provide certification of passage. Specifies conditions under which the board may require examination.

PRACTICE OF MEDICINE WITHOUT A LICENSE, Chapter 43, H.F. 484: Amends M.S. 147.10. Specifies the identifications prohibited from use by those not licensed to practice medicine in Minnesota. Exempts those who practice ritual circumcision pursuant to an established religion from such license requirement. Licensed psychologists are permitted to use hypnosis in treatment.

DENIAL, SUSPENSION OR REVOCATION OF CERTIFICATES TO PHYSICAL THERAPISTS, Chapter 61, H.F. 482: Amends M.S. 148.75 and repeals M.S. 147.08. Updates and clarifies the grounds on which certificates to physical therapists may be denied, suspended or revoked.

PRACTICE OF MASSAGE, Chapter 62, H.F. 483: Amends M.S. 1971, 146.6 by striking that portion which lists the giving of treatment by massage as an exception to the requirement for a license. Also repeals the statutes pertaining to masseurs and masseuses.

PEER REVIEW: HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS, Chapter 295, S.F. 3175: Amends health care review organization law (M.S. 145.61) to allow health maintenance organizations, nonprofit health service plans and professional standards review organizations to establish peer review committees. Also allows review committees to expand their functions to include quality and cost reviews and to mediate in disputes involving health care. Also clarifies the confidentiality of proceedings of review committees.

SCHOOL NURSES, Chapter 334, S.F. 2842: School nurses or other authorized nurses may take throat cultures on school children for the purpose of detecting streptococcus infection. School boards are authorized to make a nominal charge for materials and laboratory fees.

POSSESSION OF CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES BY REGISTERED ANALYTICAL LABORATORIES, Chapter 369, H.F. 3102: Amends the pharmacy law (M.S. 151) and the controlled substances law (M.S. 152) to provide that employees or agents of a registered analytical laboratory acting in the course of their employment shall not be prohibited from possessing a legend drug or a controlled substance.

REGISTERED NURSES, Chapter 554, H.F. 3544: Amends M.S. 148.171. Amends the statutory definition of professional nursing to include independent ministrations of health care, assessment of actual or potential health needs, and the supervising and teaching of nursing personnel.

CHIROPRACTIC LICENSURE, MINIMUM ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS, Chapter 564, S.F. 1769: Amends M.S. 1971, 148.06. Requires that for licensure to practice chiropractic a person must have earned at least one-half of all academic credits required toward a baccalaureate degree and have taken a four-year resident course (of at least eight months each) in an accredited school of chiropractic. Credits in prechiropractic training (toward a baccalaureate) may require approval by the State Board of Chiropractic Examiners.

Allows the Board to waive requirements for a written licensure examination when an applicant holds a valid certificate from the National Board of Chiropractic Examiners, though a practical examination would still be required.

Authorizes the Board to require evidence of participation in continuing chiropractic education for license renewal, with a minimum requirement of not less than five hours during the preceding year.

State Board of Health

FEES AND INSPECTION OF X-RAY MACHINES AND RADIUM, Chapter 81, S.F. 190: Amends M.S. 144. Establishes registration fees for x-ray machines and radium and provides for periodic inspection by the State Board of Health.

FEES FOR HEALTH SERVICES, Chapter 154, S.F. 767: Provides:

- a) authorization to charge fees for services of the Board of Health;
- b) fees must approximate cost and be approved by the Commissioner of administration;
- c) fees collected are deposited in the general fund of the state treasury;
- d) appropriates \$1,250,000 which is to be available only to the extent of fee income;
- e) the Board must notify the legislature prior to expenditure of funds appropriated.

AMBULANCE SERVICES, Chapter 300, S.F. 3325: Amends M.S. 144.801 et. seq. to provide that the State Board of Health may require certain information from licensed operators of ambulance services. All such reports shall be kept confidential except in any proceeding involving questions of licensure. Failure to report required information shall result in license revocation.

HEALTH DEPARTMENT FEES, Chapter 471, H.F. 974: Amends M.S. 144 authorizing the State Board of Health to prescribe fees for permits, licenses, registrations and certifications. Proposed fees must be approved by the Department of Administration and deposited in the state treasury to be credited to the general fund. Effective 1/1/75.

HEALTH: SCHOOL EMPLOYEES' TUBERCULOSIS TEST, Chapter 526, H.F. 3030: Extends provisions in the law (M.S. 123.69) for annual tuberculosis tests by employees of all school districts to include employees of all private or parochial schools, day care centers and nursery schools. Administration of this requirement is to be in accordance with rules and regulations promulgated by the State Board of Health.

Appropriations

HEALTH AND WELFARE APPROPRIATIONS, Chapter 575, S.F. 2964:

1. Native American Chemical Dependency Programs. Mandates the State Authority on Alcohol and Drug Abuse (M.S. 254A) to establish guidelines for employment of personnel with experience and understanding of those alcohol and drug problems peculiar to the Native American community. Creates an Office of Native American programs within the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Section of the Department of Public Welfare. Authority is given to the Special Assistant for Native American Programs on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse to administer funds and establish policies and procedures for Native American programs. Grants made to community programs shall be according to the guidelines established by this act. \$35,000 is appropriated for these purposes.

2. Venereal Disease Treatment. Authorizes the State Board of Health to assist local agencies to develop and maintain services for the detection and treatment of venereal disease. The Board of Health shall promulgate regulations relative to the composition of such services, establish a method of providing funds and provide technical assistance to such agencies in accord with the local needs. \$100,000 is appropriated for this purpose.
3. Emergency Relief - AFDC. Provides that the Commissioner of Public Welfare shall provide emergency supplementary grants to recipients of aid to families with dependent children for major home repairs, repair of major home appliances, and supplementary dietary needs medically authorized but not covered by medical assistance. The determination of need, procedures for prorating state appropriations and fiscal procedures shall be made immediately by rule and regulation. A quarterly report on the expenditures for supplementary grants is to be made to the legislative committee. \$250,000 is appropriated for this purpose.
4. Categorical Aids. \$3,900,000 is appropriated to the Department of Public Welfare for medical assistance, supplemental payments for supplementary security income recipients and aid to families with dependent children.
5. Day Activity Centers. \$700,000 is appropriated for day time activity centers for the mentally retarded.
6. Red Lake Indians. \$20,000 is appropriated for the Red Lake Band of Chippewa Indians.
7. State Institutions. \$200,000 is appropriated for contingent funds for state institutions.
8. Day Care for Migrants. \$60,000 is appropriated to provide for day care services to children of migrant workers utilizing Title IVA funds.
9. Library for the Blind. \$20,000 is appropriated for the regional library for the blind.
10. Computer Projects. \$235,000 is carried over from previous appropriation for the special computer projects approved by Laws 1973, chap. 765, sec. 2, subd. 2.
11. Economic Opportunity Programs. An appropriation is made to finance statewide operations formerly funded in whole or in part under the Economic Opportunity Act of 1964 provided that the recipient shall have expended all funds received under the Economic Opportunity Act. A portion of these funds may be expended in counties currently without economic opportunity programs. The funds appropriated shall not be available until the program requests have been reviewed by the legislative committees. \$900,000 is appropriated to the Commissioner of Administration for economic opportunity programs in addition to any unexpended balance of the \$300,000 remaining from the appropriations made in Laws 1973, Chapter 765, sec. 8, subd. 1.

12. Food Stamp Quality Control. The Department of Public Welfare shall not reimburse counties for administrative expenses under Laws 1973, chapter 650, art. 21, sec. 31, until such counties participate in a food stamp quality control system.
13. Bridge Runaway Youth Incorporated. \$50,000 is appropriated for providing a grant-in-aid to the Bridge Runaway Youth Incorporated of Minneapolis, Minnesota.
14. County Jails. Compensation for the sheriffs in charge of county jails for board and washing for prisoners is raised.
15. Nursing Home Personal Allowance. Welfare allowances for clothing and personal needs for individuals receiving medical assistance while confined in a skilled nursing home or intermediate care facility shall not be less than \$25.00 per month. Any handicapped or mentally retarded recipient of medical assistance confined in a skilled nursing home or intermediate care facility may be permitted to retain specified portions of earnings from productive employment under an individual plan of rehabilitation.
16. AFDC - Unborn. The definition of a dependent contained in AFDC eligibility laws (M.S. 256.72-256.87) is altered to include the unborn during the final three months of pregnancy.
17. Indian Affairs Commission. \$20,000 is appropriated to the Indian Affairs Commission for expenses of operation.

Miscellaneous

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WELFARE FUNDS, Chapter 50, H.F. 28: Adds new sections to M.S. 181. Requires that wherever a construction worker makes contributions or has contributions made for him by a temporary employer into a health and welfare (but not pension or retirement) fund other than his own, he can require that such monies be transferred to his home fund. Applies mandatorily only to totally intrastate plans, but does not prohibit such transfers between plans operating interstate.

ABORTION REGULATORY BILL, Chapter 177, S.F. 498: Provides for the regulation of abortion and repeals M.S. 617.18 and 617.19. Sec. 1 defines "viable", as able to live outside the mother's womb, albeit with artificial aid. Further provides that during the second half of the gestation period the fetus is defined as "potentially viable".

Sec. 2 specifies which abortions are illegal and criteria for legal abortion as well as penalties for violation of this section.

Sec. 3 establishes a confidential reporting system and penalties for those physicians failing to report.

Sec. 4 prohibits discrimination against those individuals and institutions which refuse to participate in an abortion procedure.

Sec. 5 provides that in an abortion which results in a live birth, the child has all human rights under law and the parents lose their parental rights unless the abortion was done to save the life of the mother or the parents elect within 30 days to accept the parental rights and responsibilities.

Sec. 6 provides that the State Board of Health shall regulate and license abortion facilities.

Sec. 7 repeals abortion statutes which have been declared unconstitutional.

COMMITMENT PROCEEDINGS, Chapter 482, H.F. 1634: Amends M.S. 1971, sec. 253A and sec. 525.11. Relates to evidential proof for involuntary commitment; provides commitment hearings be more like other judicial hearings; specifies degree of mental illness required for commitment; requires certain information be provided to head of institution; provides appeals from a commitment be made pursuant to provisions of county court act; requires transcripts of commitment proceedings be available to certain parties; and requires a record of commitment proceedings be kept. In Hennepin and Ramsey counties, sec. 6 effective 7/1/75.

HIGHER EDUCATION

LOANS TO MEDICAL AND OSTEOPATHY STUDENTS WHO AGREE TO PRACTICE IN RURAL COMMUNITIES, Chapter 77, S.F. 2736: Amends M.S. 147.30; 147.31; 147.32 and Laws 1973, chap. 727, sec. 4. Provides additional details concerning loans and bonds to finance loans to medical and osteopathy students who agree to practice in rural communities.

MEMBERSHIP OF STATE COLLEGE BOARD, Chapter 147, H.F. 2876: Amends M.S. 136.12. Adds to the State College Board a student or recent graduate member to serve for a two-year term.

WINE RESEARCH BY HIGHER EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS, Chapter 283, S.F. 2878: Amends M.S. 340.11, subd. 1. Allows natural fermentation of fruit juices by institutions of higher education for scientific, experimental or educational purposes.

WAIVER OF TUITION FOR FOREIGN STUDENTS, Chapter 492, H.F. 2125: Authorizes institutions of higher education to grant emergency scholarships and resident tuition status to foreign students with financial need and to require recipients of these benefits to return to their countries upon conclusion of their education. Appropriates \$80,000 for scholarships. Effective 7/1/74.

STATE COLLEGE LEGAL COUNSELING AND SERVICE PROGRAM, Chapter 512, H.F. 2813: Amends Laws 1973, chap. 488, sec. 1. Authorizes the student associations at all state colleges and the Minnesota State College Student Association to expend money assigned to them to fund a legal counseling and service program for students.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS FOR UNIVERSITY AND COLLEGE PURPOSES, Chapter 516, H.F. 2928: Reappropriates the unexpended balances of the appropriation made by Laws 1971, chap. 963, sec. 4, clause (2)(c) for use for plans for a law school building, a St. Paul library/learning resources center, Minneapolis campus development, and phasing out the lower campus at Mankato State, and for expansion of the University of Minnesota kidney dialysis unit.

HIGHER EDUCATION RECIPROCITY BETWEEN MINNESOTA AND WISCONSIN, Chapter 532, H.F. 3140: Amends M.S. 136A.08, sec. 1. Permits the Higher Education Coordinating Commission to include in a higher education reciprocity agreement with Wisconsin a provision for the transfer of funds between Minnesota and Wisconsin on the basis of a mutually acceptable formula reflecting tuition rates and numbers of students. Provides that a provision for transfer of funds is permissible only when an income tax reciprocity agreement is in effect between Minnesota and Wisconsin. Appropriates from otherwise unappropriated moneys amounts necessary to pay Wisconsin under a higher education reciprocity agreement.

REPORTING OF MEN, WOMEN AND RACIAL MINORITIES IN PROFESSIONAL PROGRAMS, Chapter 547, H.F. 3347: Requires professional programs to report biennially on the numbers and percentages of men, women and racial minorities among their enrollment, applicants, graduates and graduates placed in positions.

JUDICIARY

CRIMES AND CRIMINALS, Chapter 32, H.F. 371: Amends M.S. 1971, 609.11. Provides a minimum sentence of 3 years, without parole, for certain crimes committed with firearms or other dangerous weapons.

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RIGHTS OF PARENTS IN ADOPTION PROCEEDINGS, Chapter 66, H.F. 2332: This law amends Minnesota adoption laws (M.S. 259) and laws relating to termination of parental rights (M.S. 260) to provide parents of illegitimate children an opportunity to declare their intention to retain parental rights. Notice of the hearing upon a petition to adopt a child must be given except: a) when parental rights have been terminated; b) when intention to retain parental rights has been successfully challenged; c) when the adoption has been consented to; or d) when notice of the hearing has been waived. Effective 7/1/74.

FIFTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT COURTS, Chapter 90, S.F. 1859: Amends M.S. 1971, 484.13 to change the times for general terms of fifth judicial district courts. Effective 9/1/74.

NEGOTIABLE INSTRUMENTS, Chapter 106, H.F. 601: Amends M.S. 1971, 609.535, subds. 2 and 3. Allows the court to require restitution in cases where a person has issued a check he did not intend to pay and establishes criteria for proving intent not to pay.

DIVORCE, Chapter 107, H.F. 835: Amends M.S. 1971, chap. 518. Substitutes "dissolution" for "divorce" where it appears throughout the bill. Provides for dissolution of a marriage where the court finds an irretrievable breakdown of the marriage relationship and details circumstances which may form the basis for such a breakdown. Rescinds the provision allowing adultery as a ground for divorce without a 1-year residency requirement. Provides certain requisites for a petition and modifies certain requirements for serving out-of-state summons, conduct of a dissolution hearing, restraint on party's personal liberty, and name changes after dissolution. Repeals M.S. 518.08; 518.26 and 518.28, dealing with denial of a divorce though adultery is proven, cohabitation after divorce, and corroborating testimony requirements, respectively.

TERMS OF DISTRICT COURTS, Chapter 15, H.F. 2762: Amends M.S. 1971, 484.11, subds. 5, 10, and 12 to change the meeting days of district courts in the counties of Houston, Wabasha, and Winona.

RETIREMENT, Chapter 129, H.F. 3132: Relating to retirement; service required for retirement of district court judges.

EQUAL RIGHTS, DEFINITION OF A PERSON, Chapter 161, S.F. 2353: Amends numerous 1971 statutes by changing the word man to person.

PATIENTS' RIGHTS, Chapter 162, S.F. 2449: Amends M.S. 1971, 253A.08 and provides that all persons admitted to federal institutions in this state shall have the same rights afforded to patients of state mental hospitals by sec. 253A.16.

PROBATE COURTS, Chapter 165, S.F. 2688: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 525.10 to afford the referee in probate the power to take acknowledgements and administer oaths.

ABORTION REGULATORY BILL, Chapter 177, S.F. 498: Provides for the regulation of abortion and repeals M.S. 617.18 and 617.19. Sec. 1 defines "viable", as able to live outside the mother's womb, albeit with artificial aid. Further provides that during the second half of the gestation period the fetus is defined as "potentially viable."

Sec. 2 specifies which abortions are illegal and criteria for legal abortion as well as penalties for violation of this section.

Sec. 3 establishes a confidential reporting system and penalties for those physicians failing to report.

Sec. 4 prohibits discrimination against those individuals and institutions which refuse to participate in an abortion procedure.

Sec. 5 provides that in an abortion which results in a live birth, the child has all human rights under law and the parents lose their parental rights unless the abortion was done to save the life of the mother or the parents elect within 30 days to accept the parental rights and responsibilities.

Sec. 6 provides the State Board of Health shall regulate and license abortion facilities.

Sec. 7 repeals abortion statutes which have been declared unconstitutional.

CONCILIATION COURT OF HENNEPIN COUNTY, Chapter 179, H.F. 1795: Amends various sections of Minnesota Statutes. Changes filing requirements for counterclaims in conciliation court. Makes provisions for third party complaints and provides a 6-month limitation for granting a vacation of a default judgment. Deletes portions of 488A.16 which contradict M.S. 1971, 488A.15, relating to payment of judgment orders. Amends M.S. 488A.17 to eliminate language referring to 12-member juries and brings statute into conformance with M.S. 593.01 which defines a petit jury as a body of 6 persons.

RAMSEY COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT, Chapter 186, H.F. 253: Repeals Laws 1961, chap. 649 relating to garnishment proceedings in certain municipal courts in Ramsey County.

DISTRICT COURTS, RICE, STEELE, WASECA COUNTIES, Chapter 189, H.F. 2833: Amends Laws 1967, chap. 355, sec. 1, subd. 2 to provide an increase in the salary of the law clerk of the district court to an amount not exceeding \$15,000 per year.

DUTIES OF DISTRICT COURT ADMINISTRATOR, Chapter 212, S.F. 2781: Provides the Hennepin County District Court Administrator shall assume all duties and responsibilities previously assigned to the clerk of Hennepin County District Court.

TERMS OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES, Chapter 225, S.F. 2740: Relates to the county court judges of the following counties: Dodge-Olmsted, Freeborn, Ottertail, Sherburne-Benton-Stearns, and Winona-Wabasha. Provides dates for the expiration of judges' terms and provides for the election of successors.

MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES, Chapter 226, S.F. 2840: Curative act validating foreclosures by advertisement made prior to 5/1/73, as against certain listed objections. Validates mortgage foreclosure sales by action, heretofore made, as against certain listed objections.

REGISTRATION OF TITLE TO REAL ESTATE, Chapter 256, H.F. 2699: Amends M.S. 1971 508.74 to eliminate paying fees for the registration of land by heirs or devisees. Such fees hereafter only apply to original registration of land. Sets the amount of such fees.

PAYMENT OF WITNESS FEES AND MILEAGE, Chapter 261, H.F. 3289: Amends M.S. 1971, 487.34 to provide payment of witness fees and mileage in county court actions in the same manner as jurors are paid.

ATTORNEY'S FEES, Chapter 270, S.F. 1887: Amends M.S. 1971, 260.251. Provides the court may require parents of minors to pay attorney's fees where court has appointed counsel pursuant to sec. 260.155.

CHATTEL MORTGAGES, Chapter 276, S.F. 2515: Provides that a satisfaction of any chattel mortgage filed prior to 7/1/66 may be destroyed three years after such filing.

CONTINGENCY FUND FOR 4th DISTRICT COURT, Chapter 280, S.F. 2814: Provides for the establishment of a contingency fund in the 4th Judicial District. Provides funding, not to exceed \$2,000 annually, from the general fund of Hennepin County.

TORT LIABILITY, Chapter 311, S.F. 707: Amends M.S. 1971, 466.05 relating to tort liability of political subdivisions to provide that notice of a claim be presented within 60 days of the discovery of loss or injury. When loss or injury arises out of an intentional tort committed by an officer, employee, or agent of the municipality or involves equipment owned by the municipality or operated by its officer, employee, or agent, no notice shall be required.

COUNTY LEGAL ASSISTANCE, Chapter 321, S.F. 2347: Provides the county board of any county may appropriate from the general revenue fund to any nonprofit corporation a sum not to exceed 1/4 of a mill on the dollar of the taxable valuation of the county to provide legal assistance to those persons unable to afford private legal counsel. Allows for consolidation to a single nonprofit corporation between two or more contiguous counties.

SECOND AND FOURTH JUDICIAL DISTRICTS, Chapter 322, S.F. 2504: Amends various statutes to eliminate inoperative and superfluous language as well as make various technical amendments.

CHILD CUSTODY, Chapter 330, S.F. 2747: Amends M.S. 1971, chap. 257 by adding a section and chap. 518.17, relating to custody of minor children and custody of children in divorce proceedings. Provides that the court be required to consider the best interests of the child in granting custody. Delineates certain factors which the court must weigh in making its decision.

WITNESS FEES, Chapter 375, H.F. 3287: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 347.24 relating to criminal cases to provide that defendant's witness fees may be allowed by the judges of courts of record.

MECHANICS LIENS, Chapter 381, S.F. 1483: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement 514.01 and 514.05 to permit mechanics liens on real estate for engineering and land surveying services.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTORNEY AND GUARDIAN AD LITEM, Chapter 383, S.F. 1888: Provides the court may appoint an attorney or guardian ad litem for a person being adopted. Court may require adopting parents to pay costs of such services.

TOLLING OF STATUTES OF LIMITATION FOR REASONS OF DISABILITY, Chapter 384, S.F. 1985: Provides for the tolling of statutes of limitations where disability occurs subsequent to the time the cause of action accrues. Provides a similar amendment with regard to recovery from the assurance fund. Amends M.S. 1971, 508.79 and 541.15.

PROBATE COURT, Chapter 387, S.F. 2505: Relates to Hennepin and Ramsey County probate courts. Authorizes such courts to appoint more than one referee. Makes technical amendments. Amends M.S. 1971, 525.10 and 526.18. Repeals M.S. 526.19.

PROMULGATION OF RULES OF CRIMINAL PROCEDURE BY SUPREME COURT, Chapter 390, S.F. 2690: Provides the state supreme court may promulgate rules of criminal procedure and in so doing modify existing statutes except those chapters specifically excluded by the act. Requires the final version of the rules be published and distributed to the judiciary and attorneys by 9/1/74 and that such rules may not be adopted until 120 days after such publication.

CIVIL PROCEDURE, Chapter 394, S.F. 2918: Amends various statutes to eliminate certain statutory provisions which conflict with the rules of civil appellate procedure and the rules of civil procedure for the district courts.

DISTRICT COURTS OF RAMSEY AND CHISAGO COUNTIES, Chapter 397, S.F. 3088: Amends M.S. 1971 and 1973, 488A to change various times, dates, fees and procedures relating to the district courts of Ramsey and Chisago counties. Effective 1/1/75.

REVISOR'S BILL, Chapter 406, S.F. 3477: Amends various statutes to correct erroneous, ambiguous, omitted, unconstitutional, and obsolete references and text; eliminating certain duplicitous and conflicting provisions.

ACQUISITION OF NATURAL RESOURCE LANDS, Chapter 407, S.F. 67: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 85.015 by adding subdivisions. Establishes the Heartland Trail in Hubbard and Cass counties and the Taconite Trail in St. Louis and Itasca counties; designates these trails as hiking and riding trails; allows land to be acquired by eminent domain.

DISTRICT COURTS, COSTS AND DISBURSEMENTS, Chapter 413, S.F. 2639: Amends M.S. 1971, 549.02 and 549.04. Authorizes costs and disbursements in district court for public employees who prevail in actions involving employment benefits or rights.

SUPREME COURT, Chapter 414, S.F. 2640: Authorizes Supreme Court to allow costs and disbursements for a successful appeal by public employees relative to employment rights and benefits.

ASSIGNMENT OF RETIRED JUDGES, Chapter 417, S. F. 3036: Amends M.S. 1971, 2.724, 484.61, and 490.102 to allow the chief justice of the Supreme Court to assign any retired judge to serve as judge of any court which has no greater jurisdiction than the court from which the judge retired. Effective the date after its final enactment.

PROBATE, Chapter 442, H.F. 2992: Creates M.S. 524. Amends M.S. 1971 525.475, .48 and .515; repeals numerous provisions of M.S. 525.

Article I of the Uniform Probate Code. Contains the general provisions as well as provisions relating to definitions and jurisdiction of the probate court. Sec. 524.1-106 provides a remedy for fraud. The fraud provision overrides the other provisions of the code. A remedy for fraud must be brought within two years after discovery of the fraud. However, such an action must be commenced within five years from the time the fraud occurs. Article I also contains the general notice provision provided by sec. 524.1-401. Any notice required by the UPC must be given at least 14 days before the time set for hearing. Sec. 524.1-402 provides that a person may waive his right to notice.

Article III relates to the probate of wills and administration. Includes, but is not limited to, provisions relating to informal probate proceedings, formal testacy proceedings, supervised administration, appraisers, and bonding requirements. Under an informal proceeding, the administration of the estate proceeds without a court appearance. Under a formal proceeding a representative may proceed to probate the estate informally and whenever he runs into a dispute or controversy on a particular issue or for other reason desires court approval on a certain matter, he may go to court to get a formal adjudication for that particular issue. This is the so-called "in and out" feature and provides the flexibility of allowing the estate to be probated without court appearances except where the representative deems them necessary.

Article III also contains the provisions relating to supervised administration. Supervised proceedings are similar to probate proceedings under the present Minnesota code in that the estate is continually under the supervision of the court.

Article III, part 8 relates to the creditor's claims. This provision has been omitted from H.F. 2992 due to the sentiment that the current Minnesota law relating to creditor claims is superior.

Article IV concerns ancillary administration. This is a technical article for estate problems which involve more than one state.

Article VIII contains the effective date and repealer. Sec. 524.8-101 provides an effective date of 8/1/75; sec. 524.8-103 provides an effective date of 8/1/74, for sec. 524.3-603 to 3-606 relating to bond requirements and 524.3-706 to 524.3-707 relating to appraisers and secs. 146 to 148 relating to attorney fees.

STATUS OF DISAPPEARED PERSONS, Chapter 447, H.F. 3105: Amends M.S. 1971, chaps. 487, 518, 525 and 576. Relates to the status of disappeared persons concerning property, business concerns, life insurance, marriages, legal death, etc.

PATERNITY PROCEEDINGS, Chapter 461, H.F. 268: Amends M.S. 1971, 257.253 relating to procedures in initiation of paternity proceedings by requiring that defendant be personally served with a civil summons.

TORT LIABILITY OF POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS, Chapter 472, H.F. 978: Amends M.S. 1971, 466.12, subd. 4 to extend to 7/1/75 immunity for tort liability to certain towns.

SUPREME COURT, Chapter 481, H.F. 1425: Provides the Supreme Court may promulgate rules of evidence regulating all evidentiary matters in civil and criminal actions in all courts of the state. Establishes an advisory committee to assist the court in considering and preparing such rules. Requires the court to distribute copies of the proposed rules to the judiciary and attorneys prior to their adoption and to grant a hearing if requested by the MBA or a professional judicial organization, regarding suggested changes in the rules. Exempts certain statutes from change by such rules.

COMMITMENT PROCEEDINGS, Chapter 482, H.F. 1634: Amends M.S. 1971 253A and 525.11. Relates to evidential proof for involuntary commitment; provides commitment hearings be more like other judicial hearings; specifies degree of mental illness required for commitment; requires certain information be provided to head of institution; provides appeals from a commitment be made pursuant to provisions of county court act; requires transcripts of commitment proceedings be available to certain parties; and requires a record of commitment proceedings be kept. Sec. 6 effective in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties 7/1/75.

SALARIES OF COUNTY COURT JUDGES, Chapter 495, H.F. 2236: Amends M.S. 1971, 487.05 pertaining to county court judges' salaries by increasing the annual salary of a county court judge, learned in the law, from \$24,000 to \$27,500 and increases the salaries from \$20,000 to \$23,500 for any other county court judge. In Anoka, Carver, Dakota, Scott, Washington, and St. Louis counties the annual salary of a county court judge is \$29,000.

PROFESSIONAL CORPORATIONS, Chapter 504, H.F. 2589: Amends Laws 1973, chap. 40, sec. 2, subd. 2, to include podiatrists within the state's definition of "professional service" for purposes of the Professional Corporations Act.

PROSTITUTION, Chapter 507, H.F. 2680: Amends M.S. 1971 609.32, subds. 2 and 4 to remove sexual distinctions by providing the same punishment for a customer as for the prostitute and removing sexually distinctive language in referring to minors detained for the purpose of prostitution.

STATE COLLEGE LEGAL COUNSELING AND SERVICE PROGRAM, Chapter 512, H.F. 2813: Amends Laws 1973, chap. 488, sec. 1. Authorizes the student associations at all state colleges and the Minnesota State College Student Association to expend money assigned to them to fund a legal counseling and service program for students.

JUDICIAL STANDARDS COMMISSION, Chapter 514, H.F. 2900: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 490.15 to provide that members of the Judicial Standards Commission other than judges, who serve without compensation shall be paid \$35 per day spent in the performance of their duties.

MILEAGE ALLOWANCE AND FEES TO WITNESSES, Chapter 515, H.F. 2918: Amends M.S. 1971 357.22 to increase the fee paid to witnesses to \$10 for each day and the mileage allowance to 12¢ per mile.

COMMERCIAL LAW, ATTORNEY GENERAL POWERS, Chapter 524, H.F. 3015: Amends M.S. 325.8021 and 325.907. The scope of investigatory powers given to the attorney general in the anti-trust area are expanded to include those powers given to the attorney general under M.S. 325.907 in the investigation of unlawful practices in business, commerce and trade.

The powers of investigation given to the attorney general in M.S. 325.907 are expanded to include the power of discovery of any fact, matter, or circumstance under investigation. The discovery powers shall include the power to serve written interrogatories answerable in 20 days, to require the production and inspection of documents and other tangible things within 15 days and to depose individuals on 15 days' notice. No court action is necessary to institute any discovery procedure but a court order is necessary to compel compliance.

The act provides that an assurance of discontinuance may be accepted by the attorney general from a person believed to be violating any business, trade or commerce law. The assurance shall be filed in court and any violation of its terms shall be punishable as contempt. Provides a consent decree remedy without any finding of illegality by the court and allows for the recovery of the costs of investigation.

HUMAN RIGHTS: COMPLIANCE FOR PUBLIC CONTRACTS, Chapter 527, H.F. 3032:
Amends M.S. 1971 363.073, subd. 1 to provide that no department of the state shall accept any bid from any firm or person unless such firm or person has received or has pending a certificate of compliance from the Commissioner of Human Rights.

CONCILIATION COURT, LIEN OF JUDGMENT, Chapter 542, H.F. 3288: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 487.23, subd. 7a, to provide that no judgment rendered in conciliation court shall become a lien upon real estate until docketed in county court.

JUVENILE COURT JURISDICTION, Chapter 544, H.F. 3517: Amends M.S. 1971 260.181, subd. 4 to provide that jurisdiction of the court may continue until the individual reaches 21 years of age if the court determines that it is in the best interest of the individual to do so.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Public Employees

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS, Chapter 114, H.F. 2746: Amends M.S. 179.69, subd. 5. Eliminates an ambiguity in the law by clearly stating that the state government, when acting as an employer, does not have to submit its final bargaining position until after November 15 of even numbered years, and not 75 days before November 15 as the law could have been interpreted before.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS, Chapter 127, H.F. 3074: Amends M.S. 179.63, subd. 7. Slightly expands the coverage of the Public Employee Labor Relations Act by narrowing the definition of part-time employees excluded from coverage. Instead of excluding all persons from coverage who worked less than 14 hours per week as before, the law now excludes only those who work "the lesser of 14 hours per week or 35% of the normal work week in the employee's bargaining unit".

PUBLIC EMPLOYEE LABOR RELATIONS, Chapter 128, H.F. 3076: Amends M.S. 179.69, subd. 3 and 5. Clarifies the law by explicitly stating that a public employer's 15 day time limit to respond to an arbitration request does not start to run until the Director of Mediation Services has determined that an impasse has been reached in the bargaining.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, POLITICAL ACTIVITIES, Chapter 139, S.F. 3037: Amends M.S. 179.03. Removes the prohibition on political activities for any employees of the Bureau of Mediation Services, excluding mediators, and puts them under the general provisions of the state's Little Hatch Act.

RETIREMENT, Chapter 229, S.F. 3144: Miscellaneous amendments to the public employees retirement law; providing benefits to qualified survivors of a basic member of a member of the police and fire fund; including members of the Association of Minnesota Counties in membership in the Public Employees Retirement Association.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD, Chapter 246, S.F. 3115: Amends M.S. 179.72, subd. 4. Abolishes the right of the parties to require a de novo review on decisions appealed to the Public Employment Relations Board.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES, ARBITRATION, Chapter 247, S.F. 3119: Amends M.S. 179.70, subd. 5 and 179.72, subd. 9. Requires that arbitrators, in both contract and grievance arbitration, issue written decisions which must be given to the parties and to the Bureau of Mediation Services and the Public Employment Relations Board. The filing of such decisions had not been previously required.

EMPLOYEE INTERCHANGE, Chapter 320, S.F. 2005: Amends M.S. 15 by adding a section. Authorizes the interchange of employees between any department, political subdivision or agency of state government and private industry.

ZOOLOGICAL GARDENS, Chapter 348, S.F. 3233: Amends M.S. 85A.03. Allows the state zoological gardens four positions in the unclassified service of the state. All other employees are to be in the classified state civil service.

SUPREME COURT, Chapter 414, S.F. 2640: Authorizes Supreme Court to allow costs and disbursements for a successful appeal by public employees relative to employment rights and benefits.

RETIREMENT, Chapter 454, H.F. 3398: Authorizing under specified conditions and circumstances, a participant in the Minnesota unclassified employees retirement program to withdraw employer and employee shares therefrom and transfer such shares to the highway patrolmen's retirement fund.

RETIREMENT, Chapter 520, H.F. 2990: Coverage for certain employees at state correctional institutions. Effective 7/1/74.

Unemployment Compensation

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, Chapter 178, H.F. 892: Adds a new section to M.S. 268. Requires employers of more than 25 persons holding state contracts exceeding \$10,000 in value to list their job openings, with certain exceptions, with the Department of Employment Services. It is hoped this will better enable the Department to place returning Vietnam veterans in useful employment. The law expires on 1/1/76.

UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION, Chapter 477, H.F. 1136: Amends M.S. 268.09, subd. 1. Allows persons involved in a strike caused by employer's violation of contractual or legal occupation safety and health standards to collect unemployment benefits.

Workmen's Compensation

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION, Chapter 1, H.F. 365: Amends M.S. 176. Amends for workmen's compensation purposes, the meaning of the term "employee" to include an owner, or owners, of a business. Authorizes workmen's compensation coverage for an owner, or owners, of a business if such owner, or owners, choose to be covered.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION, Chapter 286, S.F. 2984: Amends M.S. 176.041, subd. 1. Excludes from workmen's compensation coverage any child, spouse or parent of a family farmer working on the family farm or exchanging work with farmer neighbors. The 1973 law which broadened workmen's compensation coverage for farm employers was ambiguous as to whether or not members of the farmer's family were required to be covered. This law eliminates that ambiguity. Effective 7/1/74.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION, Chapter 431, H.F. 2120: Amends M.S. 176.132, subds. 2 and 3. Raises the supplementary benefit for long-term disabled persons so that no such person shall receive less than \$70 per week instead of the present \$60 per week minimum. In addition, this increased benefit is to be adjusted every year by the same percentage which the average weekly wage in the state goes up or down. Effective 7/1/74.

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION, Chapter 486, H.F. 1839: Amends M.S. 176.

Provides that an injured worker with a permanent partial disability should receive his permanent partial award in all circumstances in addition to any temporary total or partial and permanent total awards he may also be eligible for. Also provides that workers with a temporary partial disability who are unable to procure work shall be paid at the full compensation rate during his disability rather than having the amount of his award lessened by the percent of his disability. Also adds as a specific injury to the partial disability schedule injuries resulting from burns. Provides further that any minor or apprentice injured should be paid compensation at the maximum weekly rate rather than a rate based on his weekly earnings. Last of all, provides that awards accepted by an employee in good faith need not be returned if it is finally determined that the payment was made through a mistake in fact or law by the employer or the insurer.

Miscellaneous

STEAMFITTERS, Chapter 7, H.F. 1691: Amends M.S. 326.50. Raises examination fees for journeyman and master steamfitter licenses from \$10 to \$15 and from \$40 to \$50 respectively, and increases renewal fees from \$4 to \$8 and from \$30 to \$45. Reduces late renewal fee for master steamfitter license from \$10 to \$5.

CONSTRUCTION WORKERS WELFARE FUNDS, Chapter 50, H.F. 28: Adds new sections to M.S. 181. Requires that wherever a construction worker makes contributions or has contributions made for him by a temporary employer into a health and welfare (but not pension or retirement) fund other than his own, he can require that such monies be transferred to his home fund. Applies mandatorily only to totally intrastate plans, but does not prohibit such transfers between plans operating interstate.

APPRENTICES, Chapter 144, H.F. 713: Amends various Minnesota Statutes. Repeals M.S. 178.04. Explicitly prohibits discrimination in an apprenticeship program on the basis of race, creed, color or national origin. Abolishes system of local and state joint apprenticeship committees. Instead, a division of voluntary apprenticeship is established in the Department of Labor and Industry, and its director, among other duties, may establish committees to supervise apprenticeship programs. The composition and certain operating procedures of these committees are specifically prescribed. Establishes appeals procedures for contesting a ruling of the director regarding the interpretation of an apprenticeship contract. Also makes minor changes in apprenticeship regulatory procedures.

PLUMBERS' LICENSE FEES, Chapter 205, S.F. 1865: Amends M.S. 326.42. Increases license examination fees for journeymen and master plumbers from \$5 to \$8 and annual license fees from \$5 to \$8 for journeymen and from \$25 to \$40 for master plumbers. Effective 7/1/74.

EMPLOYMENT SERVICES DEPARTMENT, Chapter 241, S.F. 2252: Amends M.S. 268.12, subd. 12. Allows the Department of Employment Services to release information from their files to "any municipal civil rights agency with enforcement powers". The purpose of this is to aid such agencies in gathering evidence of violations of laws in employment discrimination. At this time, probably less than half a dozen municipal civil rights agencies have enforcement powers which would qualify them to receive this information.

BOILER INSPECTION AND ENGINEER LICENSE FEES, Chapter 427, H.F. 1692: Amends M.S. 183.545, subds. 3 and 4; 183.57, subd. 2. Increases shop inspection fees from \$60 to \$125 for full day and from \$35 to \$75 for one-half day. Increases examination fees, annual renewal fees, and expired fees for chief engineer, first class engineer, second class engineer, and special engineer licenses by one dollar. Increases, from \$2 to \$3, the fee to be paid to receive a certificate of exemption from inspection for a boiler or pressure vessel.

CHILD LABOR, Chapter 432, H.F. 2129: Repeals most of the child labor statutes now found in M.S. 181. The Commissioner of Labor and Industry is given authority to formulate by regulation a new list of hazardous prohibited occupations for minors. The repealed statutes listed numerous occupations, several now non-existent, which persons under 16 could not perform. The new law prohibits anyone under 18 years of age from performing any of the hazardous tasks so designated by the Commissioner. The new law expands the number of hours in a day which a person under the age of 16 may work. The old law allowed such persons to work from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. while the new law allows such persons to work from 7 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. However, the new law reduces to 40, from 48, the number of hours per week that a person under 16 may work. Introduces a minimum age of 11 years for newspaper carriers. Also grants a complete exemption for children while they are employed by their parents. The old law held parents to be in violation of the law if they employed their own children in certain occupations. Increases the potential penalty for violation of the child labor law.

PRIVATE PENSIONS, Chapter 437, H.F. 2764: Known as the "Private Pension Benefits Protection Act". Imposes on employers of 100 or more persons a pension funding charge when they cease operations or terminate a pension plan which results in forfeiture of pension credits for those employees with 10 or more years of service. The amount of pension funding charge is roughly equivalent to the unfunded liability of the terminated pension plan. The pension funding charge is to be used to buy prepaid deferred annuities for covered employees when they reach normal retirement age. The Attorney General is empowered to seek enforcement of the payment of the pension funding charge, as computed by the Commissioner of Labor and Industry, when such charge is not paid voluntarily. Excluded from coverage under the act are charitable and religious organizations and single employers covered by continuing multi-employer pension plans. This law will expire if and when Congress enacts a system of pension plan termination insurance.

DEPARTMENT OF EMPLOYMENT SERVICES, Chapter 497, H.F. 2324: Amends M.S. 268.15, subd. 1. Takes care of a "housekeeping" matter by allowing the Department to adopt some new accounting procedures recommended by the Department of Administration.

MUNICIPAL CONTRACTORS, LABOR STANDARDS, Chapter 510, H.F. 2745: Adds a subdivision to M.S. 471.345. Allows, but does not require, local units of government to require that all contractors who are awarded municipal contracts pay to their employees working on the contract wages at least equal to the prevailing level of wages in the area.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

PUBLIC INDEBTEDNESS, Chapter 69, H.F. 2902: Amends M.S. 1971, 475.52, subd. 4 to allow issuance of bonds for the acquisition and betterment of buildings to house and maintain town equipment.

COMPENSATION AND MILEAGE ALLOWANCE, Chapter 143, S.F. 3151: Amends M.S. 367.05, subd. 2 and repeals M.S. 367.05, subd. 4; 367.06; 367.07; and 367.08 to provide that towns may establish compensation for supervisors and that the town board may establish compensation for the clerk. In addition, sets mileage allowances for clerks and supervisors.

CEMETERY MAINTENANCE FUNDS, Chapter 211, S.F. 2607: Authorizes a county, city or town to disburse funds for the general maintenance of abandoned or neglected cemeteries. Eliminates the former prohibition against county boards appropriating funds where there is an existing cemetery association or where living heirs of a deceased are responsible for maintenance.

WEED ERADICATION, Chapter 290, S.F. 3046: Amends M.S. 1971, 18.271, subd. 2, relating to weeds. Requires local weed inspectors to serve written notice on the owner and occupant, if other than the owner, of premises giving specific instructions and methods when and how the noxious weeds may be controlled or eradicated.

INJURED ANIMALS, Chapter 299, S.F. 3276: Amends M.S. 346.215 and M.S. 346.27; allows for the immediate disposal of a suffering animal when it is beyond cure through reasonable care and treatment as determined by a licensed veterinarian.

ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES, Chapter 314, S.F. 1079: Amends M.S. 1971, 429.061 and 429.061, subd. 3, relating to special assessment procedures. Requires that notices of proposed special assessments inform benefited property owners of procedures of appeal to the district court of the assessments. Such notification is required whether the proceedings are then under a municipal charter or under M.S. 429.

BICYCLE PATHS, Chapter 491, H.F. 2051: Amends M.S. 163 by adding a section. Allows county boards to use road and bridge funds for the construction and maintenance of bicycle paths on road rights-of-way under county jurisdiction.

REGISTER OF DEEDS, Chapter 493, H.F. 2163: Amends M.S. 357.18, subd. 1; 508.47, subd. 4; 508.82. Increases fees to be charged by the register of deeds and the registrar of titles.

Counties

DITCH FUND, Chapter 9, H.F. 2205: Amends M.S. 106.451. Permits county boards in counties where there have been no expenditures from the ditch fund in twenty years to transfer the surplus to the county's general revenue fund.

CITIES AND COUNTIES, Chapter 96, H.F. 2425: Authorizes the investment of city and county funds in securities issued by the United States government or the state of Minnesota, or any political subdivision therein, when such securities are accompanied by simultaneous repurchase agreements assuring repurchase on a specified date at a predetermined price.

FILING OF BONDS OF COUNTY OFFICIALS, Chapter 138, S.F. 2886: Amends M.S. 574.21 to provide that bonds of all county officers and other bonds given to the county be filed with the register of deeds. Effective 4/12/74.

COUNTY COMBINATION LICENSES, Chapter 200, H.F. 3322: Amends Laws 1973, chap. 566. Reduces the minimum distance which establishments holding combination on and off-sale licenses in St. Louis, Koochiching and Itasca counties must maintain from municipalities having a licensed off-sale store from five to three miles.

COUNTY BOARD REDISTRICTING, Chapter 240, S.F. 2136: Amends M.S. 1971 chap. 375, by adding a subdivision; repeals sec. 375.02. Provides standards for the redistricting of county boards. Requires counties to redistrict within 180 days after each federal or state census if population distribution is uneven. Commission districts shall not vary more than 10% from the average for all districts in the county, unless the result forces a voting precinct to be split. Authorizes any qualified voter to apply to the district court for county redistricting if the county is in violation of the standards established by the act. Sets standards for the redistricting commission, to include not less than five nor more than nine members, and requires that the redistricting plan be filed in the office of the county auditor. Except in certain instances, new election of commissioners is required after each redistricting. Effective 1/1/75.

COUNTY IMPREST CASH FUNDS, Chapter 254, H.F. 2554: Authorizes the county board to establish one or more imprest funds for cash payments of claims against the county. Monies for the fund will be secured from general revenue. County boards are empowered to authorize an imprest fund to advance money to officers or employees to pay their expenses as they attend meetings outside the county.

COUNTY ATTORNEYS, Chapter 262, H.F. 3321: Amends M.S. 1971, chap. 388 by adding sections to authorize county boards to provide that the office of county attorney be a full-time position. Provides for payment of salary and appeal.

JOINT EXERCISE OF POWERS ACT, Chapter 328, S.F. 2715: Amends the Joint Exercise of Powers Act (M.S. 393.01) to provide that in the event two or more counties resolve to combine the functions of their separate welfare agencies, each county board shall, on an annual basis, select two rather than one of its members to serve on the joint welfare board. One person who is not a county commissioner shall be chosen from each county to serve as a welfare board member and not less than 1/3 of the members of the joint welfare board must be persons who are not commissioners.

FEES FOR DAY CARE SERVICES, Chapter 405, S.F. 3372: County welfare boards are authorized to establish fee schedules based on the recipient's ability to pay for day care services, subject to the approval of the Commissioner of Public Welfare.

SALARIES FOR COUNTY ASSESSORS, Chapter 567, S.F. 2170: Amends M.S. 1971, 273.061, subd. 6, to increase the salaries of all county assessors. Effective 1/1/75.

COUNTY PLANNING AUTHORITY, Chapter 571, S.F. 2576: Amends and repeals various county planning and zoning statutes. Changes the definition of "official control" and adds definitions for "conditional use", "nonconformity", "comprehensive plan", "variance", "town" and "official map". Official controls adopted by the county can apply to any municipality when the county is requested to do so. Such controls will apply to land use for both private and public purposes, except that land use controls for public purposes shall not apply in the seven county metropolitan area. Official controls may also be applied for zoning districts and natural resource areas protection.

An amendment to official controls may be initiated by the county board, the planning commission, or by petition of affected property owners. Public hearings and written notice thereof must be held on such amendments and before any conditional use permit, variance and any proposal for a subdivision is approved or denied by the responsible authority. The Board of Adjustment may have up to seven members and shall have the exclusive authority to issue variances. "Hardship" as used in connection with the granting of a variance is defined, and economic consideration alone will not constitute a hardship if a reasonable use for the property exists under the terms of the ordinance.

No voting member of the Planning Commission shall have received, two years prior to appointment, a substantial portion of his income from land development. All official controls in effect on the effective date of this act must be brought into compliance with the act within three years after August 1, 1974. A municipality may request a county to adopt official controls for the municipality, and a county can enforce these controls. A town may adopt official controls, including shoreland regulations, that are more restrictive than controls enacted by the county.

The adoption of an official map authorizes a county to acquire interests in areas identified for public purposes, without paying compensation for buildings or structures erected in such areas without a permit or in violation of the conditions of a permit. This provision does not apply to buildings in existence prior to the filing of an official map. The Board of Adjustment (for variances) or the Planning Commission (for conditional uses) may request an applicant to demonstrate the nature and extent of any material adverse environmental impact.

Hennepin and Ramsey counties are excluded from the provisions of this act. Many other procedural and technical changes in county planning, and zoning authority are not noted here.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS, HENNEPIN, RAMSEY AND DAKOTA COUNTIES, Chapter 576, S.F. 3059: Provides procedure for redistricting Hennepin, Ramsey and Dakota counties into 7 commissioner districts.

Hennepin

HENNEPIN COUNTY LICENSE BUREAU, Chapter 166, S.F. 2780: Transfers the recording and licensing functions of the clerk of district court to the Hennepin County License Bureau. Effective 7/1/74.

HENNEPIN COUNTY LAW LIBRARY, Chapter 349, S.F. 3239: Amends Laws 1933, chap. 291, sec. 12. Provides that the Hennepin County Board of Commissioners may make a single appropriation, not to exceed \$150,000 to provide for additional support and maintenance of the Hennepin County Law Library.

Ramsey

RAMSEY COUNTY TORT LIABILITY, Chapter 67, H.F. 2502: Authorizes the Board of Ramsey County Commissioners to create a tort liability fund. Effective 7/11/74.

RAMSEY COUNTY DITCHES, CONSTRUCTION & REPAIR, Chapter 180, H.F. 1952: Gives procedure for construction, maintenance and repair of county ditches. Excludes any area located within a watershed district.

RAMSEY COUNTY, Chapter 304, S.F. 3422: Authorizes Ramsey County to issue \$500,000 in general obligation bonds for the costs of architectural and professional services in the construction of an adult detention, juvenile center, and security treatment facility at St. Paul-Ramsey Hospital.

RAMSEY COUNTY PARK AND OPEN SPACE SYSTEM, Chapter 395, S.F. 2957: Amends Laws 1971, chap. 950. sec. 1, subds. 1 and 4. Allows the Ramsey County Board of Commissioners to acquire real and personal property within or without Ramsey County for park, open space, or recreational purposes provided that no property situated in any other county shall be acquired without the approval of the county board thereof.

RAMSEY COUNTY RECODIFICATION, Chapter 435, H.F. 2525: Recodification of all special laws relating to Ramsey County. Amends numerous special and general laws.

RAMSEY COUNTY HOSPITAL, Chapter 581, S.F. 3350: Authorizes Ramsey County to issue bonds in the amount of \$5,600,000 for the remodeling of St. Paul-Ramsey Hospital.

St. Louis

ST. LOUIS COUNTY WELFARE BOARD, Chapter 266, S.F. 423: Increases the size of St. Louis County Welfare Board from five to seven members, four of whom shall be county commissioners and three shall be lay members.

TAX FORFEITED LAND SALES, Chapter 278, S.F. 2668: Amends M.S. 1971, 282.01, subd. 4, to allow St. Louis and Koochiching counties to conduct tax forfeited land sales in any county facility within the county, rather than only in the county seat. If the county board of St. Louis or Koochiching counties determines that the sale shall take place in a county facility other than the courthouse, the notice is required to specify the facility and its location.

ON-SALE LIQUOR LICENSES, Chapter 333, S.F. 2830: Authorizes St. Louis County to issue five additional licenses and authorizes Koochiching County to issue two additional licenses for the on-sale of intoxicating liquor.

LIQUOR LICENSES, Chapter 335, S.F. 2850: Amends Laws 1973, chap. 663, sec. 1. Increases from 5 to 10 the number of seasonal on-sale liquor licenses which may be issued by the St. Louis County Board.

Cities

CITIES AND CITY COUNCILS, Chapter 36, H.F. 1184: Provides that no resigning member of a city council shall participate in a vote of the council to choose the resigning member's successor.

NOMINATING PETITIONS, CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS, Chapter 41, H.F. 2789: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 202.09, subd. 1. Changes requirement that nominating petition for municipal office contain names of two percent of total persons voting for that office to the requirement that for municipal offices in cities of the first class only, the petition must contain the names of two percent of the total persons voting in the municipality, ward, or other election district at the last municipal general election (or 500, whichever is greater).

SIDEWALK IMPROVEMENT DISTRICTS, Chapter 59, S.F. 1463: Authorizes municipalities to establish, by ordinance, sidewalk improvement districts and to defray the cost of sidewalk construction and repair on the basis of district benefits, apportioning the district's costs to all the parcels of land located in the district on a direct or indirect benefit basis.

CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS, MUSEUMS AND ARTS, Chapter 87, S.F. 1213: Authorizes tax levy of .35 mills upon the assessed dollar value of property in the respective county for use by museums and the arts. Applies to cities of the first class.

CITIES AND COUNTIES, Chapter 96, H.F. 2425: Authorizes the investment of city and county funds in securities issued by the United States government or the state of Minnesota, or any political subdivision therein, when such securities are accompanied by simultaneous repurchase agreements assuring repurchase on a specified date at a predetermined price.

SEWER DISTRICT--SPECIAL HOMESTEAD ASSESSMENTS, Chapter 206, H.F. 1877: Authorizes the council of a city to adopt ordinances establishing storm sewer improvement districts within its corporate limits. The council may then construct and maintain such sewers. Upon levying the special assessments to finance the cost of the improvements, the city may defer the payment of that assessment for any homestead property owned by a person 65 years of age or older for whom the payments would create a hardship. The deferred assessment procedure applies to all improvements under M.S. 429.

MUNICIPAL LOCAL IMPROVEMENTS, SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, Chapter 233, S.F. 3218: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 429.011, subd. 2b; and sec. 429.021, subd. 1, relating to local improvements, special assessments. Clarifies language of legislation passed in 1973 relating to towns to make certain that once town electors have approved a local improvement, the remaining steps in the procedure under M.S. 429 can be carried out by the town board without having to have approval of each step by the town electors voting on this question at the annual or a special meeting. Also expands the authority of municipalities to include the acquisition and improvement as well as the construction, reconstruction, extension and maintenance of waterworks programs.

MUNICIPAL INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT BONDS, Chapter 288, S.F. 3023: Amends M.S. 474.02 and 474.06. Broadens projects for which municipalities or redevelopment agencies can exercise development powers to include revenue producing enterprises engaged in any business.

CITY CODE, Chapter 337, S.F. 2870: Amends various statutes in M.S. 1971 and M.S. 1973 Supplement relating to cities without home rule charters; repeals M.S. 1973 Supplement 205.041. Makes a number of correctional and clarifying changes in the City Code Law passed in 1973 (chap. 123). Changes relate mostly to elections. Some of the changes are as follows: a municipal election in 1974 is not required in cities which have adopted an odd-year election schedule. Provides for a transitional election of those councilmen in whatever year it is necessary; makes provision for former statutory cities relating to council composition, vote requirements, ward redistricting and transitional measures.

SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS, Chapter 340, S.F. 3024: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 429.101, subd. 1; M.S. 429.101, subd. 2. Provides that the governing body of any municipality may provide for the collection of unpaid special charges for all or any part of the cost of removal or elimination of public health or safety hazards from private property, or installation or repair of water service lines as a special assessment against the property benefited. Further provides that a special assessment may be payable by up to ten equal annual installments.

LOCAL ASSESSOR, Chapter 399, S.F. 3210: Amends M.S. 270.493; gives cities of the fourth class in a county with a population over 650,000 (Hennepin) the option to continue local assessment.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT ACT, Chapter 403, S.F. 3311: Amends M.S. 462.421, subd. 20; and 462.605. Expands the definition of "redevelopment company" applicable in cities of the first class to include limited partnerships. Grants the powers conferred by the Minnesota Uniform Limited Partnerships Act to redevelopment companies organized as limited partnerships.

MUNICIPAL HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY COMMISSIONERS, Chapter 444, H.F. 3048: Amends M.S. 462.425, subd. 5, to allow public officers and employees of a municipality to be eligible to serve as a commissioner of the municipal authority.

MUNICIPAL ADVERTISING, Chapter 448, H.F. 3143: Amends M.S. 465.56. Permits certain statutory cities or home-rule charter city of the fourth class to appropriate money to advertise themselves.

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS, Chapter 485, H.F. 1810: Authorizes a municipality after consultation with its planning agency or department and after public hearings to create development districts and establish development programs to be carried out within the districts. Authorizes the municipality to issue general obligation bonds to carry out development programs. Provides for a tax increment financing plan to finance the development programs. A formula for computation of tax increment is included in the act. The governing body of a municipality is to create a department or designate an existing department or agency to administer districts created under the act. Provision is also made for an advisory board. Effective 7/1/74.

MUNICIPAL SERVICES, Chapter 530, H.F. 3090: Requires a city to meet jointly with a town board and county planning commission before extending certain municipal services into the area governed by the town.

Duluth

ISSUANCE OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS IN DULUTH, Chapter 130, H.F. 3245: Authorizes the city of Duluth to issue general obligation bonds in excess of the net debt limitations imposed in M.S. 475.53 and without an election except where required by city charter to provide the local funds needed to match state, private, or federal grant funds.

ISSUANCE OF BONDS BY SEAWAY PORT AUTHORITY OF DULUTH, Chapter 131, H.F. 3293: Authorizes the Seaway Port Authority of Duluth to issue bonds to construct a facility for handling cargo containers under conditions prescribed by this act. Provides for the pledge of full faith, credit and resources of the city of Duluth for the payment of interest and principal on said bonds.

DULUTH PLANNING COMMISSION, Chapter 236, S.F. 2285: Amends Laws 1933, chap. 93, sec. 2, to give the city of Duluth the power to authorize its city planning commission to control the platting of land. The commission is required to adopt regulations governing the subdivision of land within its jurisdiction, which may include requirements for recreational land use or storm water holding areas or ponds. Building restrictions are adopted so that construction may not take place unless the lot is on a street with the legal status of a public street, or unless the street corresponds with another shown on the city plan or with a street on a subdivision plat approved by the planning commission. This act is effective only after its approval by a majority of the city council of Duluth.

SPIRIT MOUNTAIN RECREATION AREA, Chapter 345, S.F. 3183: Amends Laws 1973, chap. 327, sec. 7, subds. 1 and 3; and by adding a section. Provides that revenue bonds issued by the Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Authority may be issued for public sale or negotiated sale. Further provides that a trust indenture in which any terms, covenants, or conditions of such bonds are set forth may confer or authorize a mortgage lien on the real or operating properties or general funds of the authority. Authorizes the city of Duluth to issue an on-sale liquor license to the Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Authority.

Minneapolis

MINNEAPOLIS REHABILITATION AND THERAPY FACILITY, Chapter 70, S.F. 2121: Authorizes the city of Minneapolis to acquire a rehabilitation and therapy health care facility for lease to the American Rehabilitation Foundation.

MUSEUM, GALLERY, OR SCHOOL OR ARTS OR CRAFTS TAX LEVY, Chapter 87, S.F. 1213: Amends M.S. 1971, 450.25 relating to tax levy for the Minneapolis Institute of Arts. Increases the levy to .35 mills (new mills). Old mill rate was .20 (expressed in new mills).

MINNEAPOLIS PARK BOARD, Chapter 91, S.F. 2256: Authorizes municipalities outside the city of Minneapolis to levy special assessments against property benefited by improvements made by the Minneapolis Park Board. Allows such municipalities to pay the proceeds thereof to the Minneapolis Park Board.

POSITIONS IN THE UNCLASSIFIED SERVICE OF MINNEAPOLIS, Chapter 105, H.F. 2889: Amends Laws 1969, chap. 937, sec. 1, subd. 1 as amended, 2, and 3 to provide for certain positions of unclassified service in Minneapolis, including five administrative aides to the city council, one or two administrative aides to the mayor, two deputy city attorneys and a deputy city engineer.

TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE TREE PRESERVATION AND REFORESTATION FUND, Chapter 108, H.F. 1962: Amends Laws 1969, chap. 593, sec. 3, relating to the levy for the tree preservation and reforestation fund of the Minneapolis Park Board. Increases the levy to .933 (new) mills from .867 (new) mills.

ASSESSMENT OF STREET MAINTENANCE AND STREET LIGHTING COSTS IN MINNEAPOLIS, Chapter 153, H.F. 3119: Amends Laws 1973, chap. 393, sec. 1, to provide that the portion of the costs of assessment of street maintenance and street lighting costs assessable against nongovernmental real property exempt from ad valorem taxation may be levied as a special assessment against the property.

COMPENSATION FOR MINNEAPOLIS BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS, Chapter 181, H.F. 1966: Provides a \$35 per diem for the Minneapolis Board of Park Commissioners after approval by such board in compliance with M.S. 645.021.

MINNEAPOLIS LIBRARY BOARD, Chapter 182, H.F. 1967: Trustees of the Minneapolis Library Board may request compensation at the rate of \$35 per meeting.

MINNEAPOLIS BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE, Chapter 191, H.F. 2936: Allows the city of Minneapolis to abolish the Board of Public Welfare. Effective 1/1/75.

CITY EMPLOYEES, Chapter 232, S.F. 3162: Relates to survivor benefits for city employees.

MINNEAPOLIS HOUSING AND REHABILITATION LOANS AND GRANTS, Chapter 285, S.F. 2977: Authorizes the city of Minneapolis to develop a housing rehabilitation loan and grant program. Authorizes issuance of \$10,000,000 in bonds to finance program.

MINNEAPOLIS HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Chapter 372, H.F. 3242: Increases the membership of the Minneapolis Housing and Redevelopment Authority from 5 commissioners to 7.

St. Paul

SPECIAL ASSESSMENT FOR THE EXTENTION OF WATER SERVICE IN ST. PAUL, Chapter 173, S.F. 3053: Repeals Special Laws 1885, chap. 110, sec. 26 and Laws 1951, chap. 272 and provides for the determination of the frontage assessments for the extension of water service in St. Paul.

STATE LANDS, Chapter 303, S.F. 3417: Conveys a portion of the property of Gillette Childrens Hospital to the city of St. Paul.

ST. PAUL HOUSING REHABILITATION PROGRAMS, Chapter 351, S.F. 3248: Amends Laws 1971, chap. 773, sec. 1. Authorizes the city of St. Paul to develop and administer a housing rehabilitation loan program, and a housing rehabilitation grant program subject to certain considerations and limitations. Authorizes the issuance of general obligation bonds of the city of St. Paul, in an amount not to exceed \$3,000,000, to finance these programs. Further authorizes the issuance and sale of general obligation bonds of the city of St. Paul in an amount up to \$2,000,000. The additional revenue shall be used exclusively for the improvement of Phalen Park.

LIQUOR LICENSES, Chapter 398, S.F. 3163: Allows the city of St. Paul to issue on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses to the Arts and Science Center and the Old Federal Courts Building; provides that such licenses may be used for events held by persons or organizations contracting for the use of the building.

METROPOLITAN AND URBAN AFFAIRS

Metropolitan Council and Agencies

ZONING, OFFICIAL MAPS IN METROPOLITAN AREA, Chapter 317, S.F. 1231:

Amends M.S. 394.25 by adding a subdivision and 462.352, subd. 10. Permits counties in the seven-county metropolitan area and municipalities in those counties to use official zoning maps for a period of up to five years to designate areas reserved for the purposes of soil conservation, water supply conservation, flood control and surface water drainage and removal.

HOUSING, METROPOLITAN COUNCIL, POWERS OF AN HRA, Chapter 359, H.F. 1951:

Permits the Metropolitan Council to exercise the powers of a Housing and Redevelopment Authority in a municipality in the seven-county metropolitan area upon the request of the municipality. The council may also provide technical assistance to existing municipal and county housing and redevelopment authorities.

METROPOLITAN REORGANIZATION ACT, Chapter 422, H.F. 636: Amends numerous sections in Chapters 473A, 473B and 473C.

The purpose of the act is to coordinate projects which affect the development of the metropolitan area; to clarify the role of the Metropolitan Council; and to provide technical assistance to local government units.

Increases number of members of the Metropolitan Council from 15 to 17 members and redistricts. The Governor will appoint the chairman of the Metropolitan Council as the 17th voting member. The per diem compensation of members of the Council is increased from \$35 to \$50.

Establishes the prototype for Metropolitan Commission (only the Transit Commission and Sewer Board are reorganized in this act). The commissions consist of eight members appointed by the Metropolitan Council and a chairman appointed by the Governor. The precincts are formed by combining two Metropolitan Council districts.

Each commissioner shall receive compensation of \$50 per diem. The chairman's salary shall be fixed by the Commission.

The Council shall adopt a long-range comprehensive policy plan for each commission. Provides procedure.

The Metropolitan Council may at the request of local government units assist such units with comprehensive community planning assistance.

The Metropolitan Council shall establish standards to determine if a matter is of metropolitan significance. The regulations shall be subject to approval of the 1975 legislature, and shall take effect on 7/1/75. The Council may suspend action on a matter of metropolitan significance for 12 months.

The Council shall review applications of commission, boards, agencies and local government units for federal funds. The Council shall also review applications of local government units, boards and commissions for state funds.

All comprehensive plans of cities, towns and counties shall be submitted to the Council for review before final approval by the governmental unit.

Each metropolitan commission shall prepare a development program covering the detailed technical planning, engineering, financing and scheduling of policy plans. Public hearings may be held on the development program at the request of a local government unit. The Council may approve or disapprove the development program.

The name of the Metropolitan Sewer Board is changed to the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission; structure shall be as provided in Article I.

The name of the Metropolitan Transit Commission is changed to the Metropolitan Transportation Commission.

The Metropolitan Council shall adopt a transportation policy plan which shall include policies relating to all transportation forms. The Commission shall implement the plan.

The Transportation Commission shall prepare a transportation development program which shall provide for coordination of routes and operations of all publicly and privately owned transportation facilities in the area.

Before acquiring land for or constructing a controlled access highway the Highway Department or the local unit of government shall obtain the approval of the Metropolitan Council.

Effective 1/1/75, except Article I; Sec. 10, 11, 12 day after enactment.

METROPOLITAN AIRPORTS COMMISSION; MEMBERSHIP; TAXING POWER, Chapter 455, H.F. 3512: Amends sections in M.S. chap. 360. Adds 6 additional members to the Metropolitan Airports Commission representing that part of the seven-county metropolitan area outside the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul to be appointed by the Governor. The chairman need not be from outside the metropolitan area. Land may be acquired within the metropolitan area. Plans shall conform to the Development Guide of the Metropolitan Council. Authorizes a tax levy on the metropolitan area and if a tax is levied provides for partial reimbursement for St. Paul and Minneapolis for taxes levied from 1944 to 1969. Provides the Commission shall not initiate land acquisition for a new major airport without explicit authorization from the legislature.

SCOTT COUNTY, HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY, Chapter 473, H.F. 987: A Scott County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is created with all the authority of a municipal HRA; such authority may exercise the powers of an HRA in a municipality upon request of the municipality.

WASHINGTON COUNTY, HOUSING AND REDEVELOPMENT AUTHORITIES; TOWN OF FOREST LAKE, FIRE PROTECTION, Chapter 475, H.F. 1075: A Washington County Housing and Redevelopment Authority is created with all the authority of a municipal HRA; such authority may exercise the powers of an HRA in a municipality upon request of the municipality. The town of Forest Lake is authorized to levy a tax for fire protection at its annual meeting.

TRANSIT; BUS SYSTEM FARES, Chapter 528, H.F. 3035: Amends M.S. 473A.09; 473A.111, subd. 1. Effective 1/30/75, the Transit Commission may not charge in excess of \$.50 per ride except on express bus service. A mill levy is provided to provide for service to the handicapped. \$2,000,000 may be levied for bus service expansion. The time for free transit service for the aged is extended from 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. and from 6:30 p.m. to the last bus on weekdays and all day Saturday and Sunday and is extended to all persons under the age of 18.

TRANSIT AID, Chapter 534, H.F. 3164: Appropriates \$5,500,000 to the State Planning Agency to provide financial assistance for public transit; \$4,500,000 of that sum is to be appropriated to the Metro Transit Commission for their petroleum emergency program. An additional \$500,000 is appropriated to the State Planning Agency for public transit demonstration programs throughout the state. Service to the handicapped and the aged shall be considered in the development of transit systems.

PARK LANDS AND OPEN SPACE IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA, Chapter 563, S.F. 1759: Establishes a Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission as an agency of the Metropolitan Council which shall prepare a long range plan for recreational open space for adoption by the Council. Authorizes the Council to sell general obligation bonds of \$40,000,000, which may be used to make grants to any municipality, park district or county in the metropolitan area to acquire or develop recreational open space. The Metropolitan Council shall have the same right as a county to acquire open space. Reappropriates up to \$2,000,000 to pay debt service on bonds during the fiscal year commencing 7/1/74.

METROPOLITAN LAND USE, Chapter 565, S.F. 2110: Authorizes the Metropolitan Council to promulgate standards, criteria and suggested model ordinances for the regulation of the use and development of the land and water within the seven-county metropolitan area. The criteria and model ordinances would provide for: the protection and preservation of wetlands; the protection of groundwater recharge areas; the minimum erosion of erodible slopes; the maximum retention of existing forests and woodlands; the determination of the suitability of soils or bedrock for development; the protection and preservation of the natural water-courses; the protection and preservation of areas containing endangered species of plants and animals; the prevention of premature development for nonagricultural use of prime agricultural lands; the regulation of the extraction of minerals, including sand and gravel; and the preservation of natural resource areas of particular historical significance.

Each local governmental unit in the metropolitan area may, after review and comment by the Metropolitan Council, adopt ordinances which provide for the protection of the resources described above. The

Metropolitan Council may provide technical assistance to local governmental units. In adopting and enforcing ordinances authorized by the act, local governmental units must consult and cooperate with affected soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts and lake conservation districts.

TRANSIT, SMALL VEHICLE FIXED GUIDEWAY SYSTEM, Chapter 573, S.F. 2703: The Metropolitan Transit Commission is directed to develop plans for an automated small vehicle guideway system to provide demand activated service. The plans are subject to review and approval of the Metropolitan Council and the 1975 legislature. A tax levy of 1/20 of a mill is provided for taxes payable in 1975.

Metropolitan Counties

HENNEPIN COUNTY LICENSE BUREAU, Chapter 166, S.F. 2780: Transfers the recording and licensing functions of the Clerk of District Court to the Hennepin County License Bureau. Effective 7/1/74.

RAMSEY COUNTY DITCHES, CONSTRUCTION AND REPAIR, Chapter 180, H.F. 1952: Gives procedure for construction, maintenance and repair of county ditches. Excludes any area located within a watershed district.

ANOKA COUNTY NATURE CENTERS, Chapter 388, S.F. 2590: Authorizes Anoka County to issue bonds of \$1,000,000 for acquisition and development of nature centers. The bond issue may be approved by the voters.

RAMSEY COUNTY RECODIFICATION, Chapter 435, H.F. 2525: Recodification of all special laws relating to Ramsey County. Amends numerous special and general laws.

COUNTY COMMISSIONER DISTRICTS, HENNEPIN, RAMSEY AND DAKOTA COUNTIES, Chapter 576, S.F. 3059: Provides procedure for redistricting Hennepin, Ramsey and Dakota counties into 7 commissioner districts.

Miscellaneous

MINNEAPOLIS, HOUSING AND REHABILITATION LOANS AND GRANTS, Chapter 285, S.F. 2977: Authorizes the city of Minneapolis to develop a housing rehabilitation loan and grant program. Authorizes issuance of \$10,000,000 in bonds to finance program.

TRANSIT, BOUNDARIES OF METROPOLITAN TRANSIT TAXING DISTRICT, Chapter 371, H.F. 3190: Provides the boundaries of the metropolitan transit taxing district shall be that area in the district on October 21, 1973 and any municipality or township directly served by the transit system.

TRANSIT, CAR POOLS AND EMPLOYER VANS IN METROPOLITAN AREA, Chapter 574, S.F. 2885: Purpose is to provide incentives for employees and employers to use car pools and employer vans for commuting to and from work in the seven-county metropolitan area. The Metropolitan Transit Commission

may contract for parking facilities; shall encourage staggered work schedules; permit use of exclusive bus freeway entrance ramps; and make a study of ways to coordinate private taxi service into transit system. Any city, county, school district, board or agency may acquire employer vans and may make a one-time tax levy of 1/10 of a mill for such purposes.

NATURAL RESOURCES AND ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION

WILDLIFE EXHIBITION, Chapter 3, H.F. 679: Amends M.S. 1971, chap. 97. Authorizes the Commissioner of Natural Resources to adopt reasonable standards for the care and treatment of captive wildlife for public display purposes. Empowers the Commissioner to issue a permit for a fee of \$10 to persons wishing to publicly display wildlife.

FOREST ACCOUNT, Chapter 10, H.F. 1041: Amends M.S. 1971, 16.20, subd. 5. The total amount on deposit in the state forest development account is limited to and shall not exceed \$500,000 in any one fiscal year. Any amount in excess of \$500,000 on deposit in the state forest development account on 7/1/74 shall be transferred to the state trust funds.

WATERCRAFT REGULATION, Chapter 39, H.F. 1895: Amends M.S. 1971, 361.26, subd. 2. Authorizes the Commissioner of Natural Resources on request of a local governmental unit to regulate the size of motor for watercraft which may use waters affected by the regulation. This is in addition to the Commissioner's present authority to regulate the size of watercraft which may use the waters.

SNOWMOBILES ON BRIDGES, Chapter 51, H.F. 149: Amends M.S. 84.87, subd. 6. Allows snowmobiles to cross bridges (other than bridges on the Interstate system) when necessary to avoid obstructions, provided that the snowmobile is kept to the extreme right-hand lane and the entrance to the roadway is made within 100 feet of the bridge.

SOIL CONSERVATION, Chapter 72, S.F. 2446: Amends M.S. 375.19. Removes the limit on the aggregate amount county boards can take from the general revenue fund for soil conservation measures.

SOLID WASTE FEES, Chapter 78, H.F. 2812: Repeals the \$.15 per cubic yard tax on solid waste established by the 1973 legislature. Requires the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency to conduct a study of alternative methods for future financing of grants in aid, including, but not limited to, solid waste user fees and surcharges. The MPCA shall submit their findings and recommendations to the Governor and the legislature prior to 12/31/74.

WHITE BEAR LAKE CONSERVATION DISTRICT, Chapter 111, H.F. 27: Amends Laws 1971, chap. 355, secs. 3 and 4. Authorizes the White Bear Lake Conservation District to limit the use of motors, including their types and horsepower, on the lake. The district can further require the submission of all plans pertaining to construction or other lakeshore use on land abutting shoreline, and can recommend that such plans be revised if found inconsistent with existing plans or ordinances.

HISTORIC SITES, Chapter 171, S.F. 3001: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 138.73, subd. 3. Changes the boundaries of the historic hill district in St. Paul.

WOLVERINE PROTECTION, Chapter 185, H.F. 2144: Amends M.S. 1971, 97.55 and 100.27. Makes wolverine a protected species.

STATE LANDS, Chapter 215, S.F. 2953: Authorizes the sale of certain state lands in Ottertail County to the Lake Region Rehabilitation Industries, Inc.

HUNTING LEASE PROCEEDS, Chapter 223, S.F. 2501: Amends M.S. 1971 97.49, subd. 3. Directs that a county's share of proceeds from the game and fish fund paid to it in lieu of taxes on public hunting grounds and game refuges pursuant to sec. 97.49, subd. 3, be deposited in the general revenue fund rather than being distributed among the various funds of the county.

DULUTH PLANNING COMMISSION, Chapter 236, S.F. 2285: Amends Laws 1933, chap. 93, sec. 2, to give the city of Duluth the power to authorize its city planning commission to control the platting of land. The commission is required to adopt regulations governing the subdivision of land within its jurisdiction, which may include requirements for recreational land use or storm water holding areas or ponds. Building restrictions are adopted so that construction may not take place unless the lot is on a street with the legal status of a public street, or unless the street corresponds with another shown on the city plan or with a street on a subdivision plat approved by the planning commission. This act is effective only after its approval by a majority of the city council of Duluth.

SNOWMOBILE CONTESTS, Chapter 239, S.F. 2015: Amends M.S. 1971, 84.87. Authorizes the Commissioner of Natural Resources, Commissioner of Highways, and county boards to permit the use of public highways for any "organized" snowmobile contest and eliminates the present requirement that a snowmobile contest be "international" in order to be eligible for this permission.

ACQUISITION OF LANDS, Chapter 242, S.F. 2264: Authorizes the Commissioner of Administration to acquire certain lands for the Commissioner of Natural Resources for use as wildlife management areas, spawning, and trout stream management and angling for the public.

FISHING LICENSES, Chapter 248, S.F. 3212: Amends M.S. 1973, 98.47, subd. 8. Expands eligibility for free fishing licenses to include persons who are blind even though they do not receive supplemental security income for the blind, and to include recipients of social security aid to the disabled and recipients of workmen's compensation based on a finding of total and permanent disability. Limits these free fishing licenses to taking fish by angling and spearing.

HISTORIC PRESERVATION, Chapter 249, S.F. 3406: Amends and adds to various historic site statutes. Designates the Director of the Minnesota Historical Society as responsible for the preparation, implementation and administration of the State Historic Preservation Plan and the Federal Historic Preservation Act (P.L. 89-665). The Director shall review and approve in writing all grants in aid for

architectural, archeological and historic preservation made by state agencies and funded by the state, or a combination of state and federal funds in accordance with the State Historic Preservation Plan. Includes areas of architectural value among those that can be designated as state historic sites. Defines "state architectural site" as a structure of outstanding and enduring architectural value, designated by the legislature as possessing state or national significance. Adds to the Registry of State Historic Sites and the designation of historic districts, Irvine Park Historic District, Minnesota State Capitol, Minnesota Historical Society Building, Earl Brown farm in Hennepin County, and Milwaukee Avenue Historic District in Minneapolis.

AQUATIC VEGETATION, Chapter 267, S.F. 526: Authorizes the Commissioner of Natural Resources to charge a permit fee not exceeding \$50 to gather, harvest or destroy any aquatic plants in public waters. The Commissioner is required by 1/1/75 to establish standards and criteria governing the issuance and denial of permits for activities affecting aquatic plants, including provisions to insure that aquatic plant control is consistent with shoreland conservation ordinances, lake management plans and programs, and wild and scenic river plans.

PHOSPHOROUS CONTENT OF DETERGENTS, Chapter 275, S.F. 2457: Amends M.S. 1971, 116.28, subds. 1 and 2. Eliminates requirement that stores display lists showing the phosphorous content of household laundry or dishwashing compounds for sale there in the event that the Pollution Control Agency has adopted standards for maximum allowable phosphorous content of these products.

MOOSE SEASON, Chapter 279, S.F. 2716: Authorizes a moose season for 1975. No license may be issued to a person who has been issued a license to take moose within either of the last two moose seasons.

STATE ENERGY AGENCY, Chapter 307, H.F. 2675: Creates the Minnesota Energy Agency under the supervision of a director appointed by the Governor to serve at his pleasure. Establishes a Legislative Commission on Energy composed of three members of the Senate, three members of the House, and three public members to be appointed by the Governor. The Legislative Commission will terminate on 7/1/75, and the Energy Agency will terminate on 12/31/79, unless they are renewed by the legislature. The major duties of the Legislative Commission on Energy include reviewing and evaluating the Agency's activities, reviewing state energy policies in matters regarding energy conservation, assisting and eliminating duplication in effort among governmental departments involved in energy activities and recommending to the Governor and the legislature any future energy legislation which it considers necessary or desirable. State departments, agencies, and officials of political subdivisions are required to cooperate and coordinate all activities with the Energy Agency to assure orderly and efficient administration and enforcement of the act, and to eliminate duplication between the Agency and other governmental units that may be involved in energy.

Among the duties of the Director of the Energy Agency are: to prepare and adopt an emergency allocation plan specifying actions to be taken in the event of an impending shortage of energy, or a threat to public health, safety or welfare; to carry on energy conservation measures as

specified by the legislature; to collect and analyze data relating to present and future demands and resources for all sources of energy; to specify energy needs for the state and various service areas as a basis for planning large energy facilities; to require a certificate of need for construction of large energy facilities; to evaluate policies governing the establishment of rates and prices for energy as related to energy conservation; to design a state program for the conservation of energy; and to inform and educate the public about the ways in which people can conserve energy. Before 1975 the director is required to prepare and issue an emergency conservation allocation plan. The plan must be consistent with requirements of federal energy conservation and allocation laws and regulations. Before the end of July, 1974, the director must circulate a tentative plan of conservation measures and allocation priorities, and solicit public comments on any recommendations. The plan must be updated once every five years and whenever construction of a new large energy facility is completed which affects the supply of energy in Minnesota. Upon a declaration of an energy supply emergency by the Executive Council or the legislature, the director shall request the Division of Civil Defense to implement and enforce the Emergency Conservation Allocation Plan.

In the area of energy conservation the act requires the Commissioner of Highways to promulgate regulations establishing maximum energy use standards for street, highway and parking lot lighting; the Energy Agency Director may promulgate regulations to limit promotional practices by energy suppliers in order to reduce the rate of growth of energy demand; after 7/1/74, no new natural gas outdoor lighting shall be installed in Minnesota; the Commissioner of Administration shall, no later than 4/1/75, promulgate building design and construction standards regarding heat loss control, illumination and climate control, which will apply to all new buildings and remodeling; the Energy Agency director may promulgate regulations to insure that energy use and conservation will be considered in state purchasing. The Commissioner of Highways must begin an efficiency study of the present traffic flow system within the state; the Commissioner of Administration must begin a study of expanding the state telecommunication system to reduce travel; the Tax Study Commission must study the feasibility of encouraging car pools and private busing through the use of tax incentives; and, in conjunction with the Motor Vehicle Services Division, the Energy Agency director must study the feasibility of modifying older vehicle license fees to reflect energy consumption.

Before 7/1/76, the director shall promulgate assessment of need criteria to be used in the determination of need for large energy facilities as defined in the act. After promulgation of the assessment of need criteria, no large energy facility shall be sited or constructed in Minnesota without the issuance of a certificate of need by the Energy Agency director and unless the applicant has justified its need.

The Energy Agency director shall have the power, for the purposes of this act, to issue subpoenas for production of books, records, correspondence and other information and to require attendance of witnesses. Any person who violates this act or any rule or regulation promulgated under its provisions, or knowingly submits false information in any report required by this act, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor

with each day of violation constituting a separate offense. The director of the Minnesota Energy Agency is added as a permanent member of the Minnesota Environmental Quality Council. \$350,000 is appropriated to the Energy Agency for fiscal year 1974-1975, and \$30,000 for the Legislative Commission on Energy.

PREDATOR BOUNTY, Chapter 342, S.F. 3105: Amends M.S. 1971, 348.12. Eliminates authority of counties and towns to pay bounties on ground-hogs, woodchucks, crows, or blackbirds. Eliminates statutory amount of bounty for gophers, ground squirrels and rattlesnakes and allows this to be set by the county or town board.

HAZARDOUS WASTE CONTROL, Chapter 346, S.F. 3193: Establishes a comprehensive program for the control and regulation of hazardous waste. "Hazardous waste" is defined as any refuse or discarded material or combinations of refuse or discarded materials in solid, semi-solid, liquid, or gaseous form which cannot be handled by routine waste management techniques because they pose a substantial present or potential hazard to human health or other living organisms because of their chemical, biological, or physical properties. The Pollution Control Agency is authorized to adopt standards for the identification of hazardous waste and for the labeling, classification, storage, collection, transportation and disposal of hazardous waste, recognizing that no single standard of control is applicable to all areas of the state. No local government unit may set standards of hazardous waste control which are in conflict or inconsistent with those set by the PCA. A regulation or standard of the PCA relating to hazardous waste may be of general application throughout the state or may be limited as to time, places, circumstances or conditions. The PCA shall develop a statewide hazardous waste management plan detailing the location of hazardous waste disposal facilities and storage sites throughout the states and the needs relative to the interstate transportation of hazardous waste.

The act permits any county, other than a metropolitan seven-county area, to establish rules, regulations and standards for hazardous waste management. Any ordinance by these counties must embody the standards and regulations established by the PCA. The Metropolitan Council is required to prepare and adopt a comprehensive plan for the disposal and management of hazardous waste, and to establish criteria for hazardous waste disposal sites. Each metropolitan county, as part of its solid waste plan, is required to prepare and submit to the Metropolitan Council a report on the counties' administration of the hazardous waste program. No permit may be issued for the operation of a hazardous waste treatment or disposal site, system or facility in the metropolitan area which does not comply with the Metropolitan Council's comprehensive plan.

DRAINAGE REGULATIONS, Chapter 352, S.F. 3464: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 106.021, subd. 6. Postpones the date for promulgation of criteria for assessing the environmental impact of proposed drainage projects from 1/1/74 to 1/1/75. Provides that no criteria relating to drainage systems shall be effective prior to 7/1/75.

TWO-LINE FISHING, Chapter 356, H.F. 401: Authorizes fishing through the ice with two lines and two baits.

PUBLIC ACCESS SITE, Chapter 361, H.F. 2601: Directs the Commissioner of Natural Resources to acquire public access to a certain lake in St. Louis County.

WESTERN LAKE SUPERIOR SANITARY DISTRICT, Chapter 377, H.F. 3473: Amends and adds to Laws 1971, chap. 478. Authorizes the Western Lake Superior Sanitary District to manage the disposal of solid waste, in addition to its authority regarding sewage treatment. The Sanitary Board is authorized to construct, operate and regulate solid waste disposal sites and facilities. Mandates that a comprehensive plan for the management and disposal of solid waste in the district must be prepared by 1/1/75.

BEAVER SEASON, Chapter 385, S.F. 2295: Amends M.S. 1971, 100.27, subd. 4. Closes the season for taking of beaver in a certain northeastern section of the state in 1975.

COUNTY WATER MANAGEMENT, Chapter 392, S.F. 2822: Takes away the power of county boards to regulate and improve bodies of water located entirely within the boundaries of a lake conservation district established by law.

SENIOR CITIZEN FISHING, Chapter 393, S.F. 2857: Amends M.S. 1971, 98.45, subd. 2; and M.S. 1973, 98.47, subds. 1 and 8. Requires residents over 65 who desire to take fish without a license to have proper identification showing their age and residency with them when taking fish. Limits free fishing privileges to angling or spearing.

ACQUISITION OF NATURAL RESOURCE LANDS, Chapter 407, S.F. 67: Amends M.S. 1973 Supplement, 85.015 by adding subdivisions. Established the Heartland Trail in Hubbard and Cass counties and the Taconite Trail in St. Louis and Itasca counties; designates these trails as hiking and riding trails; allows land to be acquired by eminent domain.

GAME AND FISH LICENSES, Chapter 410, S.F. 1800: Amends M.S. 1971, 98.50, subd. 5. Decreases the amount of proceeds from sale of hunting and fishing licenses paid directly to the game and fish fund from 92% to 90%. On cash sales by the county auditor directly to a licensee, the whole 2% is retained by the auditor. On sales made by county auditor's subagents, 1% is retained by the county auditor and 1% is retained by the subagent.

AUXILIARY FORESTS, Chapter 411, S.F. 1858: Amends M.S. 1971, chap. 88. Prevents the establishment of new auxiliary forest contracts and the extension of old contracts after 6/30/74. Provides for transfer of auxiliary forest lands to the tree growth tax law upon expiration of auxiliary forest contracts.

ENDANGERED SPECIES, Chapter 465, H.F. 530: Amends various statutes relating to wild animals. Provides for the management of threatened and endangered species of wild animals. In accordance with federal law the Commissioner of Natural Resources is authorized to establish a list of threatened or endangered species of wild animals. Whenever any resident species of wild animal has been designated as threatened

or endangered, the Commissioner may undertake such management programs and issue such orders as he deems necessary to bring the species to a point at which it is no longer threatened or endangered. A member of the threatened or endangered species may be captured or destroyed without permit by any person when necessary in an emergency to avoid an immediate and demonstrable threat to human life or property.

RECREATIONAL MOTOR VEHICLES, Chapter 468, H.F. 677: Amends M.S. 1971, chap. 84, by adding a section. "Recreational motor vehicle" is defined as any self-propelled vehicle and any vehicle propelled or drawn by a self-propelled vehicle used for recreational purposes. Within the seven-county metropolitan area, no person shall enter and operate a recreational motor vehicle on lands not his own, except where otherwise allowed by law, without the written or oral permission of the owner, occupant or lessee of such lands. Written permission may be given by a posted notice. Outside the seven-county metropolitan area, no person shall enter on any land not his own for the purpose of operating a recreational motor vehicle and after being notified, either orally or by written or posted notice, by the owner, occupant or lessee not to do so. It is unlawful for a person other than a duly constituted legal authority to post any public lands, including tax-forfeited lands. Nothing in the act limits or otherwise qualifies the power of municipalities, counties, school districts, or other political subdivisions of the state to impose additional restrictions or prohibitions on the operation of recreational motor vehicles on property not owned by the operator. A person violating the act is guilty of a misdemeanor.

POLLUTION CONTROL, Chapter 483, H.F. 1662: Amends and adds to various statutes relating to pollution control. Places the deputy director and assistant director of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency in the unclassified service of the state. Changes the definition of "solid waste" to include waste sludges. Authorizes the PCA to adopt standards and issue permits for the storage of solid waste. Authorizes the PCA to establish a permit system for the sources of emissions of noise pollution.

DEER HUNTING, Chapter 484, H.F. 1716: Amends M.S. 1971, 100.29, subds. 3 and 9. Permits carrying of .22 caliber rifles during shotgun and slug season for deer hunting, when carried for the sole purpose of taking small game when lawful. Prohibits carrying slugs for use in a shotgun in territory open for taking deer with firearms during open season, except slugs carried for the sole purpose of taking deer or bear.

MOTOR VEHICLE NOISE, Chapter 500, H.F. 2338: Amends M.S. 1971, chap. 168, and repeals secs. 169.691 and 169.692. Declares that after 10/1/74, it will be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle in violation of motor vehicle noise regulations adopted by the Pollution Control Agency. Effective 10/1/74.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT MEMBERSHIP IN ASSOCIATIONS, Chapter 502, H.F. 2458: Authorizes soil and water conservation districts to appropriate necessary funds to provide membership in state and national associations for the improvement of soil and water conservation district operations, and to participate in association activities.

SEWAGE TREATMENT, Chapter 503, H.F. 2477: Authorizes any municipality authorized by law to enter into a contract for the design or construction of treatment works facilities to advertise for sealed bids under a single contract. Bidding procedures, security and insurance, and bid bonds are specified in the act. After bids have been received and evaluated by the governing body and the best bid accepted, a municipality must not award a contract until the award is approved by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

CONSERVATION RESTRICTIONS, Chapter 531, H.F. 3129: Authorizes the Commissioner of Natural Resources to acquire by gift, purchase or exchange, conservation restrictions in the name of the state. A "conservation restriction" means a right to retain land or water areas predominantly in their natural, scenic, open or wooded condition, or as suitable habitat for fish and wildlife. The conservation restrictions must be properly recorded in the county where the land lies. Nothing in the act is intended to diminish the powers granted by law to the Commissioner or to any other state agency or political subdivision to acquire by purchase, gift, eminent domain or otherwise and to use land for public purposes.

WATER RESOURCES, Chapter 558, S.F. 734: Amends and adds to various statutes relating to water resource use. Requires the Commissioner of Natural Resources to prepare a statewide framework and assessment water and related land resource plan for presentation to the legislature by November 15, 1975, for its review and approval or disapproval. The plan must relate each of the programs of the Department of Natural Resources for specific aspects of water management to the others, and must include at least 16 spelled-out water resource provisions. The Commissioner must also submit to the legislature by 1/1/75, for its approval, proposed rules governing the allocation of waters among potential water users. These rules shall be based on the following priorities for appropriation and use of water: 1) domestic water supply and agricultural irrigation; 2) any use of water that involves consumption of less than 10,000 gallons of water per day; 3) power production, involving consumption in excess of 10,000 gallons per day; 4) industrial and commercial uses, involving consumption in excess of 10,000 gallons per day; and 5) other uses, involving consumption in excess of 10,000 gallons per day. Diversions from the state for use in other states or regions of the United States or Canada will be discouraged, subject to the jurisdiction of the federal government. The act provides for the processing of some water use permits at the regional or local level, based on DNR regulations by 1/1/77. The Commissioner shall recommend by 1/15/75, to the legislature a comprehensive law containing standards and criteria governing the issuance and denial of DNR water use permits. Several standards are set out in the act, including requirements that permitted activities conform to state, regional and local water management plans, that they involve a minimum encroachment, change or damage to the environment, that they include provisions to compensate for any detrimental aspects of the change, that they be consistent with applicable shoreland conservation ordinances, that they include provisions governing the deposition of spoil materials, that they be consistent with applicable flood plain management ordinances, that flood control projects not be

approved until after flood damage reduction alternatives other than structural changes have been evaluated and that excavation charges be imposed where materials are excavated from the beds of public waters. The Commissioner must develop, by 1/1/75, criteria for allocating state aid funds among various local projects for lake improvement. M.S. 113, relating to irrigation, is repealed as having been superseded by the provisions of chap. 105.

PARK LANDS AND OPEN SPACE IN THE METROPOLITAN AREA, Chapter 563, S.F. 1759: Establishes a Metropolitan Parks and Open Space Commission as an agency of the Metropolitan Council which shall prepare a long range plan for recreational open space for adoption by the Council. Authorizes the Council to sell general obligation bonds of \$40,000,000, which may be used to make grants to any municipality, park district or county in the metropolitan area to acquire or develop recreational open space. The Metropolitan Council shall have the same right as a county to acquire open space. Reappropriates up to \$2,000,000 to pay debt service on bonds during the fiscal year commencing 7/1/74.

METROPOLITAN LAND USE, Chapter 565, S.F. 2110: Authorizes the Metropolitan Council to promulgate standards, criteria and suggested model ordinances for the regulation of the use and development of the land and water within the seven-county metropolitan area. The criteria and model ordinances would provide for: the protection and preservation of wetlands; the protection of groundwater recharge areas; the minimum erosion of erodible slopes; the maximum retention of existing forests and woodlands; the determination of the suitability of soils or bedrock for development; the protection and preservation of the natural water-courses; the protection and preservation of areas containing endangered species of plants and animals; the prevention of premature development for nonagricultural use of prime agricultural lands; the regulation of the extraction of minerals, including sand and gravel; and the preservation of natural resource areas of particular historical significance.

Each local governmental unit in the metropolitan area may, after review and comment by the Metropolitan Council, adopt ordinances which provide for the protection of the resources described above. The Metropolitan Council may provide technical assistance to local governmental units. In adopting and enforcing ordinances authorized by the act, local governmental units must consult and cooperate with affected soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts and lake conservation districts.

SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION, Chapter 570, S.F. 2447: Amends various statutes. Allows the five persons who serve on the State Soil and Water Conservation Commission as representatives of local soil and water conservation districts to be past supervisors of soil and water conservation districts as well as currently elected supervisors. Eliminates election of district supervisors from single member districts. Provides instead for at large election of all five supervisors. Prohibits holding a primary election regardless of the number of supervisors nominated. Advances the deadline for filing nominating petitions from 45 days to 60 days before the time of holding the general election. Advances the time of submitting the names of candidates to the county auditor from 30 days to 45 days before the general election.

COUNTY PLANNING AUTHORITY, Chapter 571, S.F. 2576: Amends and repeals various county planning and zoning statutes. Changes the definition of "official control" and adds definitions for "conditional use", "nonconformity", "comprehensive plan", "variance", "town" and "official map". Official controls adopted by the county can apply to any municipality when the county is requested to do so. Such controls will apply to land use for both private and public purposes, except that land use controls for public purposes shall not apply in the seven-county metropolitan area. Official controls may also be applied for zoning districts and natural resource areas protection.

An amendment to official controls may be initiated by the county board, the planning commission, or by petition of affected property owners. Public hearings and written notice thereof must be held on such amendments and before any conditional use permit, variance and any proposal for a subdivision is approved or denied by the responsible authority. The Board of Adjustment may have up to seven members and shall have the exclusive authority to issue variances. "Hardship" as used in connection with the granting of a variance is defined, and economic consideration alone will not constitute a hardship if a reasonable use for the property exists under the terms of the ordinance.

No voting member of the Planning Commission shall have received, two years prior to appointment, a substantial portion of his income from land development. All official controls in effect on the effective date of this act must be brought into compliance with the act within three years after 8/1/74. A municipality may request a county to adopt official controls for the municipality and a county can enforce these controls. A town may adopt official controls, including shoreland regulations, that are more restrictive than controls enacted by the county.

The adoption of an official map authorizes a county to acquire interests in areas identified for public purposes, without paying compensation for buildings or structures erected in such areas without a permit or in violation of the conditions of a permit. This provision does not apply to buildings in existence prior to the filing of an official map. The Board of Adjustment (for variances) or the Planning Commission (for conditional uses) may request an applicant to demonstrate the nature and extent of any material adverse environmental impact.

Hennepin and Ramsey counties are excluded from the provisions of this act. Many other procedural and technical changes in county planning and zoning authority are not noted here.

TAXATION

COMMON TRUST FUNDS, Chapter 6, H.F. 1620: Amends M.S. 1971, 290.281, subd. 1. Permits any trust company or state bank which is permitted to exercise trust powers to establish and maintain common trust funds, and, in its capacity as a fiduciary or co-fiduciary, to place investment funds in common trust funds maintained pursuant to this statute. Amends the definition of "common trust fund" used for purposes of taxation.

SALES AND USE TAX, Chapter 11, S.F. 516: Amends M.S. 297A.25, subd. 1. Limits sales tax exemption for charitable institutions to property purchased for use in the performance of charitable, religious, or educational functions.

TAX ON USE OF SPECIAL FUELS, Chapter 13, S.F. 993: Amends M.S. 296.12, subd. 9. Any motor vehicle using special fuel is subject to the special fuel tax, removing an exemption for vehicles with fuel tanks under 20 gallons capacity.

NO PUBLICATION OF PERSONAL PROPERTY TAX LIST, Chapter 14, S.F. 1191: Repeals M.S. 275.30. County treasurers are no longer required to publish personal property tax lists.

ASSESSMENT OF COOPERATIVE APARTMENT BUILDINGS, Chapter 17, S.F. 1960: Amends M.S. 273.133. When assessing cooperative apartment buildings, each unit is separately assessed and the assessed value of the building is to be the sum of the values of the apartment units.

TERMINATION OF COUNTY ASSESSORS, Chapter 18, S.F. 2011: Amends M.S. 273.061, subd. 2. Requires that county boards give the county assessor 90 days written notice of his termination, otherwise he will automatically be reappointed.

FEDERAL TAX LIENS--FEES, Chapter 19, S.F. 2206: Amends M.S. 272.483 and M.S. 272.484. Changes the fee, for a certificate listing any notices of federal tax lien, from \$2 to 50¢ for each name on the certificate with a minimum fee of \$2. Effective 4/1/74.

SINKING FUND SURPLUSES--INVESTMENT, Chapter 25, S.F. 2243: Amends M.S. 475.66. Allows municipalities to invest sinking fund surpluses in government securities through certain investment companies or to deposit the surplus in time deposits of any state or national bank.

MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX EXCEPTION, Chapter 28, S.F. 296: Amends M.S. 297B.01, subd. 8. Provides an exception from the 4% motor vehicle excise tax for transfers from guardian to ward where the vehicle was registered to the guardian because the ward was a minor.

ELECTRIC LIGHT AND POWER COMPANIES, Chapter 47, S.F. 1310: Amends M.S. 273.38. Provides that electric utility distribution lines will be taxed at the average rate in the individual county and not at the average rate of all counties. Effective for taxes levied in 1975 and beyond.

INCOME TAX WITHHOLDING--LATE PAYMENTS--PENALTIES, Chapter 60, S.F. 2012:
Amends M.S. 290.92, subd. 15. Provides penalties for failure to pay over withholding taxes on time. The penalty is 5% for first 30 days and 5% more for each 30 days thereafter up to a maximum of 25%. Effective 7/1/74.

ABSTRACTS OF THE TAX LISTS, Chapter 86, S.F. 1138: Amends M.S. 275.29.
Requires county auditor to provide complete abstracts of the county tax lists to the Commissioner of Revenue.

CITIES OF THE FIRST CLASS, MUSEUMS AND ARTS, Chapter 87, S.F. 1213:
Authorizes tax levy of .35 mills upon the assessed dollar value of property in the respective county for use by museums and the arts. Applies to cities of the first class.

SPECIAL ASSESSOR--REASSESSMENT FUND, Chapter 98, H.F. 2667: Amends M.S. 270.18, subd. 2. Provides that on October 1, the State Auditor notify counties of any amounts due for special assessors appointed to reassess property in the county. The county must reimburse the state, half the costs the first year and the remaining half the following year.

TAX LEVY LIMIT FOR THE TREE PRESERVATION AND REFORESTATION FUND, Chapter 108, H.F. 1962: Amends Laws 1969, chap. 593, sec. 3, relating to the levy for the tree preservation and reforestation fund of the Minneapolis Park Board. Increases the levy to .933 (new) mills from .867 (new) mills.

MOBILE HOME TAXES, Chapter 110, H.F. 2655: Amends M.S. 169.86, subd. 1. Allows statements of a county auditor or treasurer of taxes paid (required before a special permit for the movement of a mobile home may be issued) to be made by telephone.

INCOME TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREMEN PENSIONS, Chapter 145, H.F. 995: Amends M.S. 290.08, subd. 6; exempts pension payments, from other states and from Minnesota volunteer firemen's relief associations, from the Minnesota personal income tax. Effective 1/1/75.

SALES AND USE TAX, Chapter 155, S.F. 1099: Amends M.S. 297A.25, subd. 1; allows a sales tax exemption for senior citizens groups organized for pleasure, recreation, and other nonprofit purposes.

EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP TRUST, Chapter 157, S.F. 1269: Amends M.S. 290.01; 290.21, subd. 3; 290.26, 291.05 and 292.04. Defines employee stock ownership trust and authorizes certain tax deductions on state corporate income taxes for contributions to such trusts.

DEED REPLACEMENT FEE, Chapter 160, S.F. 2055: Amends M.S. 282.33, subd. 1; 282.36; and 282. Increases the deed replacement fee for unrecorded deeds conveying tax forfeited lands from \$1 to \$3. Effective 8/1/74.

CLAY COUNTY, Chapter 163, S.F. 2586: Allows Clay County to make grants to municipalities of federal revenue sharing funds to construct and equip municipal fire departments.

ST. CLOUD ASSESSOR, Chapter 175, S.F. 3267: Provides that in the city of St. Cloud, the functions of the county assessors will be performed by the city assessor.

EXTENSION OF SENIOR CITIZENS CREDIT TO DISABLED, Chapter 190, H.F. 2929: Amends M.S. 290.0601, subd. 6 and 9, and M.S. 290.061; clarifies the definition of claimant as the aged, blind and disabled eligible to receive aid under the social security amendments of 1972 (P.L. 92-603) or under the social security aid to the disabled (USCA Title 42, sec. 416, paragraph (i)(1) or sec. 423(d)). Effective 1/1/75.

LEVY LIMIT BASE, Chapter 198, H.F. 3233: Amends M.S. 275.50, subd. 5 and M.S. 275.51, subd. 3; alters the levy limit base in cities, counties and townships by including gross earnings aids received in fiscal 1973. It also expands county levy limit bases by the addition of 50% of inheritance tax revenues received in fiscal 1973.

SENIOR CITIZEN AND DISABLED CREDIT, Chapter 199, H.F. 3264: Amends M.S. 290.0601, subd. 9; clarifies reference for the schedule of tax credits. Effective 1/1/75.

INCOME TAX, Chapter 201, H.F. 3331: Amends M.S. 290.01, subd. 20; updates the term "gross income" for income tax purposes as amended by the latest update of the "Internal Revenue Code of 1954" and by the Laws of Minnesota 1973, chap. 711 and chap. 737 and eliminates duplicate provisions.

HIBBING LIBRARY FUND, Chapter 209, S.F. 2498: Allows Hibbing to levy an additional 2 mills for their library fund subject to the general levy limit laws governing the city of Hibbing.

REAL PROPERTY TRANSFERS, CERTIFICATE OF VALUE, Chapter 253, H.F. 2517: Amends M.S. 287.241; requires the filing of certificates of value in connection with recording executory contracts and requires that the certificates contain facts found necessary and prescribed by the Equalization Aid Review Committee.

ATTACHED MACHINERY AID, Chapter 257, H.F. 2883: Amends M.S. 124.04, 273.138, subd. 6 and Laws 1973, chap. 650, Article XXIV, sec. 6; provides for an additional aid to school districts in 1974 to compensate for a loss of revenues in the capital outlay fund caused by elimination of attached machinery from the tax rolls by Laws of 1973, chap. 650. Also provides that future attached machinery aid distributed for capital outlay purposes shall not be subtracted from maintenance levy limits but will be included in the levy limits on capital outlay funds.

SENIOR CITIZENS: DISABLED CREDIT, Chapter 263, H.F. 3328: Amends M.S. 290.0601, subd. 6, and M.S. 273.011, subd. 2; allows people who received state aid to the blind or aid to the disabled in 1973 to qualify for the senior citizen property tax credit for 1973. This act also expands the definition of "qualified home owner" for the senior citizen property tax freeze. It allows two or more people who own a home as joint tenants or tenants in common to qualify for the freeze if each would qualify if he were the sole owner of the property.

PORT AUTHORITIES, Chapter 269, S.F. 1253: Amends M.S. 458.192, subd. 1; allows port authorities to use tax increment financing to pay for industrial development; limits the acreage that can be placed in industrial development districts.

ASSESSMENT OF OIL REFINERIES, Chapter 313, S.F. 852: Repeals M.S. 273.13, subd. 13; provides that refineries will have an immediate classification rate of 43% rather than a gradual increase from 38% in 1975 to 43% in 1977.

EXEMPT PROPERTY LOSING THAT STATUS, Chapter 316, S.F. 1282: Amends M.S. 272.02; provides that property losing its tax exempt status for any reason prior to October 1, shall be taxed in full for that year. It shall be assessed at its market value as of January 2, in the same year it loses its tax exempt status.

TAX FORFEIT LANDS, Chapter 318, S.F. 1900: Amends M.S. 282.266. Provides that a greater share of the receipts from tax-forfeited lands be paid to the counties to defray the expenses of administering these lands (not to exceed annually 10% of such receipts).

RECREATIONAL LEVY FOR TACONITE AREAS, Chapter 339, S.F. 3016: Amends M.S. 471; provides a special levy for recreational purposes in communities whose assessed values include lands containing iron ore, taconite, or semi-taconite. This levy shall not exceed the lesser of \$3 per capita, \$15,000 or 2/3 of a mill in cities. In townships, the levy cannot exceed \$10,000 or 2/3 of a mill.

HEARINGS ON TAX REDUCTIONS, Chapter 362, H.F. 2668: Amends M.S. 270.19; requires the Commissioner of Revenue to give written notice to the officials of the affected municipality before granting any reduction in assessed valuation exceeding \$50,000.

NOTICE OF REAL PROPERTY VALUATION, Chapter 363, H.F. 3670: Amends M.S. 273.121; requires the county assessor to notify the owner when property is valued. The notice shall include the market value. If the valuation exceeds 5% of the preceding assessment, the notice shall also include the limited market value reflecting only a 5% increase in accordance with sec. 273.11.

EXPLORATORY DRILLING, Chapter 365, H.F. 2773: Amends M.S. 298; allows the county assessor to verify the existence of iron ore reserves by exploratory drilling. The costs of the drilling and any property damages will be paid by the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Commission. The affected taxing districts must, then, reimburse the Commission for half the costs.

ASSESSMENT OF REAL PROPERTY, Chapter 376, H.F. 3329: Amends 273.17, subd. 1; provides for assessments of property which has become subject to taxation since the last assessment to be made in even-numbered years.

LOCAL ASSESSOR, Chapter 399, S.F. 3210: Amends M.S. 270.493; gives cities of the fourth class in a county with a population over 650,000 (Hennepin) the option to continue local assessment.

RESTRICTION ON NEW AUXILIARY FOREST CONTRACTS, Chapter 411, S.F. 1858: Amends M.S. 88.491 by disallowing any extensions of existing auxiliary forest contracts and prohibits entering into new auxiliary forest contracts after 6/30/74. Also provides for automatic transfer of lands previously covered by auxiliary forest contracts into the tree growth tax law.

TAX DISTRIBUTION--COOLEY, Chapter 419, S.F. 3213: Provides that in the event of the dissolution of Cooley, all taxes which would have been distributable to the city of Cooley shall be distributed on a per capita basis to the cities of Nashwauk and Keewatin, and to the towns of Nashwauk, Lone Pine, and Greenway. Effective 1/1/75.

CERTIFICATION OF ASSESSORS, Chapter 449, H.F. 3325: Amends M.S. 270.50; extends the time by which assessors must be certified from 12/1/74 to 6/15/75; permits certification of assessors who have demonstrated competence in performing the functions of the office; requires towns to pay assessors \$20 a day while taking assessment courses and exams and to pay up to \$50 for successful completion of courses and certification; allows newly organized towns adequate time for their assessors to complete training and obtain certification.

COUNTY TREASURER, Chapter 450, H.F. 3335: Amends M.S. 276.11; requires the county treasurer to pay over property tax funds to local units within 60 (formerly 45) days after settlement and that interest shall accrue after 45 (formerly 30) days. Also provides that a unit of government may request up to 70% of its estimated collection within 30 days after settlement.

PENALTIES ON DELINQUENT REAL ESTATE TAXES--MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX, Chapter 459, H.F. 234: Amends M.S. 279.01 and 297B.01, subd. 7; increases the rate of interest penalties on delinquent real estate taxes on non-homesteaded property from 3% to 7%. The penalty increases at the rate of 1% per month up to a penalty of 12% for non-homesteaded property and 8% for homestead property. The maximum penalty was formerly 8% for all property. Sec. 2 exempts from the motor vehicle excise tax a voluntary or involuntary transfer of a motor vehicle between a husband and wife in a divorce proceeding.

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT DISTRICTS, Chapter 485, H.F. 1810: Authorizes a municipality after consultation with its planning agency or department and after public hearings to create development districts and establish development programs to be carried out within the districts. Authorizes the municipality to issue general obligation bonds to carry out development programs. Provides for a tax increment financing plan to finance the development programs. A formula for computation of tax increment is included in the act. The governing body of a municipality is to create a department or designate an existing department or agency to administer districts created under the act. Provision is also made for an advisory board. Effective 7/1/74.

ST. LOUIS COUNTY--LEVIES FOR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS, ROAD AND BRIDGE FUND, Chapter 490, H.F. 2011: Authorizes St. Louis County to levy 2/3 of a mill for capital improvements. The levy is within general purpose levy limits. It also authorizes the county to levy up to 5-1/2 mills in 1974,

up to 7 mills in 1975, and up to 8.34 mills less any taconite tax payments received in 1976 for county road and bridge purposes. As an alternative to levies, the county may issue general obligation bonds.

TAXATION OF CERTAIN ATTACHED MACHINERY, Chapter 545, H.F. 3334: Amends M.S. 272.02, subd. 1, 272.03, subd. 1, and 273.13, subd. 4. Provides that mains and pipes used for distribution of hot or cold water for heating and air conditioning and other equipment used for heating and cooling of buildings is not exempt from taxation as attached machinery.

SALE OF LANDS IN LAKE COUNTY, Chapter 555, H.F. 3670: Authorizes sale of certain lands in Lake County by the county board and authorizes the county to extend existing services such as sewer and water to these lands.

OMNIBUS TAX LAW, Chapter 556, H.F. 3707: Amends various Minnesota Statutes. Authorizes a state income tax credit equal to the amount of state tax liability for low income persons; repeals the tax on oleomargarine over a 2-year period; authorizes the use of state sales of timber for computing taxes under tree growth tax law and alters provisions for withdrawal of lands from tree growth status; provides that newly discovered iron ore shall be taxed as omitted property for the 6 years prior to discovery and revenues derived from these taxes shall go to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Commission after certain refunds have been paid out; extends the 5% limitation on reassessment of residential property to include recently transferred property; includes homesteads of certain totally disabled people in the 3cc assessment classification; imposes the corporate income tax on railroad companies; protects credits or refunds already paid out to parents of non-public school children; taxes certain little cigars at the same rate as cigarettes; extends the starting date for sales tax exemptions to new taconite plants to 2/1/75; alters deductions used in computing the occupation tax on mining companies. Effective 7/1/74 except secs. 1-3 and 18, effective 1/1/75.

INHERITANCE TAX, Chapter 559, S.F. 988: Amends M.S. 291.20; provides that every employer, required to pay benefits to an estate or to a beneficiary of a deceased employee for pensions, stock bonus, or profit-sharing, must notify the Commissioner of Revenue of such an obligation within 30 days after the date of payment.

TRANSPORTATION

Aeronautics

REGISTRATION OF AIRMEN, Chapter 8, H.F. 2016: Amends various statutes. Repeals the statute authorizing the Commissioner of Aeronautics to register federal certificates, permits or licenses for airmen and aeronautics instructors; authorizes courts and the Commissioner of Aeronautics to issue orders prohibiting aircraft operation in Minnesota, in lieu of revoking the registration of a violator's federal certificate.

AERONAUTICS DEFINITIONS, Chapter 193, H.F. 3041: Amends M.S. 360.13, subds. 11 and 17. Changes the definition of "air school" and "aeronautics instructor" to exclude schools, and instructors at schools, accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools, rather than by the University of Minnesota; changes the definition of "commercial operations" of aircraft to exclude aircraft used for hunting.

AERONAUTICS DEFINITIONS, Chapter 195, H.F. 3086: Amends M.S. 360.511, subd. 8. Changes the definition of an aircraft "dealer" to include dealers in used aircraft.

LANDING STRIP COST REIMBURSEMENT, Chapter 373, H.F. 3267: Amends M.S. 360.305, subd. 4. Increases the amount of money which may be paid by the Department of Aeronautics for the state share of the cost of new landing strips from \$50,000 to \$100,000.

Highways

GREAT RIVER ROAD, Chapter 34, H.F. 854: Amends M.S. 161. Establishes the new route of the Great River Road.

VOYAGEUR HIGHWAY, Chapter 65, H.F. 1764: Amends M.S. 161.14. Establishes the route of the Voyageur Highway and authorizes the placement of identifying signs.

BLUE STAR MEMORIAL HIGHWAY, Chapter 102, S.F. 2537: Amends M.S. 161.14, subd. 13. Adds Interstate 94 (Statutory Route 392) to the Blue Star Memorial Highway.

ANNEXATION OF LAND, Chapter 104, S.F. 3032: Allows the Commissioner of Highways to petition the city of Breckenridge to annex certain land, and allows the city to annex such land.

NEW TRUNK HIGHWAY ROUTE, WILLMAR, Chapter 123, H.F. 3040: Adds a new route to the trunk highway system, connecting Willmar State Hospital with T.H. 1971; discontinues the previous connecting route.

REMOVAL OF TRUNK HIGHWAY ROUTE, WILLMAR, Chapter 151, H.F. 3039: Removes statutory Route 318, near Willmar, from the trunk highway system, effective upon completion of the Willmar bypass on T.H. 12.

STATE AID RESEARCH ACCOUNT, Chapter 172, S.F. 3029: Amends M.S. 162.06, subd. 4, and M.S. 162.12, subd. 4. Allows funds in the county state-aid research account to be used for research into design and environmental compatibility, the construction and replacement of research materials and the implementation and monitoring of research results.

HIGHWAY APPROPRIATIONS, Chapter 258, H.F. 2967: Amends M.S. 161.50, subds. 1 and 2. Provides that the entire trunk highway fund shall be appropriated for trunk highway purposes; provides for the abolition of standing appropriations for state aid administration; provides that the term "actual construction, reconstruction and improvement of trunk highways" for which standing appropriations have been retained does not include activities related thereto, such as construction design, planning and programming, etc.; restores previously-suspended statute allowing funds appropriated by a standing appropriation to be used to make up insufficiencies in specific appropriations, with the approval of the Governor.

NEW TRUNK HIGHWAY ROUTE, STATE ZOO, Chapter 265, H.F. 3422: Adds a new route to the trunk highway system providing trunk highway access to the Minnesota Zoological Gardens in Dakota County.

NEW TRUNK HIGHWAY ROUTE, MINNEAPOLIS, Chapter 287, S.F. 3017: Adds a part of Washington Avenue in Minneapolis to the trunk highway system.

NEW TRUNK HIGHWAY ROUTE, INTERNATIONAL FALLS, Chapter 386, S.F. 2477: Adds a new route to the trunk highway system, in the vicinity of International Falls. Effective 1/1/76.

DAKOTA COUNTY HIGHWAY BONDS, Chapter 396, S.F. 2975: Allows the Dakota County Board to issue \$10 million in county highway bonds; limits the allowable levy to pay off such bonds to one-third mill (deducted from the county road and bridge levy); prohibits the construction or improvement of any road running through a city in a county unless the city has contributed to the cost.

Motor Vehicles

REGISTRAR OF VEHICLES, Chapter 15, S.F. 1523: Amends M.S. 168.325, subd. 1. Deletes language designating the Director of the Motor Vehicle Division of the Department of Public Safety as the Registrar of Motor Vehicles (M.S. 168.33 designates the Commissioner of Public Safety as the registrar).

STATE MOTOR VEHICLE STANDARDS, Chapter 21, S.F. 152: Amends M.S. 169; authorizes the Commissioner of Public Safety to adopt and enforce regulations on new motor vehicles and equipment, such regulations to be in substantial conformity with federal motor vehicle safety standards; authorizes the Commissioner to require the testing of new vehicles and equipment to determine their compliance with chap. 169 of the statutes where no federal standard is applicable, and prohibits the sale or use of non-complying vehicles and equipment; provides that where a federal standard adopted by the Commissioner conflicts with a provision of chap. 169 the federal standard shall prevail; makes violations a misdemeanor and authorizes the Attorney General to seek injunctive relief for violations.

GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE VEHICLES, Chapter 103, S.F. 2952: Allows motor vehicles furnished to delegates and guests of the 1974 Midwest Governor's Conference to be operated during July and August, 1974, without payment of registration fees.

MOBILE HOME TAXES, Chapter 110, H.F. 2655: Amends M.S. 169.86, subd. 1. Allows statements of a county auditor or treasurer of taxes paid (required before a special permit for the movement of a mobile home may be issued) to be made by telephone.

MONTHLY VEHICLE REGISTRATION, Chapter 121, H.F. 3003: Amends various statutes. Makes the monthly registration system applicable to all passenger vehicles, including ambulances, hearses and station wagons, beginning 4/1/75; provides that vehicles for which registration renewal applications are made for registration year 1975 may be registered for between 3 and 15 months, and provides for proportional fees for such vehicles; provides that vehicles registered under the monthly system must display their tags within the first ten days of the month for which their registration begins.

SCHOOL BUS SAFETY, Chapter 332, S.F. 2794: Amends M.S. 169.45 and 169.451. Directs the State Board of Education to develop a safety education program for students transported to school. Gives the State Board sole authority to adopt regulations to govern the operation of school buses. Directs the Commissioner of Public Safety to provide a point system to evaluate the effect on safety operation of any variance from law detected during school bus inspection. Effective not later than 1/1/75.

WITHDRAWALS FROM RECIPROCITY FLEETS, Chapter 522, H.F. 3002: Amends M.S. 168.187, subd. 15. Allows unused portion of commercial vehicle registration fees attributable to vehicles permanently withdrawn from reciprocity fleets to be either refunded or applied against the next year's fees for that fleet.

Traffic Law

ACCIDENT REPORTS, Chapter 22, S.F. 481: Amends M.S. 169 and 170. Adds "date of birth" to the information required to be given by persons involved in an accident, and requires such persons to give all required information, plus their drivers license or permit, to any police officer who is at the accident scene or investigating the accident; sets the deadline for forwarding accident reports to the Commissioner of Public Safety by persons involved or by investigating officers at ten days after the accident; allows the Department of Public Safety or county or municipal law enforcement departments to disclose the identity of a person involved in an accident when such identity is not otherwise known or where the identified person denies his presence at the accident; raises the minimum damage required for accidents to result in a financial responsibility requirement from \$100 to \$200, and provides that any notice from the Commissioner of the suspension of the drivers license of persons involved in an accident pending the showing of financial responsibility shall inform the recipient of his right to a review; repeals the language providing that a discharge in bankruptcy does not relieve an individual from the requirements of the Financial Responsibility Act.

EXEMPTION FROM TRAFFIC LAWS, Chapter 23, S.F. 781: Amends M.S. 169.03. Exempts from the provisions of chap. 169 of the statutes (traffic law) persons operating equipment owned or rented by road authorities when traveling to and from work. (See chap. 350.)

SNOWMOBILES ON BRIDGES, Chapter 51, H.F. 149: Amends M.S. 84.87, subd. 6. Allows snowmobiles to cross bridges (other than bridges on the Interstate system) when necessary to avoid obstructions, provided that the snowmobile is kept to the extreme right-hand lane and the entrance to the roadway is made within 100 feet of the bridge.

MOTOR VEHICLE TRANSPORTERS, Chapter 52, H.F. 574: Amends M.S. 169.81. Allows truck tractor combinations used to haul motor vehicles and farm implements to be a maximum of 60 feet in length, and prohibits a front or rear overhang in excess of three feet.

EMBLEMS FOR SLOW MOVING VEHICLES, Chapter 57, H.F. 1699: Amends M.S. 169.522, subd. 1. Increases the minimum visibility distance of slow-moving vehicle emblems from 500 to 600 feet; requires all such emblems sold after 1/1/75, to be visible at least 600 feet to the rear when lit by a lower headlight beam.

SPEED LIMITS, Chapter 79, H.F. 2862: Authorizes the Commissioner of Highways to issue an executive order designating a statewide maximum speed limit; makes speeds in excess of the designated limit illegal and a petty misdemeanor, except that a violation in a reckless manner or a third violation in a year is a misdemeanor; makes all inconsistent statutes inapplicable.

TIMBER HAULER AXLE WEIGHTS, Chapter 122, H.F. 3038: Amends M.S. 169.83, subd. 1. Provides that the 20% increase in axle weight limits for timber haulers in the timber hauling zone is effective from December 1 to March 7.

HEADLIGHT OPERATION, Chapter 134, S.F. 1541: Amends M.S. 169.48. Requires vehicle headlights to be operated from sunset to sunrise, and at any other time when visibility is reduced by weather, fog, smoke or other conditions.

SNOWMOBILE CONTESTS, Chapter 239, S.F. 2015: Amends M.S. 1971, 84.87. Authorizes the Commissioner of Natural Resources, Commissioner of Highways and county boards to permit the use of public highways for any "organized" snowmobile contest and eliminates the present requirement that a snowmobile contest be "international" in order to be eligible for this permission.

TRAFFIC FINES, Chapter 271, S.F. 2004: Amends M.S. 299D.03, subd. 5. Provides that when a conviction is obtained by a city attorney for a traffic violation within a municipality resulting in a highway patrol arrest, the fine receipts shall be divided equally among the county, municipality and state.

VEHICLE LENGTH, Chapter 343, S.F. 3108: Amends various statutes. Provides that accidents involving damage to fixtures along a highway shall be reported in the same manner as accidents involving injury or vehicle damage; sets a maximum single-unit vehicle length of 40 feet (exclusive of bumpers), except that truck cranes may not exceed 45 feet; sets a limit of two units on a combination, except that truck or tractor and a semitrailer may pull one additional semitrailer equipped with an auxiliary dolly; requires permits for double-bottom operation to be carried in or on the power unit of the combination.

EXEMPTION FROM TRAFFIC LAWS, Chapter 350, S.F. 3355: Amends Laws 1974, chap. 23. Provides that the exemption from traffic laws authorized by that chapter shall apply only to laws governing vehicle sizes and weights.

LIVESTOCK OR POULTRY CHUTES, Chapter 358, H.F. 773: - Authorizes a farm truck or a livestock or poultry truck drawing one trailer to draw one additional two-wheel trailer for the sole purpose of transporting a livestock or poultry loading chute provided such two-wheel trailer shall not be drawn beyond a ten-mile radius of the home post office of the owner or operator of the vehicle. Does not apply to the seven-county metropolitan area.

BICYCLES AND PEDESTRIANS, Chapter 379, S.F. 1060: Amends various statutes. Redefines "bicycle" to include all bicycles with at least one wheel of more than 14 inches in diameter; extends bicyclists' rights and duties to bicycle paths as well as roadways; permits baby seats on bicycles and prescribes standards therefor; allows an operator-carried lamp to satisfy the statutory bicycle headlight requirement, and increases the minimum visibility requirements of such illumination; requires, after 1/1/76, all bicycles operated at night to be reflectorized on the front, rear and side.

Requires pedestrians to walk on the left side of a roadway or its shoulder only when it is practicable to do so; prohibits standing on a roadway to solicit business, employment or contributions.

STUDDED TIRES FOR NONRESIDENTS, Chapter 389, S.F. 2641: Amends M.S. 169.72. Allows vehicles registered in jurisdictions allowing studded tires to use such tires while occasionally in Minnesota (defined as not more than 30 days per year); sets standards for such tires.

HEADPHONES IN VEHICLES, Chapter 460, H.F. 242: Amends M.S. 169.471. Prohibits an operator of a motor vehicle from wearing headphones or earphones (except hearing aids) while driving.

HIGHWAY SAFETY ACCOUNT, Chapter 462, H.F. 389: Amends M.S. 299D.03, subd. 5. Increases the monthly appropriation to the Highway Safety Account from fines and forfeited bail money from \$30,000 to \$50,000; provides that the remainder of the state share of fines and forfeited bail money shall be appropriated to the trunk highway fund without restrictions as to use.

MOTOR VEHICLE NOISE, Chapter 500, H.F. 2338: Amends M.S. 1971, 168, and repeals secs. 169.691 and 169.692. Declares that after 10/1/74, it will be unlawful to operate a motor vehicle in violation of motor vehicle noise regulations adopted by the Pollution Control Agency. Effective 10/1/74.

STATE DEPARTMENTS APPROPRIATIONS BILL
Chapter 355, S.F. 3580

Appropriates funds for the operation of various state departments and agencies. In addition, the act contains the following substantive provisions:

1. Requires chief executive officers of departments and agencies to prepare fiscal notes regarding pending legislation at the request of various legislative committee chairmen;
2. Increases the salaries of members of the tax court;
3. Permits the commissioner of administration until July, 1977, with the approval of the executive council, to establish by regulation categories of supplies, equipment and services which may be purchased by the state without complying with the usual competitive bid procedure, if bids cannot be obtained due to the energy crisis;
4. Provides that the Fort Snelling Chapel may be used by private persons and organizations only upon payment of a fee equal to the reasonable value of equivalent rental space;
5. Establishes a Minnesota history and government learning center, sponsored by the historical society, the state college board, and the state board of education; headquartered at the historical society; and designed to develop workshops for students and teachers;
6. Authorizes the commissioner of highways to acquire property at Wells, Minnesota, to be used for field maintenance;
7. Authorizes the commissioner of administration to charge state employees parking fees if the property used for parking is leased from a private lessor in the seven county metro area;
8. Transfers from the state auditor to the commissioner of finance all powers and duties relating to state bonds except those imposed upon the auditor by the constitution;
9. Forbids the commissioner of administration to contract for cleaning or food service in state buildings during the fiscal year if to do so would require that state employees in the classified service be laid off;
10. Requires the director of the state planning agency to conduct studies regarding the transportation of grain and to report to the legislature;
11. Incorporates by reference into the Minnesota unemployment compensation law future amendments to the Federal-State Extended Unemployment Compensation Act of 1970;

12. Permits county boards providing public health services to charge fees for all services provided, including those for preventive purposes, rather than only for services actually provided to the "ill and disabled";
13. Authorizes the payment of per diem to members of the Legislative Advisory Committee to the Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission;
14. Establishes a program for shade tree disease control and removal under the supervision of the commissioner of agriculture, which supercedes any less stringent municipal ordinances; provides for the appointment of municipal tree inspectors to administer the program; permits special levies by municipalities to finance the program;
15. Establishes the Advisory Commission on Fluctuating School Enrollments to study the effect of fluctuating enrollments on the quality and cost of education and to make recommendations to the legislature and state board regarding cooperation among districts, and teacher-pupil ratios;
16. Permits schools, notwithstanding the state human rights act, to have separate athletic programs for students of each sex;
17. Establishes a ten-member joint standing committee of the legislature to review rules made by state agencies and, after public hearing, to suspend a rule and place a bill to repeal it before the legislature; if the bill fails the suspended rule is reinstated; if the bill passes the rule may not be re-promulgated by the agency;
18. Permits the city of Hanska to acquire property to provide facilities to certain school districts and to issue revenue bonds therefor.

Direct Appropriations Made by the 1974 Legislature
by Fund, by Year
(Excluding Bond Authorizations)

Chapter		Fiscal Year 1974	Fiscal Year 1975	Biennium Total
	<u>General Fund</u>			
154	Board of Health, Continuing Services	\$ 1,250,000.00	\$	\$ 1,250,000.00
204	Special Education for Handicapped	440,000.00		440,000.00
307	Minnesota Energy Agency	30,000.00	350,000.00	380,000.00
310	Regulation of Private Detectives	20,000.00		20,000.00
327	State Demographer	100,000.00		100,000.00
355	State Departments	3,468,520.74	797,939.00	4,266,459.74
368	Paddy Wild Rice	15,000.00		15,000.00
402	Bicentennial Agricultural Expo		100,000.00	100,000.00
429	Public Utilities Regulation	300,000.00		300,000.00
441	Housing Finance Agency Bond Security	1,000,000.00		1,000,000.00
463	Violent Crime Victims Reparations		100,000.00	100,000.00
464	Willmar Community College - Special Assessment	9,340.00		9,340.00
466	Willmar Community College - Water Storage Tank	22,091.00		22,091.00
470	Campaign Ethics Regulation	120,000.00		120,000.00
492	Foreign Students Scholarships		80,000.00	80,000.00
496	POW and MIA Dependent Tuition		10,000.00	10,000.00
508	Camp Release State Park Road		6,400.00	6,400.00
517	North Hennepin Community College - Special Assessment		80,462.28	80,462.28
518	Anoka-Ramsey Community College - Special Assessment		55,641.62	55,641.62
521	Education	8,899,000.00		8,899,000.00
534	Public Transit Improvement Program	6,075,000.00		6,075,000.00
557	Claims	60,428.02		60,428.02
575	Health, Welfare, Corrections	5,105,000.00	1,150,000.00	6,255,000.00
579	Organized Crime Commission	10,000.00		10,000.00
580	CAAPC Master Plan Alternatives	93,000.00		93,000.00
583	Voter Registration System Implementation	50,000.00		50,000.00
	Total	27,067,379.76	2,730,442.90	29,797,822.66
	<u>Highway User Tax Distribution Fund</u>			
308	License Plates	987,637.00		987,637.00
	<u>Trunk Highway Fund</u>			
355	State Departments	485,000.00		485,000.00
557	Claims	17,612.07		17,612.07
	Total	502,612.07		502,612.07
	<u>Wildlife Acquisition Fund</u>			
557	Claims	1,245.26		1,245.26
	<u>State Airports Fund</u>			
538	Hangar Construction Fund		500,000.00	500,000.00
	Total Direct Appropriations	\$28,558,874.09	\$ 3,230,442.90	\$31,789,316.99

Estimated "Open" and "Standing" Appropriations
Authorized by the 1974 Legislature
General Fund

<u>Chapter</u>		<u>Fiscal Year 1974</u>	<u>Fiscal Year 1975</u>	<u>Biennium Total</u>
532	Reciprocity for Collegiate Education in Wisconsin	\$	\$1,220,000.00	\$1,220,000.00
557	Claims	<u>83,822.27</u>		<u>83,822.27</u>
	Total	\$ 83,822.27	\$1,220,000.00	\$1,303,822.27

State Bonds Authorized by
the 1974 Legislature

<u>Chapter</u>		<u>Amount</u>
	<u>Revenue Bonds (Not a General Obligation)</u>	
441	Housing Finance Agency	\$450,000,000
	<u>General Obligation Bonds</u>	
541	Gillette Hospital Building	3,900,000