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# COMMITTEE ACTION

# **AGRICULTURE**

#### Friday, April 3

Agricultural data collection task force--reactivation HF394/SF364 (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would appropriate monies to the legislative advisory commission to reactivate the agricultural data collection task force. Set task force expiration date at Jan. 15, 1989 or 15 days after reporting to the Legislature, whichever date comes later, but in no circumstance later than March 1, 1989.

\*\*Amendment would change year from 1988 to 1989.

Pesticide law--changes HF485/SF717 (Kalis, DFL-Walters)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would amend the "Pesticide Control Act of 1976" to give the Department of Agriculture clearer authority for pesticide registration and safe use; would make changes in certifying pesticide applicators, increase certification fees, and provide stronger penalties for violators.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 11, Environment & Natural Resources, March 31)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- outline pesticide applications in cities; would authorize cities to enact ordinances containing the pesticide application warning information; would prohibit the city ordinance from being more restrictive or less restrictive than the pesticide application;
- require all commercial or noncommercial pesticide applicators to post warning signs on the treated property for up to 72 hours following application on the street frontage; would specify sign height and language,
- · require applicants that meet renewal requirements by reexamination to pay the equivalent workshop fee for the reexamination;
- set a \$25 applicator license fee for a person who is an employee of a business that holds a valid commercial applicator license;
- · prohibit persons from applying a pesticide that exposes a

worker in an immediately adjacent open field and from filling pesticide application equipment directly from any public water supply, unless the supply outlet is equipped with a backflow prevention device which complies with the Minnesota plumbing

- allow the commissioner and the attorney general to request the county attorney to bring a civil judicial enforcement action;
- provide that for the purposes of training, the commissioner may enter into agreements with qualified public or private organizations that wish to offer training programs;
- authorize the commissioner to establish a water quality program to:
- --determine the impact of pesticides on surface and ground water; --develop recommendations for management practices involving pesticide distribution, storage, handling, use, and disposal; --establish regulations for protection of water resources from pesticide contamination; and
- --cooperate with and assist other state agencies and local governments to protect health and the environment from harmful exposure to pesticides;
- provide for a pesticide container deposit report and appropriate monies.

Dairy herd--health care delivery systems research HF998 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would appropriate \$200,000 in FY'88 and FY'89 to the University of Minnesota to develop and research veterinary health care delivery systems for dairy herds in Minnesota.

Grain--grades, tests

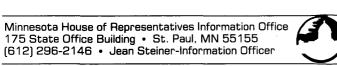
HF1120 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would provide that a person who receives or delivers grain, who fails to certify grade samples taken by the other, is bound by the arithmetic mean of the test results obtained from the samples. The Department Agriculture's Grain Inspection Division is to determine grade, dockage, moisture content, protein analysis, or other factors that determine price. Payment is based on the test

\*\*Amendment would make technical change.

Monday, April 6

Family Farm Security Act -- tax offset HF613 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)--heard; laid over.



Would set Oct. 1 following the previous tax year as the deadline for persons who sold property under the family farm security loan program to file for annual payments from the commissioner of agriculture.

Dept. of Agriculture bill

HF1122/SF1244 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture Committee)

Would make various changes to the Department of Agriculture and its functions.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- clarify the use of certain fees;
- · prohibit the importation of bees or bee equipment from any county or parish where honey bee tracheal mites or Africanized bees have been found, unless it's demonstrated to the satisfication of the commissioner that there'll be no risk of introduction either of trachael mites or Africanized bees into the state;
- set Grade A inspection fees and the time the fees are payable; would expand Grade A milk classification to include sheep milk and requires such processor or marketing organizations to apply for Grade A inspection services from the agriculture commissioner; would set fees for Grade A pasteurization plants that pasteurize milk based on the number of pasteurization units; would provide for a refund when a farm no longer produces milk;
- · extend the time for sale of certain state-owned land from three to five years;
- require the commissioner of agriculture to provide grain buyers with application forms and licenses that state the restrictions and authority to purchase and store grain under the license being applied for and issued;
- require that eight week's published notice must be given prior to the foreclosure sale of a homestead to which the provisions of Chapter 583 (mortgage and contract for deed moratoriums) apply if the notice is published for the first time after May 24, 1983 and prior to May 1, 1985 or after June 8, 1985 and prior to June 30, 1989;

make the following appropriations:

-county and district agricultural societies--\$358,400 in each fiscal year of the biennium ending June 30, 1989;
--milk inspection program--\$419,300 in FY'88 and \$391,500 in

FY'89:

--wild rice research program--\$48,000;

-pseudorabies control program--\$359,890 in FY'88 and \$359,890 in FY' 89;

--state board of vocational technical education--\$112,500; --vocational technical education for a farm crisis intervention project--\$775,000 for fiscal year beginning June 30, 1988 and \$1,147,500 for fiscal year ending June 30, 1989.

Farmer-lender mediation program--deficit payment HF1445/SF61 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would appropriate monies to the University of Minnesota Agriculture Extension Service for the farmer-lender mediation program.

#### Thursday, April 9

Family Farm Security Act--tax offset HF613 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would set Oct. 1, of the following the previous tax year as the deadline for persons who sold property under the family farm

security loan program to file for annual payments from the commissioner of agriculture.

\*\*Delete everything amendment would remove obsolete language and define "qualified seller" as an individual who sold farm land under a seller sponsored loan after April 1, 1978 and before Dec. 31, 1985.

Farmland--beginning farmers

HF776/SF754 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture Committee)

Would set up a beginning farmers program whereby beginning or re-entry farmers could get low-interest loans to purchase farmland.

(See summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 1, Agriculture Finance Division/Ag., March 24)

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

# Agriculture Finance Div./Ag.

#### Wednesday, April 8

Landowners--right-of-first-refusal

HF1059 (DeBlieck, DFL-Milroy)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Agriculture Committee.

Would amend the existing "right-of-first-refusal" language.

- \*\*Amendments would:
- define "highest price offered by a third party" as the acceptable cash price offered by a third party or the acceptable time-price offer made by a third party;
- provide that a cash-price offer is one which involves contemporaneous transfer of title;
- require sellers or lessors to make the same time-price offer or an equivalent cash offer to the preceding owner, if the acceptable offer made by the third party is a time-price offer;
- provide that an equivalent cash offer is equal to the total of the payments made over a period of the time-price offer discounted by the treasury yield curve for like time periods plus 2.0 percent;
- provide that a time-price offer defers payments of any portion of the price and does not involve a transfer of fee title until full payment is made;
- require all sale and lease offers to preceding owners to be in writing and to accurately report all relevant details of the sale or lease offer acceptable to the sellor or lessor;
- extend the right-of-first-refusal from 5 years to ten years for land held by a corporation because of enforcement of a debt on the land:
- provide the right-of-first-refusal may not be waived unless the waiver is signed after the right actually exists and could be exercised by the previous owner.

# APPROPRIATIONS

# Education Div./Approps.

#### Monday, April 6

**HECB--student vote** HF632 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would allow the student council member of the Higher Education Coordinating Board to vote.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- reduce the citizen members of HECB board from three to two and replace member with one full-time student, at least 18-years old, appointed to a two-year term by the governor; allow student to receive compensation while receiving any form of state or campus financial aid;
- make the first student member of the board the twelfth member of the board beginning in July 1, 1987, eventually filling a vacancy when an at-large board position occurs.

# Health & Human Services Div./Approps.

#### Wednesday, April 8

**Ombudsman for older Minnesotans** 

HF763/SF924 (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would create an Office of Ombudsman for Older Minnesotans within the Department of Human Services and the Minnesota Board on Aging related to advocacy, education and training and investigation of any act, policy, procedure or administrative action of any long-term care facility, hospital or agency that may adversely affect the rights of any client.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 12, Health & Human Services, March 26)

#### Thursday, April 9

Nursing home care cost HF527/SF532 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would clarify methods of determining costs of care at regional treatment centers, clarify responsibility for setting rates and collecting payment for cost of care at state nursing homes, and allow the commissioner of human services to collect insurance settlements.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 31, General Orders, March 23)

# COMMERCE

#### Thursday, April 3

Retail credit card interest rates

HF242/SF495 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee.

Would reduce the credit card interest rates to an amount closer to the Federal Reserve discount rate. \*\*Delete everything amendment would:

- limit finance charges for open-end credit sales to the equivalent of an annual percentage rate of the higher of: 1) 14.5 percent, or 2) six percentage points over the Federal Reserve discount rate; would prohibit the annual percentage rate from exceeding 18 percent;
- limit finance charges by a seller whose Minnesota annual gross sales exceed \$25 million or any issuer whose credit card is issued primarily for purchasing motor fuels and whose gross sales exceed \$10 billion to the equivalent of an annual percentage rate of the higher of: 1) 10.5 percent, or 2) four percentage points over the Federal Reserve discount rate; would prohibit the annual percentage rate from exceeding 18 percent;

• allow upward adjustments of rates only once a year; would prohibit sellers from imposing any additional charges on credit card users.

#### Tuesday, April 7

Health, dating, buying clubs--registration HF949/SF772 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Would require all health, dating, buying, and social clubs (except for private clubs and nonprofit organizations) doing business in Minnesota to register annually with the attorney general. Provisions would:

- set the initial registration fee at \$250 with a \$150 per year renewal fee;
- allow smaller clubs that can't get a surety bond to post an irrevocable letter of credit or deposit cash in lieu of a bond;
- require clubs under construction that pre-sell memberships to register and post a surety bond with the attorney general;
- set a \$200,000 cap on the amount of security clubs must post and eliminate the \$25,000 minimum bond requirement;
- streamline the claims procedures to insure quicker refunds to consumers;
- exempt clubs that collect a prepayment of up to \$50 from bonding requirements.
- \*\*Amendment would:
- · amend the definition of health club;
- $\bullet$  raise prepayment amounts from \$25 to \$50 and provide that if a person makes a payment for a service that's rendered on the same day, it's not a prepayment;
- change the renewal fee from \$250 to \$150;
- provide that the fees collected under this section go into a club contracts account;
- remove a provision that required at least one member of the board of directors to be a resident of the county where the club is located;
- provide that no club is required to file a bond, letter of credit or cash in excess of \$200,000 with the attorney general regardless of the number facilities;
- specify surety bond requirements; would provide that this subdivision does not apply to any club that files a declaration with the attorney general that states the club does not receive prepayments for services or merchandise.

Small business--definition change HF1138/SF1249 (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing Committee)

Would add to the definition of small business, technical and professional service businesses that have not grossed more than \$2,500,000 in revenues in the preceding fiscal year.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- require the use of certain socially and economically disadvantaged subcontractors and removes a five-year eligibility limitation.

Mortgage redemption periods HF1207 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Would limit the 12-month redemption period for premises over 10 acres to premises used primarily for farming.

Energy conservation investment loans HF1326/SF1267 (Pelowski, DFL-Winona)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and Energy Committee)

Would authorize the the Department of Energy and Economic Development to make loans to municipalities for energy conservation investments. Provisions would:

- · define "maxi-audits" as detailed engineering analysis of energysaving improvements to existing buildings or stationary energyusing system;
- extend energy conservation investment loan eligibility to municipalities and defines "municipality" as any county, city, town, school district, or any combination of those units acting jointly on an energy conservation project;
- include loan repayment as a special levy whereby the payments would not be included in the portion of an ad valorum tax subject to levy limits;
- allow municipalities to accept funds for energy conservation investments from the state or federal government or from litigation settlement funds for federal petroleum pricing violations.
- \*\*Amendment would make technical change in bill title.

#### Thursday, April 9

Hearing aid repairs--itemized billing HF456/SF94\* (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF passed Senate Floor)

Would require any person or company who agrees to repair a hearing aid to provide customers with an itemized repair bill and requires the bill to have the person's or company's name, address, and phone number on it.

\*\*Amendment would require itemized billing for repairs that cost \$150 or more.

Credit card disclosure bill

HF822/SF728 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Would require all credit card applications distributed in Minnesota to disclose the financial terms of the credit card plan.

- \*\* Delete everything amendment would:
- require the following financial terms to be disclosed in the credit card application:

--annual percentage rates;

- --membership or participation fees;
  --any minimum, fixed, transaction, or similar charges;
- -- any other fees that may be charged to the account including late payment fees; and
- -the date or occasion when the finance charge begins to accrue on a transaction;
- require the disclosure form to be clear and conspicous, written in plain language, and prominently set apart from other portions of the application;
- provide that the disclosure requirement doesn't apply to any

advertisement, catalogue or any other written document or material which does not contain a credit card application;

- provide for an optional box disclosure chart if the chart consists of contiguous boxes and each required disclosure appears exclusively within one of the boxes;
- permit creditors to provide applicants with additional disclosures; would make violators subject to civil penalties; would allow a person injured by a violation of the credit card disclosure requirement to recover any actual damages, together with costs and disbursements, including a reasonable attorney's fee and any other equitable relief the court determines;
- provide for federal pre-emption and require notification of annual fees, if any.

**Economic Development Department bill** 

HF1188/SF1268 (C. Nelson, DFL-Barrett)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and Energy Committee)

Would authorize the State Department of Economic Development to make loans, grants, and other financial aid from litigation settlement funds for federal petroluem pricing violations. Would allow the department to collect fees from aid recipients to pay administrative costs incurred in administering the aid. Provisions would:

- authorize the department to grant a variance to homeowners who want to use a decorative gas lamp in their home;
- authorize Indian tribal governments to establish community energy councils;
- allow the finance commissioner to make loans to municipalities for qualified energy improvements;
- \*\*Amendment would:
- remove provision that would have made the variance valid for the life of the recipient and renewed every four years;
- remove section that would have classified data that reveals a person's identity who has made a rental housing complaint as private data:
- remove the section that would have authorized local governmental units to accept funds for qualified energy improvements and district heating systems that don't exceed \$1,000,000.

Steam turbines regulation HF1343/SF1232 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)--heard. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would exempt steam-powered turbines at paper-making facilities which are powered by steam from remote municipal facilities from boiler inspections and regulations.

Interior designers, decorators task force HF1366/SF1031 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would create the Minnesota task force on interior designers and decorators to study whether or not the state should license interior designers or decorators to protect the health, welfare and safety of the public.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- provide that the task force consist of 13 members of which the commerce commissioner will appoint 12 members and the executive secretary of the state board of architecture, engineering, land surveying, and landscape architecture will serve as the thirteenth member and act as the chair;

• authorize the task force to request assistance from state agencies; specify task force duties and require the task force to submit a report of its findings and recommendations to the commissioner and the State Legislature by Jan. 15, 1988.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

Tuesday, April 7

Hastings--industrial development bonds HF129/SF135 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing Committee)

Would appropriate \$60,000 from the general fund to refund the city of Hastings for a 1984 application deposit for the authority to issue private activity revenue bonds (IDBs).

**Eminent domain--relocation benefits** 

HF371/SF 296 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing Committee)

Would change present law on relocation benefits to displaced homeowners because of an eminent domain acquisition. Would remove the reference to Jan. 1, 1984 in the current Uniform Relocation Assistance and Real Property Acquisition Policies Act of 1970, and instead refer to the federal regulations effective at the time the acquisition occurs.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- require that the acquiring authority provide a written comment to the individual or organization affected by the acquisition, if requested;
- · provide for a public hearing.

Oil overcharge funds--weatherization

HF512/SF875 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and Energy Committee)

Would require that one half of any of the oil overcharge funds received by the state for the "Stripper Well" case, or any future oil overcharge funds that the state receives, be used for the lowincome energy conservation programs administered by the Department of Jobs and Training.

Housing and redevelopment authorities

HF768/SF351 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would extend the housing and redevelopment authority interest reduction program.

Wage Subsidies--MEED program

HF857/SF778 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would extend the Minnesota Employment and Economic Development wage subsidy program.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- provide that the Department of Jobs and Training (DJT) may contract directly with a local service provider. (Presently, DJT contracts with each county, which in turn, either administers the wage subsidy program directly, or contracts with a service provider);

- extend the reporting requirements so that additional information relating to individual wage subsidy recipients be collected by local service providers. The data collected is to be classified as "private" data:
- change the allocation of the wage subsidy appropriation from 70 percent allocated to counties based on data relating to unemployment and public assistance recipients, and 30 percent to the coordinator to distribute at the coordinator's discretion to 85 percent and 15 percent respectively;
- remove the provision that 25 percent of the coordinator's discretionary funds be used to fund the coordinator's office;
- require that at least 80 percent of the wage subsidy statewide be allocated to the four "target groups:"

--households with no income;

-- those eligible for General Assistance or Work Readiness;

-- those eligible for AFDC; or

-- farm households in severe financial need. Present language only places the four groups as a priority, not as

a required group;

- add temporary community investment program jobs to the 25 percent restriction that statewide wage subsidy funds be in non private-sector jobs;
- add businesses that are manufacturers or producers of export products (sold out of state) to the list of priority businesses;
- require that 75 percent of the funds returned from a business that does not employ a wage subsidy employee the required amount of time, be retained by the local service unit and 25 percent is returned to the state. (Presently 100 percent is returned to the state.) The local service unit may use up to 20 percent of its 75 percent share to cover the administrative costs of collecting these funds. The remainder is to be distributed as wage subsidies and benefits within the local service units delivery area;
- appropriate \$40 million for the wage subsidy program.
- \*\*Amendment would:
- establish an entrepreneurial grant program in the Department of Jobs and Training to be used to secure loans from banks or other lending institutions;
- require participants to be:
- -- a resident of this state for at least one month;

--unemployed;

- --not receiving and not qulaified to receive unemployment or workers' compensation;
- -- a farmer of any member of a farm family household who can demonstrate severe household financial need;
- prohibit a bank or other lending institution from charging interest rates on loans made to eligible grantees in excess of the rates normally charged;
- establish the state grant not to exceed \$5,000;
- provide that up to 10 percent of the discretionary portion of the wage subsidy appropriation allocated by the coordinator may be used to fund the Minnesota enterpreneurial grant program.

Economic development--county levies
HF876/SF697 (Frederick, IR-Mankato)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would permit a county to either annually appropriate \$50,000 or levy a one mill tax (whichever is greater) for economic development purposes. (A county under present law has the authority to annually appropriate \$50,000.) This money is to be paid to an incorporated development society or organization that is to promote, advertise, improve or develop economic or agricultural resources in the county. The tax authorized in this bill would be outside levy limits.

\*\*Amendment would exclude the metropolitan area.

Wadena--enterprise zone
HF928/SF906 (Richter, IR-Wadena)--recommended to pass as
amended.\*\* (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing
Committee)

Would authorize the creation of an enterprise zone for the city of Wadena.

\*\*Amendment would set funding limit at \$750,000.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 7, Economic Development & Housing, April 2)

#### **Distressed counties**

HF1023 (C. Nelson, DFL-Barrett)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee.

Would amend present law on economic diversification loan program, and define "distressed county." Provisions would:

- repeal the language relating to the qualified economic diversified project program administered by the Minnesota Energy and Economic Development Authority and the Department of Energy and Economic Development;
- change the definition of a "distressed county." Under the present definition, a county must meet one of the following two definitions:
- --the county's unemployment rate must be ten percent or more,
- --the county's unemployment rate must be at least 110 percent of the overall state unemployment rate, and at least 20 percent of the county's economy be dependent on agriculture, as determined by the commissioner of jobs and training:

by the commissioner of jobs and training;
Under the definition proposed by this bill, the second criteria would be changed so that at least 20 percent of the county's economy would be dependent on agriculture, and the commissioner of agriculture would declare that there is a statewide "agriculture economic emergency;"

• base the determination of an agricultural economic emergency on the net farm income, number of farm foreclosures, farmland value, production costs, debt to asset ratios, and other factors the commissioner of agriculture considers important.

Council on quality and productivity
HF1109 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to
Appropriations Committee.

Would create a nine-member Council on Quality and Productivity whose purpose would be to increase public awareness of the importance of quality and productivity, and to provide technical and informational assistance to businesses, labor organizations and the general public. Provisions would:

- establish a nine-member council with the governor appointing four members and the speaker and the Senate majority leader appointing two members each. The commissioner of energy and economic development would also serve on the council. The council may hire an executive director and necessary staff;
- provide that the council research education programs and their effectiveness, new production technologies, and new mangement and labor relationships;
- provide that the council will provide technical assistance to businesses and labor organizations by linking together qualified quality and productivity consultants with those that need assistance. The council may also provide grants to those who can not afford to pay the consultants;

- provide that the council to report the the governor and the Legislature by January 1989 on the council's activities;
- provide that a portion of the appropriation be contingent on the receipt of matching non-state revenues or in-kind services;
- provide that the council be repealed at the end of the 1988-89 biennium.

Housing--MHFA grants for low income HF789/SF993 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing Committee)

Would create statutory authority for the Minnesota Housing Finance Agency (MHFA) to make grants to municipalities, HRAs, and nonprofit entities for the purpose of developing residential housing for very low income persons. Provisions would:

- require grants to be limited to less than 50 percent of the development costs;
- allow the MHFA to determine circumstances, terms and conditions for full or partial repayment;
- require that occupants of grant-financed housing be provided with plain language leases and prohibit evictions without good cause;
- allow MHFA to make grants from the agency's housing development fund;
- appropriate money from the general fund to the housing development fund to make the grants provided for in this bill.

#### Thursday, April 9

Small business investment companies HF929/SF84 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would authorize the Minnesota Energy and Economic Development Authority (MEEDA) to make loans and grants, participate in loans, or guaranty notes or bonds of Small Business Investment Companies (SBICs) from the Economic Development Fund. (SBICs are corporations or limited partnerships licensed by the Small Business Administration (SBA) to provide financial assistance to small businesses.) Provisions would:

- limit the amount of MEEDA loans and loan guaranties to SBICs at \$5 million, and the total amount of loans and loan guaranties to any one SBIC at \$500,000;
- limit the amount of MEEDA grants to SBICs at \$1 million, and the total amount of grants to any one SBIC would be \$125,000.

Small business development centers HF1074 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended.

Would formalize the relationship between the Department of Energy and Economic Development's Bureau of Small Businesses and the Small Business Development Centers. Provisions would:

- make changes in the following areas:
- --small business financial mangement assistance;
- --securing government procurement contracts;
- --securing small business innovation research grants; and
  --business planning and management assistance to small businesses owned by socially or economically disadvantaged persons;
- appropriate funds (no amount specified) to the Department of Energy and Economic Development for the services provided above.

State bonding HF1101/SF821 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would ensure that the commissioner of finance and the governing bodies of state agencies (e.g. Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board, IRRRB, Minnesota Housing Finance Agency) have the authority to agree and covenant with bond holders to comply with federal tax laws and regulations to ensure that the bonds remain tax exempt. Would also clarify that the commissioner and the governing bodies have the authority to issue taxable bonds.

Taconite tax proceeds HF1447 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--recommended to pass.

Would create a two-year wage subsidy program for the taconite tax relief area that generally follows the characteristics of the statewide Minnesota Employment and Economic Development (MEED) wage subsidy program. Would also authorize the commissioner of the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) to fund research at the Natural Resources Research Institute at the University of Minnesota-Duluth. Provisions would:

- establish that the funding for the wage subsidy program and the research would be from the increase in payments (based on the implicit price deflator) for school districts, property tax relief, the Northeast Minnesota Economic Protection Trust Fund and the IRRRB that would be due in 1988 and 1989;
- delay the increase in the distribution of funding to school districts and the IRRRB from the taconite tax for 1988 and 1989.
   The school districts and the IRRRB would receive the same amount in 1988 and 1989 that they received in 1987;
- create a new "Taconite Tax Relief Area Employment Fund" to be used for the wage subsidy program and research. The source of finding for the Employment Fund would be the increase in the taconite tax that would otherwise have been distributed;
- delay the increase in the distribution of funding for property tax relief and the Northeast Minnesota Economic Protection Trust Fund from the taconite tax for 1988 and 1989. The same amounts would be received in 1988 and 1989 that were received in 1987;
- create the Taconite Tax Relief Area Employment Fund, consisting of proceeds generated because of this bill, gifts, no interest loans to the fund from other monies available to the IRRB, and repayments from businesses that lay off recipients of wage subsidies within a specific period after the wage subsidy has terminated;
- establish that the purpose of the fund would be to:
  --provide funding for a wage subsidy program; and
  --provide funds for research and development to make use of the region's resources;
- provide that the fund would be administered by the commissioner of the IRRRB and would expire in June of 1989.
   Any remaining balance would be paid to the IRRRB;
- provide definitions for the wage subsidy portion of the bill. Establish that an eligible job applicant (one eligible to receive the wage subsidy) would be defined as an unemployed resident of the taconite tax relief area who is not receiving or eligible to receive unemployment compensation, workers' compensation, or severence pay;
- limit the amount paid to wage subsidy recipients to \$5 per hour for wages and \$1 per hour for benefits for a six-month period;
- provide that if the commissioner determines there are more than enough funds to pay wage subsidies to all eligible recipients, the wage subsidies may be paid to recipients for a period longer than six months;

- give priority to those workers who have no other income source or are recipients of state assistance payments;
- allow the IRRRB commissioner to contract with other organizations (e.g. state and local agencies, local service providers) to administer the wage subsidy program;
- allow the IRRRB commissioner to contract with the commissioner of jobs and training to enforce compliance, and the same enforcement standards of the MEED program would be provided for this wage subsidy program;
- define which government or nonprofit agency employment would be eligible for wage subsidies. The types would include permanent public emprovement projects, weatherization projects, and community social services and resource development projects;
- provide that the organization administrating the wage subsidy and the employer (eligible business) meet the following conditions:
- --the employer could use the funds received only for wage subsidies and benefits;
- --the employer would have to provide information regarding the characteristics of the available job;
- --comparable benefits would be paid to recipients of wage subsidies as other employees in similar jobs;
- --the employer would not create the job without a wage subsidy; --the employer would have to comply with all health safety, fair labor, affirmative action and environmental laws and rules;
- include a list of priority businesses and provide for a "payback" procedure or penalty for business employers that lay off wage subsidy recipients without good cause;
- provide that the employer would have to pay back 70 percent of the amount of the wage subsidy if the recipient is laid off after the subsidized period. A proportional reduction in the penalty would be provided for employers who lay off a recipient within a year of the subsidized period. All penalties would be redistributed for further wage subsidies;
- prohibit the displacement of the job or reduction in hours or wages of existing employees or laid off employees in a comparable job;
- prohibit government agencies and nonprofit organizations from substituting wage subsidies for other funds in work that would otherwise be performed;
- require quarterly reports regarding the wage subsidy program to the governor and the Legislative Advisory Commission;
- authorize the IRRRB commissioner to provide funds for research at the Natural Resources Research Institute at the University of Minnesota-Duluth;
- provide that research would have to concentrate on the use of the regions resources.

### **EDUCATION**

#### Friday, April 3

School site management

HF187/SF171 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)--heard; amended\*\*; rereferred to Education Finance Division. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would allow teachers and principals, with school board approval, the opportunity to run their school with the increased involvement of parents and students of the school. Would set forth two five-year options for school site management. Provisions would:

• outline Option A: school is organized and managed by a principal who reports directly to the school district administration under general supervision of the school board;

- outline Option B: school is organized and managed by the principal and the teachers of the school;
- allow schools to change from Option A to Option B with school board approval.
- \*\* Amendments would:
- · provide various provisions directing replacement, staffing, salaries, benefits, and positions of teachers in the schools;
- would remove provision allowing state board of education to intercede to establish a minimum number of demonstration sites if insufficient number of school boards voluntarily grant permission for the program;
- would treat school as a municipality for insurance liability purposes.

Teacher education--phy ed

HF645/SF169 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--recommended not to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would eliminate the physical education course requirement for teacher education students.

Literacy--high school graduation
HF677/SF920 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)--recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would require that districts adopt a literacy policy for high school graduation that must be met by students. Local policies must include:

--determination of minimum literacy level;

--literacy assessing procedures at various grade levels, with provisions for nonspecial education and limited English proficiency students;

-- parent conference procedures for aiding students not making

proper progress;

-- and accommodations for handicapped and limited English proficiency procedures.

Swimming classes--co-ed

HF846 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would allow school districts to conduct co-ed or gender-separated swimming classes (current law requires co-ed classes); effective the day of passage.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- · provide the separated classes if in the best interest of the children and for non-discriminatory purposes.

Teacher exchange program HF1195 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)--heard; rereferred to Education Finance Division.

Would require the State Board of Education to enter teacher exchange agreements with other states, provinces, or countries for up to four agreements in 1987-88 and up to six agreements for 1988-89. Would specify terms for establishing, hosting, and applying for participation in the exchange program, including reimbursement of certain expenses.

#### Monday, April 6

Chemical abuse procedures HF246/SF300 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--heard; amended\*\*; rereferred to Judiciary Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would establish school chemical abuse pre-assessment procedures and coordinated community advisory teams. Provisions would:

- · require every public school, and nonpublic schools participating in the state chemical abuse program to establish a chemical abuse pre-assessment team to make reports of chemical abuse and make recommendations for responses;
- require superintendents to establish a school aid community advisory team to address chemical abuse at a district and city or town level. Team members would:
- -work to build community awareness, identify available programs and develop good working relationships between schools and other agencies;

--develop procedure outlining notification process used by team

reporting problems;

- --develop understanding between school personnel and law enforcement agencies relating to notification of the respective agencies for incidents involving chemical abuse; and
- --prepare statement that illegal possession of alcohol or violation of the controlled substance law on school premises must be reported to a local law enforcement agency, and turn over substance to local law enforcement agency;
- · allow school records created or maintained by the preassessment teams to be disclosed with minor's written consent, when need by medical personnel in a medical emergency, to qualified personnel for research audits or program evaluation, and as authorized by a court order;
- require public school teachers, and teacher in cooperating nonpublic school to notify the pre-assessment teams if the teacher knows or has reason to believe that a student is using, possessing, or transferring alcohol or drugs;
- · allow student to have access to their own record, except for the name of the reporter (during an investigation and after the investigation if the court finds the report true); require records to be maintained for two years as private data, upon the individual's
- · grant immunity from civil and criminal liability to certain persons or institutions if they acted in good faith;
- \*\*Amendments would:
- add "to identify and treat" as a reason for reporting;
- delete voluntary reporting to chemical abuse team if a person knows, or suspects possession, use, or transfer of chemical substances by minors on school premises;
- delete section that makes teacher's failure to report a misdemeanor.

Health, wellness education

HF317/SF413 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--heard; amended\*\*; rereferred to Education Finance Division. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would require school districts to develop a comprehensive health and wellness education policy and instructional program for kindergarten to grade 12 by June 1, 1988. Provisions would:

require program components to include:

- --promotion of wellness lifestyle, including physical fitness, nutrition and stress awareness and management, and CPR;
- --mental health and positive self-esteem;
- -- family life education;
- --sexual health and responsibility;
- --chemical use awareness and abuse prevention;
- --development of health-related attitudes to reduce health risk

--wellness and healthy attitudes in school personnel;

--responses to identifiable new and existing health problems (i.e., teen pregnancy, suicide, child abuse, communicable diseases, and AIDS; and

- --staff development programs;
- · require districts to establish advisory committee, representing various groups in district; require plan to incorporate existing wellness programs into new program;
- require teacher education institutions to offer a program in health awareness, phy ed and health ed issues; require teaching students to complete program;
- · authorize aid for districts applying for funds and meeting qualifications outlined in program; amend current law to require students to receive CPR instruction (current law allows this training);
- \*\*Amendment would:
- add a broader definition of who can teach CPR courses.

Teacher education--phy ed HF645/SF169 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would eliminate the physical education course requirement for teacher education students.

#### Wednesday, April 8

Special education--deficit disabilities HF76/SF127 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--heard; amended\*\*; rereferred to Education Finance Division. (SF in Senate **Education Committee)** 

Would include attention deficit disabilities (ADD) within the definition of a handicapped child for purposes of school district funding and care. Would direct districts to revise special education programs to include attention to ADD by Dec. 31, 1987.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- · make a technical change in definition of ADD to include children with or without hyperactivity.

School trust fund land--condemnation HF1013/SF1107 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)--Heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would appropriate \$15,600,000 to the commissioner of education for implementation of trust fund land aquisition. Would direct the commissioner to condemn and acquire all trust fund lands being leased for private cabin use and to turn over the land to the commissioner of natural resources for management.

**Education trust fund--land** 

HF1014 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Education Finance Division.

Would allow commissioner of natural resources to sell certain leased lakeshore lots from the permanent school fund (deletes current law that authorized up to 50 percent of income derived form permanent school fund lakeshore leases in 1986, 1987, 1988, and 1989 to be used to survey lots for the purpose of selling lots).

PER law--modifications

HF1500 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)--heard; rereferred to Education Finance Division.

Would make changes in education planning, evaluating, and reporting (PER) law. Provisions would:

· rewrite language relating to educational technology and interdistrict cooperation; add "curriculm review cycle" to required PER components;

- require Department of Education to develop a state core curriculum model including critical learner outcomes for subject areas; encourage districts to establish teams to implement schoolbased curriculum improvement plan;
- require districts to conduct annual sample assessments in at least three grades for each subject area included in core curriculum model (current law requires annual assessments in at least two areas); authorizes funding for districts using the local assessment program or assessment item bank as they become available.

# Education Finance Div./Educ.

#### Thursday, April 2

**Education Finance--omnibus bill** 

HF753/SF583 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee) Article would incorporate HF1126 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul), HF1239 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy), and HF184 (Kostohryz, DFL-N. St. Paul) into proposed Article 3 - Special Programs to be considered for inclusion in HF753.

Would establish various funding provisions of Special Programs, Article 3. Provisions would:

- · add to handicapped definition, three to five year olds with learning delay or physical and/or mental condition that slows normal development (HF1296--Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul); would limit school education requirement to handicapped students only through secondary grades; delete reference to school district supplemental contract with developmental achievement center;
- · direct instruction based on assessment and individual education plan; provide services to students under age five and their families in classes with non-handicapped students; provide education for children age three and under in their home in the presence of parent or primary caregiver;
- provide appropriate services in individual instruction based on assessment of child's needs to live and work as independently as possible, including transitional needs to postsecondary education and training by grade nine or age 14; allow district to override parental refusal of initiative for handicapped services (current law requires conciliation conference before decision can be overridden);
- establish 15-member governor appointed state interagency coordinating council; specify board composition; direct council to address state policy of developing and implementing comprehensive early intervention services for handicapped children and their families, including assement of policy recommendation, service coordination, assessment practices, intervention practices, and various other advisory duties; require annual report of findings and activities to Legislature;
- assign coordination of services to handicapped children under age five to interagency early intervention committee; assign continued service for children age five and under with their families to county human services agency or county board; mandate school cooperative effort for youth handicapped services and their families:
- require school districts to provide transportation for handicapped preschool children who are instructed and served outside home; add hours that may be counted in computing handicapped pupil units (H.C.P.U.);
- set Limited English Proficiency (LEP) aid at 62.5 percent of set Limited English Proficiency (LEP) and at 62.3 percent of full-time teacher's salary, capping the aid at \$17,400 for 1987-88 school year; set LEP formula for 1988-89 and after:
  --62.5 percent of full-time teacher salary per 45 LEP pupils or a pro-rata amount for part-time teachers =MAXIMUM REVENUE;
  --\$12,200 x full-time equivalent (FTE) LEP teachers =

BASIC AID;

--[(maximum revenue- basic aid) - LEP levy limit] x (Actual levy + levy limit) = LEVY EQUALIZATION AID; --basic aid + levy equalization aid = TOTAL LEP AID;

• set special education aid level at 67.3 percent of a full-time teacher's salary, capped at \$18,700; reduce state reimbursement level for contracted services to 52.8 percent for 1987-88 school year (currently at 55 percent); establish new special education formula for 1988-89 and after:

67.3 percent of personnel salary

+ 48 percent costs of supplies and equipment (up to \$48 per H.C. P.U.)

+ 52.8 percent of difference between costs of contracted education services and formula allowance MAXIMUM REVENUE;

\$13,100 x FTE licensed personnel (FTE= full-time equivalent) +\$4,300 x FTE unlicensed personnel BASIC AID;

[(maximum revenue - basic aid) - special ed levy limit] x special ed levy + special ed levy limit = LEVY EQUALIZATION AID;

- reduce following state reimbursement level for special education costs, beginning in 1987-88:
- -- supply and equipment costs to 48 percent (currently 50 percent);

--travel costs to 48 percent (currently 50 percent);

- -- residential facilities costs to 57.6 percent (currently 60 percent);
- · pay special ed summer school aid on 1987-88 formula for regular, contracted services, and residential facilities aid; establish new special ed summer school formula, beginning in 1988-89:

67.3 percent of personnel salary

+ 48 percent costs of supplies and equipment

(up to \$48 per H.C. P.U.)

+ 52.8 percent of difference between costs of contracted education services and formula allowance SUMMER SCHOOL MAXIMUM REVENUE;

\$13,100 x FTE licensed personnel + \$4,300 x FTE unlicensed personnel SUMMER SCHOOL BASIC AID;

[(maximum revenue - basic aid) - special summer school ed levy limit] x special summer school ed levy + special summer school ed levy limit = SUMMER SCHOOL LEVY EQUALIZATION AID;

- require districts applying for Indian postsecondary preparation grants to develop a long-range education plan for American Indians (HF1239, Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy; reduce reimbursement level for secondary vocational education (voc-ed) programs beginning in 1987-88 (current level is 41.5 percent);
- establish new secondary voc-ed formula beginning in 1988-89:

Zero OR (60 percent of difference between salaries of personnel + 28 percent for foundation aid for secondary voc-ed P.U.)

30 percent of total of:

-approved contracted services costs

-travel between sites

- -vocational student organization activities
- -cirriculum development costs

-vocational supplies costs SECONDARY VOCATIONAL AID;

- · allow vocational personnel who teach an average of five or less secondary students in their postsecondary programs to be licensed by Department of Education or state vocational technical board;
- reduce to 35 percent, state reimbursement for contracted secoondary vocational education services beginning in 1987-88 (currently 40 percent); reduce 1987-88 state reimbursement for teachers' salaries in secondary voc-ed handicapped programs to 67.3 percent with a cap of \$18,700 (currently at 70 percent with \$19,500 cap);

· establish new secondary voc-ed handicapped formula beginning in 1988-89:

67.3 percent total salary cost + 48 percent equipment cost + 48 percent supplies costs (not over \$48 per P.U.) MAXIMUM REVENUE;

x number FTE licensed personnel in secondary voc-ed handicapped programs BASIC AID;

[(maximum revenue - basic aid) - secondary voc-ed levy limit] x actual levy √ levy limit = LEVÝ EQUALIZATION AIĎ;

basic aid + levy equalization aid TOTAL AID;

- reduce to 48 percent state reimbursement level for costs of necessary equipment, travel, and supply costs for secondary voced handicapped programs (currently 50 percent); limit payment agreement for contracted services for secondary voc-ed handicapped students to the 1987-88 school year; require districts that apply for American Indian language and culture program grants to submit long-range education plan for American Indians (HF1239, Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy);
- authorize additional school districts to join Intermediate School District No. 916; increase Intermediate School District No. 917 levy to .7 mill from .5 mill (HF184, Kostohryz, DFL-St. Paul);
- provide equalized special education levy for special education beginning with 1987 levies (current formula provides no equalized levy):

maximum revenue

basic aid

x lesser of-

one OR EARC/total P.U. + equalizing factor SPECIAL EDUCATION LEVY;

- establish new special education summer school levy (same formula as special education levy); allow special education cooperatives and independent school districts to allocate costs accordingly;
- establish new Limited English Proficiency (LEP) levy beginning with 1987 levy (same formula as special education levy, listed above).

#### Friday, April 3

Education Finance--omnibus bill

HF753/SF583 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee) Article 4 - Community and Adult Education and Article 9 - Libraries will be considered for inclusion in HF753.

Would establish various funding provisions of Community and Adult Education, Article 4. Provisions would:

- require Department of Education to appoint community education advisory task force (HF950-K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls) and (HF1259-Ous, DFL-Mpls); expand local community education advisory council; allow distric or group of districts to submit youth development plan to Department of Education to become eligible for additional community education aid);
- require boards of education and vocational technical education to appoint an advisory task force on parent education and involvement in educational development of child;
- authorize grants of 50¢ cents per capita or \$680 per district to districts with youth development plan; convert revenue for early childhood family education to \$84.50 per resident under age five,

beginning in 1988 (currently based on percentage of formula allowance in preceeding school year); require commissioner of education to coordinate enhanced youth education, employment, and service opportunities in consultation with other state agencies (HF950); appropriates money for programs.

Would establish various funding provisions and rider language for Libraries, Article 9. Provisions would:

- allow library board members to be compensated on a per diem basis instead of being reimbursed for actual expenses; require every county to provide financial support for regional public library systems;
- appropriate money from general fund for basic support grants, multicounty-multitype library systems and for the development of an outline computer-based library catalog system.

#### Monday, April 6

**Education Finance--omnibus bill** 

HF753/SF583 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)-heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee) Article 5 - Miscellaneous Aid and Article 6 - Other Aids and Levies to School Districts will be considered for inclusion in HF753.

Would establish various funding provisions and rider language for Miscellaneous Aids, Article 5. Provisions would:

- incorporate HF514 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids) to establish a school employee fringe benefit fund in the state treasury; allow employees laid off or placed on involuntary leave to continue coverage; require commissioner to establish a labor-management commission to study issues related to the plan;
- channel fees raised by Academic Excellence Foundation activities back into foundation fund (HF666--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls); establish academic league task force to develop plan for promoting academic excellence, report to Legislature by Jan. 15, 1989 (HF1432--Rest, DFL-New Hope);
- require school districts using state approved alternative finance systems for processing detailed transactions be responsible for their share of existing outstanding regional debt; allow school districts to transfer between regional management information centers; require Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) to review the financial capability of each pupil to meet the actual costs of attending summer programs;
- require HECB with academic excellence foundation to develop and distribute scholarship information;
- require Department of Education to study and report back to Legislature, Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) in students (HF76--Riveness, DFL-Bloomington); appropriates money from general fund for above programs;
- appropriate money from general fund to Department of Jobs and Training for payment of Pin Point school district unemployment compensation payments (HF1368--Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy); appropriate money from general fund to Department of Employee Relations to establish fringe benefit plan (HF514).

Would establish various funding provisions and rider language of Other Aids and Levies to School Districts, Article 6. Provisions would:

- create open and standing appropriation for educational aids for nonpublic schools; add Indian postsecondary preparation grants, milk program aid, and desegregation grants to the list of aids paid at 100 percent of the entitlement for the current fiscal year;
- incorporate HF287 (S. Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park) that would clarify exclusive uses for arts education programs; extend present school lunch program for 1987-88; allow department to select up to 30 new sites every two years to participate in the comprehensive arts planning program and receive appropriate

funding; continue assistance to school districts already participating in the arts program (HF1455--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls); appropriates money from the general fund;

- appropriates money for programs (first dollar figure is for school year 1987-88; second dollar figure is for school year 1988-89):
- --Maximum Effort School Loan Fund \$1,615,200; \$2,025,100
- --Program of Excellence \$22,500; \$22,500
- --Gifted and Talented \$1,372,400; \$1,374,300
- --Comprehensive Arts Planning Programs \$90,000; \$90,000
- --Arts Education Aid \$1,048,700; \$1,071,200
- --Nonpublic Aids \$8,376,300; \$9,050,600
- --Health and Developmental Screening \$436,400; \$429,300
- --School Lunch and Food Storage Aid \$4,625,000; \$4,625,000
- --Abatement Aid \$6,592,800; \$6,592,800
- --Tobacco Use Prevention (money from public health fund) \$633,000; \$659,600.

Gifted, talented programs HF1448 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--heard.

Would authorize additional gifted and talented aid to districts that establish an Advanced Placement or International Baccalaureate program approved by the commissioner of education; would appropriate the lesser of the following: \$3 per P.U. <u>OR</u> the actual cost of the program; appropriates money.

# ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

#### Thursday, April 2

Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Act HF606/SF536 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would establish a petroleum tank release cleanup program, and authorize the state to act to prevent or correct health and environmental damage resulting from petroleum storage tank releases.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- allow the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) director to order responsible persons to take corrective action to respond to a release, to investigate releases, and to take emergency action when necessary; would allow the PCA to take corrective action itself or to request that the attorney general bring action compelling corrective action;
- provide that a release is a public nuisance and authorize the attorney general to bring an injunctive action;

- provide that a responsible person is liable for the PCA's corrective action costs, including associated administrative, investigative and legal expenses, and authorize the attorney general to bring a civil action in district court to recover the PCA's reasonable and necessary expenses;
- establish a five-member Petroleum Tank Release Compensation Board and a Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Fund which the board would administer; would identify the fund's revenue sources and limit its expenditures;
- impose a petroleum tank release cleanup fee on the use of tanks and prescribe collection procedures; would calculate the fee at a rate of \$10 per 1,000 gallons of petroleum products distributors handle during specified months;
- authorize expenditures for cleanup program administration, corrective action, investigation and litigation;
- provide that a responsible person who has taken corrective action in response to a reported release can be reimbursed for 75 percent of their costs between \$10,000 and \$100,000; would establish the amount and conditions of eligibility for reimbursement to responsible persons;
- require PCA director to use federal funds when possible, and to acquire additional money from the fund if a showing can be made to the board that the original appropriation is insufficient for proposed actions;
- define "installer" and "above ground tank"; would add the installer certification program to the PCA's regulatory program and provide that it applies to installers of above and underground tanks:
- clarify who must inform owners and operators of their notification requirements;
- establish a program at the PCA to train and certify tank installers;
- appropriate money from the general fund to start the cleanup program; would allocate money and staff to the PCA and board; would require the money to be reimbursed by June 30, 1988.

Conservation officers training HF804/SF973 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would provide money from fines and forfeited bail county treasurers collect from violators of game and fish laws to train conservation officers the commissioner of natural resources employs.

Aeration operations--liability HF909/SF801 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Judiciary Committee. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would provide an exclusion from government tort liability for authorized aeration operations, and would change the notice posting and publication requirements for aeration operations. Provisions would:

- provide that the state and its employees are not liable for any loss an aeration, bubbler, water circulation, or similar system used to increase dissolved oxygen or maintain open water on the ice of public waters causes, that is operated under a permit the commissioner of natural resources issues;
- require the permitee to post signs at least every 100 feet around the area where an aeration system is used on the ice of public waters:

• require advance public notice to be published in a general circulation newspaper in the area at least two times between five and 60 days prior to beginning aeration operation.

#### Tuesday, April 7

Hennepin County ground water program
HF373/SF353 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to
pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Governmental Operations
Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would allow metropolitan counties to develop ground water plans and establish a procedure for integrating any county ground water plan with watershed plans watershed management organizations prepare.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 9, Pg. 21, Local & Urban Affairs, March 19)

- \*\*Amendment would require counties to provide, when a watershed management organization so requests, a written statement that:
- --identifies any substantial inconsistencies between the watershed plan and the ground water plan and any substantial adverse effects of the watershed plan on the ground water plan, and --evaluates, estimates the cost of, and recommends alternatives for amending the watershed plan to rectify any substantial inconsistencies and adverse effects.

Lake improvement districts--meeting notice HF521 (Jennings, DFL-Rush City)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

\*\*Delete everything amendment would require lake improvement districts to provide a two-week published advance notice of their annual meetings to the county board or joint county authority, town boards, statutory or home rule charter cities, and all property owners within the assessment area, for any project the district proposes having a cost to the assessment area in excess of \$5,000. (Current law requires only a written notice to be mailed at least 10 days in advance of the meeting to the pollution control agency and commissioner of natural resources.)

Water and Land Resources Board
HF837/SF776 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to
pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Governmental Operations
Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture Committee)

Would create a new State Board of Water and Land Resources; would abolish the Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Water Resources Board, and the duties of the Southern Minnesota River Basin Council, and transfer those duties and new ones to the new board. Provisions would:

- create the new board and provide that the governor would appoint 20 members to serve on it; would provide that members be geographically distributed across the state; would provide for the election of chair and vice-chair; would provide additional powers and duties to the new board, including coordinating the local water and soil resources plan, and providing state resources to local units, and providing a discussion forum;
- include the new board chair as a voting member of the Environmental Quality Board;
- replace the Water Resources Board with the new board as the agency to deal with metropolitan watershed districts and watershed management organizations in the metropolitan area;
- repeal statutes creating the Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Water Resources Board, and the Southern Minnesota Rivers Basin Council.
- \*\*Amendment would specify additional board membership requirements.

Waseca--Clear, Loon lakes clean-up HF952 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would appropriate \$154,000 from the general fund to the city of Waseca to rehabilitate Clear and Loon lakes.

Hunting, fishing license fees--increase HF1065/SF1056 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would increase license fees for hunting, trapping, and fishing.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would increase the following license fees:
- harvesting wild rice, from \$10 to \$12.50;
- resident hunting:
  --for persons under age 65 to take small game, from \$7 to \$9;
- --for persons age 65 or over, from \$3.50 to \$4.50;
- --to take turkey, from \$10 to \$12.50;
- --to take deer with firearms, from \$15 to \$20;
- --to take deer by archery, from \$15 to \$20; --to take bear, from \$25 to \$30;
- nonresident hunting:
- --to take small game, from \$46 to \$51;
- --to take raccoon, bobcat, fox, coyote, or lynx, from \$100 to
- resident fishing:
- --to take fish by angling, from \$6.50 to \$8.50;
  --to take fish by angling, for a combined license for a married couple, from \$10.50 to \$13.50;
- --to take fish by spearing from a dark house, from \$7.50 to \$12;
- --to take fish by angling for a period of 24 hours from the time the license is issued (new provision), \$4.50;
- · nonresident fishing:
- --to take fish by angling, from \$16 to \$18;
  --to take fish by angling limited to seven consecutive days, from
- --to take fish by angling for three days, from \$10 to \$12;
- --to take fish by angling for a combined license for a family, from \$27.50 to \$30.50;
- --to take fish by angling for a period of 24 hours from the time the license is issued (new provision), \$4.50;
- --to take fish by angling for a combined license for a married couple, limited to 14 consecutive days (new provision), \$22.50;
- sporting license (Minnesota residents only) to take fish by angling and small game:
  --for an individual, from \$12 to \$15.50;
- -- for a combined license for a married couple to take fish and for one spouse to take small game, from \$16 to \$19.50;
- resident fish house and dark house:
- --for a fish house or dark house that is not rented, from \$5 to \$8;
- --for a fish house or dark house that is rented, from \$15 to \$18;
- nonresident fish house, from \$15 to \$19.50;
- to net whitefish and ciscos in inland lakes and international waters for personal consumption, for each net, from \$3 to \$5;
- to trap fur-bearing animals:
- -- for persons over age 13 and under age 18, from \$3.50 to \$5;
- -- for persons age 18 and older, from \$13 to \$16;

Other provisions in the bill would:

· allow residents and nonresidents to purchase more than one short-term angling license per year;

- allow the commissioner of natural resources to designate a date for the "Take a Kid Fishing Weekend" (current law designates the second Saturday and Sunday of the angling season);
- entitle a person between the ages of 12 to 16 who successfully completes a firearms safety class and is certified to receive one free license to hunt deer;
- place a \$2.50 surcharge on all resident and nonresident fishing license fees except those which apply to dark house spearfishing:
- authorize persons who sell fishing, hunting, or trapping licenses to charge an additional \$1 fee for each license.

#### Thursday, April 9

Arrowheads requirements--big game hunting HF809/SF1265 (A. Johnson, DFL Spring Lake Park)recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would change requirement for arrowheads used for big game hunting.

Hazardous waste facilities--guarantor HF872 (Long, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass.

Would provide for financial responsibility when a hazardous waste facility owner or operator is bankrupt. Provisions would:

- provide that a person having a claim arising from a violation of hazardous waste management rules the Pollution Control Agency establishes may bring the claim directly against the guarantor providing evidence of financial responsibility;
- define "guarantor" as any persons other than the owner or operator who provides evidence of financial responsibility for that owner or operator;
- provide that the guarantor is entitled to invoke the rights and defenses that would have been available to the owner or operator if the action had been brought against the owner or operator and that would have been available to the guarantor if the owner or operation had brought an action against the guarantor;
- provide that the guarantor's total liability is limited to the aggregate amount that the guarantor provided as evidence of financial responsibility to the owner or operator.

Peat--marketing, promotion

HF1201/SF954 (Ogren, DFL-Atikin)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would appropriate \$350,000 from the general fund to the commissioner of agriculture to promote and market peat; would make the appropriation available until June 30, 1989.

Elk--management plan

HF1351/SF1240 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would authorize a hunting season on elk, and compensation for certain crop damage elk cause. Provisions would:

- require the commissioner of agriculture to compensate an agricultural crop owner for an agricultural crop that elk damage or destroy; would provide the owner shall be entitled to the target price of the damaged or destroyed crop plus certain adjustments;
- require the commissioner of agriculture to determine whether elk caused the crop damage or destruction, and if so, the amount of the crop that is damaged or destroyed;

- provide that crop owners may be compensated for a damaged or destroyed crop that is more than \$100 but less than \$20,000 in value in any calendar year;
- provide that any payments the owner receives as compensation from the commissioner of agriculture will be reduced by amounts the owner receives as insurance proceeds;
- require the commissioner of agriculture to adopt and amend rules to carry out the above provisions;
- provide that if the commissioner of agriculture, in cooperation with the commissioner of natural resources, finds that the crop owner has shown that elk more probably than not caused the damage or destruction of the owner's crop, the commissioner of agriculture shall pay compensation as provided above;
- · provide that a crop owner who receives compensation under these provisions must, in writing, permit hunting on the land at the landowner's discretion;
- provide if the commissioner denies a claim, the claimant may appeal to a county court as the law prescribes;
- require the commissioner of natural resources to set dates for an elk hunting season and the number of licenses to be issued;
- · establish license eligibility criteria;
- set the cost of an elk hunting license, for a party of not more than two persons, at \$200, and require a \$10 nonrefundable fee to accompany the application;
- provide that a person may not take an elk without an elk license:
- · allow the commissioner of natural resources to prescribe an open season and the areas and conditions for the taking of elk when the precalving population exceeds 20 animals.
- \*\*Amendment would require the commissioner of natural resources to adopt an elk management plan before authorizing an elk hunting season.

# FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

#### Wednesday, April 8

Lifeline banking HF676/SF692 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--heard. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Would require financial institutions to provide basic services without charge, including:

- --no initial or periodic service fee;
- --no minimum balance:
- --up to 10 free checks per month;
- --up to six free transactions a month on an electronic financial terminal:
- --cash government checks up to \$1,000 with sufficient ID; and --no charge savings account.

### School districts--self insurance

HF1230 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)--recommended to pass.

Would clarify the authority of school districts to self-insure for property and casualty coverage within the definition of a political subdivision, effective the day following final enactment.

Risk retention groups HF1421/SF1043 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)-recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor) Would allow the commissioner of commerce to regulate non-regulated risk retention groups (RRG). Provisions would:

- prohibit RRG from joining insolvency guaranty fund; require RRG to participate in joint underwriting association and mandatory pools; require no countersigned insurance policies;
- exempt purchasing groups from state law relating to creation of groups for purchase of insurance, prohibition of group purchasing, or laws that would discriminate against purchasing groups;
- restrict purchasing groups from buying insurance from an unchartered RRG or non-admitted insurer, unless effected through a licensed agent acting in accordance with surplus line laws and regulations;
- provide for fines and penalties to RRG for violations of provisions; require agents or brokers for a RRG or purchasing group to obtain license from commissioner; enforce findings of U.S. district courts that prohibit certain RRG from soliciting or selling insurance or operating due to hazardous financial conditions.
- \*\*Amendment would delete provision allowing commissioner to establish rules governing RRG and purchasing groups under this law.

### FUTURE & TECHNOLOGY

#### Monday, April 6

Animal testing--alternative methods HF1081/SF1057 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would allow the University of Minnesota to study the feasibility of establishing a center for alternative methods to animal testing, including toxicity testing and other experimentation; would require the University to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature's appropriations and finance committees by Jan. 1, 1988.

State agencies--information systems management HF1315 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*: rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would establish an office of information systems management to develop and establish a policy and standards for state agencies to follow for the development, purchase, and training for information systems. Provisions would:
- define duties of the office to:
- --develop and establish a state information architecture to ensure state agency equipment and software compliment each other; --assist state agencies in planning and management of individual information systems that fit agencies mission and requirements; --review and approve major purchases of equipment to ensure it follows determined standards;
- require the commissioner to appoint a state information systems advisory task force to assist in the development of a state information architecture;
- require that the task force include members from:
- --state agencies,
- --higher education systems.
- --libraries,
- --private industry,
- --two members from the House of Representatives appointed by the speaker, and
- --two members of the Senate appointed by the Senate majority leader:

\*\*Further amendment would require that the two senate members be appointed by the committee on committees, and that no more than one member from the House and one member from the Senate shall be of each political party.

DEED--science, technology division

HF1453 (Reding, DFL-Austin)—recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would create a division of science and technology in the Department of Energy and Economic Development and create a committee on science and technology research and development.
- \*\*Further amendments would:
- change "deputy commissioner" for the science and technology division to "assistant commissioner";
- establish and appropriate money for a summer program for biology teachers at Mankato State and St. Cloud State Universities.

#### Wednesday, April 8

Animal testing--alternative methods HF1081/SF1057 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would allow the University of Minnesota to study the feasibility of establishing a center for alternative methods to animal testing, including toxicity testing and other experimentation; would require the University to report its findings and recommendations to the Legislature's appropriations and finance committees by Jan. 1, 1988.

Invention, innovation institute

HF1380/SF468 (Reding, DFL-Austin)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing Committee)

Would appropriate money to fund a nonprofit institute for invention and innovation. Provisions would:

- · define the functions of the institute as administered through the Minnesota Historical Society;
- require the institute to submit a report to the Minnesota Historical Society and to the Legislature;
- \*\*Amendment would strike dollar amount from the appropriation section.

# GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS. & GAMING

#### Thursday, April 9

Electoral college--resolution
HF157/SF106 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)--recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Elections and Ethics Committee)

Would memorialize Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution to abolish the electoral college and replace it with direct popular election of the President.

Fire arms safety

HF228 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)--recommended to pass.

Would prohibit minors from possessing a firearm unless accompanied by a parent or guardian, or possessing firearms safety certificate; extend firearms safety course to persons 14 to 17 (current law applies to persons 16 and under, offering safety course to 14 and 15 year olds).

**Ethical Practices Board--changes** 

HF283/SF100 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Elections and Ethics Committee)

Would raise certain campaign contribution disclosure limits and change method of calculating certain campaign expenditure limits. Provisions would:

- direct treasurer of a political fund to disclose the name of any member whose total dues, fees, and contributions deposited in the fund exceeded \$100, instead of \$50, in any year;
- require campaign reports to include the name, address, and employer of each individual, political committee, or political fund that has contributed more than \$100 for legislative candidates;
- require that contributions from any one source totaling more than \$400 in any legislative elections be reported to the state ethical practices board (current law requires report for more than
- strike required population estimate prior to elections and candidate expenditure limits based on those figures;
- require ethical practices board executive director to determine the yearly consumer price index increase each December (current law requests the report each April);
- require executive director to adjust and calculate dollar limits on campaign expenditures for 1988, readjusting all spending limits for 1990 except for office of state representative.
- \*\*Amendment would:
- delete section amending current law prohibiting certain individuals from disclosing any information supplied to or received from the board concerning a complaint or investigation.

Mankato--polling places
HF305/SF216 (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Elections and Ethics Committee)

Would permit the city of Mankato to designate a polling place or polling places for precincts 1,2, and 3 that are located more than 3,000 feet, but less than 4 miles outside precinct boundaries effective Dec. 31, 1991.

Absentee ballots

HF376/SF248 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would ensure the availability of absentee ballots for statewide elections.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- require immediate submission of candidate names for supervisor of soil and water conservation districts; require that if annual elections is held at the same time as other elections, the application for candidacy cannot be filed more than 10 or less than eight weeks before the annual election;
- make absentee voting laws applicable to school district elections held on the same day as a statewide election; direct candidates for city and school district offices to comply with certain filing deadlines;

 make section on preparation of ballots applicable to school district elections held on the same day as a statewide election; increase from six weeks to three months the deadline for a second, third, or fourth class city or a town with a statutory city to adopt an ordinance or resolution calling for a primary election; change the time for holding a municipal election;

VA health care--resolution HF462/SF1171 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Veterans Committee)

Would memorialize the United States Congress to maintain the Veteran's Administration system of health care facilities.

\*\*Amendment would delete number specification for trained students who work in the facilities.

Election judges--voter information HF638/SF550 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would direct election judges to explain to voters the effect of voting on more than one party's primary ballot; require electronic voting system to automatically reject all votes on ballots cast by voters in a partisan primary election if voter casts one or more votes for candidates of a party other than the one indicated by the voter on the party preference punch. Would direct pages of a partisan primary ballot booklet permanently be orange and buff, booklets must include party indicator enabling voter to choose in which party's primary the voter intends to vote.

\*\*Amendment would delete all references to color coded voting punch cards.

License plates--POWs

HF665/SF313 (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would provide "EX-POW" license plates to former prisoners of war without an additional fee.

Horse racing--class C licenses HF1038/SF922 (Redalen, DFL-Fountain)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would make changes regulating license suspension and revocation of class C horse racing track licenses. Provisions would:

- increase from 30 days to 120 days the minimum horse racing occupational license suspension to make it automatically a contested case; increase the maximum occupational license suspension which can be imposed by track steward from 30 to 120 days; increase the maximum fine from \$500 to \$2,000;
- increase the minimum fine which the Racing Commission may impose from \$500 to \$2,000 automatically making it a contested case; eliminate \$30 maximum of fees the Racing Commission may charge per horse for medical tests, and allow the fee to cover all the costs of the tests;
- require the Racing Commission to adopt rules on medication that prohibit racing participation of any horse carrying on its body any substance foreign to the natural horse; make permanent 1985 provision directing the Commission's rules to allow the non-anesthetic topical application, food additives, pulmonary hemostatic agents, and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.
- \*\*Amendment would change all bill references to 120 days to 90 days

Veterans Advisory Committee--establishment HF1104 (Kostohryz, DFL-N. St. Paul)--recommended to pass.

Would establish a nine member veterans advisory committee to examine operations of the department of veterans affairs, including administration of the commissioner's statutory duties, and advisory work regarding matters concerning the veterans home and camps.

Medals of Freedom--resolution

HF1145 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Would memorialize the President and Congress to award posthumous Medals of Freedom to Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, and James Chaney.

Alexandria--school board elections

HF1193/SF1051 (C. Nelson, DFL-Barrett)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Elections and Ethics Committee)

Would permit school district to elect its school board members at large or to have board members represent election districts, as determined by voters in the next general school district election.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- allow choice of election methods by a majority of voters at the next general school district election.

Precinct caucus--date change HF1327/SF1243 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Elections and Ethics Committee)

Would change precinct caucus date from the third Tuesday in March to the fourth Tuesday in February.

# **GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

Friday, April 3

Rural Development Act

HF2/SF1 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--heard. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would create the Greater Minnesota Corporation and a number of economic development projects for the state's non-metropolitan regions.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 9, Pg. 4, Economic Development & Housing, March 17)

Fire protection systems examiners

HF339/SF54 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)--amended\*\*; rereferred to Government Structures Subcommittee. (SF in Senate General Legislation and Public Gaming Committee)

Would create a State Board of Examiners for Fire Protection Systems and would require the board to license persons involved with fire protection systems. Provisions would:

- define terms;
- create a five-member Board of Examiners for Fire Protection Systems; would designate board membership requirements, provide for initial staggered terms, and for members' compensation, removal, and filling of vacancies;
- prohibit a person from selling, designing, installing, modifying, altering, repairing, maintaining, or making a maintenance inspection without a license, except as a registered professional engineer acting in a professional capacity;

- prohibit a person from acting as a fire protection contractor, fitter, fitter's assistant, or responsible maintenance employee without a valid license;
- prescribe license requirements, and provide for temporary licenses for people who are fire protection contractors before the effective date for these provisions;
- provide temporary licenses for fitters, fitter's assistants, and responsible maintenance employees;
- provide for license expiration and renewal, and for issuing duplicate licenses; would require contractors to post their licenses and fitters to carry their licenses with them;
- · provide fees for the various licenses;
- require contractors to have surety bonds and insurance;
- specify board procedures for issuing licenses, and for hearings after license denial;
- provide grounds for license suspension and revocation, and for refusal to renew a license;
- provide for hearings after a decision not to grant or renew a license.
- \*\*Amendments would:
- allow the state fire marshal to inspect the installation of fire protection systems as necessary to determine compliance with laws the fire marshal enforces;
- define "fire protection system" to mean a fire suppression and containment system that is an automatic or manual system to discharge under fire condition, water or chemicals, for purposes of suppressing, containing, and/or extinguishing a fire within a structure;
- allow the board to adopt rules and hire staff;
- appropriate an undesignated amount to the board to administer its designated responsibilities.

PERA--administrative changes

HF457/SF1064 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*, (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would make certain administrative changes to the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA). Provisions would:

- classify as private data, certain information on PERA beneficiaries and survivors;
- define "incidental" service to mean less than 25 percent of gross earnings;
- exclude from the meaning of "public employee:"
  --temporary or seasonal school employees who work less than
- 120 days during the school year;
  --part-time employees and elected officials whose annual compensation is stipulated in advance in writing to be no more than \$3,900 per calendar or school year, would require the \$3,900 is to be prorated if employment is for a portion of a year;
- strike from the list of excluded employees persons employed in certain positions under the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act;
- define "surviving spouse" to mean someone who was legally married to the member;
- direct the board to establish procedures to assure benefit applicants and recipients the right to procedural due process; would permit the board to purchase fiduciary liability insurance, official bonds, and property insurance for the board of trustees and PERA employees;

- direct department heads to have all contributions to PERA within 20 calendar days, and provide other recording requirements;
- change from January and July to March and October, the months when department heads are required to furnish copies of payroll abstracts;
- preclude PERA from making or accepting payment of delinquent contributions unless PERA has already commenced action for recovery of the contributions;
- change the compound interest rate for amounts past due in excess of five calendar days, and increases the minimum charge from \$5 to \$10;
- permit the board to contract for professional services to identify deceased annuitants and benefit recipients;
- direct PERA to cease or reduce paying benefits or annuities to recover overpaid disability benefits;
- permit a member on authorized sick leave, who has received a maximum of one year of allowable service, and who does not return to public service for at least 120 days after the year of allowable service, to receive a refund of accumulated deductions; would prohibit the members from applying for a refund prior to the expiration of the 120 days;
- permit certain members who wish to gain allowable service credit to pay the higher of:
- -- the applicable salary percentage the law covered at the time the member performed the prior service; or
- the applicable percentage for a basic or coordinated member;
- permit a less than full-time police officer or firefighter to become a member of the public employees police and fire fund only after the governing body of the governmental subdivision employing the officer or firefighter adopts a resolution stating that the fund should cover employee;
- require that in declaring a position to be that of a police officer, the officer must be board licensed and his or her primary job must be to enforce the law;
- permit a police and fire fund member who retires before becoming eligible for social security benefits, to elect to receive, until reaching the age of 62, a retirement annuity greater than the annuity computed on the basis of age at retirement;
- permit a disabled firefighter or police officer who becomes 55 and hasn't elected an optional annuity, to elect to receive a normal retirement annuity equal to the disability benefit paid before the person reached 55;
- permit any 55-year-old police and fire fund member with between five and 10 years of allowable service who becomes disabled to draw a retirement annuity based on the actual years of allowable service;
- grant survivor benefits to any surviving spouse legally married to the member for at least one year; would require no time limit if death occurs in the line of duty;
- grant the surviving spouse a monthly benefit equal to 30 percent of the member's average monthly salary in effect during the last six months of allowable service preceding the member's death:
- permit the surviving spouse of a member or former member who was 50 and had 10 years of allowable service, or had 30 years of service regardless of age, to elect to receive an annuity equal to the 100 percent of joint and survivor annuity under certain circumstances;
- grant each dependent child a monthly benefit equal to 10 percent of the member's average monthly salary in effect during the last six months of allowable service preceding the member's death;

- allow any disabilitant who becomes eligible for an annuity after May 31, 1986, but before June 1, 1987, to receive an annuity retroactive to the first of the month following the date of disability;
- repeal current law which excludes persons employed in certain positions under the federal Comprehensive Employment and Training Act for membership in the police and fire fund.
- \*\*Amendment would make technical language corrections.

Child day care--State Capitol complex HF1140/SF1083 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)--amended\*\*; laid over. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would require the proposed judicial building in the State Capitol Complex provide space for a child day care facility.

\*\*Amendment would require one of the existing Capitol Complex buildings to provide space for a child care facility if a new judicial building is not built.

Teachers Retirement Association--changes HF1213/SF1132 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would make various changes in the Teachers Retirement Association law to facilitate retirement benefit and contribution administration. Provisions would:

- classify as private, certain data on beneficiaries and survivors of members;
- define "salary" to include all payments received in place of any employer paid group insurance coverage;
- define "termination" to mean a member's withdrawal from active teaching service through resignation or termination of the member's contract:
- require a retiree election candidate when filing for election to include a petition of endorsement that at least 10 fund retirees have signed;
- provide that the attorney general is legal advisor to the retirement fund board and its executive director;
- require that service credit payments made after June 30 to a fund member while on extended leave must include six percent interest;
- include within income from teaching service, the greater of either:
- --income received, or
- --an amount based on the rate paid for certain services given the number of pupils and the position occupied by the person resuming teaching;
- permit a member to designate more than one beneficiary for the benefit payable if the member dies before retirement;
- prohibit a disabled person's earnings plus disability benefit from exceeding the person's salary at the date of disability; would deduct from the disability benefit any amount in excess of the person's salary at the date of disability;
- permit payment of shortages in member deductions on salary earned after June 30, 1957 (formerly July 1, 1961) and prior to July 1, 1981, to be made any time prior to retirement; would prohibit payments for shortages in member deduction on salary earned prior to July 1, 1957;
- provide that if a person repays a refund, the service which the repayment restores is considered continuous with the next service period for which the person has credit;

- require the fund to pay a joint and survivor variable annuity under certain circumstances;
- require any variable annuity effective prior to May 1, 1984, be recalculated on June 30, 1987;
- repeal mandatory retirement age at 70.

Historical Society--State Capitol preservation HF1264 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; placed on Consent Calendar.

Would designate the Minnesota State Historical Society to preserve and interpret the State Capitol's public areas and works of art.

\*\*Amendments would make technical language changes.

#### Monday, April 6

State university food service employees--benefits HF119/SF74 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would allow employees of a contracted food service operation employed at Bemidji State University, St. Cloud State University, or Southwest State University, to elect to enroll themselves and their dependents at their own or their employers expense in the appropriate life insurance, hospital, medical, and dental benefits, and optional coverages at the time, in the manner, and under the conditions of eligibility the commissioner of employee relations prescribes and otherwise approves.

Hazardous waste--criminal penalties HF401/SF818 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would create a new section of law specifying criminal penalties for violators of hazardous waste laws and rules.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 15, Judiciary, March 24)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- exempt an individual from the felony penalty for unlawful treatment, storage, transportation, or delivery of hazardous waste, or for false statements, if:
- --the person notifies the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) prior to the time a permit would be required that the person will be treating or storing waste without a permit; or

--the person immediately notifies the permitting agency of the circumstances of a violation of a permit's material term or condition as soon as the person becomes aware of the violation;

• provide that an individual is not eligible to receive a reward if the individual is a peace officer, an employee of the agency or county engaged in enforcing hazardous waste regulations, an employee of the Waste Management Board, or an individual engaged in providing technical assistance to persons managing hazardous waste under a technical assistance program supported by a grant of state funds.

State energy contracts--bidding requirements HF830/SF206 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--amended\*\*; rereferred to subcommittee. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would impose additional requirements on bidders for state energy efficiency installment purchase contracts.

\*\*Amendment would allow the commissioner of administration to contract with certain bidders if:

-- the annual cost of the contract doesn't exceed the resultant or

projected savings in energy costs for that year;

-- the commissioner has determined that the contract bidder is responsible, has adequately performed all previous contracts with the state, and has either established a record of promptly paying all its suppliers and subcontractors for goods delivered and services rendered or has made secure provisions for doing so in connection with the current contract.

Clean Water Partnership Act

HF887/SF867 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would create the Clean Water Partnership Program to control nonpoint source water pollution that the Pollution Control Agency would administer.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 10, Environment & Natural Resources, March 26)

\*\*Amendment would make technical language changes.

Humane Society--abolishment HF1113 (Kludt, DFL-Moorhead)--recommended to pass.

Would abolish the Minnesota Humane Society as a state agency and create a state federation of county and district societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals. Provisions would:

- strike references in current law to the Minnesota Humane Society; would transfer various powers to the newly-created nonprofit corporation;
- provide that a board of directors will govern the federation in accordance with the law governing nonprofit corporations; would provide that the nonprofit corporation law would govern the federation's powers and duties, articles of incorporation, and bylaws;
- specify that any group of two or more counties may form a district society under the nonprofit corporation law, and as provided in the bylaws of the state federation;
- broaden references relating to an individual's ability to apply to court to investigate cruelty to animals violations;
- clarify language relating to caring for animals that are not properly sheltered;
- · provide that veterinarians must report suspected cases of abuse or cruelty to peace officers and humane agents, rather than to the state humane society or a local humane society;
- order the commissioner of administration to begin proceedings to dissolve the Minnesota Humane Society, and to transfer assets to the state federation of county and district societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

Retired teachers--health insurance

HF1144/SF1082 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would provide that eligible teachers shall receive a subsidy for part of the cost of the teacher's health insurance. Provisions would:

- define "eligible teacher" as a retired teacher who was a "basic" member of any Minnesota teachers retirement fund before May, 1974, and who is not eligible for paid Medicare benefits;
- provide that the subside may be up to 90 percent of the cost of
- --teacher's health insurance; or
- --number two qualified plan under the Minnesota comprehensive health association, whichever is less;

- · specify procedures for notifying eligible people and for disbursing the subsidies to teachers.
- \*\*Amendment would apply the bill's provisions statewide rather than just to the city of Minneapolis.

Supplemental investment fund--age eligibility HF1147/SF1089 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would reduce from 60 to 55, the age for the redemption of investment shares in the state university and community college supplemental retirement plan.

\*\*Amendment would provide eligible employees with additional investment options for their retirement contributions.

State employees--mandated absences

HF1170/SF1165 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would prohibit certain mandated leaves of absence for state employees. Provisions would:

- strike current law which requires that an employee in the classified state service must take a leave of absence from their job upon:
- --assuming an elected federal or state public office, including elected state legislative office; or
- --becoming a candidate for any elected public office if the commissioner of employee relations determines that the candidacy conflicts with regular state employment;
- provide that the commissioner may not require an executive branch officer or employee to take a leave of absence during the course of candidacy for any elected public office.
- \*\*Amendments would:
- provide that the commissioner could require an executive branch officer or employee to take a leave of absence upon assuming any elected public office, if, in the commissioner's opinion, holding the office conflicts with regular state employment;
- provide that the commissioner could not require an unclassified service executive branch officer or employee to take a leave of absence upon assuming any elected public office, becoming a candidate, or during the course of candidacy for any elected public office unless, in the commissioner's opinion, holding the office conflicts with regular state employment.

#### Tuesday, April 7

Rural Development Act

HF2/SF1 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would create the Greater Minnesota Corporation (GMC) and a number of economic development projects for the nonmetropolitan regions of the state.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- permit the State Board of Investment to invest in the bonds and notes of the GMC or any of its subsidiaries subject to the present limits on investment in corporate bonds;
- --the Department of Energy and Economic Development (DEED) to Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED);
- -- the Agricultural Resource Loan Guaranty Board to the Agricultural Development Board;

- --the Agricultural Resource Loan Guaranty Fund and Program to the Agricultural Development Fund and Program;
- · expand the definition of "agricultural resource project";
- expand the type of financial assistance the Agricultural Development Fund offers to include loan participation; would allow the corporation to purchase up to 75 percent of a loan from a lender; would allow a loan up to 100 percent of a project's cost if the project is less than \$500,000;
- provide a findings statement for the Mineral and Timber Resources Program; would require the commissioner of natural resources (DNR) to:
- --coordinate accelerated geological mapping of the state;
- --coordinate accelerated evaluation of the state's mineral potential and other natural resources:
- --provide analytical support for mineral industry participants;
- establish a Mineral Coordinating Committee to provide planning and assistance for diversified mineral development; would require the committee to adopt a 10-year mineral diversification plan to:
- --increase knowledge of the state's mineral potential;
- --stimulate mineral resources development;
- --provide for basic minerals research;
- --prioritize minerals programs;
- create a Community Development Division in DTED and would require the division to administer and coordinate community development and assistance programs, including the:
- -- Economic Recovery Fund;
- -- Outdoor Recreation Grant Program;
- --federal Community Development Block Grant (small cities component):
- --Rural Development Board;
- create the Rural Development Board (RDB) to assist community and economic development in rural regions of the state; would establish board membership and instruct DTED to provide staff and support to the board; would require the RDB to:
  --investigate new methods to enhance rural development;
- --review and comment on DNR's Mineral Resources Program; --prepare a Rural Investment Guide to guide state agencies in developing and administering rural development programs;
- --submit an annual report to the Legislature;
- establish a Mainstreet Program in DTED to assist in revitalizing business districts;
- transfer the Governor's Council on Rural Development from DEED to GMC; would authorize the council to use the Rural Rehabilitation Fund principle;
- create a Customized Rural Training Program that the Job Skills Partnership would administer to assist new and expanding businesses in rural Minnesota; would allow the Partnership to set aside up to 50 percent of the amount available for the program for new business in rural Minnesota;
- transfer the Community Development Corporations authority and administration from the Minnesota Energy and Economic Authority to DTED; would add Indian Tribes to the definition of eligible development corporations;
- create the GMC as a public corporation, but not as a state agency; would provide for a governor-appointed 11-member board; would direct GMC to:
- --acquire and dispose of real and personal property;
- --enter into contracts with public and private entities;
- --sell notes, mortgages or other obligations;
- --borrow money and issue bonds;
- --provide consulting and technical services;
- --receive payments in the form of royalties, dividends or other proceeds in connection with an investment in a business;
- --accept and dispose of gifts, grants, and bequests;
- --solicit and obtain private capital;
- --provide financial assistance through direct loans, loan guaranties, and grants;

- establish the Challenge Grant Program to provide grants to regional organizations to encourage private investment in rural areas; would provide that organizations receiving grants may use them as:
- --revolving loans for asset and working capital financing; would provide a loan minimum of \$5,000 and maximum of \$100,000; would limit loans to 25 percent of a project's total cost and the loan's state funded portion to 50 percent; or
- -- equity investment to invest in businesses or regional organizations whose purpose is to provide financing consistent with the Challenge Grant program goals;
- establish the Rural Finance Authority to be the financial assistance (loans, grants, loan guaranties, and grants) unit for the GMC.
- authorize GMC to establish up to four regional research institutes to provide research and development services to businesses and organizations; would create an Agricultural Utilization Research Institute as one of the regional institutes to promote the establishing new and expanding existing markets for the state's agricultural products;
- establish an 11-member Research Advisory Board which GMC would appoint to:
- -- assist in developing the Regional Research Institutes;
- --comment on research grants GMC makes;
- --identify areas where research and development and financial assistance is necessary to enhance greater Minnesota's economy;
- authorize GMC to make matching research grants to public and private postsecondary educational institutions;
- instruct GMC to locate staff in at least four regions of greater Minnesota to provide or contract for information services to business:
- create the Greater Minnesota Fund as a separate account in the state treasury for appropriations, investment income, gifts, fees, loan charges and revenue, royalties, and other proceeds the GMC collects;
- establish the State Supplemental Education Grant program that the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) would administer to pay for eligible displaced workers in rural Mimmesota to attend a postsecondary educational institution; would provide that only those enrolled in adult farm management programs or employment training programs are eligible for grants:
- extend the Minnesota Job Skills Partnership Act sunset date from June 30, 1987 to June 30, 1990;
- require the GMC board to prepare and submit a development plan to the governor and the Legislature by Nov. 14, 1987 to include:
- --proposed procedures for grant and loan programs;
- --identification of private sources of nongovernmental funds;
- --a budget proposal; and
- --a five-year plan;
- require the GMC to study the effect, structure and feasibility of a venture capital corporation whose stock state residents would own;
- appropriate from the general fund an unspecified amount to the:
   -Agricultural Development Program for staff and to further capitalize the Agricultural Development Fund;
- -DNR for the Mineral Resources Program and to implement the Forestry Management Plan and County Forestry Assistance grants;
- --DTED for Rural Development Board administrative expenses, and for the Community Development Corporation Program; --GMC for various programs;
- --HECB for the State Supplemental Education Grant program;
  --Jobs Skills Partnership Board for the Customized Rural

Training Program;

• provide that if GMC dissolves, the state may require return of all corporate assets to the state in exchange for assuming all of the corporation's outstanding obligations.

Social worker licensure

HF290/SF1085 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--heard. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would establish a system of licensure for social workers and provide for certain exceptions to the licensure requirements.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 22, Health & Human Services, March 27)

Carlton County--employee, PERA HF537 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)--heard.

Would permit a former Carlton County employee with allowable service credit in the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), who left accumulated employee contributions in PERA in order to qualify for a deferred annuity, to receive a deferred early retirement annuity.

State energy contracts--bidding requirements HF830/SF206 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would impose additional requirements on bidders for state energy efficiency installment purchase contracts.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- allow the commissioner of administration to contract with a bidder if:
- 1) the commissioner has determined that the bidder:
- --is a responsible bidder under rules the commissioner adopts; -- has adequately performed all previous contracts with the state;
- --has either established a record of promptly paying all its suppliers and subcontractors, or has made secure provisions for doing so in connection with the current contract for goods delivered and services rendered; and
- 2) the contract bidder can finance or obtain financing for the performance of the contract without state assistance or guarantee;
- · provide that the state may unilaterally cancel the agreement if the contractor at any time during the term of the contract fails to provide or maintain the equipment to provide the services, or to meet performance specifications;
- define "contract bidder" as:

-- a sole proprietorship, firm, corporation, or other business

entity submitting a bid; or,
--if the entity submitting the bid is a new enterprise, a person having a 10 percent or greater financial interest in the entity who has or has had a 10 percent or greater financial interest in any other entity that has entered into past contracts with the state or other purchasers.

Clean Water Partnership Act HF887/SF867 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would create the Clean Water Partnership Program to control nonpoint source water pollution that the Pollution Control Agency would administer.

(See bill summary under Governmental Operations, April 6)

\*\*Amendment would specify additional organizations to the project coordination team.

Clifton--independent nonprofit firefighting corp. HF903/SF816 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Governmental

Operations Committee)

Would provide for the transfer of assets and service credit upon the dissolution of the Clifton volunteer firefighters relief association. Provisions would:

- direct that the assets of the Clifton volunteer firefighters relief association be transferred to a Duluth volunteer firefighters relief association if the Clifton independent nonprofit firefighting corporation disbands and the association is dissolved;
- make the relief association that receives the transferred assets the successor in interest for all claims for and against the Clifton relief association except those claims:
- --based on acts not done in good faith, and
- --which represent a breach of fiduciary obligation;
- permit the relief association that is the successor in interest to assert any applicable defense in a judicial proceeding that would have been available to the Clifton relief association or corporation;
- direct that any person with service credit in the Clifton relief association must receive an equal amount of service credit in the association receiving the transferred assets.

Owatonna--land transfer
HF1376/SF1291 (Hartle, IR-Owatonna)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would direct the commissioner of administration to sell and convey certain state-owned lands to the city of Owatonna.

#### Wednesday, April 8

Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Act HF606/SF536 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would establish a petroleum tank release cleanup program, and authorize the state to act to prevent or correct health and environmental damage resulting from petroleum storage tank releases.

(See bill summary under Environment & Natural Resources, April 2)

\*\*Amendment would exempt certain farm or residential tanks from the proposed release cleanup fund fee.

Waste Management Act--amendments

HF794/SF708 (Long, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would amend the state Waste Management Act and related statutes.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 9, Pg. 10, Environment & Natural Resources, March 17)

Teacher retirement funds--employer contributions HF1051/SF1034 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would provide for an increase in employer contributions to teachers retirement funds. Provisions would:

- require first class city (Minneapolis, St. Paul, Duluth) employing units to make an employer contribution to a retirement fund association on behalf of a:
- --coordinated member equal to a designated percentage of the coordinated member's salary;
- --basic member equal to a designated percentage of the basic member's salary;
- direct first class city employing units to make an employer additional contribution to a retirement fund on behalf of a member equal to a designated percentage of the member's salary;
- direct that the employer and employer additional contributions are to be remitted monthly to each teachers retirement fund association; would require that payments of employer and employer additional contributions be made from the appropriate fund.
- \*\*Amendment would make a technical language change.

Retirement--correctional facilities teachers HF1068/SF1055 (Neuenschwander, DFL-Int'l Falls)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would transfer retirement coverage for teachers in state juvenile correctional facilities from the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA) to the Minnesota State Retirement Correctional Employees Plan. Provisions would:

- direct the commissioners of corrections and human services to establish written criteria upon which to base recommendations for certifying additional civil service classifications as rendering covered correctional service;
- make a person whose retirement coverage is transferred from TRA to Minnesota State Retirement Correctional Employees Plan eligible to receive disability and surviving spouse benefits from both funds, based on the allowable service in the two funds.
- \*\*Amendment would make a technical change.

UCC financing statements--computerized filing HF1297/SF652 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would provide a computerized filing system and central data base for Uniform Commercial Code (UCC) financing statements and lien statements.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 33, Judiciary, March 31)

State Planning Agency--Office for Children HF1395/SF1309 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would create an Office for Children in the State Planning Agency, to coordinate policies, programs, and services for children among specified state agencies.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- list responsibilities of the office, including reviewing state government policies, programs, and services provided to children to determine areas where coordination is needed to eliminate gaps, overlaps, or duplication;
- require the State Planning Agency director to report to the Legislature Jan. 15, 1989, and at least every five years after that, on the status of children in Minnesota;

- add one more person to the State Planning Agency staff for these purposes;
- appropriate an undesignated amount for these purposes.

#### Thursday, April 9

Social worker licensure

HF290/SF1085 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would establish a system of licensure for social workers and provide for certain exceptions to the licensure requirements.

(See bill summary under Governmental Operations, April 7)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- add to the Social Work Licensing Board membership and specify additional qualifications;
- provide for voluntary licensure of social workers whom federally recognized tribes or certain private non-profit agencies employ.

Mpls teacher retirement fund--benefits

HF614/SF740 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would authorize certain amendments to the Minneapolis teachers retirement fund association articles of incorporation.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would permit the association to:
- repeal the subsection authorizing lump sum post-retirement adjustments to retirees or beneficiaries;
- amend the subsection authorizing formula retirement annuity benefits so that teachers who retired prior to June 1, 1985, receive an annuity determined according to the 1975 revised formula amuity without regard to an applicable 30-year service limitation:
- amend the subsection providing an annual automatic annuity increase to certain annuitants so that the increase can be increased and eligibility for increases extended to additional annuitants;
- add a provision authorizing a specified increase in the annuity payable to annuitants who retired by July 1, 1986;
- add a provision authorizing payment of a specified minimum normal retirement annuity to certain defined retired persons and their survivors.

Other provisions would:

- provide a post-retirement adjustment payable from the available excess investment earnings of the fund;
- direct the computation for the rate of investment return the fund earns:
- limit the dollar amount payable to each eligible recipient;
- permit the association to pay post-retirement adjustments beginning Jan. 1 following their determination and to include the benefits thereafter in the monthly annuity or benefit.

Marriage, family therapist--licensure HF758/SF1077 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee) Would establish a system of licensure for marriage and family therapists, define marriage and family therapy, and provide for certain exceptions to the licensure requirement.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 23, Health & Human Services, March 27)

\*\*Amendment would provide for a five-year voluntary licensure of marriage and family therapists whom federally recognized tribes or certain private non-profit agencies employ.

Mental Health Div.--Dept. of Human Services HF829/SF834 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would establish the office of assistant commissioner of mental health, create a mental health division in the Department of Human Services, and establish a state advisory council on mental health.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 25, Health & Human Services, April 2)

\*\*Amendment would provide that the state law governing advisory boards and councils would govern the proposed mental health advisory council, except that members would not receive a per diem, nor would the council expire June 30, 1988.

Private detectives, protective agents--regulation HF1039/SF703 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would repeal most current laws governing regulation of private detectives and protective agents, and enact new language which would clarify and restructure the laws.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 20, Governmental Operations, April 1)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- provide that the commissioner of public safety would appoint certain members to the Board of Private Detective and Protective Agent Services:
- delete a proposed licensure requirement of proof of general liability insurance in the amount of \$100,000, and instead would provide that licensure applicants provide:
  --a \$10,000 surety bond to the state, executed and filed with the

board; and

- --proof of the applicant's ability to respond in damages for liability for accidents or wrongdoings arising out of ownership and operation of a private detective or protective agent business;
- specify the elements of proof of financial responsibility to include:
- -a certificate of insurance demonstrating coverage for general
- liability, completed operations, and personal injury;
  --an annual net worth statement evidencing that the applicant has a specified net worth;
- -- an irrevocable letter of credit from a financial institution acceptable to the board in a specified amount;
- require each applicant for license reissuance to maintain a \$10,000 surety body, and show proof of financial responsibility;
- prohibit license-holders from displaying anything that implies that the person is an employee or agent of a governmental agency.

Retirement--miscellaneous benefit provisions HF1103/SF1049 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would provide for benefit portability for disability benefits, survivor annuities, and survivor benefits, and would establish a combined service disability benefit and a combined service survivor benefit. Provisions would:

- entitle a qualified member of a retirement plan to receive a combined service disability benefit from each plan in which the person has a minimum of six months of allowable service credit;
- establish the requirements under which a disabled plan member with service credit in a combination of general employee retirement plans is entitled to a combined service disability benefit;
- establish the requirements under which a disabled plan member with service credit in a combination of public safety employee retirement plans is entitled to a combined service disability benefit:
- require a disabled plan member with service credit in both public safety employee and general employee retirement plans to meet certain requirements in order to receive a combined service disability benefit; would require that a plan member be covered at the time a disability commences and would permit the minimum allowable service requirements to be met in any combination of plans;
- base a plan's combined service disability benefit on a plan's allowable service except as otherwise specified;
- make controlling, the law in effect on the date a member's most recent disability commences;
- require plans to base the disability benefit on the same average salary;
- require that if the method used to compute a disability benefit varies based on the length of service credit, the benefit accrual formula percentages must recognize service credit as a continuation of previous service credit with other plans;
- require that if the method used to compute a disability benefit does not vary based on the length of service credit, then the portion of a plan's specified benefit amount must bear the same relationship to the total specified benefit amount that the plan's allowable service credit bears to the total allowable service credit in all plans;
- direct that a period for which a person has allowable service credit in more than one plan must be used only once to determine total allowable service credit for calculation purposes;
- entitle a deceased member's survivor to receive a combined service survivor benefit from each plan in which the deceased member had six months of allowable service credit if certain conditions are met;
- direct that a plan's combined service survivor annuity or survivor benefit be based on allowable service with certain exceptions;
- make the law in effect on the date of a member's death controlling;
- require that all plans base the survivor annuity or benefit on the same average salary;
- require that if the method used to compute a survivor benefit or annuity varies based on the length of service credit, the benefit accrual formula percentages must recognize service credit as a continuation of previous service credit with other plans;
- require that if the method used to compute a survivor benefit or annuity does not vary based on length of allowable service credit, then the portion of a plan's specified benefit or annuity amount must bear the same relationship to the total specified benefit or annuity amount that the plan's allowable service credit bears to the total allowable service credit in all plans;

- direct that a period for which a person has allowable service credit in more than one plan must be used only once in determining total allowable service credit for calculation purposes;
- repeal the law recognizing multiple retirement fund coverage for disability benefit entitlement.
- \*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

State property--lease extension HF1263/SF1143 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would extend from two to five years the length of time that the commissioner of administration may rent out state property with state executive council approval.

State building code--wheelchair lifts HF1319 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--recommended to pass.

Would require the state building code to authorize the use of vertical wheelchair lifts, inclined stairway wheelchair lifts, and inclined stairway chair lifts in public buildings.

Martin Luther King holidays--council HF1335/SF1197 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would create the Council on Martin Luther King, Jr. Holidays, and provide for the council's powers and duties.

PERA--Ramsey Medical Center Commission HF1348 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would authorize retirement coverage for St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center Commission employees under the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA). Provisions would:

- exclude persons the hospital subsidiary corporation employs after Sept. 3, 1986, from the definition of "public employee" and PERA coverage unless such persons elect to be covered;
- permit persons the hospital subsidiary corporation initially employs after Sept. 3, 1986, to elect PERA coverage within 30 days of starting employment and to be included in the definition of "public employee"; would direct the hospital subsidiary corporation to make all required contributions and submit information PERA requires;
- strike language prohibiting transferred employees from electing to terminate their participation in PERA prior to June 30, 1987.
- \*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Set-aside programs--certification
HF1388/SF1215 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass
as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in
Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would establish a certification process in the Department of Transportation for set-aside programs for minority-owned or woman-owned business enterprises. Provisions would:

- define "minority business enterprise" as a business at least 51 percent of which minority group members own, or, in the case of publicly owned businesses, at least 51 percent of the stock of which minority group members own;
- provide that for purposes of this section, "minority group" includes Black Americans, Hispanic Americans, Asian-

Americans, American Indians, American Eskimos, and American Aleuts;

- define "set-aside program" as a program a state or metropolitan agency or political subdivision would administer, that would either set aside a share of a public contract for, or require a contractor to subcontract with, a minority business enterprise or woman-owned business enterprise or would provide those business enterprises with a preference over other businesses for that contract;
- require a political subdivision with a set-aside program to accept a state-certified minority business enterprise or womanowned business enterprise as meeting the eligibility and certification requirements for participation in the political subdivision's set-aside program;
- require the commissioner of transportation to adopt permanent rules, and allow the commissioner to adopt emergency rules, which would include standards and procedures to certify applicants for participation in set-aside programs; would require the rules to include a procedure that would allow a person who was denied certification to appeal to the commissioner;
- provide that the governor shall appoint a minority and womanowned business advisory task force to assist the commissioner to develop and propose policies and rules for applicant certification.
- \*\*Amendment would add to the advisory committee membership and qualifications, and make other technical changes.

Lake County/Two Harbors-land sale HF1412/SF1276 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would authorize a private sale of certain tax-forfeited land in Lake County to the city of Two Harbors.

\*\*Amendment would require the commissioner of natural resources to offer lakeshore cabin site lots for sale not later than Oct. 31, 1987, if possible; would provide if a lot is not offered for sale by that date, the lot shall be offered for sale at the next sale in the next year.

State construction contracts--bidding HF1425/SF1151 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would require bidders on state construction contracts to submit lists of subcontractors and prohibiting subcontracts with persons not listed. Provisions would:

- require that a list of names, addresses, and sub-bids of subcontractors accompany all bids on state contracts for construction or repair;
- prohibit a bidder from awarding a subcontract to a subcontractor not listed;
- provide that an individual who signs or otherwise makes a contract with a subcontractor not listed is guilty of a gross misdemeanor.

# **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

Friday, April 3

Mentally ill--residential facilities HF642/SF620 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would make various changes in residential care facilities for mentally ill. Provisions would:

- prohibit commissioner from developing licensing standards for supportive living residences until the legislature has considered recommendations from a study of mentally ill housing needs due by Jan. 31, 1988;
- prohibits residential facilities not specifically licensed for people with mental illness from having more than four people with a mental illness, after June 30, 1989;
- prohibit General Assistance payments to negotiated rate facilities licensed after the effective date of the bill which have more than four residents with mental illness unless the facility is specifically licensed to serve people with mentall illnesses;
- prohibit Minnesota supplemental aid payments to negotiated rate facilities licensed after the effective date of the bill which have more than four residents with mental illness unless the facility is specifically licensed to serve people with mental illnesses.

Mental health care system

HF765/SF790 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would require counties to develop a complete array of services to people with mental illnesses. Provisions would:
- · establish guidelines for quality of services and describe the roles of the state and counties in implementing the Minnesota comprehensive mental health act;
- define services that must be provided and set forth the purpose of and date for establishing each service;
- establish a mental health fund to pay for services to clients, describe existing funds that will be transferred to the fund, and establish a formula for allocating money from the fund;
- define mission of the Minnesota comprehensive mental health act as requiring the commissioner of human services to create and ensure a unified, accountable, comprehensive mental health service system.
- set forth requirements of the system to promote independence and safety for people with mental illness, reduce chronicity of mental illness, prevent the development and deepening of mental illness;
- require the commissioner to report annually to the Legislature on Feb. 15 of each year from 1988 to 1990;
- define the following:
- -- acute care hospital inpatient treatment;
- -- case management services;
- -- case manager;
- --commissioner;
- --community support services program;
- --county board;
- -- day treatment services;
- -- diagnostic assessment;
- --education and prevention services;
- --emergency services; --individual community support plan;
- --individual placement agreement;
- --individual treatment plan;
- --local mental health proposal;
- --mental health fund;
- --mental health practitioner;
- --mental health professional;
- --mental health services;
- --mental illness;
- --person with acute mental illness;
- --person with serious and persistent mental illness;
- --outpatient services;
- --regional treatment center inpatient services;

- --residential treatment;
- --service provider;
- --supervision;
- require the commissioner to provide technical assistance to counties developing local mental health proposals and require cooperation and exchange of information between county boards and the commissioner;
- · establish mental health fund under supervision of the commissioner (fund is available to help county boards develop, maintain and fund services in accordance with the act;
- require commissioner to supervise development and coordination of local mental health services, coordinate local services with those available at regional treatment centers, review local proposals, allocate funds, provide technical assistance to county boards, and monitor local progress in developing the system;
- set the following priorities for developing required services:

--emergency services;

- --locally available services to all people with serious and persistent mental illness and to all with acute mental illness;
- specialized services available on a regional basis; --services to people with other mental illnesses;
- --education and prevention programs;
- require each county board to develop a biennial plan of mental health services and to:
- --develop and coordinate a mental health service system in accordance with the act;
- --provide case management;
- --provide screening of specified people;
- --administer necessary grants and contracts;
- require county boards to use mental health fund to develop and coordinate mental health services, provide services through a county agency or contracts with others, demonstrate continous progress toward full implementation of the act, and develop each prescribed service by Jan. 1, 1990;
- require the mental health service system developed by each county to include:
- --education and prevention services;
- --emergency services;
- -- outpatient services:
- --community support program services;
- --residential treatment services;
- --acute care hospital services; and
- -- regional treatment center services;
- require counties to establish local mental health advisory councils made up of at least one consumer, one family members or a person with a mental illness, one mental health professional, and one community support services program representative;
- require local county advisory councils to review the local mental health system at least quarterly and to review coordination with regional treatment center at least annually;
- · permit counties to establish additional procedures and policies that are not contrary to the act;
- require that mental health services should be:
- --based on individual needs;
- --provided in the most appropriate, least restrictive available setting;
  --accessible to all age groups;
- --accountable;
- --provided by qualified individuals; --coordinated with other services; and
- -provided under conditions which protect the rights and dignity of the person being served;
- require diagnostic assessment within five days of admission to a residential, hospital or regional treatment setting and within 10 days of admission to outpatient or day treatment services;

- · require county board to provide or contract for education and prevention services:
- require that the following be available by July 1, 1988:
- --emergency services;
- --outpatient services;
- --community support services;
- --residential treatment services;
- --acute care hospital inpatient treatment;
- --help in applying for benefits in the community support program;
- require that case management activities be part of community support services by Jan. 1, 1989;
- require that day treatment activities be developed as part of the community support plan by July 1, 1989;
- require county screening by Jan. 1, 1989, of individuals admitted to residential treatment facility, acute care hospital inpatient, or regional treatment center if cost of care is to be paid by mental health fund, Medical Assistance or regional treatment center account;
- describe people for whom county must pay the cost of residential and acute care hospital inpatient services;
- allow individual denied services to contest the action before the state agency;
- require counties to submit first mental health proposals by Jan. 1, 1988 and to submit subsequent proposals on the same twoyear cycle as the community social services plans;
- establish criteria for utilization of mental health funds;
- require transfer of funds for FY'89 to establish mental health fund (funds transferred include appropriations under GA, GAMC, MSA, CSSA and funds for rule 12 and 14 facilities);
- require commissioner to develop a uniform format for fiscal reports:
- set forth provisions for return of county allocation, with agreement of county;
- require commissioner to adopt permanent rules as necessary to carry out the act;
- · clarify that the act does not create a right of action by recipients of providers against a county board or the commissioner;
- state that the commissioner and counties are not required to fund services beyond limits of legislative appropriations;
- eliminate direct funding of community mental health centers with federal block grant money (allow commissioner to retain 10 percent of federal money for planning and evaluation);
- allows MA payment for case management services to people with serious and persistent mental illness;
- eliminate direct GAMC payments for day treatment services provided by a mental health center (require that mental health service reimbursed by the fund not be reimubursed by GAMC);
- permit residents in Rule 36 facilities (residential facilities for adult mentally ill persons) funded by GA to receive personal needs allowance;
- prohibits GA payments for people with mental illness in Rule 36 facilities;
- prohibits MSA payments for people with mental illness in Rule 36 facilities;
- remove from list of CSSA services those services to people covered under mental health act;

- require adjustment of CSSA allocation to reflect exclusion of mental health share as defined by the act;
- require adjustment of CSSA allocation to reflect exclusion of mental health share as defined by the act;
- require that 20 percent of each county's Title XX allocation be designated for persons with mental illness and included in the mental health fund;
- extend to June 30, 1988, experimental program of grants for chronically mentally ill persons;
- repeal current mission statement, sections allocating federal block grant money, grants for residential services for adult mentally ill persons, and grants for chronically mentally ill persons.

Medical Assistance--prepaid health plans
HF818/SF789 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would establish prepaid health plans under Medical Assistance. Provisions would:

- require all prepaid health plans under contract to the commissioner of human services to provide an internal complaint system (the plan is responsible for any costs involved in filing and resolving any complaint filed by enrolled recipients of MA or GAMC:
- define "prepaid health plan";
- require the county to be responsible for court-ordered treatment that is ordered without consulting the prepaid health plan and without evaluation and referral for treatment within the plan;
- allow the commissioner to contract for prepaid health care for MA services;
- require the commissioner to designate an ombudsman to advocate for people enrolled in prepaid health plans;
- state that appeals from recipients enrolled in the prepaid Demonstration Project are to a panel of health practitioners and that the panel review replaces any other administrative review process (the panel's decision is final and may not be appealed under contested case provisions);
- allow judicial review in District Court orders services be paid or provided as a result of an appeal under this section, the services must be paid or provided pending any further appeal;
- require services to be paid or provided if the panel or District Court orders services be paid or provided as a result of an appeal under this section;
- appropriate money to the commissioner for two new full-time staff positions and five temporary positions to administer this program;
- repeal statutory provisions relating to calculation of rates for prepaid health plans.

Sheltered workshops

HF1054/SF1073 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would limit grants to sheltered workshops and provide for use of community-based employment. Provisions would:

- --work activity program;
- --sheltered employee;

- --long-term employment program;
- -- extended employment programs;
- --community-based employment program;
- --work component program;
- require commissioner of jobs and training to certify the longterm sheltered workshops to offer extended employment programs and grant funds to extended employment programs;
- eliminate requirement that governor approve plans of cooperation between the commissioner of jobs and training and the commissioner of labor and industry for providing services to workers covered under the worker's compensation plan;
- limit authority of governmental units to apply for assistance in establishing work programs, allows applications for long-term sheltered workshops, not for work activity programs;
- change board provisions to pertain only to long-term sheltered workshops and not to work activity programs;
- change grant provisions to pertain only to extended employment programs, and not to work activity programs;
- change evaluation and funding sections to apply only to extended employment programs;
- limit grants to 75 percent of normal operating expenses for shelter workshop programs, but allows 100 percent of operating expenses for certain community based employment programs if approved by commissioner of jobs and training.
- \*\*Amendments would:
- limit grants to an average of 75 percent of normal operating expenses;
- include all individual programs in the above provision;
- delete provision allowing grant to cover 100 percent of operating expenses for certain community based employment programs.

Medical assistance vendors
HF1112/SF998 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass
as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services
Committee)

Would include directors, officers and partners in the definition of "vendor of medical care." Provisions would:

- allow the commissioner to charge interest on money recovered through installments;
- allow the commissioner to ahve access to recipient medical records to determine whether or not a vendor of medical care has submitted a claim for reimbursement that is duplicative, erroneous, false or which results in the vendor obtaining greater compensation that the vendor is legally entitled;
- clarify that a person eligible for MA is deemed to have authorized access to medical records for purposes described in the provision above.
- \*\*Amendments would:
- require that the terms for submitting claims for reimbursement to the Medical Assistance program would not include directors and officers of corporations who do not personally receive a portion of the distributed assets upon liquidation or dissolution.

#### Thursday, April 9

Cigarette tax HF1212/SF1210 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--heard\*\*\*. (SF In Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

- Would establish the Minnesota Institute for Health Research funded by a cigarette and tobacco products tax. Provisions would:
- charter the institute as a public corporation of the state, not as a state agency;
- create a board of 11 directors appointed by the governor initially, further appointments would be made by the board as terms expire;
- require all places of business by the institute be within the state:
- direct the board to designate a president who will serve as chief executive officer and general agent for the board;
- require that employees, officers and directors of the institute are not state employees, but may, at the option of the board, participate in the state employees' benefit package;
- grant the institute the authorities of a public corporation;
- require the board to prepare an operations plan for submission to the Legislature by Aug. 1, 1987;
- establish a Health Research Trust Fund as a dedicated fund and require that the proceeds of the cigarette and tobacco products must be deposited in the fund and the baord must invest the funds:
- require that all earnings from the investments become part of the fund (assets of the funds may be used as collateral when borrowing money);
- allow the board to borrow money prior to Aug. 1, 1987 to get its operations started before the fund has established earnings;
- increase the base rate for taxes on cigarettes from 19.5 mills to 20.5 mills;
- lower the discount rate on tax stamps in order to maintain the amount or reimbursement available to the distributor;
- describe how the cigarette tax revenues must be apportioned between the general fund and certain other dedicated funds;
- require that five cents of 2.5 mills of the revenues raised by the cigarette tax must be credited to the public health fund (this is a four cent increase over the previous biennium; eight cents or four mills of the revenues must be credited to the Health Research Trust Fund);
- increase the tax on all tobacco products, except little cigars, by 10 percent;
- credit the 10 percent increase to the Health Research Trust Fund:
- describe how the increased cigarette and tobacco products taxes must be paid on inventory on hand when the increased tax goes into effect.
- \*\*\* Note: The above bill summary is for the bill heard at a 10:00 a.m. meeting. However, the committee adopted a delete everything amendment at an evening meeting the same day. Due to our 2:00 p.m. deadline, we will print the delete everything bill summary in the next issue of *House Weekly Review*.

# HIGHER EDUCATION

Wednesday, April 8

Metro State--expansion HF741/SF912 (Papas, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee) Would appropriate \$2,644,700 in FY'88 from general fund to the state university board to expand the program offerings at Metropolitan State University.

Average cost funding--adjustment

HF805/SF839 (Gruenes, DFL-St. Cloud)--recommend to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would provide next-year increased funding under Minnesota's average cost funding formula to public postsecondary institutitions for enrollment increases of more than three percent. The first three percent would still be attributable to the second year funding formula (current law bases state funding on enrollment figures from two years earlier). New funding formula would be attributable to the current academic year.

Fond du Lac--higher education center HF899/SF899 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would establish a community college center at the Fond du Lac reservation as a two-year pilot project, requiring center to be governed by the community college board and administered by Arrowhead Community College beginning in fall 1987.

\*\*Amendment would exempt associated task force from collecting per diem compensation.

Postsecondary education funding--task force

HF1324/SF1212 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would establish a legislative task force on financing postsecondary education to study funding mechanisms, tuition levels, and financial aid and report back to the Legislature by Jan. 15, 1989.

\*\*Amendment would increase membership on the task force from 17 to 19 members.

Course numbering system

HF1468/SF1307 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would establish a task force to develop a common course numbering system for public, postsecondary institutions to ease transfer of credits between systems.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- strike section 1, dictating numbering system to be used by task force;
- request task force members to study and report on the benefits to students, costs, and feasibility of a common numbering system;
- exempt AVTIs from course numbering changes until after system change to a course credit hour basis.

# JUDICIARY

Tuesday, April 7

**Bullet-proof vests--reimbursement** HF143/SF259 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

Would establish a state reimbursement program to purchase soft body armor (bullet-proof vests) for peace officers.

(See bill summary under Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., April 3)

Liquor law violations--vicarious liability HF167 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)--indefinitely postponed.

Would eliminate vicarious criminal liability the law currently imposes on liquor licensees whose employees violate liquor

Firearms--dealer possession

HF170/SF47 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would permit federally-licensed dealers and manufacturers who buy, sell, or manufacture machine guns or short-barrelled shotguns to own or possess such guns under certain circumstances.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 34, Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., March 30)

\*\*Amendment would allow ammunition manufacturers to possess machine guns for ammunition testing purposes.

Dram Shop Act--amendments

HF285/SF261 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Would re-enact the Liquor Act in Minnesota Statutes.

- \*\*Amendments would:
- amend the act to permit recovery for "pecuniary loss" in a dram shop action;
- repeal the presumption that a wrongful death action under the Dram Shop Act results in a minimum of \$30,000 damage suffered;
- · eliminate vicarious criminal liability the law currently imposes on liquor licensees whose employees violate liquor laws (see HF167 above).

Hazardous waste--clean-up liens HF297/SF412 (Long, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would allow the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) to place a lien on real property for the amount of expense the agency incurs to clean up a hazardous substance release on that property.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- limit the lien amount to the increase in property value due to the remedial action, unless the property owner was legally responsible for the release, in which case the lien could be for the full cost of the remedial action;
- provide that the lien or any part of the lien on the increased value has priority over all other liens on the property;
- · provide that any lien for more than the increased value has priority only over liens filed later;
- provide that the liens are enforceable on any transfer of property or in bankruptcy;
- provide if the agency determines that remedial action has been completed and it's adequate to protect the public health, safety, and environment, no lien may attach to the property where the

remedial action was taken except for expenses of remedial action required by a release that had not yet occurred or was unknown at the time the determination was made.

Judicial vacancies--Supreme Court authority HF552/SF531 (Kalis, DFL-Walters)--not recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would suspend for three years the provision that allows the State Supreme Court to determine whether a vacant judicial office is necessary or can be abolished.

Juveniles--adult jail confinement HF596/SF670 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would provide that no minor under 18 years shall be held with adult prisoners in the same room or section of a jail or other adult holding facility unless a court sentences the minor to prison for more than one year as an adult, or the juvenile court refers the minor for adult prosecution and the prosecuting authority has filed a notice of intent to prosecute the minor as an

\*\*Amendment would update language in juvenile offender laws.

Juvenile Court Act--changes HF706/SF1065 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would make changes to the juvenile code and certain crime victims laws.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 33, Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., March 27)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- require a presentence investigation report to include the following information on victims:
- -- a summary of the damages or harm and any other problems the
- criminal occurrence may generate;
  --a concise statement of what disposition the victim deems appropriate for the defendant or juvenile court respondent,
- including reasons supporting the victim's opinion; and -- an attachment to the report, consisting of the victim's written objections, if any, to the proposed disposition if the victim provides the officer conducting the presentence investigation with the written material within a reasonable time prior to the disposition;
- require the officer conducting a presentence or predispositional investigation to make reasonable and good faith efforts to contact the victim of that crime and to provide the victim with the following information:
- -the charge or juvenile court petition to which the defendant has been convicted or pleaded guilty, or the juvenile respondent has admitted in court or has been found to have committed by the juvenile court, and of any plea agreement between the prosecution and the defense counsel;
- --the victim's right to request restitution; --the time and place of the sentencing or juvenile court disposition and the victim's right to be present; and
- -the victim's right to object in writing to the court, prior to the time of sentencing or juvenile court disposition, to the proposed sentence or juvenile dispositional alternative, or to the terms of the proposed plea agreement;
- require the investigating officer to provide the victim with information about the court's options for sentencing and other dispositions to assist the victim in making a recommendation.

Local government tort liability HF1083/SF1247 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would add the administrator of a self-insurance pool and a private insurance carrier's authorized representative as parties who may settle tort claims against a municipality.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- provide that if a local government unit procures liability insurance, it waives the liability limits the law sets (\$200,000 per claimant; \$600,000 per occurrence) to the extent of the liability stated in the policy;
- provide that when a municipality procures commercial insurance, reinsurance, a self-insurance plan, or participates in a self-insurance pool does not by itself constitute a waiver of the governmental immunity defense.

Hennepin County Medical Center--operation HF1204 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would permit the Hennepin County Board to hold closed meetings on certain Hennepin County Medical Center business. Provisions would:

- allow the county board to meet in closed session on behalf of the medical center, ambulance health centers, or other county clinics when it is discussing contract matters or marketing activity for medical center products or services that are in competition with other providers, where disclosure would harm the board and medical center's competitive position;
- require the medical center to inform the board when there are matters appropriate for a closed meeting; would allow the board to choose to hold a closed meeting if a majority of board members, at a public meeting, vote to do so; would require the closed meeting to be recorded on tape and to keep the tape for at least five years; would classify this tape as nonpublic data for two years after the meeting;
- provide that medical center data involving contracts or marketing efforts which are in direct competition with other providers are trade secret information as defined in the Data Practices Act, to the extent that disclosure would harm the medical center's financial position.
- \*\*Amendment would delete the provision that would allow the county administrator to recommend to the board what medical center data should be designated as trade secret information for purposes of these provisions.

Public nuisances--definition
HF1209/SF1156 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would allow the court to close a building or portion of it for one year if the court finds the building to be a nuisance because prostitution or gambling occurs there, or because a disorderly house is kept there; would permit an owner to avoid closure in specified circumstances. Provisions would:

- define actions that would constitute a nuisance to include prostitution, gambling, or keeping a disorderly house; would provide that the building owner for purposes of a nuisance action is the person in whose name the building is recorded for property tax purposes;
- provide that a city attorney, county attorney, or the attorney general may seek a temporary injunction whenever there is cause to believe a nuisance exists; would require notice and a hearing before the court issues a temporary injunction; would require the injunction to describe the conduct to be enjoined (stopped);

- require the court to enter a permanent injunction against specified conduct and enter an abatement order to close the building for one year if the prosecution proves nuisance;
- allow the court-appointed receiver to sell furniture and fixtures used in conducting or maintaining the nuisance in the same manner as at a sheriff's execution sale; would permit the receiver to use the sale proceeds to pay for the sale and any receivership costs if the court allows a third party to use the building;
- allow the building owner to file a motion to cancel the lease, if a tenant commits acts constituting a nuisance; would require the court to cancel the lease, but not allow the building to be closed, if it finds that the tenant is responsible for the nuisance;
- provide that violation of a temporary or permanent injunction or abatement order is punishable as contempt of court;
- allow the court to order the building released from an abatement order if it is convinced of the owner's good faith, and the owner posts the court-required bond, not to exceed \$50,000; would provide that if the premises are released, the owner will forfeit \$1,000 under the bond for every day that acts noted in the abatement order are knowingly allowed to occur; would provide that the owner is also subject to prosecution for contempt;
- repeal current nuisance abatement procedures.
- \*\*Amendment would provide that a nuisance exists if there have
- -- three or more misdemeanor convictions, or two or more convictions, of which at least one is a gross misdemeanor or felony, within the previous two years for acts of prostitution or prostitution related offenses committed within the building; -- three or more misdemeanor convictions, or two or more convictions, of which at least one is a gross misdemeanor or felony, within the previous two years for acts of gambling or gambling related offenses committed within the building; or --two or more convictions within the previous two years for keeping or permitting a disorderly house within the building.

Seat belt law--violation penalty HF1228/SF121\* (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would impose a \$25 fine on persons who fail to wear a seat belt in a motor vehicle when the law requires them to do so.

\*\*Amendment would provide that one-half of the fines the Department of Public Safety collects for seat belt law violations (up to \$750,000 per year) would be deposited in the state treasury and credited to the Emergency Medical Services Relief account; would appropriate the funds to the commissioner of health for personnel education and training, equipment and vehicle purchases, and operational expenses of emergency life support transportation services.

Eminent domain--court jurisdiction HF1252/SF882 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would authorize a court having jurisdiction over an eminent domain proceeding to compel occupants of condemned real estate to deliver possession.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- allow the court to issue a writ of restitution (which would require the property's occupants to deliver possession of it) if: --the court has issued an order to transfer title and possession, and the eminent domain petitioner has paid or deposited the approved appraised value; or
- --the petitioner has obtained title to the property;
- provide that if one of these conditions is met, the court may issue an order compelling delivery of possession of the property upon:

-- the petitioner's affidavit;

--notice to the property occupants and others claiming a right to possession; and

--a hearing;

• provide that the court may require the occupant to pay the petitioner attorney's fees, costs, and disbursements incurred in getting possession if the occupant in bad faith fails to deliver possession of the property as this section provides.

Sodomy laws-repeal HF1379/SF1235 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--amended\*\*; not recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would repeal the current crimes of sodomy, fornication, and adultery, and create the crime of public sexual conduct.

\*\*Amendment would reduce the proposed penalty for the crime of public sexual conduct.

Dept. of Human Rights--procedures, changes HF1419/SF1201 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would change certain procedures in cases before the Department of Human Rights.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- eliminate the requirement that the department study discrimination and develop programs to serve Indians, women, and others subject to discrimination;
- require the department to give priority to handling charges people file under the Human Rights Act, and to eliminate discrimination through education and conciliation;
- eliminate the requirement that Human Rights Act charges people file must be verified; would instead require that the charges be written and that the charging party sign them;
- require the charging party to supply the respondent's address only if the commissioner so requests;
- increase from five to 10 days, the deadline for the commissioner to serve the charge on the respondent; would require the respondent to file a written response to the charge, on a form the commissioner would provide, within 20 days after receipt;
- eliminate the requirement that the commissioner give the charging party and respondent written notice if the charge status changes;
- specify an order of priority of cases on which the commissioner should focus:
- --irreparable harm will occur absent immediate action;

-- there is evidence of intentional reprisal;

-- there is a significant number of recent charges against the respondent:

- --respondent is a government entity;
  --there is potential to broadly promote the policies of the Act; or -- substantial evidence supports the charge;
- revise "hearing examiner" to the new term for the position, "administrative law judge";
- establish hearing procedures before an administrative law judge.

Judges/Judicial fees HF1422/SF1205 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would authorize additional judgeships in certain judicial districts; would authorize the imposition of judicial fees in civil actions;

and would increase the penalty assessment levied for traffic offenses. Provisions would:

- add new judicial positions in the following districts:
- -- first judicial district, four;
- -- fourth judicial district, 11;
- --seventh judicial district, one; --tenth judicial district, four;
- provide a time line to phase in the new judicial positions;
- require plaintiffs, petitioners, defendants, respondents, intervenors, and moving parties, in civil actions other than marriage dissolutions or conciliation courts to pay a judicial fee in addition to other fees the law prescribes;
- require plaintiffs, defendants, and moving parties in conciliation court where there is a filing fee to pay a \$1 judicial fee in addition to the filing fee and surcharge;
- · provide that state and local government parties need not pay the judicial fee;
- increase the traffic offense fine surcharge from 10 percent to 15 percent of each fine the court imposes;
- increase the penalty assessment range from \$5-\$10, to \$10-\$15, for a petty misdemeanor or misdemeanor conviction where the court imposes no fine.
- \*\*Amendment would set the judicial fee the court will impose at \$4 rather than \$5.

#### Wednesday, April 8

Chemical abuse procedures

HF246/SF300 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would establish school chemical abuse pre-assessment procedures and coordinated community advisory teams.

(See bill summary under Education, April 6)

\*\*Amendment would make technical language changes.

#### Controlled substances--homicide crimes

HF350/SF1259 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would amend the drug statute to include a legislative finding that Schedule I and II controlled substances are inherently dangerous to life, and that the purpose of the criminal provisions in the drug law and the criminal code relating to these controlled substances is, among other things, to prevent injury or death which may result from their use, sale, or distribution.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 35, Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., March 31)

\*\*Amendment would provide that whoever proximately causes great bodily harm by, directly or indirectly, unlawfully selling, giving away, bartering, delivering, exchanging, distributing, or administering a controlled substance classified in schedule I or II may be sentenced to not more than 10 years in prison or to pay a fine of not more than \$20,000, or both.

Criminal law--various changes HF388/SF421 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would provide for the attachment of financial assets of persons law enforcement officials charge with committing a felony.

(See bill summary under Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., April 3)

\*\*Amendment would delete fourth degree assault from the list of offenses for which wire or oral communication interception may be authorized.

Pesticide law changes

HF485/SF717 (Kalis, DFL-Walters)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would amend the "Pesticide Control Act of 1976" to give the Department of Agriculture clearer authority for pesticide registration and safe use; would make changes in certifying pesticide applicators, increase certification fees, and provide stronger penalties for violators.

(See bill summary under Agriculture, April 3)

\*\*Amendments would make technical language changes.

Insurance companies--policy information release HF593/SF613 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would require insurance companies to notify and release insurance policy information to certain law enforcement and prosecutorial authorities regarding motor vehicle theft investigations; would prescribe higher penalties for major theft and motor vehicle theft; and would allow courts to enter orders of restitution in favor of corporate victims.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 35, Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., March 30--\*\*includes amendments)

**DEED--employment data access** 

HF609/SF854 (Kelso, DFL-Shakopee)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would give the Department of Energy and Economic Development (DEED) access to certain employment data.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 6, Economic Development & Housing, March 31)

\*\*Amendment would allow access to nonpublic data, but not to private data on individuals.

Aeration operations--liability

HF909/SF801 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would provide an exclusion from government tort liability for authorized aeration operations, and would change the notice posting and publication requirements for aeration operations.

(See bill summary under Environment & Natural Resources, April 2)

Sentencing Guidelines Commission--membership HF969 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would add a crime victim to the membership of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission; would strike the reference in statutes to the chair of the Board of Supervised Release (parole board), a position that no longer exists; and would make terms of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission members consistent with that of the governor.

\*\*Amendment would require that at least one of the two public members of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission be a crime victim.

Firearms--convicted felons

HF990/SF1321 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would provide that persons courts convict of a crime of violence may not ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm for 10 years following the date on which the person was restored to civil rights, pardoned, or the person's conviction was set aside; would update references to "crimes of violence."

\*\*Amendment would add an effective date.

Landlords, tenants--utility payments
HF1005/SF1189 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to
pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Regulated Industries Committee.
(SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing Committee)

Would authorize tenants in single-metered residential buildings to pay for gas and electric utilities and deduct the payments from rent due.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- require landlords of single-metered residential buildings to contract for gas and electric service, beginning Aug. 1, 1988;
- require a utility company or municipality to post on or near the building entrances a conspicuous notice of intent to disconnect service, before disconnecting the building because the bill hasn't been paid;
- allow a tenant or tenants to pay the outstanding bill after notice or disconnection; would require the tenant(s) to attempt to give the landlord 48 hours oral or written notice of their intent to pay before doing so; would allow the tenant to pay the bill and deduct the utility payment from his or her next rent payment if the landlord doesn't pay the bill;
- provide that a utility company or municipality that receives payment under these provisions, for service used during the most recent billing period, must not discontinue service for the next billing period; would require service to be reconnected for at least one billing period if the service is already disconnected;
- provide that if a tenant of the property which has been posted with a notice to disconnect requests information, the utility or municipality will tell the tenant what is owed on the property's utility account;
- provide that if there is no payment after posting the first notice to disconnect, the utility or municipality need not post another notice:
- provide that a utility or municipality need not accept payment on any single account for more than three month of a 12-month period;
- provide a misdemeanor penalty for anyone who defaces, removes, or obstructs a posted notice to disconnect.

Boating while intoxicated laws--enforcement HF1015/SF992 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would provide procedures to enforce sanctions that exist under current law against persons who refuse to submit to testing to determine if they are operating a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

(See bill summary under Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., April 3--\*\*includes amendments)

Adoption--notifications
HF1041 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would require certain notifications to parents placing a child for adoption and to proposed adoptive parents.

(See bill summary under Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., April 7)

\*\*Amendment would provide that parental rights to a child may be terminated only by an adoption decree or by a court order terminating parental rights.

Child support--retroactive modification
HF1046/SF795 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would permit the support payor to retroactively reduce child support or maintenance payments only from the date when the payor gave notice to the support recipient and the court that the payor is moving for a reduction. (Current law permits the payor to retroactively reduce payments if the payor shows that his or her failure to comply with the original order was not willful.)

Juveniles--adult prosecution

HF1111 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would provide that if a juvenile 16 years old or older is alleged to have committed an aggravated felony against a person to further an organized gang's criminal activity, it is prima facie (presumed) that the juvenile would be referred to adult court for prosecution; would define "organized gang" as a group of five or more members having an established hierarchy, and formed to either encourage gang members to commit crimes or provide support to gang members who do so.

\*\*Amendment would make technical language changes.

Convicted sexual abusers--minimum fines HF1174 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would require courts to impose minimum fines on persons the courts convict of assault or sexual abuse, and would require the proceeds of the minimum fines be forwarded to local victim assistance programs and the state crime victim and witness advisory council. Provisions would:

- provide that the court may not waive payment or authorize installment payment of an assessment or surcharge unless it makes written findings on the record that the convicted person is indigent or that the assessment or surcharge would create undue hardship for the convicted person or their immediate family;
- impose a fine of not less than \$500 when a court sentences a person the court convicts of first degree assault, first degree assault of an unborn child, or first degree criminal sexual conduct;
- impose a fine of not less than \$300 when a court sentences a person the court convicts of second or third degree assault, second degree assault of an unborn child, or second, third, or fourth degree criminal sexual conduct;
- impose a fine of not less than \$100 when a court sentences a person the court convicts of fourth or fifth degree assault, or third degree assault of an unborn child;
- require the court to forward 70 percent of the fines it collects under these provisions to a local victim assistance program that provides services locally in the county in which the crime occurred; would require the court to forward the remaining 30 percent of the fines to the commissioner of finance to be credited to the crime victim and witness account; would require the court to forward 100 percent of the fines to the crime victim and witness account if no victim assistance program serves the county;

- define "victim assistance program" to include crime victim crisis centers, victim-witness programs, battered women shelters and non-shelter programs, and sexual assault programs.
- \*\*Amendment would delete the provision that would require counties to pay any minimum fines which the offender does not pay or the court fails to impose.

Moorhead--West Central Regional Juvenile Center HF1208/SF1314 (Kludt, DFL-Moorhead)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would appropriate \$76,000 to the West Central Regional Juvenile Center in Moorhead for operational expenses during the coming biennium.

Marriage dissolution mediation study HF1217 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would appropriate funds to study mediation in marriage dissolution, including an analysis of mediation's effectiveness in child custody, child support, maintenance, and property division issues; would require a report to the Legislature by Jan. 1, 1989.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- appropriate the funds to the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs Conflict and Change Project, rather than the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs;
- provide that the appropriation is not available unless an undesignated amount of matching funds are obtained from other sources.

Peace officers--licensure, authority
HF1312/SF1199 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would require an individual to be licensed as a peace officer before exercising the authority of a peace officer, unless the law provides otherwise.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- permit only those persons the Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST) Board licenses to use an emergency vehicle to stop another vehicle;
- permit only those persons the board licenses as peace officers, constables, and part-time peace officers to operate police or patrol vehicles unless he or she is operating the vehicle:
- --for maintenance purposes;
- --during a board-approved skills course;
- --to transport prisoners or equipment; or
- --when a reserve officer provides transportation to and from a location for supplementary assistance at an event, or for traffic or crowd control;
- provide that a constable a political subdivision employs on or after March 23, 1982 is not eligible for permanent appointment without board licensure;
- change the term "reserve peace officer" to "reserve officer"; would limit its application to persons who perform only those functions listed in statutes; would eliminate term's application to persons who receive no compensation or to those whom the law enforcement agency using their services give a different title;
- define "law enforcement agency" to mean a unit of state or local government the law authorizes to:
- --grant full powers of arrest; and
- --charge a person with the duties of preventing and detecting crime and enforcing the state's general criminal laws;

- require the board to license persons the law authorizes to exercise the powers of a peace officer, constable, part-time peace officer, or other law enforcement officer; would provide that only those persons the board licenses as a peace officer, constable, or part-time peace officer are entitled to the rights, privileges, and protections the law grants to such persons;
- provide misdemeanor penalties for a person who is not a peace officer, constable, or part-time peace officer to act as or represent himself or herself as a peace officer; would require the attorney general to prosecute violations of these provisions.

Hennepin County--conforming fees HF1314/SF1250 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would conform Hennepin County's unlawful detainer filing fees to the fees the county charges in other civil actions, and would increase Hennepin County conciliation court filing fees.

Provisions would:

- strike language in current law the requires the plaintiff in an eviction case to pay a \$10 filing fee plus a library fee, while the defendant files no fees; would make the fee the same as the fee in other district court civil actions;
- increase the conciliation court filing fee and the counterclaim filing fee from \$2 to \$11.
- \*\*Amendment would require violators to pay an additional \$1 increase upon the effective date of any \$2 increase in the expired meter fine schedule to the court administrator for each expired meter violation disposed of in a violations bureau.

Juvenile correctional facility-American Indians HF1352 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would appropriate \$100,000 to the commissioner of corrections to establish a juvenile residential correctional facility to serve American Indian juveniles who are residents of Hennepin County and who the juvenile court or the commissioner of corrections refer for placement; would permit the county to use the money to acquire a facility, provide equipment and furnishings, employ staff, and make modifications necessary to meet the commissioner of corrections' licensing standards.

\*\*Amendment would appropriate the money to Hennepin County for the Hennepin County Department of Community Services, and would remove the requirement that the American Indian juveniles be Hennepin County residents.

Ramsey County--court locations
HF1371/SF1339 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)--recommended to
pass as amended\*\*; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate
Judiciary Committee)

Would provide that all court functions in Ramsey County conducted in New Brighton, White Bear Lake, North St. Paul, and Maplewood before Dec. 31, 1986, must resume at those locations; would allow the court to establish new quarters for holding court in the city of Maplewood within a one mile radius of the intersection of White Bear Avenue and County Road D.

\*\*Amendment would delete the provision that would require additional courts in Ramsey County; and would dedicate fines.

Peace officers--training HF1508 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass.

Would eliminate the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's (BCA) duty to supply a training schedule to the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board; and would authorize the Bureau of

Criminal Apprehension to charge a fee for certain training courses. Provisions would:

- authorize the BCA to charge tuition to peace officers or parttime peace officers who attend BCA-sponsored peace officer training courses;
- eliminate the BCA's current duty to prepare annually a written schedule of:
- --subject material to be taught in each course;
- --scheduled instructors for each subject; and
- -- the time and place of each subject presentation;
- · eliminate prior POST Board approval of such a written schedule;
- eliminate the requirement that the BCA provide, at the POST Board's request, at least one course on the development of law enforcement agency procedures to investigate and resolve allegations of peace officer misconduct.

Driver's license--reinstatement fee

HF1525 (Jennings, DFL-Rush City)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would raise the fee from \$150 to \$200 to reinstate a person's drivers license that was revoked for a DWI or implied consent violation.

\*\*Amendment would dedicate the fee as follows:

--25 percent to the trunk highway fund;

--50 percent to the county probation reimbursement account; and --25 percent to the alcohol impaired driver education account.

# Crime & Family Law Div./Judic.

#### Friday, April 3

Bullet-proof vests--reimbursement HF143/SF259 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

Would establish a state reimbursement program to purchase soft body armor (bullet-proof) for peace officers. Provisions would:

- permit peace officers and heads of local law enforcement agencies who purchase bullet-proof vests to apply to the commissioner of public safety for reimbursement; would allow the commissioner to reimburse an amount equal to 50 percent of the purchase price or \$250, whichever is less;
- limit applicant eligibility to persons who either did not own a vest at the time of pruchase, or owned a vest six years old or older at the time of the purchase;
- provide state and local governments with immunity from liability for a peace officer's death or injury resulting from a defective vest for which reimbursement was made;
- provide that a peace officer's death or injury resulting from a defective vest for which reimbursement was made does not affect the officer's right to benefits due to death or injury;
- appropriate an unspecified sum to pay for the reimbursement program.

Financial assets--attachment HF388/SF421 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would provide for the attachment of financial assets of persons law enforcement officials charge with committing a felony.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 36, Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., March 31)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- permit prosecutors in felony cases to seek an attachment order from a court to freeze all or part of the defendant's funds or assets on deposit with or held at a bank or other financial institution;
- require the prosecutor's application for an attachment order to

-- a copy of the criminal complaint;

-- a statement of the actual financial loss caused by the

commission of the alleged felony; and

- -- an identification of the account holder's name or names and bank account number or numbers;
- allow the court to issue an order freezing all or part of the funds or assets until further court order if the court is satisfied that: -- there is probable cause to believe that the account holder

committed the alleged felony;
--the accounts are specifically identified;

- --there was an aggregate loss of \$10,000 or more as a result of
- the alleged felony; and
  --it's necessary to freeze the account to ensure eventual restitution to victims of the alleged offense;
- provide that upon receiving such an order, the bank or other financial institution may not permit anyone to withdraw the frozen funds or assets until further court order;
- provide a hearing procedure for the account holder to contest the attachment order; would provide that the account holder is entitled to an order releasing the freeze if the account holder shows that:
- --he or she has posted sufficient bond or other surety guaranteeing that adequate funds will be available to pay restitution if he or she is convicted;

-- there's not probable cause to believe the account holder committed the alleged felony;

--the amount of funds frozen is more than is necessary to pay

- -a joint account holder who was not involved in the alleged crime has deposited all or part of the funds; or
- -- the funds should be returned in the interests of justice;
- expand the current crime prohibiting persons from damaging insured property with the intent to injure or defraud an insurer to include the removing or concealing insured property.
- \*\*Amendments would delete proposed changes to financial transaction card fraud laws.

Boating while intoxicated laws--enforcement HF1015/SF992 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would provide procedures to enforce sanctions that exist under current law against persons who refuse to submit to testing to determine if they are operating a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- provide that the peace officer or conservation officer who attempts to enforce the sanctions must report the refusal to the commissioner of natural resources and to the authority having responsibility for criminal boating while intoxicated (BWI) prosecutions;
- require enforcement officials, when requesting a test, to inform the person of his or her rights, including that they're subject to a \$500 penalty for refusing to take the test;
- require the commissioner to impose a \$500 civil penalty and revoke the boating privileges after the enforcement officer certifies that probable cause exists to believe that the person had committed a BWI violation and had refused to submit to testing;
- allow the violator, within 30 days of receipt of notice, to petition for judicial review of the sanctions in municipal or county court;

• require that the violator pay the civil penalty the court imposes to the political subdivision that represents the commissioner at the hearing; would extend the revocation of motorboat operating privilege until the penalty is paid.

Adoption--notifications HF1041 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)--heard; laid over.

Would require certain notifications to parents placing a child for adoption and to proposed adoptive parents. Provisions would:

- require the adoption petition to state whether the petitioner's parental rights to any child were voluntarily or involuntarily terminated in the two years before the petition was filed;
- require the consent form the birth parent signs to contain the following notice: "This agency will submit your consent to adoption to the court. The consent itself dos not terminate your parental rights. Only an adoption decree or a court order terminating parental rights can do that. Unless the child is adopted or your parental rights are terminated, you may be asked to support the child";
- provide added notice that if the child is diagnosed with a condition that may be a barrier to adoption, the parent who placed the child will be notified; would provide if the child is not adopted within two years after the parent has asked the agency to arrange an adoption, the parent will be asked to take custody or file a petition to have parental rights terminated;
- require a child placing agency, before starting a home study, to give prospective adoptive parents written notice that: -the law gives adoptive parents the same rights and responsibilities as birth parents;

--adoptive parents are only eligible for financial subsidies that are

available to birth parents;

- -- adoptive parents may only terminate parental rights for the same reasons that apply to birth parents;
- provide that individuals who take guardianship of a child for purposes of adoption also assume the rights and responsibilities of birth and adoptive parents;
- require an agency which refers individuals to a foreign country for a possible adoption to give to the individuals:

-- the name of the government regulating agency;

-- the adoption agency director's name;

- --information on whether the country requires the adoption to take place there before the child can leave; and
- -- the notice stated above;
- require the referring agency to tell prospective adoptive parents that the agency is not obligated to take a child obtained through a foreign agency, if the adoption is unsuccessful;
- provide that a court must not allow a person, whose parental rights to any child were voluntarily or involuntarily terminated within two years previously, to adopt, unless it is in the child's best interests to waive the waiting period;
- require an investigating agency, when doing an adoption home study, to obtain a release authorizing inquiry whether the prospective adoptive parent's rights to any child have been voluntarily or involuntarily terminated in the two previous years; would require the agency to obtain an affidavit from the prospective adoptive parents stating whether their parental rights to any child have been terminated voluntarily or involuntarily in the two previous years;
- provide that if a parent contacts an adoption agency and asks to have a child removed from the home, the agency will refer the parent to the local social service agency if it cannot arrange the desired shelter or foster placement;
- provide that it is not grounds for voluntary termination of parental rights that a child is physically or emotionally disabled or delinquent, or that an adoption agency gave incomplete or false information about the child.

Child custody--domestic abuse as evidence HF1278/SF1081 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would add a new factor to help determine the best interests of a child for custody purposes; would provide that evidence of domestic abuse is relevant to custody determinations; and would amend the Domestic Abuse Protection Act to provide that in a custody proceeding held after a protection order proceeding, the court may consider, but is not bound by, a finding under the Act that domestic abuse has occurred between the parties.

\*\*Amendment would make technical language changes.

#### Monday, April 6

Firearms--convicted felons HF990/SF1321 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would provide that persons courts convict of a crime of violence may not ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm for 10 years following the date on which the person was restored to civil rights, pardoned, or the person's conviction was set aside; would update references to "crimes of violence."

\*\*Amendment would add an effective date.

"Rape shield" law--changes

HF1069/SF948 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would make changes to the "rape shield" law (which provides that evidence of an alleged rape victim's prior sexual conduct is inadmissible except under certain circumstances). Provisions would:

- allow evidence of a complainant's (victim's) prior sexual conduct to be admitted into court to establish the defense of consent if the evidence tends to establish a predisposition to fabricate an allegation of sexual assault; would put the burden of proof on the defendant to establish by a preponderance of evidence that the prior allegations were fabricated;
- eliminate the victim's ability to introduce prior sexual conduct evidence to prove a defense of fabrication of the current charges;
- · require the defendant to give three days notice if prior sexual conduct is to be admitted.

Criminal sexual conduct--fifth degree

HF1070/SF1018 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would create a new crime of fifth degree criminal sexual conduct that would make it a felony to engage in nonconsensual sexual contact.

\*\*Amendment would change the proposed penalty for the offense to up to one year in prison, and/or a fine up to \$3,000.

Criminal sexual conduct--definitions

HF1071/SF1019 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would clarify several definitions in criminal sexual conduct statutes. Provisions would:

• clarify the definition of "mentally incapacitated" to include persons who lack the judgment to give reasoned consent to sexual conduct because they are under the influence of alcohol, a narcotic, an anesthetic, or any other substance administered without the person's agreement;

- amend the definitions of "sexual conduct" and "sexual penetration" to require that the activity involved be committed with sexual or aggressive intent, rather than as currently stated "for the purpose of satisfying the actor's sexual or aggressive impulses";
- clarify that the definition of "sexual contact" includes the touching of clothing covering the immediate area of a body's intimate parts.
- \*\*Amendment would clarify the definition of "coercion" to include provide that proof of coercion does not require proof of a specific act or threat.

Moorhead--West Central Regional Juvenile Center HF1208/SF1314 (Kludt, DFL-Moorhead)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would appropriate \$76,000 to the West Central Regional Juvenile Center in Moorhead for operational expenses during the coming biennium.

#### Tuesday, April 7

Firearms--convicted felons

HF990/SF1321 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would provide that persons courts convict of a crime of violence may not ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm for 10 years following the date on which the person was restored to civil rights, pardoned, or the person's conviction was set aside; would update references to "crimes of violence."

\*\*Amendment would add an effective date.

Adoption--notifications
HF1041 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would require certain notifications to parents placing a child for adoption and to proposed adoptive parents. (See bill summary above, April 3)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- delete the provision that would require the adoption petition to state whether the petitioner's parental rights to any child were voluntarily or involuntarily terminated in the two years before the petition was filed;
- delete the provision that would require the referring agency to tell prospective adoptive parents that the agency is not obligated to take a child obtained through a foreign agency, if the adoption is unsuccessful;
- delete the provision that would provide that a court must not allow a person, whose parental rights to any child were voluntarily or involuntarily terminated within two years previously, to adopt, unless it is in the child's best interests to waive the waiting period;
- delete the provision that would require prospective adoptive parents to release information on whether their parental rights to any child were voluntarily or involuntarily terminated in the previous two years;
- delete the provision that would not allow adoptive parents to voluntarily terminate their parental rights because the child has physical, emotional, or delinquent problems; would provide that an adoptive parent may not terminate parental rights to an adopted child for any reason that would not apply to a birth parent seeking to terminate parental rights.

Child support--retroactive modification
HF1046/SF795 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would permit the support payor to retroactive reduce child support or maintenance payments only from the date when the payor gave notice to the support recipient and the court that the payor is moving for a reduction. (Current law permits the payor to retroactively reduce payments the payor shows that failure to comply with the original order was not willful.)

Juveniles--adult prosecution

HF1111 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass.

Would provide that if a juvenile 16 years old and older is alleged to have committed an aggravated felony against a person to further an organized gang's criminal activity, it is prima facie (presumed) that the juvenile would be referred to adult court for prosecution; would define "organized gang" as a group of five or more members having an established hierarchy, and formed to either encourage gang members to commit crimes or provide support to gang members who do so.

Domestic assault law--changes

HF1129/SF1097 (Kludt, DFL-Moorhead)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would change provisions of the domestic assault law relating to the release of a person law enforcement officials arrest for this crime. Provisions would:

- clarify that a judge may deny the release of a person accused of the crime of domestic assault if the judge determines that the release would create a threat of bodily harm to the victim of the alleged assault;
- require judges who impose conditions on the arrested person's release to:
- -- issue a written order for conditional release; and
- --immediately distribute a copy of the order to the agency having custody of the arrested person;
- require the judge to issue an arrest warrant if the judge:
  --receives an application alleging that the person on conditional
  release has violated the release conditions; or
- --has probable cause to believe that the person has violated the release conditions;
- require the custodial agency to make reasonable and good faith efforts to immediately notify the victim orally of:
- -- the conditions and time of the release;
- --the time, date, and place of the arrested person's next scheduled court appearance; and
- -- the victim's right to be present at the court hearing;
- require the custodial agency to deliver the above information to the victim in writing as soon as is practicable.
- \*\*Amendment would:
- require judges who impose conditions on the arrested person's release to also provide the custodial agency with any available information on the victim's location in a manner that protects the victim's safety;
- require the court or the designated custodial agency to serve the defendant with a copy of the order for conditional release.

Marriage dissolution mediation study HF1217 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would appropriate funds to study mediation in marriage dissolution, including an analysis of mediation's effectiveness in child custody, child support, maintenance, and property division issues; would require a report to the Legislature by Jan. 1, 1989.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- appropriate the funds to the Center for Urban and Regional Affairs Conflict and Change Project, rather than the Hubert H. Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs;
- provide that the appropriation is not available unless an undesignated amount of matching funds are obtained from other sources.

Juvenile correctional facility--American Indians HF1352 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would appropriate \$100,000 to the commissioner of corrections to establish a juvenile residential correctional facility to serve American Indian juveniles who are residents of Hennepin County and who the juvenile court or the commissioner of corrections refer for placement; would permit the money to be used to acquire a facility, provide equipment and furnishings, employ staff, and make modifications necessary to meet the commissioner of corrections' licensing standards.

\*\*Amendment would appropriate the money to Hennepin County for the Hennepin County Department of Community Services, and would remove the requirement that the American Indian juveniles be Hennepin County residents.

# LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Monday, April 6

Unemployment insurance--volunteer firefighters, deductible income

HF14/SF393 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would amend present law regulating the receipt of unemployment benefits, and provide that wages earned for volunteer firefighter and volunteer ambulance attendant service not be considered deductible income.

(See bill summary under Unemployment Ins., Workers' Comp. Div./Labor-Mgmt. Rel., March 30)

- \*\*Amendment would:
- provide that the fire department, firefighting corporation, or operator of a life support transportation service not contribute to a volunteer's workers' compensation coverage.

Job application fees
HF31/SF176 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would prohibit employers from charging individuals a fee to apply for a job. Provides that violation of this section would be a misdemeanor.

Unemployment compensation--qualification changes HF715/SF1161 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would change requirements to qualify for, and the rates of, worker's compensation.

(See bill summary this issue, Unemployment Ins., Workers' Comp. Div./Labor Mgmt. Rel., March 30)

Boiler operating regulations
HF1155/SF (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate floor)

Would change procedures for boiler operation and boiler inspection. Provisions would:

- eliminate the position of deputy chief of the division of boiler inspection;
- require the chief of the division to have five years of boiler inspection experience, in addition to the other statutory requirements (10 years of operation experience, and chief grade A license and current commission by the national board);
- permit the commissioner to set fees for inspecting traction engines, show boilers and show engines;
- establish a penalty for failure to have an annual inspection, equal to the cost of an inspection, up to \$1,000;
- add authority to set application fees for traction engineer's license and pilot's license;
- delete language that provides that the fee is payable at the time of application, not later than 10 days before expiration of a license, and that later applications are subject to different fees;
- eliminate pressure vessels not exceeding 36 inches in length from the list of exceptions to the regulations;
- add to the list pressure vessels operated full of water or other nondangerous liquids if the temperature does not exceed 140 degrees fahrenheit or the pressure does not exceed 200 p.s.i.g;
- provide forfeiture of application fees if the individual does not take the exam or furnish an affidavit within one year.
- \*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

#### Wednesday, April 8

Workers' compensation hearing procedures
HF109/SF603 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)--recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would change existing workers' compensation laws so that some hearing and medical exams could be held in the county in which the employee lives.

(See bill summary under Unemployment Ins. & Workers' Comp. Div./Labor-Mgmt. Rel., April 6)

Town officials--workers' compensation premiums HF774/SF641 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide that workers' compensation premiums for elected or appointed town officials be based on the actual wages received from the town.

Wage Protection Act HF1250/SF1093 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would set up a state fund to ensure that employees receive wages due and owing that they cannot recover from their employer. Provisions would:

- define "wages" as those wages due and payable from an employer that has no assets with which to pay the wages; that has filed for bankruptcy; or that has ceased operations within 90 days after the employee left employment;
- establish a fund to assure payment of wages up to four weeks or \$2,000, whichever is less;

- provide that the Department of Labor and Industry shall establish rules for the application for disbursements from the fund:
- subrogate the department to any claim against the employer for any payments made from the fund;
- provide that the commissioner may bring a claim against an employer for the amounts paid from the fund, attempting to obtain priority for the claim;
- provide that the commissioner be entitled to obtain costs, disbursements, reasonable attorney fees and a penalty of 25 percent of all wages owed and paid from the fund or \$200, whichever is greater;
- provide that recoveries be paid into the fund; appropriate \$200,000 from the general fund for deposit into the wage protection fund. The appropriation would not lapse and would be available until expended.

Employee Contract Rights Act HF1439/SF1353 (Rice, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would establish a means to stabilize the effect of change of ownership of a business by continuing the effect of the collective bargaining amendment when a business is sold. Provisions would:

- provide that, where a collective bargaining amendment contains a successor clause, the contract will be binding on any transferee employer until the expiration of the agreement, up to two years;
- define transferee employer to mean any purchaser, assignee or transferee of a business or its assets if the entity continues to conduct the same business or service and uses the same facility;
- provide that the bill does not apply to a receiver or trustee in bankruptcy or to any employer who acquires a business or assets from a receiver of trustee and that the bill does not apply to a nonprofit corporation;
- provide that an employer has an affirmative duty to disclose the existence of a successor clause to any transferee employer;
- provide that the bill may be enforced in a civil action in a district court.

Workers' compensation-special compensation fund HF1450/SF1347 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would change requirements to qualify for coverage under the special compensation fund.

(See bill summary under Unemployment Ins. & Workers' Comp. Div./Labor-Mgmt. Rel., April 6)

- \*\*Amendment would
- exclude the state from the self-insurance pool;
- provide that the commissioner of labor and industry may request from the employer proof of authority to self insure workers' compensation liability, or proof of insurance coverage for workers' compensation liability.

Unemployment insurance--errors in benefits HF1452/SF1335 (Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide that the Department of Labor and Industry may collect erroneous payments only by taking deductions from future benefits if the payments were due to administrative errors or the erroneous determinations by the department. Would limit deductions from future benefits for over payments to 20 percent of the claimant's weekly benefit.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- provide that the commissioner shall pay from the contingent account into the unemployment insurance fund the amount of erroneous payments that are not collected from the claimant within three years of the overpayment.

# Unemployment Ins. & Workers' Comp. Div./Labor-Mgmt. Rel.

#### Monday, April 6

Workers' compensation hearing procedures HF109/SF603 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would change existing workers' compensation laws so that some hearing and medical exams could be held in the county in which the employee lives.

Provisions would:

- provide that, outside the metropolitan area, the rehabilitation review panel would hold its hearings in the county where the employee lives, unless the parties agree otherwise;
- provide that, outside the metropolitan area, a compensation judge shall make determinations concerning issues affecting rehabilitation, including the employee's eligibility for rehabilitation services;
- provide that, outside the metropolitan area, the medical services review board would hold its hearings in the county where the employee lives, unless the parties agree otherwise;
- provide that medical examinations requested by the employer (adverse examinations) would have to be scheduled within 150 miles of the employee's residence, unless the employer can show cause to the Department of Labor and Industry;
- provide that, outside the metropolitan area, an administrative conference (242 conference) must be held in the county where the employee resides;
- require the rehabilitation review panel to schedule hearings in at least six widely separated locations as regularly as is practical;
- require the medical services review board appeal panels to schedule hearings in at least six widely separated locations as regularly as is practical;
- provide that hearings on a claim petition be held in a location that is most convenient to the petitioner.

Town officials--workers' compensation premiums HF774/SF641 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide that workers' compensation premiums for elected or appointed town officials be based on the actual wages received from the town.

Schools--definition of nonpublic, for-profit HF1199 (Pauly, DFL-Eden Prairie)--heard; laid over.

Would remove not-for-profit requirements for nonpublic schools in regard to unemployment obligations and tax deductions.

(See bill summary under Unemployment Ins. & Workers' Comp. Div./Labor-Mgmt. Rel., April 1)

Workers' Compensation--medical checks HF1231/SF1329 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)--heard; laid over. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would change regulations for second medical opinions, and provide for neutral physicians. Provisions would:

- provide that the second surgical opinion, which is required for surgical benefits under workers' compensation, must be obtained from a surgeon on the list of neutral doctors maintained by the commissioner of labor and industry;
- provide that the list of neutral doctors must be maintained so that there will be a neutral doctor within 60 miles of any locations in the state if possible;
- require the neutral doctor to complete an exam and furnish a written report within 60 days of designation;
- provide that, unless the parties agree otherwise, the sole method for obtaining a neutral physician is to request an appointment from the commissioner's list;
- remove exception to compensation judge's authority to appoint neutral physicians (current law limits authority to appoint a neutral physician in cases where physicians testify falsely).

## Workers' compensation--special compensation fund HF1450 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass.

Would change requirements to qualify for coverage under the special compensation fund. Provisions would:

- require a self-insured employer to post securities or bond at least equal to:
- --110 percent of its outstanding workers' compensation liability or the retention level selected by the reinsurance association; or --the greater of its retention level or 70 percent of its estimated current premium, as developed under the assigned risk plan;
- establish the form that is required for the surety bond, which
  essentially requires the surety to assume the workers'
  compensation liability of a self-insured in the event of a default
  by the employer;
- establish the definitions of "control" (25 percent ownership, direct or indirect, or control over election of the board); and "bond year:"
- provide that the Special Fund would not be liable for injuries occuring in Minnesota to nonresident employees who regularly work outside the state if the employer is not insured under the Minnesota workers' compensation system;
- add an assessment of 25 percent of the regular assessment due after Jan. 1, 1988;
- add the ability to conduct an audit of claims and assessments reported to the Fund. The audit may be performed by a private auditor:
- provide mechanisms for the Fund to collect money;
- expand the reporting provisions to require reports related to the suppplementary benefit provisions (as well as those currently required relating to the second injury law) and from insurers (as well as employers);
- provide that no funds would be paid out of the Fund if the required reports are not properly filed and assessments fully paid;
- provide that it is the disability from the second injury alone that must be substantially greater (because of the pre-existing fund for impairment), under the provision permitting benefits from the fund for second injuries;
- provide that the insurer, as well as the employer, is liable for benefits, less the deductible provided in this bill;

- require apportionment of liability among all injuries if the second injury is made substantially greater by the registered preexisting condition. The Fund would be liable for reimbursement only for the portion attributed to the subsequent injury after the deductible has been met;
- preclude reimbursement for permanent partial benefits, or medical or rehabilitation benefits if the second injury alone results in a permanent partial disability under the commissioner's schedules;
- provide that "cardiac disease" for the purpose of pre-existing impairment would have to be based on objective medical evidence that substantiates a minimum permanent partial disability under the disability schedule;
- provide that to receive supplementary benefits, the employee would have to be receiving temporary or permanent total disbility benefits (in addition to current requirements);
- increase the penalties for failure to obtain insurance or become self-insured. Penalties would become \$750 for employers with less than five employees and \$1,500 for employers with more; willful failure penalties would be \$2,500 and \$5,000, respectively;
- allow the attorney general to obtain an order compelling an employer to comply with the compulsory insurance requirements;
- require local licensing agencies, in addition to the state, to withhold licenses to do business unless the company presents evidence of workers' compensation insurance. The requirement would apply to renewal, as well as issuance, of these licenses;
- direct the commissioner to assess a penalty of \$1,000 if the information is not reported or is falsely reported;
- provide that recoveries by the special fund from self-insureds would go to the special fund;
- allow the Fund to obtain direct reimbursement from the reinsurance association or other source of reimbursement for obligations of a self-insured on the same terms as the self-insured;
- make technical change providing that payments from the special compensation fund that are not reimbursed by the general fund become part of the assessment;
- allow the commissioner to enter a place of employment to inspect records and to question individuals relevant to enforcement of the mandatory insurance provisions;
- grant the commissioner the power to compel testimony and the production of documents, with enforcement in the district court;
- provide that representatives of employees and the employer participate in discussions related to any inspection. Prohibit penalizing an employee for participating in an inspection;
- provide that an employee would be able to request an inspection if the employee has reasonable grounds to believe that an employer is unisured. The commissioner would have to conduct an inspection if the reasonable grounds exist. Also, the commissioner would have to inspect if an investigation of a reported violation of the mandatory insurance provisions shows that reasonable grounds exist;
- allow the commissioner to obtain a court order after being refused entry;
- prohibit advance notice except as specified in the state (e.g., after business hours; where a particular individual must be present). Provide that where advance notice is given, the employee representative would also have to be notified;

- provide that an employer who, after notice from the commissioner, continues to withhold from an employee's pay, in order to pay the cost of insurance, would be subject to a penalty of 200 percent of the amount withheld. Half of the penalty would be payable to the special compensation fund;
- permit the special compensation fund to inspect records for the proper administration of the creation of the special fund, second injury claims, supplementary benefits, mandatory insurance, and liability of uninsured and self-insured;
- appropriate \$197,000 for each year of the biennium for the special compensation fund. Add one position to enforce the mandatory insurance provisions.

Unemployment insurance--errors in benefits HF1452/SF1335 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- provide that the Department of Labor and Industry may collect erroneous payments only by taking deductions from future benefits if the payments were due to administrative errors or to erroneous determinations by the department. Would limit deductions from future benefits for overpayments to 20 percent of the claimant's weekly benefit.

#### **LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS**

#### Tuesday, April 7

Little Falls--bond issuance

HF652/SF632 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing Committee)

Would authorize the city of Little Falls to issue and sell \$3.3 million of general obligation bonds to refund the city's 1985 tax increment general obligation bonds. Provisions would:

- provide that the bonds are not subject to the city's net debt and are outside any levy limits;
- authorize the city to use any unexpended proceeds of the refunded bonds for other municipal purposes;
- provide a local approval section.

Morrison County--newspaper qualifications
HF1223/SF1213 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to
pass as amended\*\*; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate
Local and Urban Government Committee)

Would repeal Minnesota Laws 1980, Chapter 526 which set special qualifications for newspapers in Morrison County.

\*\*Amendment would change the effective date to Dec. 31, 1987.

Minneapolis--local improvements bonds
HF1236/SF1162 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as
amended\*\*; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Local
and Urban Government Committee)

Would amend part of the Local Improvement Code to authorize the issuance of general obligation bonds for pedestrian skyways.

\*\*Amendment would authorize municipalities to charge a neighborhood park charge for neighborhood park acquisition or development.

Hennepin County--library construction bonds HF1266/SF1275 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would authorize the Hennepin County board to issue general obligation bonds for library construction. Provisions would:

- remove the \$20,000 limit on bonds for library construction and the \$15,500,000 limit on maximum bonds outstanding;
- provide that the amounts and interest rates for each series of bonds may not exceed an amount equal to two-thirds mills of the taxable property in the county which was not taxed in 1987 by any city for the support of a free public library;
- provide a local approval section.
- \*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Minneapolis--conventions, tourism activities
HF1355/SF1295 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass
as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would authorize the city of Minneapolis to levy taxes and spend money to attract tourists, publish promotional literature, and market conventions and auditorium facilities. Provisions would:

- allow the city to create an agency or board to perform the above services or the city may contract with the local chamber of commerce or any nonprofit corporation to provide the above services;
- provide that the city may protect the chamber of commerce or nonprofit against liability claims arising out of the performance of the above services that are contracted with the city;
- allow the city council to assign a city employee to a contracting nonprofit corporation for a period of individual assignments not to exceed 48 months;
- provide a local approval section;
- \*\*Amendment would allow the city to use certain tax revenues to replace the ice arena removed from the site.

Minneapolis--office of emergency preparedness HF1416/SF1303 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

Would direct the Minneapolis mayor, with the advice and consent of the city council, to appoint a director of the office of emergency preparedness. Provides a local approval section.

#### Thursday, April 9

Minneapolis--park board personnel system HF1260/SF1190 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

Would authorize the Minneapolis Park and Recreation Board to establish a park board personnel system for its employees. Provisions would:

- require the personnel system to adopt existing civil service provisions in effect on Jan. 1, 1987;
- provide that this bill does not change the rights or status of any board employee as they exist on the effective date of this bill;
- provide that the Park and Recreation Board becomes the civil service commission for board employees;
- provide a local approval section.

Redwood Falls--port authority
HF1413/SF1297 (Miller, IR-Redwood Falls)--recommended to
pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing Committee)

Would authorize the city of the Redwood Falls to establish a port authority commission that has the same statutory powers as a port authority.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- provide that the authority may exercise the powers of a municipal housing and redevelopment authority; would limit the authority's powers to within industrial development districts or within property under the commission's jurisdiction;
- · allow the authority to enter into joint venture and limited partnership agreements with nonprofit organizations or corporations to carry out its purpose;
- · authorize the city council, by an enabling resolution, to impose restrictions and limitations on the actions of the authority; would allow the city council to modify the enabling resolution; would describe modification procedures; would provide that no modification may impair any bonds or contracts;
- require the council to hold a public hearing before the enabling is adopted; would provide for hearing notices;
- authorize the authority to issue general obligation bonds and levy a tax upon approval from the city council;
- •permit the city council to choose the name of the port authority; would allow the council to remove the commissioner of the authority for inefficiency, neglect of duty, or misconduct, would describe removal procedures; would provide for local approval.

Township--organization and dissolution procedures HF1444/SF1322 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

Would set up an election process for organizing and dissolving townships.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- provide that when a a majority of registered voters, sign and file a petition to dissolve a town, the question must be submitted to the voters at a regular or special town election;
- require that the petition be filed with the town clerk at least 60 days before a regular or special town election;
- allow a majority of voters to dissolve a town; would allow a majority of voters in a congressional township to petition the county board to organize as a town; would require the county board to then call an election on the question;
- require the county board to call an election if a majority of resident freeholders in a congressional township petitions the county to organize as town:
- provide for an organizational meeting 30 days after the election to organize a town;
- provide that the county will borne the cost of an election.

Mankato--special service district HF1478 (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Taxes Committee.

Would authorize the city of Mankato to establish, by ordinance, special service districts. Provisions would:

- · define a special service district as an area within a city where the city provides special services paid for through revenues from taxes and service charges imposed in the area;
- require public hearings to adopt ordinances establishing special service districts;
- authorize the levy of a property tax or service charge in the district for special services; would provide that only property classified as commercial, industrial, public utility, or vacant land located within the district are subject to tax levies or service charges;
- would authorize the issuance of bonds for improvements without an election, the creation of an advisory board, and the enlargement of a special service district;
- prohibit the establishment of a special service district unless owners of 15 percent or more of the land in the proposed district and owners of 15 percent or more of the assessed value of the proposed district file a petition with the city clerk requesting a public hearing;
- provide for a method to veto the establishment of a special service district; would provide for exclusion from the petition and veto requirement:
- provide a local approval section.
- \*\* Amendments would delete references to the fiscal disparity laws.

Lake County--port authority powers
HF1521/SF1404 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing Committee)

Would authorize the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to exercise the powers of a port authority.

#### METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

#### Wednesday, April 8

## Metropolitan Airports Commission--conflicts of

HF610/SF1020 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

Would define standards of conduct and proscribe certain private interests for persons serving as a commissioner or managementlevel employee of the Metropolitan Airports Commission (MAC). Provisions would:

- define the standard and proscribed interests;
- define affected private interests as air carriers and fixed base operators;
- state general standards of conduct for MAC commissioners and employees;
- provide that MAC commissioners and management-level employees may not receive income from, invest in, or actively participate in the affairs of an affected private interest, with certain exceptions;
- · identify certain employment and contractual relationships as conflicts of interest:
- -- a person may not be appointed a MAC commissioner who has within the year been employed by MAC or an affected private
- --a MAC commissioner may not, for one year following the term of office, be employed by or receive compensation from MAC:

- --a MAC commissioner or management-level employee may not, during or for one year following service, be employed by, receive compensation from, or represent before the commission an affected private interest;
- -- an affected private interest may not offer compensation or employment in violation of this bill;
- provide that contracts for compensation or employment that violate the bill are void;
- allow MAC commissioners and mangement-level employees to request advisory opinions from the ethical practices board;
- state the counties of application.

Metro Transit Commission--chair HF744 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended.

Would change the procedures for appointing the chair of the Metro Transit Commission. Provisions would:

- add the chair of the MTC to the Metropolitan Agencies Financial Advisory Committee;
- state the purpose of the RTB, and distinguish RTB functions from functions related to the provision of specific transit services and facilities;
- · codify a 1985 requirement that fare policy must be part of the RTB's implementation plan;
- · allow the council to issue refunding bonds for transit bonds without a limitation on amount;
- prohibit changes in fares until:
- -the RTB adopts the required fare policies, adopts implementation and financial plans in accordance with the requirements of the 1986 metropolitan governance law, receives Council approval of those plans, and submits the plans to the Legislature with its state funding request; and
- -- the Legislature has responded to the funding request. These conditions could not be met until the 1989 session.
- deny additional capital bonding authority (beyond the \$8.5 million authorized in 1985) until the planning requirements stated in the bill;
- prohibit the RTB from replacing the MTC as a recipient of federal capital and operating assistance until the planning requirements stated in this bill are satisfied and until the RTB reports to the Legislature on the effects of making the RTB rather than the MTC the recipient of these funds;
- require the RTB and the commission to jointly report to the 1989 legislature on fare-box recovery rates for regular route and express services;
- require the RTB to use the MTC staff for route planning and scheduling services, under RTB direction and approval;
- require a fact-finding hearing on service bidding, using an independent hearing officer;
- itemize eight programs for appropriations and prohibit transfer of funds among programs until the RTB has satisfied the planning requirements stated in this bill.

Metro governance

HF1043/SF1241 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)-recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

Would change qualification requirements for commission members, budget criteria, plans, and reports. Provisions would:

- specify the form of consultation with legislators on appointments by the council to the RTB, MWCC, and MPOSC;
- require consideration by the council of the candidates' commitment to communicate with other public officials;
- require members of the RTB and MWCC to communicate regularly with other public officials;
- add specified contents to the services and systems management component of the implementation plans of the RTB and MWCC;
- require the council and each metropolitan agency to prepare a summary budget beginning in 1988;
- require the metropolitan agencies financial advisory committee (MAFAC) to develop guidelines for the summary budgets;
- replace the single reporting date for the MAFAC "administrative coordination" report with an ongoing reporting requirement;
- require the RTB's implementation plan to decribe metro mobility service;
- require the governor to consult with legislators on appointments to MAC;
- require MAFAC to report in January, 1988, on certain subjects concerning administrative coordination of metropolitan agencies: personnel, ethical practices, health care benefits, and metropolitan "register;"
- state the local application of the bill;
- provide that the council shall provide meeting and hearing notices and schedules;
- provide that the governor shall establish a committee to nominate persons for appointment to the commission;
- provide that the terms of all members appointed from precincts shall expire on the effective date of the next apportionment of metropolitan council districts.

#### REGULATED INDUSTRIES

#### Thursday, April 2

Intrastate phone deregulation HF850/SF770 (Jennings, DFL-Rush City)--heard. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and Energy Committee)

Would deregulate certain competitive telecommunications services. Provisions would:

- allow a company, on 30-days notice to the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) and the department, to elect to be regulated under this bill rather than other law;
- state that a company is not subject to rate-of-return or rate regulation by the PUC except in certain circumstances, and that rates may changed and services provided after notice to the PUC and the department;
- require the PUC to set rates for basic services, which must be provided on a nondiscriminatory basis and that the rates must be fair and reasonable and allow for a fair and reasonable return on the portion of a company's property related to the provisions of the basic services;
- define basic services as:
- -- flat-rate residential and business lines;
- -- flat-rate key system lines and private branch exchange trunks; --specialized services on equipment for physically handicapped customers; and

- --installation and service charges related to the above;
- require the company and the PUC to follow the current procedures in changing rates for the basic services above;
- require that changes in long distance rates must be made in accordance with provisions in bill, and that they must be uniform and not unreasonably discriminatory where provided;
- allow a company to offer volume discounts to all areas of the state it serves;
- allow a company to pass through a state, municipal or local taxes in the applicable service area;
- require that a company may not discontinue long distance service to any area served on the date of election unless the PUC, after notification to affected customers, expressly authorizes discontinuation;
- allow the PUC, after notice and hearing, to enforce uniformity of rates, nondiscrimination and volume discount provisions noted above:
- require a company providing long distance service to compensate other companies for a fair and reasonable portion of:
   the costs of local exchange facilities used in connection with long distance services; and
- -- the common costs of local service companies.

#### Monday, April 6

Liquor price filing--repeal HF895/SF897 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would repeal the law requiring filing and maintenance of lists of wholesale prices.

- \*\*Amendments would:
- require all licensed wholesalers and manufacturers to offer for sale on an equal basis to all licensed retailers to whom they offer to make sales all intoxicating liquor brought into the state;
- include effective date.

Wine in grocery stores
HF1342/SF1302 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)--recommended to
pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Would allow cities in the seven-county metro area to issue wine off-sale licenses to general food stores. Provisions would:

- make days and hours for sale of wine in food stores the same as for off-sale intoxicating liquor retailers;
- set a maximum fee of \$100 for off-sale wine licenses;
- exempt licenses from statutory prohibitions on location (near schools, colleges, etc., and in violation of local zoning ordinances);
- include wine coolers in the definition of wine;
- \*\*Amendments would:
- allow retail liquor stores to sell cheese, cheese products, and snack foods;
- allow only those who are eligible for 3.2 beer licenses to obtain wine licenses.

PUC certificate of need HF1361 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would extend the time period the PUC is allowed to approve or deny a certificate of need for a large energy facility. Provisions would:
- change from six months to nine months the time allowed the PUC to approve or deny a certificate of need for a large energy facility;
- allow for a court of appeals to extend the time for the PUC action to a maximum of 60 days;
- require that if the PUC fails to act on the certificate within nine months, it is deemed approved;
- require that any application for a certificate of need shall be accompanied by a fee not to exceed \$50,000;
- allow the PUC to assess an applicant for the reasonable and verifiable costs in excess of \$50,000 that are reasonably necessary to adjudicate an application, not to exceed \$300,000 per project;
- require that money collected with an application must be deposited in a special account and appropriated to the PUC to pay expenses incurred in processing the application.

PUC expedited hearings--federal tax reform HF1362/SF1191 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and Energy Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would set up an expedited onetime procedure for the PUC to individually determine rate adjustments for utilities and telephone companies in response to the new federal Tax Reform Act. Provisions would:
- define the following;
- --commission (PUC):
- --expedited hearing;
- --public utility;
- --tax reform act;
- --telephone company;
- authorize the PUC to use an expedited procedure after notice to order utilities and telephone companies to adjust rated based on the revenue requirement impact of the new federal Tax Reform Act;
- declare any rate in effect on July 1, 1987, an interim rate subject to refund ordered by the PUC unless it has been adjusted in a general rate case or pursuant to this section;
- grant a utility the options of a general rate case, if needed rather than this expedition procedure;
- \*\*Further amendments would:
- allow the PUC to order a public utility to adjust rates charged for its services not solely on the basis of the impact of the provisions of the Tax Reform Act;
- take into account any revenue requirements impact of the Tax Reform Act when the PUC orders a refund;
- delete repealer effective date.

Energy Committee)

Utility protection--small business
HF1390/SF1367 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)--recommended to pass;
placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and

Would require the attorney general to represent the interests of and intervene on behalf of small business utility consumers in state and federal utility regulation proceedings. Utility appliance competition--citizen commission HF1410 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would establish a citizen commission to study competition between utilities and private business in the sale and service of gas and electric applicances.
- \*\*Amendments would:
- require the Department of Public Service to provide the necessary staff for the commission;
- change the number of public members from seven to 10.

#### Wednesday, April 8

Phone service deregulation
HF701/SF677 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to
pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and Energy
Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would provide for the reduced regulation of certain competitive telecommunications services, with limitations and procedures, would require persons providing private shared tenant services to grant certain access, and require a study and report on universal service assistance. Provisions would:
- would define the following:
- --effective competition;
- --emerging competition;
- --competitive service;
- --noncompetitive service;
- --nonessential service;
- require continued regulation of noncompetitive, essential services;

Competitive services provisions would:

- allow anyone to petition the PUC to classify any telephone company's services as subject to effective or emerging competition;
- require the above petition to be served on the PUC, the Department of Public Service, the attorney general, and any other person designated by the PUC and it must contain:
- -- a list of known alternative providers of the service;
- --an estimate of the company's current market share;
  --identification of barriers to entry or exit from the market for the
- --a description of affiliate relationships with other providers of the service in the company's market;
- allow the petitioner either an expedited proceeding or a contested case hearing (the expedited process requires the PUC to make a determination within 60 days allowing for comments from interested persons);
- require the PUC to make a final determination within eight months of the request for the hearing or from the date it ordered the hearing (a 60-day extension is allowed if everyone agrees or the PUC determines the public interest will be harmed without it);

Effective or emerging competition services provisions would:

- require the PUC to make findings based on those criteria;
- require that to be effectively competitive, a service must be available to over 50 percent of the company's customers;
- require that to be emergingly competitive, a service must be available to over 20 percent of the company's customers;
- require that a company offering a service must prove

- competition and that the classification as either emergingly or effectively competitive will serve public interest;
- allow a company with a petition for pending deregulation to decrease rates without notice, subject to the PUC suspending the provision if it finds the service is being provided below cost or within 12 months from the time the company had petitioned for the same service and it was found noncompetitive;
- allow a company to decrease rates without notification, and incresae rates after notification of customers one billing period in advance, and is exempt from section requiring filing of rate schedules with the PUC;
- require a company providing a service classified as emergingly competitive to file price lists with the PUC, and allow it to decrease rates 10 days after filing a new price list, and allow it to increase rates 30 days after notice to the PUC, the department and customers, and provide that the PUC do the following:

  —investigate and report its findings to the PUC on a rate increase:
- --order retroactive price adjustments and refunds if the increase is excessive, only after a contested case or expedited hearing;
- require that the rates of a telephone company must be the same in all geographic areas unless the PUC allows otherwise and require that neither the provision of services or rates may be unreasonably discriminatory;
- require prices of rates for competitive services to cover the cost of providing them;
- require a company providing both local and interexchange services must include the same level for joint and common costs as for other interexchange carriers;
- allow that a company that only offers competitive services is not subject to accounting and reporting requirements unless otherwise ordered by the PUC for good cause;
- require the PUC to reinstate regulation, in whole or part, if it finds after notice and hearing that:
- --competition has failed, it has considered alternatives, and the benefits or regulation outweigh its burdens; or
- --unreasonable discrimination has occurred between different areas of the state;
- require a company to demonstrate the financial revenue requirement for noncompetitive services;
- prohibit any subsidization of competition services by noncompetitive services within a company and requries each company to file allocations and cost assignments with the PUC every two years (the PUC must review them and may change them along with rates for noncompetitive rates if necessary);
- allow an increase in actual cost of providing a particular noncompetitive service to be reflected in a rate increase after approval by the PUC and require a company to file a request with supporting data (the department must review it and recommend approval or rejection within 20 days and approve or reject the increase within 20 days after the department's recommendation);
- allow a noncompetitive company to discontinue or reduce rates 20 days after filing with the PUC;
- require a company wanting to provide a competitive service that it hasn't offered before Aug. 1, 1987, to register with the department and PUC 30 days before beginning operation and to post a bond to cover liabilities for customer deposits or advanced payments or not to require deposits or advanced payments;
- define private shared telecommunications services;
- require a person who owns or operates a premises with a private shared telecommunications service to establish a demarcation point beyond which a telephone company has no obligation to provide service;

- allow a tenant of a premises with a private shared telecommunications service to request direct service from the local telephone company and the owner or manager of the premises to make facilities or space available for separate connection without charge or reasonable rates, terms and conditions;
- allow a provider of shared services exemption from statutory requirements for construction of telephone lines;
- require that a local company must provide service to the demarcation point for a tenant upon request within a reasonable amount of time;
- require every telephone company offering any noncompetitive service to file an annual report with the PUC and the department lising transactions over \$10,000 with affiliated companies;
- require that a company must prove fair market transactions in any rate case before the PUC, which may impute revenues of an affiliate to the company where appropriate;
- require a company to notify a customer of service options for intitial service options for initial service, when there is a change in service and annually (interexchange companies are exempt from this requirement);
- require written notices and information given to customer service representatives to be filed annually with the PUC (independent companies are exempt from filing);
- change the definition of an independent telephone company to a local company serving fewer than 30,000 subscribers;
- allow inspection of company books for both competitive and noncompetitive services by the attorney general and the PUC as well as the department when the company fails to file a required report;
- give the PUC authority over interconnection between companies;
- require interexchange companies to compensate local companies for:
- --costs of local exchange facilities used in connection with interexchange services; and
- -- the common costs of companies providing local services;
- grant exclusive service to local companies in "localities" rather than "municipalities" and to remove "rural or toll" modifying telephone service thereby making all localities subject to exclusive local telephone service;
- delete requirement of a certificate of public service when a company extends its long distance lines to a locality served by another company;
- amend the depreciation and amortization requriement to make it apply only to property used a least partly to provide noncompetitive services;
- require the state planning agency to study the advisability of a universal service assistance program for low income persons and report to the Legislature by Jan. 1, 1989;
- repeal the following statutory sections:
- --telephone companies to permits physical connection;
- --telegraph companies uniform services and pricing;
- --delivery of telegraph messages;
- --precedence of telegraph messages;
- \*\*Amendments would:
- outline circumstances for providing service outside of a company's franchised service area;
- require price lists to contain rates, toll, and charges for every kind of service together with the rules, regulations, and

- classifications used in conducting the telephone business, but does not prohibit a company from including limitations on liability as terms or conditions in the price lists;
- delete provision allowing some companies to charge different rates in certain geographic areas if the PUC approves of the different rate;
- include municipal cooperative telephone associations in the same category as independent telephone companies in certain areas of filing and reporting.

Lake County--liquor license

HF1281/SF873 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would allow Lake County to issue seasonal on-sale licenses.

\*\*Amendment would increase from six to nine the number of months a license shall be valid.

#### TAXES

## **Property Tax Div./Taxes**

#### Monday, April 6

Property tax--changes (title change)
HF942/SF889 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would add two articles dealing with the Equalization Aid Review Committee and Property Tax Administration. Provisions would:
- · abolish the equalization aid review committee;
- eliminate rental factors in determining adjusted assessed value of agricultural lands;
- transfer certain duties to the commissioner of energy and economic development;
- increase certain tax forfeited land sale fees;
- require current taxes be paid prior to division of parcels in county auditor's or recorder's offices;
- allow treasurer to accept property tax payments of more or less than the amount due;
- allow installment payments only if personal property taxes are at least \$50;
- limit the time to appeal the adjusted assessed valuations;
- clarify determination of estimated property taxes for settlement with local taxing districts and provide for appeal;
- · make administrative and technical property tax changes;
- \*\*Further amendments would:
- delete section applying to repurchase of land claimed by the state because of tax forfeiture;

#### Tuesday, April 7

Property tax--housekeeping HF942/SF889 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would make various property tax changes.

\*\*Amendments would:

• add a mineral tax article to the delete everything amendment

adopted April 6; provisions would:

--require all persons engaged in mining minerals except for taconite would pay an occupation tax based on the corporate income tax, beginning Dec. 31, 1986 (ore reserves in the ground would not be subject to ad valorem taxation);

--would eliminate copper nickel taxes and tax copper mining the

same as all other minerals;

--impose a new two percent proceeds tax on all minerals except taconite and iron ore:

- --eliminate the taconite railroads gross earnings tax and subject taconite railroads to the same tax provisions as other railroads; --repeal the royalty tax and subject mining royalties to the same income tax withholding provisions as other royalties;
- make changes in effective dates for mineral tax article described above;
- change references in the delete everything amendment adopted April 6, from "accrued penalties" to "penalties accrued for the year the payment is made," for purposes of payments a county treasurer may accept that are more or less than the exact amount of a tax installment;
- allow that the above payment does not affect the order of payment of delinquent taxes under previous statutory section;
- allow that no taxes and assessments can be levied against land that is traded under auxiliary forest contract for land owned by a governmental unit; would allow for current or delinquent annual taxes to be paid before the land exhange;
- add a property tax assessment and review article; provisions would:
- change meeting dates for the various boards of equalization;
- provide that the commissioner of revenue shall annually provide assessors with a land valuation schedule (developed from regional data) to be used in valuing agricultural land.

#### Tax Laws Div./Taxes

#### Friday, April 3

Corporate tax bill HF616/SF638 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--heard. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would maximize state conformity with federal income tax changes by making changes in corporate tax laws.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 48, Tax Laws Div./Taxes, March 27)

#### Tuesday, April 7

Corporate tax bill HF616/SF638 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- generally update references to the Internal Reference Code to conform with the Federal Tax Reform Act of 1986;
- repeal the premiums tax exemption for health insurance premiums paid by the state;
- require fraternal benefit societies to file a copy of their annual statement with the commissioner of revenue;
- impose the two percent insurance gross premiums tax on:
   -domestic mutual companies, including township and farmers mutuals;

- --nonprofit health service corporations;
- --health maintenance organizations; and
- --fraternal benefit societies (foreign fraternal benefit societies are taxes at the rates which they pay in their state of domicile);
- provide that underpayment of the self-insurance tax will be subject to interest charges at the same rate applicable to other taxes due to the state;
- add self-insurers to the provisions that determine the time of underpayments of premiums if no estimated tax payments are made;
- require self-insurers to make estimated tax payments under the same schedule that applies under the premiums tax;
- impose a two percent self-insurance tax on emplyoers who provide self-insured health benefits to employees (the tax is imposed on the employer's expenditures for health care coverage, but excludes amounts that are subject to the premiums tax);
- increase the minimum refund of overpayment of premium tax from \$1 to \$10 (amounts less than \$10 will not be refunded);
- clarify that certain reports from surplus line agents regarding premium tax liability must be made to the commissioner of revenue, rather than commerce;
- provide that the exemption from the insurance laws for fraternal benefit societies does not extend to the premiums tax;
- require nonprofit health service organizations, HMOs, and selfinsurers to file copies of their verified annual financial statements with the commissioner of revenue;
- provide that the general tax exemption for fraternal benefit societies does not apply to the gross premiums tax;
- limit the penalty for failure to file a premium report to \$200, as compared with a maximum of \$1000 under present law (if no report is filed within 30 days of a demand by the commissioner, the maximum penalty is \$1000);
- limit the two percent surcharge on fire insurance for property located in first class cities to licensed insurers;
- provide that the commissioner of finance will pay the surcharge amounts to the cities by July 32 and Dec. 31 of each year (present laws requires semi-annual payments, but doesn't specify a date for payment);
- clarify that the state workers compensation fund is subject to the gross premiums tax on the same basis as other domestic mutual insurance companies;
- require municipalities with enterprise zones to submit a plan
  with each application for enterprise zones that specifies the form
  and annual amount of tax reductions that the business may
  receive;
- prohibit authorization of enterprise zone credits to businesses that did not apply before March 21, 1987 and that were not approved by the municipality after a public hearing before June 19, 1987;
- authorize the commissioner of revenue to seek repayment of enterprize sone credits form businesses that cease to operate in the zone;
- specify that interest on refund resulting from enterprise zone credits will apply from the later of the due date of the return or the date the return was filed;
- provide for additions to federal taxable income (FTI) in computing taxable net income for state corporate income tax purposes; the following would be added to FTI: --deduction for state income taxes;

- --tax exempt interest and exempt interest dividend;
- --windfall profits taxes;
- --dividend received deductions (separate Minnesota deductions will continue):
- -net operating losses;
- --mining losses subject to the occupation tax;
  --capital losses;
- --charitable contributions;
- -- exempt foreign trade income of a FSC;
- --precentage depletion, except for copper, nickel, and coppernickel;
- --amortization deductions for pollution control facilities that are placed in service prior to Dec. 31, 1986;
- subtract the following from FTI:
- --foreign dividend gross-up;
  --salary expenses not deductible for federal purposes because they qualify for targeted jobs credit;
- -dividends paid by a bank to FDIC, Comptroller or Federal Reserve for preferred stock in the bank owned by the federal agency;
- -amounts previously disallowed for intangible drilling costs in tax years before 1987 to the extent the costs would have been deductible under present state law;
- --capital losses, except carrybacks of losses are no allowed; --expenses to produce income that is exempt under federal law, but taxable under state law;
- --cost depletion for oil, gas, and mineral production property; --depreciation deduction under prior state law for pollution control facilities that were placed in service before Dec. 31, 1986 and for which amortization deductions were elected under federal
- specify the method for claiming depreciation deductions;
- establish the basis of assets for purposes of calculating gain or
- state the jurisdictional reach of Minnesota corporate and individual income taxes;
- specify the minimum contact (or nexus rules) that will subject a trade or business to taxation under the corporate franchise and individual income taxes, which include:
- --maintaining a place of business in Minnesota;
- --having employees or independent contractors in the state; --regularly selling products or services or soliciting business in the state:
- --performing services in the state;
- --receiving income from tangible property located in the state; --regularly soliciting deposits in the state by a financial institution;
- rename the corporate excise tax and income taxes a "franchise tax";
- repeal the direct income tax on foreign corporations;
- provide that township and fromers mutual insurance companies are exempt from state income taxation only if they are exempt from federal taxation;
- provide that charitable, nonprofit organizations will be subject to taxation on their unrelated business income if provided under federal law;
- repeal the lower bracket (6 percent) corporate rate and reduce the top bracket corporate rate from 12 to 9.5 percent;
- reduce the research and development credit percentages from 12.5 to 5 percent and from 6.25 to 2.5 percent;
- update the Internal Revenue Code references in the research credit to changes made in the Tax Reform Act of 1986;
- repeal the research credit's three year carryback provisions;
- provide that the recapture provisions of the technology transfer credit continue in effect;

- impose an Alternative Minimum Tax (AMT) on corporations with more than \$5 million in Minnesota property, payroll, and sales; the tax equals the excess of one-tenth of one percent of a corporation's Minnesota property, payroll and sales, over their regular tax liability (S corporations, insurance companies, real estate investment trusts, regulated investment companies, and real estate mortgage investment conduits, are exempt from the
- provide that the tax on life insurance subsidiaries of mutual savings banks will be computed as provided under federal law;
- adopt the federal rules governing the deduction of net operating loss deductions by reference to federal law, except that the three year carryover deduction is eliminated;
- repeal the apportionment provisions of the Multi-state Tax Compact;
- recodify the three factor apportionment provisions of present law and make four main policy changes:
- --require all corporations to use the 70-15-15 sales weighted formula:
- --provide one uniform apportionment formula for all nonfinancial institutions;
- -- used a throw-back rule for sales to the U.S. government to determine the location of sales made;
- -provide new definitions of the apportionment factors for financial institutions;
- eliminate the deduction for charitable contributions made to non-Minnesota charities;
- provide that in apportioning insurance companies' income, reinsurance premiums are allocated to the state of domicile of the direct insurer:
- require all corporations carrying on business activities in Minnesota to file a business activities report (this requirement does not apply if the business files a Minnesota tax return, is an exempt organization, or has a certificate of authority to do business in Minnesota);
- provide the filing date for a corporation that is divested from a unitary group and files a return for a fractional tax year is the 15th day of the third month following the end of the common taxable year of the unitary business;
- update the S corporation law to the 1986 Internal Revenue Code and impose a corporate level tax on an S corporations' builtin gain as provided by federal law;
- provide that real estate investment conduits, with valid federal elections in effect will not be subject to a corporate level tax under state law:
- · limit the requirement to make estimated payments of the fire marshals' tax to licensed insurance companies;
- provide penalties and interest will not apply for underpayment of estimated tax based on new AMT for 1986;
- repeal the following provisions:
- --fire-town premium tax paid by domestic and township mutual companies;
- --exemption from taxation for life insurance cooperatives;
- --exemption from premiums tax for comprehensive health insurance plan;
- --exemption from taxation for fraternal benefit societies;
- --penalties for fire-town and police aid premium report (recodified);
- -transfers to surplus of corporations (determined in computing federal taxable income);
- --special research credit for research used in Puerto Rico by 936 corporations;
- --technology transfer credit;
- --income from installment sales (determined in computing federal taxable income);

--accounting of income from U.S. obligations (determined in computing federal taxable income);

-income from commodity credit loans (determined in computing

federal taxable income);
--income from renegotiated war contracts (determined in computing federal taxable income);

--deductions in computing net income;

--net operating losses;

- --property disposition transactions in which no gain or loss is recognized;
- --basis determinations for pre-1933 property (recodified);
- --income on reverse mortgage loans (determined in computing federal taxable income);

--definition of sales factor (recodified);

-option of use UDITPA apportionment under multi-state

--computation of taxable income;

- --apportionment of multi-state income (recodified); --deductions for savings banks and regulated investment
- companies (determined in computing federal taxable income);

--foreign source royalty deduction;

- -deductions for contributions to employee benefit plans (determined in computing federal taxable income);
- -bank excise tax (franchise tax will be imposed on banks
- provide effective dates (generally, the income tax provisions are effective for tax year 1987 or at the same time provided by federal

• modify the definition of telephone companies for purposes of

the gross earnings tax to include:

- --sellers of telephone services and providers of cellular telephone services (re-sellers of phone services [i.e., companies that do not own transmission facilities] are exempted from the definition of phone companies);
- provide for the elimination of the six percent telegraph gross earnings tax; the following rates will apply:
  --calendar year 1990.5 percent;

- --calendar year 1992 percent; -calendar year 1992 .5 percent; -calendar year 1992 empt;
- include long distance access charges in the definition of gross earnings and delay the schedule for elimination of the telephone gross earnings tax (interstate long distance business will continue to be exempt, except that access charges will be included in the gross receipts of local companies through calendar year 1989);
- provide for payment of the gross earnings tax on trust companies directly to the county treasurer;
- provide that delinquent trust company gross earnings taxes will be collected in the same manner as real, rather than personal, property taxes;
- amend the effective date of the 1985 law imposing the property tax on telephone companies to apply for property taxes paid beginning in 1991.

#### Thursday, April 9

Corporate tax bill HF616/SF638 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would make various corporate tax changes.

(See bill summary above)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- · make technical changes;
- delete nonprofit health service plan corporations and HMOs from the two percent insurance premiums tax;

- add farm cooperatives and other cooperatives taxable under subchapter T of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, to the list of exemptions from the corporate alternative minimum tax;
- increase the corporate "franchise tax" from 9.5 percent to 10 percent.

#### TRANSPORTATION

#### Monday, April 6

Unmarked vehicles--police, sheriff HF217/SF1188 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)--recommended to pass

as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would allow police chiefs of a home-rule or statutory city, and county sheriffs, to authorize unmarked vehicles (with only the name and shield of the city or county) for primary use in traffic enforcement, if in their judgment the use of such vehicles will contribute to safety of the traveling public. Would restrict unmarked vehicles to not more than 10 percent of all vehicles used in traffic enforcement. Would require uniformed officers to operate the unmarked vehicles and require the vehicles to be equipped and operated as to indicate their use as enforcement vehicles to any driver signalled to stop.

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Dept. of Public Safety bill

HF413/SF1280 (Jensen, DFL-Lakeville)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would make various changes to laws governing the use of motor vehicles, school buses, and trucks. Provisions would:

- increase from 33,000 pounds to 55,000 pounds the minimum weight of a motor vehicle which must present proof of payment of federal heavy vehicle use tax in order to be registered in Minnesota;
- allow vehicles to obtain \$10 temporary permits for use in a promotional event;
- increase from 96 to 120 hours the maximum length of singletrip permits for prorate trucks;
- increase the maximum fine for illegal use of license plates to make it consistent with other misdemeanors;
- allow law enforcement agencies to release to news media the ages of persons involved in accidents, and whether citations were issued, and if so, what for;
- allow a court to serve notice of drivers license revocation for DWI only if the the license has not already been revoked for an implied-consent violation;
- require petitions for judicial review of a DWI or impliedconsent license revocation to state the petitioner's date of birth, driver license number, date of the offense and a copy of the revocation notice;
- require public safety rules for alcohol problems assessment reimbursement to conform to the administration procedure act;
- require drivers who pull over for an emergency vehicle on a oneway roadway to drive to the closest curb rather than to the righthand curb:
- provide that school bus drivers may not turn on flashing amber or red lights when loading or unloading off the traveled part of a separated one-way roadway with an adequate shoulder; would require the driver to drive the bus entirely off the traveled part of such a roadway before loading or unloading;

- set a fee of \$10 for a provisional class A drivers license;
- · allow inspection of school buses for approved wheelchair devices.
- \*\*Amendment would:
- remove section that specify persons subject to driver license suspension as a result of an unsatisfied judgment;
- require the commissioner of public safety to give the commissioner of transportation the name and address of a carriers list in accident report filed
- · authorize the commissioner of public safety to give the United States Department of Transportation all commercial vehicle accident information in connection with federal grant programs relating to safety.

Motorized bicycle regulation HF532/SF469 (Jensen, DFL-Lakeville)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would regulate the operation of motorized bicycles. Provisions would:

- include motorized bicycles in the definition of motorcycles making them subject to the mandatory liability insurance requirement of the no-fault insurance law;
- delete the requirement that a motorized bicycle must have operable pedals in order to be registered as a motorized bicycle and to be subject to motorized bicycle operating rules;
- make motorized bicycles subject to motorcycle regulations; would make the restrictions on motorized bicycle learner's permit the same as on motorcycle learner's permits; would allow motorized bicycles to use the full traffic lane; would require motorized bicycles outside a city to be operated on the paved shoulder, if available, otherwise on the right side of the roadway; would prohibit motorized bicycles from carrying passengers;
- repeal the prohibitions against:
- -- operating a motorized bicycle on a sidewalk except to get to a roadway;
- --operating a motorized bicycle on a bicycle way or path;
- require applicants for a motorized bicycle learner's permit to have completed on approved safety course.
- \*\*Amendment would:
- provide that the safety course must consist of, but is not
- -- basic understanding of motorized bicycles and their limitations;
- --safe operating practices and basic operating techniques;
- --helmets and protective clothing;
- --motorized bicycle traffic strategies; and
- --effects of alcohol and drugs on motorized bicycle operators.

Provisional license--age increase

HF770/SF846 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would increase the fee for class C and B provisional drivers license from \$6 and \$10 to \$10 and \$15. Provisions would:

- set a \$10 fee for a class A provisional license and raise the maximum age for provisional license from \$19 to \$21;
- make the expiration date for provisional licenses issued before Aug. 1, 1987 on the licensee's 19th birthday;
- provide that when provisional licensees reaches age 19, or requires a duplicate provisional license, or wants an updated

provisional license, the provisional license must be issued for a \$14 fee, unless the Department of Public Safety believes that the licensee is no longer qualified as a driver; would set the expiration date for such a license at the licensee's 21st birthday.

Handicapped transit standards

HF1009/SF1108 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would clarify and enlarge requirements relating to special transportation service programs, administered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation outside the Twin Cities metro area, and by the Regional Transit Board in the metro area.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol.3, No. 11, Pg. 44, Metropolitan Affairs, April 1)

- \*\*Amendment would:
- require written evidence of compliance from the operator before allowing the operator to return vehicles that were repaired to comply with standards to service;
- allow the state council for the handicapped in consultation with the chairman of the regional transit board to make two appointments to the advisory committee;
- make other technical changes.

Charter bus drivers--physical exam card HF1042/SF788 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)-recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would specify that charter carrier drivers with licenses bearing school bus endorsements are not required, while in Minnesota, to possess or present a separate medical examiner's certificate as required by federal rule.

#### Wednesday, April 8

Vietam license plates

HF43/SF33 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would provide for the issuance of special license plates to veterans who served in the active military services of the U.S. after July 1, 1961, and before July 1, 1978. Would set a \$10 license fee.

Local government--street access charge

HF1163/SF1084 (Jensen, DFL-Lakeville)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would authorize cities in the state to impose, by ordinance, street access charges on building projects which will impose significant costs on city streets and highways. Would allow access charges to be collected with taxes over a ten-year term and provide that the payment of the charge is subject to the same penalties and interest as city taxes on real property.

\*\*Amendment would require the ordinance to provide for the use of the funds collected.

State park road account

HF1277/SF1141 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would allow the use of state park road account for county roads that provide immediate access to public lakes.

\*\*Amendment would:

--provide that the roads don't have to meet county state-aid

highway standards;

--require the commissioner of natural resources to get a written comment on the road project from the county engineer before requesting a county to do work on such county roads.

Limousine license plates

HF1308/SF343 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would provide for a unique vehicle registration category for limousines.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- define limousine as a passenger automobile for hire, other than a taxicab or van, that is regularly engaged in the business of transporting persons and that has a rear seating capacity of not more than nine passengers;
- · authorize the issuance of limousine license plates; would require an insurance certificate prior to getting a license; would exempt limousine from the tinted window law.

Vanity plates--seven characters HF1325/SF634 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would permit seven characters on personalized license plates.

## FLOOR ACTION

#### CALENDAR

Thursday, April 2

Drug testing--workplace HF42\* (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (83-51).

Would define the circumstances in which an employer may test an employee for drug use, and would limit the types of tests that could be used.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 56, General Orders, April 1)

Liquor license--strong beer sales HF447/SF128\* (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)--passed (122-5).

Would allow the governing body of any municipality to authorize holders of on-sale wine licenses to sell nonintoxicating malt liquors.

Interest rates--advertising regulation HF450\*/SF542 (Betram, DFL-Paynesville)--passed (132-1). (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Would regulate the advertisement of interest rates for investment

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 56, General Orders, April 1)

St. Anthony Falls--hydropower generating plant HF564\*/SF526 (Long, DFL-Mpls)--passed (116-12). (SF in Senate Public Utilities and Energy Committee)

Would memorialize the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission expressing opposition to the installation of an additional hydropower generating facilities at St. Anthony Falls in Minneapolis.

Human Rights Act--disabled employees HF580\*/SF491 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--passed (129-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would change certain legal requirements relating to employing disabled persons.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 57, General Orders, April 1)

Liquor licenses--seasonal HF603/SF291\* (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)--passed (124-0).

Would allow a county board to issue up to 10 seasonal on-sale licenses not to exceed six months, for the sale of intoxicating liquor with the approval of the commissioner.

Koochiching County--bidstead program HF799\*/SF711 (Neuenschwander, DFL-Int'l Falls)--passed (130-0). (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would authorize the Koochiching County Board to establish a bidstead program.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 57, General Orders, April 1)

Bicycle regulation HF813\*/SF774 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)--passed (125-0). (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would regulate bicycle traffic and provide for designation of bicycle paths, lanes, routes, and bikeways.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 57, General Orders, April 1)

Monday, April 6

Elections--dates, district reapportionment HF651/SF397\* (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Center)--passed (120-0).

Would preclude reapportionment of city wards and other election districts in certain years until after the Legislature has been reapportioned. Would direct that precincts be arranged so that no precinct lies in more than one legislative district.

#### Wednesday, April 8

Workers' compensation insurance fund HF26\*/SF56 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--passed (127-0). (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would change requirements to qualify for workers compensation. Provisions would:

 allow the State Board of Investment to invest in certificates, surplus notes, or debentures of domestic insurance companies issued by the state workers' compensation insurance fund; establish the state workers' compensation insurance fund as a domestic mutual insurance company;

- · create a seven-member board of directors to the fund;
- disallow a \$10 million appropriation as a loan to the state compensation insurance fund;
- include the fund manager on the board of directors.

Criminal trial procedures--changes HF137\*/SF220 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (94-33). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would change criminal trial precedures.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 7, Pg. 12, General Orders, March 2)

Medford School District--mail info HF235\*/SF24 (Hartle, IR-Owatonna)--passed (122-1). (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would authorize Independent School District No. 763 to mail summaries of school board proceedings to local residents if it is more cost-effective than publishing the summaries in the local newpapers, if approved by the local school board.

Red Lake nursing home moratorium HF602\*/SF540 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)--passed (127-0). (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would create an exception to the nursing home moratorium for a facility operated on the Red Lake Indian Reservation. Would change reimbursement and certification procedure for beds allocated for the facility.

Piping, pipefitting--pressure regulation HF656\*/SF736 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (128-0). (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would change the definition of high pressure piping to include certain other systems in addition to systems of hot water piping.

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 6)

DWI-conviction information HF816\*/SF265 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)--passed (128-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would require a court, when a prosecutor so requests, to furnish the defendant's criminal history of DWI convictions without charge to the prosecutor responsible for prosecuting gross misdemeanor violations of the DWI law; would provide that it's a misdemeanor for a person who was issued a limited license to violate any condition or limitation the commissioner of public safety placed on the limited license's use; would require the commissioner to revoke the limited license of any person courts convict of this misdemeanor offense.

Employment--residency requirements HF946\*/SF939 Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--passed (91-33). (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would prohibit employers from requiring employees to live within certain area. Provision would:

- prohibit employers from establishing residency requirements for employees;
- permit employers to establish residency requirements for:
  --public employers outside the Minneapolis-St. Paul
  metropolitan area when a set reasonable area or response time
  requirement is a job-related necessity (would also allow
  reasonable response time requirements for volunteer firefighters
  anywhere in the state);

--when a job-related need requires the employee to live on the employer's premises (such as resident managers of an apartment unit).

#### CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE

#### Thursday, April 2

St. Louis County--land sale HF11\*/SF338 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--passed as amended\*\* by the Senate(133-0).

Would allow the state of Minnesota to sell a certain parcel of land in St. Louis County. Would allow St. Louis County to conduct the sale.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- allow St. Louis County to sell a certain parcel of land in the county by private sale; would require the county and state to provide a proper conveyance and provides that the price may not be less than the appraised value of the property excluding the value of the improvements.

Anatomical gifts--required request for consent HF23\*/SF86 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)--passed as amended\*\* by the Senate (131-0).

Would require a hospital to establish written protocols for the identification of potential organ donors and to make the decendent's family or guardian aware of options to donate or decline.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 8, Pg. 16, Calendar, March 5)

- \*\*Amendment would:
- remove the provision that required compliance of the donation with the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act;
- remove the provision that provided for training of hospital employees who may be required to request an anatomical gift donation.

Corporate directors--personal liability HF202\*/SF204 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Park)--passed as amended\*\* by the Senate (132-0).

Would permit corporations organized under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 300 (all banks, most insurance companies and certain corporations formed before 1933) to amend their certificate of incorporation to eliminate or limit a director's personal liability for money damages for breach of fiduciary duty to the corporation or shareholders.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 9, Pg. 25, General Orders, March 12)

- \*\*Amendment would:
- authorize certain advances by fraternal benefit societies;
- provide that a director's personal liability to the fraternal benefit society, supreme governing body, or members for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as a director may be eliminated or limited in the articles. The articles shall not eliminate or limit the liability of a director for:

- -- any breach of the director's duty of loyalty;
- --acts or omissions not in good faith or that involve intentional misconduct or a knowing violation of law;
- --any transaction form which the director derived an improper personal benefit; or
- --any act or omission occurring prior to the date when the provision in the articles eliminating or limiting liability becomes effective.

Cook County--land sale

HF348\*/SF299 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--passed as amended\*\* by the Senate (129-0).

Would permit Cook County to sell certain land.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- allow Cook County to sell certain land in the county by private sale; would require the county and state to provide a proper conveyance and provides that the price may not be less than the appraised value of the property; would provide that the property can not be developed for public use and is no longer beneficial for state ownership.

#### Wednesday, April 8

Bankruptcy--notifying employees HF134\*/SF182 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--passed as amended by the Senate\*\* (91-29).

Would require an employer to immediately notify its employees and job applicants in writing if it files for bankruptcy or has a petition for involuntary bankruptcy filed against it.

\*\*Amendment would include a "debtor in possession" as an employer and exclude as an employer a bankruptcy trustee as those terms are used under federal bankruptcy law.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

#### Monday, April 6

Firefighter relief associations--age limit HF238\*/SF1187 (Bennett, DFL-Shoreview)--passed (127-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would remove the age limits for membership in firefighters relief associations.

Stearns County--PERA employee
HF338\*/SF328 (Gruenes IR-St Cloud)--passed (131

HF338\*/SF328 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)--passed (131-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would authorize a certain Stearns County Historical Society employee to retain membership in the Public Employees Retirement Association.

Human services boards--regulation

HF923\*/SF975 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)--passed (127-0). (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would regulate budgets and procedures relating to human services boards.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 24, Health & Human Services, March 27)

St. Louis County/Floodwood--land sale HF947\*/SF940 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--returned to General

Would authorize St. Louis County to sell certain tax-forfeited land to Minnesota Sphagnum of Floodwood, Minnesota.

St. Louis County/Biwabik--land sale
HE1110\*/SE1005 (Rukaying DEL-Virging)--passed (12)

HF1119\*/SF1005 (Rukavina, DFL-Virgina)--passed (129-0). (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would allow St. Louis County to sell a certain piece of land to the city of Biwabik.

#### Wednesday, April 8

Orders.

Collection agencies--regulation HF333/SF457\* (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)--passed (129-0).

Would regulate collection agencies and collectors working for such agencies.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 2, Commerce, March 24)

Plumber advertising restrictions

HF1073\*/SF1219 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (122-6). (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would authorize journeyman plumbers to advertise for plumbing. Would set penalties for violations of advertising restrictions of a fine of up to \$100 for the first offense, a fine of up to \$1,000 for the second offense, and for the third and subsequent offenses, a fine of up to \$1,000 or imprisonment of up to 30 days or both.

Retirement--Mpls Police Relief Association HF1105\*/SF983 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls)--passed (127-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would amend Minneapolis police relief association service pensions and survivors benefits.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 22, Governmental Operations, April 2)

#### GENERAL ORDERS

Thursday, April 2

Elections--dates, district reapportionment HF651/SF397\* (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would preclude reapportionment of city wards and other election districts in certain years until after the Legislature has been reapportioned. Would direct that precincts be arranged so that no precinct lies in more than one legislative district.

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

#### Monday, April 6

Workers' compensation insurance fund HF26/SF56 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance)

Would change requirements to qualify for workers' compensation.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 9, Pg. 20, Labor-Management Relations, March 16)

Criminal trial procedures--changes HF137/SF220 (Kelly, SFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would change criminal trial procedures.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 7, Pg. 12, General Orders, March 2)

- \*\*Amendment would:
- allow the prosecuting attorney up to five minutes for rebuttal, limited to new issues of law or fact raised by the defense attorney in the closing argument to jury members.

School districts--mail info

HF235/SF24 (Hartle, IR-Owatonna)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would allow any school district without a newspaper within its boundaries that is distributed to more than one-third of the residents, to mail school board minutes.

Red Lake nursing home moratorium

HF602/SF540 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Piping, pipefitting--pressure regulation HF656/SF736 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would change the definition of high pressure piping to include certain other systems in addition to systems of hot water piping.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 38, Labor-Management Relations, March 30)

\*\*Amendment would reinstate "or" in place of "and" in definition of high pressure piping (pg. 1, line 16).

**DWI--conviction information** 

HF816/SF265 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would require a court, when a prosecutor so requests, to furnish the defendant's criminal history of DWI convictions without charge to the prosecutor responsible for prosecuting gross misdemeanor violations of the DWI law; would provide that it's a misdemeanor for a person who was issued a limited license to violate any condition or limitation the commissioner of public safety placed on the limited licenses's use; would require the commissioner to revoke the limited license of any person court convict of this misdemeanor offense.

Employment--residency requirements
HF946/SF939 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would prohibit employers from requiring employees to live within a certain area.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 38, Labor-Management Relations, March 30)

\*\*Amendment would insert "or near" after "on" (pg. 1, line 14).

#### Wednesday, April 8

High School League--conference memberships HF96/SF231 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would make formation of extracurricular conferences voluntary; establish a 90-day procedure that would require the Minnesota State High School League to arrange conference memberships for high schools unable to obtain membership during a 180-day attempt; and require a public hearing to develop criteria for arranging and assigning membership.

Bicyclists--headphones prohibited HF269/SF102 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended.\*\* (SF on Senate Floor)

Would prohibit people on bicycles, rollerskates, skate boards, or on foot traveling on a roadway or shoulder from wearing headphones that cover both ears.

\*\*Amendment would make the law apply only to bicyclists.

Controlled substances--purity, measurement HF391/SF458 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)--recommended to pass. (SF in Judiciary Committee)

Would amend the crime of selling or distributing specified amounts of Schedule I or II controlled substances (narcotic drugs, phencyclidine, or any hallucinogen other than marijuana or

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 29, Judiciary, March 31)

**DWI--drivers license revocation** HF427/SF390 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would make technical changes to DWI and other traffic safety

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 29, Judiciary, March 31)

**DWI--sentence stay extension**HF590/SF391 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committe)

Would permit a sentencing court to stay (suspend) imposition or execution (carrying out) of a sentence for up to two years for people the courts convict of DWI or misdemeanor assault or related offenses; would provide that the court must require unsupervised probation during the second year unless it finds that supervised probation is necessary. Would require the judge to hold a hearing after the first year to decide if supervision is necessary during the probation's second year.

**DWI--testing options**HF690/SF690 (Swenson, IR-Forest Lake)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would amend current law to give peace officers the authority to decide whether to require either a blood or a urine test or both to a motorist whom the peace officer has probable cause to believe the driver is under the influence of a controlled substance which is not subject to testing by a breath test; would clarify that in situations other than those just described, a peace officer could revoke a person's driver's license if that person refuses to submit to either a blood or urine test when given the choice.

**Criminal Justice Data Communications Network** HF692 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)--recommended to pass.

Would specify certain uses for the Criminal Justice Data Communications Network the commissioner of public safety established.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 30, Judiciary, March 31)

Child Abuse Reporting Act--changes
HF806/SF828 (Vellenga, DFL- St. Paul)--recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would make changes to the Child Abuse Reporting Act. Would require the local law enforcement agency and local welfare agency to coordinate the planning and execution of their respective investigation and assessment efforts to avoid a duplication of fact-finding efforts and multiple interviews; and would require each agency to prepare a separate report on its investigation results.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 32, Judiciary, March 31)

Gas meter tampering HF841/SF705 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)--recommended to pass as amended.\*\* (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would allow a utility to recover triple damages from persons who bypass or tamper with a meter or provide metering services without authority, or a person who received unauthorized service and knew or should have known that the tampering took place. Would allow the utility to recover trial costs and witness fees.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 32, Judiciary, March 31)

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Police dogs--penalties for killing, injuring HF941/SF1028 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)-recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would impose felony penalties on persons who cause the death of a police dog in the custody or under the direction of a peace officer when the dog is involved in law enforcement investigation or apprehension; would provide a maximum penalty of two years in prison and/or up to \$4,000; would impose gross misdemeanor penalties on persons who cause great or substantial bodily harm to a police dog in the circumstances above.

Roseville port authority powers HF955/SF796 (Valento, IR-Little Canada)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would allow the city of Roseville to exercise all powers of a port authority contained in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 45B.

Mechanics liens--attachment HF1031/SF189 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would regulate the attachment of labor and material liens.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 32, Judiciary, March 31)

Marijuana possession--conviction HF1034/SF455 (Kludt, DFL-Moorhead)--recommended to pass. (SF in Judiciary Committee)

Would repeal the current law that requires courts to forward to the Department of Public Safety reports of first convictions for possession of small amounts of marijuana, and require the department to maintain a private nonpublic record of the conviction for two years.

Occupational Safety and Health Act HF1049/SF1074 (A. Johnson, DFL-Ballantyne)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor) Would amend existing law regulating the administration of the occupational safety and health act, and clarify employee rights to sue.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 38, Labor-Management Relations, March 30)

Minnesota Statutes--revisor's technical changes HF1197/SF1163 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would revise the text of certain laws to remove redundant and obsolete language, to simplify grammar and syntax, and to improve the style of language without causing changes in the meaning of the laws.

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Grain warehouse--bonding HF672/SF807 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)--amended\*\*; laid over for interim study. (SF in Senate Agriculture Committee)

Would make changes to grain storage law bonding provisions.

\*\*Delete everything amendment would provide alternatives to bonding, bond disbursements, and bond claims.

Landowners-right of first refusal HF1059 (DeBlieck, DFL-Milroy)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would amend the existing "right of first refusal" language.

Provisions would:

- define "highest price offered by a third party" as the acceptable cash price offered by a third party or the acceptable time-price offer made by a third party;
- provide that a cash-price offer is one which involves contemporaneous transfer of title;
- require sellers or lessors to make the same time-price offer or an equivalent cash offer to the preceding owner, if the acceptable offer made by the third party is a time-price offer;
- provide that an equivalent cash offer is equal to the total of the payments made over a period of the time-price offer discounted by the treasury yield curve for like time periods plus 2.0 percent;
- provide that a time-price offer defers payments of any portion of the price and does not involve a transfer of fee title until full payment is made;
- require all sale and lease offers to preceding owners be in writing and accurately report all relevant details of the sale or lease offer acceptable to the sellor or lessor;
- extend the right-of-first-refusal from five years to 10 years for land held by a corporation because of enforcement of a debt on the land;
- provide the right-of-first-refusal may not be waived unless the waiver is signed after the right actually exists and could be exercised by the previous owner;

- \*\*Amendments would:
- provide that an offer to lease to the former owner is required on each occasion on which the property is leased until the property is actually sold or until the former owner fails to exercise the right of first refusal.

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Cattle export program
HF1243/SF1209 (Steensma, DFL-Luverne)--recommended to
pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF
in Senate Agriculture Committee)

Would appropriate \$375,000 to the commissioner of agriculture for enhancement payments to exporters and farmers for cattle exported to foreign markets under a cattle export program. Provisions would:

- make cattle raised in Minnesota, Minnesota vaccinated for brucellosis, and those with federal health papers to document the farm of origin, eligible for the export program; would authorize the commissioner to adopt rules to implement the requirements of eligible cattle;
- set enhancement payments at \$37.50 per head to the exporter and to the farmer:
- \*\*Amendment would make technical change.

Family farm loans--payment adjustment reduction HF1435/SF1294 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture Committee)

Would allow persons who've received farm payment adjustment obligations to apply for a reduction in that obligation, limited to two times the dollar amount of the contract reduction or 20 times the dollar savings gained in the first year of the interest reduction. Provisions would:

- require recapture agreement allowing the state to share equally in inflation increases in property value;
- authorize loan principal buy-downs for eligible participants, and specifies limits and eligibility and requires recapture agreements as well;
- limit buy-down to bring current principal balance to 110 percent of appraised current market value;
- \*\*Amendment would provide application for participant-lender to withdrawal from the program and provide for approval decision.



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#### Tuesday, April 14

Farm-Lender Mediation Act--changes HF210/SF89\* (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would make various changes to the farmer-lender mediation program that the University of Minnesota Agriculture Extension Service administers.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 2, Agriculture Finance Div./Ag., April 1)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- require that eight week's published notice must be given prior to the foreclosure sale of a homestead to which the provisions of Chapter 583 (mortgage and contract for deed moratoriums) apply if the notice is published for the first time after May 24, 1983 and prior to May 1, 1985 or after June 8, 1985 and prior to June
- · make technical changes to debtor lack of good faith provision and the lien provisions;
- · allow creditors to inspect a debtor's collateral during normal business hours (i.e., 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday, except for official Minnesota and United States holidays) on 24hours notice.

Ethanol, butanol production--sweet sorghum HF511/SF884\* (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

\*\*Delete everything amendment would appropriate \$394,000 for the biennium ending June 30, 1989 to the state board of vocational technical education for a demonstration project at the Mankato vocational technical institute involving butanol and ethanol production from sweet sorgum.

## Agriculture Finance Div./Ag.

#### Wednesday, April 15

Farm products--liens, security interests HF852/SF686 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)--not recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would establish liens and security interests that are subject to federal notice and registration provisions; would prescribe when buyers of farm products purchases are subject to or free of security.

#### APPROPRIATIONS

## Health & Human Services Div./Approps.

Friday, April 10

Medical, general assistance--reimbursement changes HF817/SF786 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--heard. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 12, Health & Human Services, March 26)

Medical assistance--eligibility changes HF912/SF787 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would define certain eligibility requirements for medical assistance, assignment of benefits and recovery of benefits for medical assistance.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 13, Health & Human Services, March 26)

\*\*Amendment would that stipulate no claim made against the estate of a surviving spouse of an MA recipient may be made on property accrued before eligibility.

General assistance, work readiness--

eligibility changes
HF1032/SF682 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass
as amended\*\*; rereferred to full committee. (SF in Senate **Judiciary Committee)** 

Would change standards of assistance and eligibility for general assistance (GA) recipients and work readiness recipients.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 26, Health & Human Services, April 2)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- · make technical changes;
- set the ceiling on assistance at \$203 million.

Comprehensive welfare reform

HF1053/SF968 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to full committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would make reform changes in the state's welfare system. Goals include provisions to provide recipients of AFDC with training, employment and education opportunities and services needed in order to leave the welfare system through employment and focus services on long-term recipients and those who are at risk of long-term dependency. Provisions would:
- create child care grant program under the higher education coordinating board (HECB);
- define priority group as caretakers receiving AFDC who are under age 22, do not have a high school diploma or general equivalency diploma (GED) or have been receiving AFDC for more than 24 months of the last 36 months;
- require director to set aside one-half of child care funds for use by AFDC recipients and give priority within the set-aside funds to students in priority groups;
- allocate funds using requirements of the sliding fee program;
- · define eligible students as applicants who are:
- -- residents of Minnesota or recipients of AFDC;
- --pursuing a program that applies to an undergraduate degree, diploma, or certificate, and;
- -- attending an eligible institution;
- ensure sliding fee child care for nine months after a person who receives child care under this section begins employment and training;
- raise medical assistance income standard for medically needy families and children to 133-1/3 percent of the AFDC payment standard:
- expand from two to four months the length of time for AFDC demonstration projects;
- give priority for employment and training services to caretakers who:
- -- are under age 22;

- --have not received a high school diploma or GED, or, --have received 24 months or more of AFDC over the last 36
- · require caretakers in priority groups to participate in employment and training to the extent permissible under federal law (no caretaker will be sanctioned for failure to participate if failure results from inadequate funding for services);

• require county boards to:

-refer to employment and training service provider all caretakers required to register;

-identify to provider caretakers in priority groups;

-provide orientation to all caretakers;

-work with provider to encourage voluntary participation by caretakers in priority groups;

-work with provider to collect required data;

encourage non-priority caretakers to attend orientation and develop self-sufficiency plan;

- -notify CHS of caretakers required to participate;
  -inform appropriate caretakers of head start opportunities; -provide transportation services using special needs money; and -- ensure that orientation, employment search, and case management services are available;
- define case management services for caretakers in priority groups and requires case managers to:

-assess education, skills and ability of caretaker to hold suitable

job;

-set goals and timetable for completing goals (must include literacy training and high school education where appropriate); -- assess housing needs for minor parents (encourage minor parents to live in foster care setting or group home and refer appropriate minor parents for training in parenting and independent living skills);

-coordinate services such as child care, transportation and education;

--develop, execute and monitor a contract between the local agency and the caretaker; and

- --develop and refer caretakers to counseling or peer groups as appropriate;
- allow counties certified as providers to employ case managers directly (requires uncertified counties to contract for case management services unless they demonstrate that the commissioner of jobs and training (CJT) ability to coordinate services and requires counties to ensure that case managers have necessary skills);
- require CHS to establish employment search program (requires principal wage earner to participate within four months of eligibility for AFDC, with exceptions; requires program to

--initial period of up to four weeks of job search activities for not more than 32 hours per week, as specified by provider; and

--an additional discretionary period;

- require CHS, in cooperation with CIT and the coordinator of full productivity and opportunity (CFPO) to develop reporting requirements for local agencies and providers;
- describe state share of costs:
- -- require state to pay 75 percent of costs incurred by counties under section 12;
- --require CHS to define statewide subgroup if appropriation is not sufficient to fund case management for all caretakers in priority groups;
- require counties and CJT to allocate funds for employment and training services based on number of cases to receive various services:
- require counties and CJT to bill CHS for expenses that are federally reimbursed;
- require CHS to implement employment and training services as quickly as possible (allows CHS to phase in changes in any reasonable manner that ensures a statewide program by Dec. 31, 1988);

- expand definition of educational grants and loans that are excluded from income when determining AFDC grant level (allows disregard of settlement proceeds used for medical expenses, funeral and burial costs);
- · clarify authority of commissioner of full productivity to set standards for certification of employment and training providers (allow commissioner to require information necessary to evaluate employment, training, education and support services);
- give CJT authority to administer the discretionary training and retaining fund;
- require CJT to give highest priority for job placement to jobs with paid medical benefits;
- allow CJT to develop discretionary employment and training programs;
- require CJT and CHS to contract for design, delivery and administration of employment and training services;
- describe discretionary employment and training fund and gives priority to providers that:

-serve distressed farmers and other adversely affected by economic conditions;

--have demonstrated success in developing and placing individuals into full-time employment;

--have demonstrated knowledge of other programs and services needed by clients; and

-have demonstrated ability to use alternative funding to maximize available funds;

- require counties and human services boards to provide child care services to families participating in employment, training, and education (allows use of fund for postsecondary students if HECB fund is depleted);
- describe allocation of sliding fee funds:
- -require CJT to notify county and human services boards of their sliding fee allocations consistent with the CSSA planning cycle;
- exempt set-aside funds for priority groups from existing allocation formula;
- require CJT to review use of child care funds once a quarter and to reallocate unexpended money under the formula;
- require CHS to set aside one-third of funds to be appropriated as follows:
- -- allocate among counties on basis of number of AFDC caretakers under the ages of 22 and number of cases open for 24 months or more;

--apply sliding fee schedule to set-aside funds;

- --require counties to use set-aside funds for persons in priority groups defined;
- require CHS to provide counties with forms and instructions for including child care funds in CSSA plans and require CHS to certify that plan fulfills purposes and requirements of this section and, if necessary, to state the reasons it does not;
- state that people participating in employment programs are eligible for child care assistance as long as they are financially eligible under the sliding fee schedule;
- · describe county contribution to sliding fee:
- -require counties to contribute a minimum of 15 percent of the cost of the program, excluding among of set-aside funds; --require CHS to recover form counties states or federal funds

found to be ineligible;

- require sliding fee to assure affordable child care to each family;
- require counties and human services boards to provide child care services to families participating in employment, training, and education;

- increase to 20 percent the county share of child support collections exceeding target amounts;
- require CHS to request authority to change AFDC program requirement;
- require CHS, in negotiating any waiver, to ensure entitlement to benefits, federal financial participation, and protection against recession;
- require CHS to seek federal authority to require that, as a condition of receiving AFDC:
- --minor parents be required to complete high school;
- -caretakers of children age three and over be required to seek and accept suitable employment and training as long as child care transportation and health benefits are available to them; and --minor parents not living with relatives be required to live in a group or foster home or to participate in a program that teaches parenting and independent living skills;
- require CHS to seek federal approval to exclude all expenses related to education when determining income for food stamp purposes.
- \*\*Amendments would:
- make technical changes;
- · allow a county to appeal the decision of the commissioner of human services:
- require all non-priority caretakers coming onto the AFDC program to attend orientation and to develop a plan to obtain selfsufficiency;
- · define that a caretaker who needs child care services in order to complete high school or a general education diploma is eligible for child care;
- changes requirement that minor parents who are eligible for AFDC could have children the age of six weeks instead of six months:
- · allow the CHS to retain and additional 50 percent, rather than 20 percent, of the money collected exceeding the target amounts as child support incentive awards;
- add a section establishing the strive toward excellence program (STEP) administered by the Department of Administration;
- · form an advisory committee made of local agency representatives, state officials and recipients, to recommend and implement ways to reduce verification procedures at the local level (the goal is to treat clients with dignity and expect client honesty).

#### Monday, April 13

Mental health care system

HF765/SF790 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would require counties to develop a complete array of services to people with mental illnesses.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 25, Health & Human Services, April 3)

Indian child welfare grants

HF849/SF842 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would establish direct grants to tribal governments and other social service organizations to fund Indian child welfare programs.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg., 24, Health & Human Services, March 27)

#### Tuesday, April 14

Nursing home licensure fees HF243/SF278 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would increase the nursing home licensure fee from \$1.73 per bed to \$2.00 per bed to fund facility resident and family advisory councils. (The funds collected would be credited to the nursing home advisory council fund and appropriated annually to the Minnesota Board on Aging to fund the council's activities.)

\*\*Amendment would increase the amount from \$2.00 to \$2.25 per bed.

Chemical dependency patients--savings HF628/SF799 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would allow residents of Rule 35 facilities (residential programs for inebriate and drug dependent persons) to save up to \$1,000 of earned income. (The local agency must disregard \$150 of earned income per month and must exclude the savings account from the GA resource limit)

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 9, Pg. 16, Health & Human Services, March 19)

Alzheimer's disease--autopsies

HF790/SF780 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would appropriate \$50,000 to pay the St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center for autopsies on deceased medical assistance recipients who were victims of Alzheimer's disease.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 25, Health & Human Services, April 2)

General, medical assistance-reimbursement limit HF817/SF786 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would make changes in the reimbursement of services provided under medical assistance and general assistance medical care.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 12, Health & Human Services, March 26)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- set further requirements for payment for payment for drugs;
- allow the commissioner to set the actual acquisition and maximum allowable cost of a drug, which shall be comparable to but no higher than other third party payors;
- designate the items for which the commissioner can competitively bid to obtain volume purchases;
- require the commissioner to use the CPI-U forecast by Data Resources, Inc., when computing budgeted pass through cost payments;
- reduce by five percent the payments to medical assistance providers for the following services starting June 30,1987: --dental care;

- -vision care;
- -podiatric services;
- -chiropractic care;
- --physical therapy; --occupational therapy;
- --speech pathologists;
- -audiologists;
- -mental health centers:
- --psychologists;
- --public health clinics and independent laboratory and X-ray
- require that the maximum pharmacy dispensing fee under medical assistance and general assistance is \$4.00;

Medical assistance--prepaid health plans HF818/SF789 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would establish prepaid health plans under medical assistance.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 26, Health & Human Services, April 3)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- require the commissioner to consider the risks the prepaid program creates for the hospital and allow county or hospital the opportunity to participate in the program, before implementing programs;
- require that prepaid health plans must contract with public health clinics and community health clinics and community health clinics in their service areas provided the terms of participation for the clinics are competitive with the terms of other providers under similar contracts;
- require that contract payment must be paid within 30 days after the first month of coverage (used to be 10);
- · technical changes;
- require the commissioner of human services to contract for a study that includes quality assurance evaluations and medical record audits of prepaid health plans under contract to the commissioner.

Licensed boarding care facilities HF1359/SF566 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would extend the time that certain facilities are exempt from limits on negotiated rates from June 30, 1987 to such time as an alternative reimbursement system is developed by the commissioner of human services. Provisions would:

- exempt from the rate cap facilities that do not receive supplemental program funding under Rule 12 or Rule 53
- require that facilities only providing services to the mentally retarded be subject to supplemental aid limits;
- require that negotiated rate limit, rather than rate, vary with consumer price index;
- \*\*Amendments would:
- · determines that a boarding care facility is exempt from the maximum negotiated rate as of Jan. 1, 1987, and has no more than 16 percent of the persons in the facility under age 65;
- require that the negotiated rate limit must be adjusted by the percentage change in the consumer price index (CPI-U, U.S.

City Average) as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics between the previous two Septembers, or 2.5 percent, whichever is lower; and increases to the rate for each individual facility which may not exceed the change in the rate limit.

### ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & Housing

Thursday, April 9

Red Wing--IDB deposit refund HF15/SF32 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)--not adopted. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing Committee)

Would require the Department of Energy and Economic Development to refund the city of Red Wing its 1985 industrial development bond allocation application deposit of \$60,000.

Rental housing--right of entry
HF396/SF886 (S. Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)--rereferred to Housing Subcommittee. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing)

Would establish heating standards and notice of entry requirements for rental housing units. Provisions would:

- require every landlord of a residential unit where the landlord controls the heat source to maintain a temperature of not less than 65 degrees in every habitable room when the outside temperature falls below 60 degrees;
- provide that an owner may enter a residential rental unit only:
- -- for an acceptable purpose;
- -after notice to the tenant;
- -- with the tenant's permission;
- provide that a landlord may enter the premises without meeting the above conditions when the health and safety of the tenant or the public is endangered or there is an imminent threat of damage to property;
- provide that the landlord must give written notice at least 24 hours before entry;
- provide that the tenant may not unreasonably refuse permission to the owner to enter the premises;
- list acceptable purposes for entry to include inspections, repairs, and showings to prospective or actual tenants, contractors, and purchasers;
- provide for damages for an owner's entry without notice, and a tenant's denial of entry to the owner.

Economic development loans-secondary market HF1399/SF1417 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing Committee)

Would enable the creation of a secondary market for notes, mortgages, or other instruments securing a loan that was initially made for economic development, job creation, redevelopment, or community revitalization purposes. Would also provide that the Minnesota Energy and Economic Development Authority (MEEDA) may use up to \$800,000 of the Economic Recovery Fund for a grant to an organization that would plan for the establishment of the secondary market and develop a pilot project to test the long term feasibility of the secondary market concept.

Hospitality Host program
HF1465/SF1365 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would establish a Hospitality Host Older Work Tourism Program in the Department of Jobs and Training to train older workers to be tourist hosts. Provisions would:

- · define "older worker" as a resident of a distressed county who is at least 55 years old and has an annual income less than \$11,000;
- provide that for part of the training, the older workers would receive a training wage subsidy of \$4 per hour for up to six months;
- provide that the commissioner of jobs and training would coordinate the program with the Jobs Training Partnership Act and the Minnesota Employment and Economic Development Program. The Arrowhead Economic Opportunity Agency would coordinate the statewide development of the program, and the commissioner of jobs and training would designate regional private nonprofit agencies to deliver the program throughout the state:
- appropriate \$2 million for 1988 and 1989 to the commissioner of jobs and training for the program.

#### **EDUCATION**

#### Friday, April 10

Library--construction HF62/SF13 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax

Would allow local units of government to agree to jointly finance the construction of a library. The agreement must set forth the portion of debt to be discharged by each local unit of government.

School nurses

HF762/SF624 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would require school districts to employ licensed nurses. Provisions would:
- phase in the number of full-time licensed nurses required based on student enrollment:
- -- one nurse for every 1,500 in 1987-88;
- --one nurse for every 1,250 in 1988-89; -one nurse for every 1,000 in 1989-90; and -one nurse for every 750 in1991 and after;
- require one nurse in each school building for at least one-half day each week; set conditions and procedures for distribution of medication; release staff from liability for any injury arising from the administration of medication to a student if the staff substantially complies with school policy.

Superintendents--selection

HF853/SF759 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would allow districts entering into a pairing or sharing agreement to hire a superintendent; clarify that no person has rights to the superintendent position based on seniority or current employment in one of the contracting districts. Would allow a superintendent in any of the contracting districts who is not selected to perform the services of superintendent to be placed on unrequested leave of absence or be reassigned to another available position in the district during the year to facilitate this cooperation.

Consumer education HF945/SF914 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would require a school board to consider intergrating consumer and economic literacy into the K-12 curriculum while formulating PER policy, at least every three years.

Humanities Commission HF1218/SF1325 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would require the Minnesota humanities commission to establish a humanities resource center; require the resource center to transport people and resources to small towns, rural communities and urban settings to provide high quality educational and cultural programs throughout Minnesota.

#### Wednesday, April 15

in Senate Education Committee)

Education Finance--omnibus bill HF753/SF583 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF

Would establish various funding provisions and rider language for educational programs in Minnesota school districts.

(See bill summary under Education Finance Division/Education April 9.)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- require the Department of Education to report to the Legislature on a four-year phrase-in on the levy equity provisions;
- instruct arts school organizers to identify possible school participants in grades 9 to 12; allow a phased in pilot interdisciplinary academic and arts program for 11th and 12th students beginning in September 1989; establish one- and twoweek long intensive arts seminars for 9th and 10th grade

#### Education Finance Div./Educ.

#### Thursday, April 9

School districts-employee insurance HF514/SF501 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would permit school district employees and certain others to participate in the state insurance plan; outlines procedures for participation.

\*\*Amendment would appropriate money from the general fund to establish the benefit plan.

Education Finance--omnibus bill

HF753/SF583 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF

in Senate Education Committee)

Article 6-Other Aids and Levies to School Districts--amended to incorporate HF666 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls), HF317 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park), HF153 (Krueger, DFL-Staples), HF1448 (K.

Nelson), and HF957 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia); Article 7-Miscellaneous--would incorporate HF666 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls), HF648 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls), and HF187 (Otis,

Article 8-Educational Improvement and Technology--would incorporate HF635 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley), HF989 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls), HF604 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls), HF648 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls), HF1195 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael), and HF1500 (McEachern, DFL-Mpls);

Article 10-Agency Budgets--would incorporate HF553 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault).

All proposed Articles to be considered for inclusion in HF753.

Article 6, Other Aides and Levies to School Districts (See bill summary HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 11, Education Finance Div./Education, April 6)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- · require school districts wishing to receive hazardous substance aid to submit a plan to remove or encapsulate asbestos from school buildings or property, and cleanup, removal and disposal of hazardous substances; establish hazardous substance revenue and aid for 1988-89 and later years;
- provide aid to districts that offer international baccalaureate programs or commissioner approved by commissioner, aid equal to lesser of the actual costs of program or \$3 times the average daily membership of district (HF1448-K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls);
- provide districts five cents for each one-half pint of milk per day provided to first-, second-, and third grade pupils in public or non-public schools (HF153--Krueger, DFL-Staples); establish a comprehensive health and wellness planning program in local districts for K-12, allowing grants of up to \$2,000 per district (HF317-Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park);
- allow the department to select up to 30 new comprehensive arts planning sites, awarding \$1,250 each year to participate in the program; require the department to provide materials, training, and assistance to arts education committees that are currently participating in the program and have completed the two-year planning period (HF1455--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls);
- allow the Buhl-Mt. Iron school district to levy up to 4.0 mills to eliminate a deficit in the net unappropriated operating fund of the district after approval of local voters (current law allow a levy of up to 1.5 mills) (HF957--Rukavina, DFL-Virginia);
- appropriate money for the following programs (first dollar figure is for school year 1987-88; second dollar figure is for school year 1988-89): -Special Academic Program Aid \$212,500; \$505,000
- Hazardous Substance Capital Expenditure Aid \$50,500; \$58,700
- --Chemical Dependency Aid \$1,023,700; \$1,025,300
- --Milk Program \$1,000,000; \$1,000,000.

Article 7, Miscellaneous would establish various provisions and rider language. Provisions would:

- allow 11th and 12th grade students who have been enrolled in a district for three consecutive years to continue to enroll in that district, upon approval of that district's board, if the student's parent or guardian moves to another district (HF666--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls);
- establish a voluntary K-12 pilot choice program, allowing pupils to be enrolled in a district other than home school district, upon approval of non-resident school district (HF648--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls; See bill summary HWR, Vol. 3, No. 9, Pg. 6, Education, March 16);
- require the district of enrollment in above mentioned program to provide transportation within that district for student enrolled under the program; provide students to apply for reimbursement for transportation; require educational cooperative service units to consider programs for dropouts in formulating their annual plans;
- allow school boards and school site management teams to enter into school site management agreements (HF187--Otis, DFL-Mpls; See bill summary HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 7, Education, April 3);

- specifies how foundation aid will be paid for students enrolled in nonresident school districts in open enrollment;
- establish high school graduation incentives program (HF625--McEachern, DFL-St. Michael); outline eligible students: --between 16 and 21 who have dropped out for at least one month, and who are at least two grade levels behind in performance, or one year behind in obtaining credits, or are assessed as chemically dependent;
- --between 16 and 19 who are attending school and who are at least two grade levels behind in performance levels, or at least one year behind in obtaining credits, or are pregnant or a parent, or have been assessed as chemically dependent; or
- -students between 12 and 16 who are at least two grades behind, are at least one year behind in obtaining credits, are pregnant or a parent, assessed as chemically dependent, or unlawfully absent from school for at least 15 days in the preceding or current school year;
- allow tribal contract schools to enroll American Indian students in the program; prohibit students from enrolling in a nonresident district if their enrollment results in a violation of a district's desegregation plan;
- require districts to reimburse alternative programs that have contracted with the district to provide educational programs for dropouts and other students eligible under above mentioned programs, an amount equal to at least 50 percent of the formula allowance plus total tier revenue attributable to each resident pupil enrolled (HF648--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls);
- require department to evaluate and report on voluntary choice program.

Would establish various funding provisions and rider language for Article 8, Educational Improvement and Technology. Provisions would:

- allow two-year evaluation of regional service program; allow groups of districts to form educational districts if:
- -five districts have at least 10,000 pupils;
  -10 districts groups agree; or
- -group of districts with at least 7,500 square miles;
- require education districts to develop a comprehensive plan for continuous learning and to submit the plan for review; expand and establish funding levels; allow intermediate school districts to use levies to implement an education district plan (HF634--Dauner, DFL-Hawley);
- specifies how teaching positions that result from the implementation of an education district plan may be filled;
- · eliminate testing of teachers with an academic knowledge examination and testing of teachers for basic skills when applying for licensure in additional fields; remove language requiring board of teachers to award at least three exemplary teacher education grants, and allow board to determine number of
- direct board of teaching to redesign teacher education programs to include periodic elementary or secondary teaching experience and a candidate assessment system for initial and continuing teacher licensure;
- establish Teacher Centers (HF604--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls; See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 5, Education, March 25); allow board of teaching and state board of education to assign planning grants of up to \$50,000 per application;
- establish long-term teacher preparation effectiveness evaluating pre-baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate, and alternative teacher education conducted by independent research centers or evaluators;
- establish local professional development programs that can receive additional aid equaling \$10 per student after approval of plan by the commissioner (HF648--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls);

- require commissioner of education to establish teacher mentoring task force (HF989--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls; HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 5, Education, March 25); establish an administrators academy (HF648); require the state board of education to enter into up to four teacher exchange agreements in 1987-88 and up to six agreements for 1988-89 with other states, provinces, or countries, outlines district participation (HF1195--McEachern, DFL-St. Michael);
- rewrite some existing PER language, adding "curriculum" review cycle" to the list of district requirements (HF1500-McEachem, DFL-St. Michael); require department of education to develop a model state core curriculum, including an approved set of learner outcomes for each subject area; encourage schools to establish teams to develop and use a school curriculum and instruction improvement plan;
- remove assurance of mastery program from list of PER components for districts, and instead require a biennial report on the program; direct state curriculum advisory committee to develop critical learner outcome model and requirements;
- require annual district assessment, components include: -- sample assessments in at least three grades for two subject
- --prohibit a district's curriculum review cycle for communications, math, science, or social studies from extending beyond five years; and

--use of state developed state core curriculum measures, as they're adopted;

- authorize funding for districts using the local assessment program or the assessment item bank; allow department to receive and use public or private funds from outside Minnesota for assessment item bank products or services; develop state core curriculum from model learner outcomes;
- require state board of education to make program improvement grants of up to \$250,000 to groups of eligible school districts, groups must meet one of the following:
  --consolidated district with at least 600 pupils in average daily

membership;

--education district; --district with an agreement for discontinuing grades, if the districts have a total of at least 240 pupils in grades 10, 11, and

- -- district belonging to a technology cooperative, if distance restricts other types of cooperative agreements; authorize up to 1.5 EARC mills but, not more than total costs for district program;
- develop state's rights courseware advisory committee (HF648-K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls); allow technology districts to levy the lesser of one mill or the unreimbursed program costs; appropriate money for programs to Department of Education and board of teaching.

#### Monday, April 13

Education Finance--omnibus bill HF753/SF583 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would establish various funding formulas and rider language Foundation Aid, Article 1. Provisions would:

- appropriate money from general fund: --\$1,477,644,355; \$1,523,571,097
- appropriate money from public health fund: --\$693,000; \$719,600
- appropriate money from trunk highway fund: --\$20,700; \$20,700
- change weighting for secondary school pupil unit to 1.3 beginning in 1988-89 school year (current law weighs secondary

pupil unit (P.U.) at 1.4); calculate AFDC P.U. once every two years beginning in 1988-89 (current law calculates every year);

- require non-agricultural off-the-formula school districts to subtract excess transportation levy revenue from the districts categorical aids beginning with 1987 levies (aid recapture or revenue equity); add an additional cross reference to the definition of non-agricultural districts (law defines non-agricultural districts as districts where the assessed valuation of ag land comprises less than 60 percent of assessed valuation);
- allow commissioner to redistribute teacher retirement association (TRA) and FICA obligation between districts when sharing of staff and instructional cost alter formula, effective day following enactment;
- remove declining pupil unit aid from foundation aid components (HF154--McEachern, DFL-St. Michael); adjust foundation aid to compensate for increase in per P.U. formula allowance; specify that equalizing factor will remain at 1986 levels for 1988-89 school year to accommodate for increase in formula allowance in 1987-88 school year;
- sets formula allowance at \$1,944 in 1987-88 and \$2,100 in 1988-89 (this money includes teacher retirement); multiply AFDC students defined in this Article by 88 percent beginning in 1988-89 school year; define "total foundation revenue" and "statewide average foundation revenue" for calculation of equity allowances:
- raise and set basic maintenance mill (BMM) levy at \$793,906,000 for payable 1988 levies and for aid in 1988-89 school year; alter calculation of BMM levy to accommodate aid recapture provisions; set levy for off-the-formula districts at 1986 levels for 1987-88 school year (no adjustment in allowance); set allowance for summer of most recent school year beginning in
- establish aid recapture for BMM, cost preferential, and second tier levies for non-agricultural off-the-formula districts beginning in 1988-89; calculate sparsity amount of cost differential tier allowance using current secondary P.U. counts beginning in 1988-89; guarantee set TRA and FICA aid equaling sum of FY'87 aid divided by 1986-87 district's actual P.U.
- · define cost differential tier allowance to include sparsity allowance, training & experience (T & E), excess retirement allowance, formula equity allowance, and secondary weighting decline allowance beginning in 1988-89; set T & E multiplier at \$470 in 1987-88 and \$633,75 in 1988-89;
- create education formuals:

+ FICA guarantee

- 11 percent basic revenue allowance + (70 x T & E index) + 11 percent sparsity allowance EXCESS RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE

\$2,818

- district's total foundation revenue 1988-89 EQUITY ALLOWANCE

Statewide average foundation revenue - district's total foundation revenue EQUITY ALLOWANCE--1989 & beyond

District's 1987-88 school year total revenue - district's foundation revenue (with equipment allowance) SECONDARY WEIGHTING DECLINE ALLOWANCE

• set second tier allowance at \$153.75 for 1988-89 school year and later; amend corresponding levy to include aid recapture; define "fund balance excess":

New operating fund balance (June 30, 1987) - (\$500 x total district P.U.) OR (15 percent of district's unappropriated operating funds (1987))--use lesser x 105.1 x ratio of district's actual P.U. for 1988-89

in comparison with 1986-87 FUND BALANCE EXCESS

- state that fund balance excess must be subtracted from second tier levy and aid (HF693--S. Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park; HF261--Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake; and HF272--Forsythe, IR-Edina);
- set third tier allowance:

\$102.50 for 1988-89 and after

OR \$112.50 for districts with approved professional development plan;

• limit funds over \$102.50 to use as professional development money; set fourth tier allowance at \$102.50 (moves T & E to cost differential tier); set fifth tier allowance:

previous formula amount

+ minimum increase

- + 11 percent sparsity allowance + 11 percent T & E

+ formula equity allowance

+ secondary weighting decline allowance (+ \$10, if distict has approved professional development plan) -total tier allowance for current year
FIFTH TIER ALLOWANCE—(if it equals less than zero, fifth tier = zero);

- require districts eligible for formula equity to submit an evaluation to the department on curriculum standards, coordination of assessments and use of expanded opportunities;
- \*\*Amendments would:
- · include non-public schools in reimbursement program for milk costs; include ADD children as eligible for special education funding in Article 5; add appropriations for secondary vocational education for handicapped pupils to Article 3;
- make various technical changes; provide money for maintenance at current technology demonstration sites, Article 8; authorize transportation desegregation levy for assessed valuation of the district or its unreimbursed costs for desegregation, making grants for implementation of state mandated desegregation plans in Duluth, Minneapolis, and St. Paul, Article 6:
- postpone enrollment in arts school for one year, until fall 1989, Article 10; allow district to levy up to 1.5 mills times the adjusted assessed valuation of district of preceding year to eliminate a deficit, Article 6; prohibit interdistrict enrollment by students if their enrollment would disturb desegregation balance in either district, Article 7.

### ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

#### Thursday, April 9

Aircraft--low-level military training flights HF862/SF1003 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would create a six-member legislative commission to study proposed low-level military training flights in northeastern Minnesota; would provide that state agency and legislative staff would assist the commission when it requests; would require the commission to report to the Legislature by January 1988; would repeal the commission Jan. 1, 1988.

Crappies-establishing limits HF966/SF919 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls)--heard; laid over. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would allow the commissioner of natural resources to establish a limit of 30 for the taking of crappies after their spring spawning period.

Low-level radioactive waste-siting process HF1407/SF1202 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would establish a siting process for a low-level radioactive waste facility; would establish a siting board and provide for volunteer sites and an alternative site selection process. Provisions would:

- authorize the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) to assess fees against low-level waste generators to pay the siting costs of a low-level radioactive waste facility;
- create an 11-member Citizens Low-Level Waste Facility Siting Board when the governor issues an executive order that a facility should be sited, and which would terminate when the siting process is finished; would require the board to develop a siting process, and report to the governor, the advisory committee, and the Legislature;
- establish a process for the governor to determine if a low-level facility should be cited in the state;
- mandate that the siting board maintain health, safety, and environmental considerations above all other siting criteria;
- · direct the siting board to seek a volunteer site for a facility, and to work with counties, developers, landowners, local business communities, and other interested parties, in order to do so;
- require, if no community volunteers, the site selection to occur as provided in statute.

Waterfowl feeding, resting areas--designation HF1409/SF1308 (Rose, IR-Roseville)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would allow the commissioner of natural resources to designate any part of any lake as a migratory feeding or resting area (current law restricts the designation to a maximum of 13 lakes); would allow individuals to use an electric motor of less than 30 pounds thrust to propel a watercraft or aircraft to enter a posted migratory waterfowl feeding and resting area during the open migratory waterfowl season.

\*\*Amendment would provide that before the commissioner designates a migratory feeding or resting area, the he or she must receive a petition that at least 10 local resident licensed hunters have signed describing the area of the lake that is a substantial feeding or resting area for migratory waterfowl.

Water diversion plans-restrictions HF1507 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)--recommended to pass.

Would prohibit the commissioner of natural resources from issuing certain permits or approving certain plans for diversion of water from certain water basins before consulting with state and Canadian officials. Provisions would:

- · define "basin of origin" as waters of the state that originate within the water basins of the Great Lakes, the Red River of the North, the Mississippi or Missouri Rivers;
- define "consumptive use" as water that is withdrawn from its source for immediate further use in the area of the source and is not directly returned to the source;

- provide that the commissioner may not approve a large-scale diversion of state waters, nor grant or approve a permit or plan for a large-scale consumptive use of water until the commissioner assess the adequacy of the water resource's needs in the basin of origin and the Legislature approves the diversion;
- require the commissioner to solicit and consider comments from the Great Lakes states' governors, the Great Lakes' provinces premiers, state and Canadian water management agencies, and the International Joint Commission before approving a permit or plan for diversion or consumption in excess of 5,000,000 gallons per day in a 30-day period;
- provide the commissioner may have more than 30 days to decide on any large-scale water diversion or consumption as described above.

St. Anthony Falls heritage zone, board HF1516 (Kahn, DFL-Mpis)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would establish a St. Anthony Falls heritage interpretive zone and heritage board to develop and make available to interested parties a comprehensive interpretive plan for interpreting significant historical components in the zone. Provisions would:

- create nine-member heritage board with the Minnesota Historical Society director as chair;
- require the board to establish policies and procedures for developers within the zone to submit a development plan to the board to preserve and interpret specific historic resources in the board's comprehensive interpretive plan;
- allow the board to provide project assistance grants for the interpretation of historical resources that are a part of the plan;
- appropriate money to the Minnesota Historical Society for these purposes; would repeal the board July 1, 1997.

#### Tuesday, April 14

Foreign exchange students--deer hunting licenses HF74/SF73\* (Redalen, IR-Fountain)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Would authorize nonresident high school foreign exchange students to obtain resident licenses to take deer by archery; would require the student to provide proof of foreign exchange status as the commissioner of natural resources requires.

Lead-acid batteries--collection HF368/SF332\* (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would require a person selling or offering lead-acid batteries for sale (wholesale or retail) in Minnesota to accept at the point of transfer spent lead-acid batteries for retention and collection.

\*\*Amendment would prohibit placing a lead-acid battery in mixed municipal solid waste or disposing of a lead-acid battery after Jan. 1, 1988.

Raccoon dog field trials
HF501/SF333\* (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)--recommended to pass.

Would allow raccoon dog field trials to tree raccoons from April 16 to July 14 under special permit which the commissioner of natural resources would issue.

Wild animal storage--probable cause for search HF513/SF365\* (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Judiciary Committee.

Would require conservation enforcement officers to have probable cause before entering certain buildings to determine whether wild animals are possessed or stored in violation of game and fish laws.

# FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

Friday, April 10

Co-op housing--insurance rates
HF165/SF293 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would allow the commissioner of commerce to set insurance rates for cooperative housing and neighborhood real estate trusts that would be actuarily sound.

Medical coverage--increase
HF464/SF579 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)--recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Would raise the maximum lifetime benefit coverage for services and Number Three Plans to \$500,000 from \$250,000.

Lifeline banking HF676/SF692 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--recommended not to pass. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Would require financial institutions to provide basic sercie transaction accounts that have the following criteria:

-no initial or periodic service fee;

-no minimum balance;
-allow up to 10 free checks a month;

-allow up to six free transactions a month on an electronic financial termininal;

-- cash government checks for up to \$1,000 with sufficient I.D.;

--no charge savings accounts.

Credit unions

HF792/SF666 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Would allow any 25 residents of the state or a person or organization representing 25 residents of the state with a common bond to apply to the commissioner to form a credit union; allow small groups, unable to establish a separate credit union to petition for membership in an existing credit union.

#### Tuesday, April 14

Self-insurance pools HF164/SF123\* (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to pass.

Would exempt the Minnesota association of township insurance and bond trust and the political subdivisions from self-insurance pool regulation; exempt townships association from the requirement to hold the certificate of surety authorization.

Homeowners insurance--flexible HF417/SF80\* (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass.

Would provide flexible levels of homeowners coverage for structures other than dwelling or personal property. Provide lower premium for lesser coverage, reflecting the reduced risk.

Fire, casualty insurance--cancellation HF430/SF482\* (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would state that insurance companies writing fire or casualty loss insurance may not terminate the agency relationship unless the company has attempted to rehabilitate the agent and has given advance notice of termination.

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes setting effective

## GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS. & GAMING

Friday, April 10

Elections--municipal combination HF230/SF260 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would authorize a maximum of four contiguous municipalities with a total of 1,000 inhabitants in the same legislative, congressional, and county commissioner district to combine to form one precinct for election purposes if approved by county auditor; allow municipality to withdraw from the combined precinct agreement by resolution, filed with the county auditor.

Primary elections-date change HF1128 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would change precinct caucus dates, times, and procedures; change the date of state primary; require separate party ballot with party endorsements indicated on ballots. Provisions would:

- move filing date for general election candidate to April 1; move state primary election from September to first Tuesday after the second Monday in June;
- require candidates for nomination to indicate endorsement on ballot; direct secretary of state to notify to the county auditors which candidates have been endorsed by a major political party;
- \*\*Amendments would:
- delete sections moving precinct caucuses to February, require voters to indicate party preference at partisan primary elections, and partisan primary ballot changes.

#### GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Friday, April 10

Retirement--police, firefighters admin. expenses HF389 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass.

Would authorize local police and firefighters relief associations to pay to any relief association official the salary, which bylaws or articles of incorporation authorize, and other itemized expenses incurred as a result of fulfilling their responsibilities as administrators of the special fund.

PERA--lower vesting standards

HF463/SF1063 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would lower vesting standards from 10 to five years for members of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA).

\*\*Amendment would lower vesting standards from 10 to five years for members of the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS), state troopers, and Teachers Retirement Fund; and would provide for pro rata monthly service pensions for members of police or salaried firefighters relief associations who have at least five years of service credit, have terminated active service and have reached at least the required normal retirement age.

Marriage, family therapist--licensure HF758/SF1077 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would establish a system of licensure for marriage and family therapists, define marriage and family therapy, and provide for certain exceptions to the licensure requirement.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 22, Governmental Operations, April 9--\*\*includes amendment)

Open meeting law--amendments HF793/SF1272 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

Would require certain notice prior to all public meetings.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- require a public body to keep on file at its primary office a schedule of its regular meetings; would provide if the body decides to hold a regular meeting at a time or place different from the time or place stated in its regular meeting schedule, the body shall give notice of the meeting as if it were a special meeting;
- require a public body to provide notice of special meetings as follows:
- --post written notice of the date, time, place and purpose of the meeting on the principal bulletin board of the public body, or if the public body has no principal bulletin board, on the door of its usual meeting room at least three days before the date of the
- -mail or otherwise deliver notice to each person who has filed with the public body a written request for notice of special meetings at least three days before the date of the meeting; or -publish the notice once, at least three days before the meeting, in the official newspaper of the public body, or in a qualified newspaper of general circulation within the area of the public body's authority;
- define "emergency meeting" as a special meeting called because of unexpected and compelling circumstances that, in the public body's judgment, requires immediate consideration;
- require a public body to provide notice for emergency meetings as follows:
- --make good faith efforts to provide notice of the meeting to each news medium that has filed a written request for notice if the request includes the news medium's telephone number;

--provide notice by telephone or by any other method used to notify the members of the public body;

-provide notice to each news medium which has filed a written request for notice as soon as reasonably practicable after notice has been given to the members;

- --provide notice shall include the subject of the meeting;
- provide that no further published or mailed notice is necessary if a meeting is a recessed or continued session of a previous meeting, and the time and place of the meeting was established during the previous meeting and recorded in the minutes of that
- provide that these requirements apply to closed meetings;
- provide that all notice requirements of this subdivision are satisfied if a person receives actual notice of a meeting of a public body at least 24 hours before the meeting, regardless of the method of receipt of notice.

Water and Land Resources Board

HF837/SF776 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)—recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would create a new State Board of Water and Land Resources; would abolish the Soil and Water Conservation Board, the Water Resources Board, and the duties of the Southern Minnesota River Basin Council, and transfer those duties and new ones to the new board.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 12, Environment & Natural Resources, April 7)

\*\*Amendment would require the commissioner of administration to provide office facilities and space for the board within the Department of Agriculture; would require the commissioner of agriculture to provide administrative services to the board.

Indian child welfare

HF849/SF842 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would establish direct grants to tribal governments and other social service organizations to fund Indian child welfare programs.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 24, Health & Human Services, March 27)

Retirement--workers' compensation off-sets HF938/SF1066 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would regulate workers' compensation offsets to public employee retirement association (PERA) benefits. Provisions would:

- exclude from the "high five" average salary any reduced salary the employee receives as workers' compensation payments for temporary disability unless including the benefit payments would increase the "high five" average;
- require that disability benefits paid under the workers' compensation law be reimbursed, and future benefits be reduced, if the total of the personal lifetime disability benefit and the workers' compensation benefit exceed the greater of:
  --the disabled member's salary as of the date of the disability, or
- -- the current salary of the same, or similar, employment held by the member when the disability arose;
- require that the disability benefit be reduced so that the disability benefit plus the workers' compensation benefits do not exceed the greater of the two salary amounts above;
- restore the disability benefit payment amount to certain disabled members; would preclude retroactive repayment of certain disability benefit amounts lost prior to July 1, 1986; would permit the association to reduce the disability benefit or annuity payment made after June 30, 1987, to recover overpayments of disability benefits;
- exclude from the "high five" average salary any reduced salary the employee receives as workers' compensation benefit payments for temporary disability unless including the benefit payments would increase the "high five" average.
- \*\*Amendment would make technical language changes.

Pension, retirement commission--actuary HF1026/SF1033 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would clarify the responsibilities of the actuary whom the Legislative Commission on Pensions and Retirement retains; would clarify and revise various actuarial determinations and procedures; would authorize various retirement funds to retain actuarial advisors; would specify the contents and methods for supplemental and alternative actuarial valuations; would establish a separate fund for the correctional employees retirement fund.

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Waste water grant treatment program HF1030 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)--recommended to pass as

amended\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would provide funding for grants and loans for the construction and rehabilitation of wastewater treatment facilities and systems.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 8, Environment & Natural Resources, March 24)

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Retirement--correctional officers

HF1052/SF1070 (Reding, DFL-Austin)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would establish a special retirement plan for correctional officers at correctional facilities or city or county jails. Provisions would:

- establish membership qualifications;
- · require employee and employer contributions;
- · provide for retirement annuities, disability benefits, and optional annuities for surviving spouses.

State agencies--telecommunications, computer expenditures

HF1315 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would establish an office of information systems management to develop and establish a policy and standards for state agencies to follow for the development, purchase, and training for information systems.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 14, Future & Technology, April 6)

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Attorney General Office--assistants HF1374/SF1174 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would remove the numerical limit on the number of assistant attorneys general; would authorize the attorney general to delegate contract review duties if the delegation will product a significant demonstrable improvement in the efficiency or operation of state government.

DEED--science, technology division

HF1453 (Reding, DFL-Austin)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would create a division of science and technology in the Department of Energy and Economic Development and create a committee on science and technology research and development.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 15, Future & Technology, April 6)

Music, communications arts task force HF1505 (Larsen, DFL-Ramsey)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would create a 17-member international music and communications arts center task force. Provisions would:

- · specify task force membership;
- require the task force to study:
- -the economic impact of the recording industry in Minnesota and methods of encouraging further development of the industry in
- -the feasibility of establishing an international music and communications arts center for the location of various elements of the recording industry, and the effect that the establishment of the center would have on the development of the recording industry in the state:
- -the feasibility and desirability of, and funding necessary for, providing vocational training in recording industry skills; -the establishment of a special revenue fund within the state treasury, which fees and other charges the communications arts center makes would fund, and dedicate the fund to the support of various social services, including food shelves; and
  --the feasibility of holding an annual state music festival that
- would dedicate a part of revenues received to the fund;
- require the task force to report its findings to the Legislature by Jan. 5, 1988;
- require the commissioner of energy and economic development to provide meeting space, staff assistance, and other administrative support to the task force.
- \*\*Amendment would make a technical change.

#### **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

#### Thursday, April 9

Asbestos regulations HF302/SF858 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would provide for asbestos regulation and direct the commissioner of health to regulate and license persons or entities enclosing, removing or encapsulating asbestos and provides penalties.
- \*\*Further amendments would:
- · change the allowable length of asbestos fibers in the air from .5 microns to 5.0 microns:
- · delete penalty provisions;
- · delete provision creating an asbestos effect study;
- · make technical changes.

Faradic shock--use HF585/SF555 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would prohibit use of faradic shock in all licensed facilities serving persons with mental retardation or related conditions. The prohibition would include the use of unauthorized aversive and deprivation procedures in the definition of physical abuse under the child abuse reporting and vulnerable adults acts.

\*\*Amendment would phase-in the prohibition for the one patient now receiving faradic shock treatment.

Chemical dependency professional standards HF594/SF673\* (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee).

Would allow the commissioner of human services to use the professional standards of the Institute for Chemical Dependency Professionals of Minnesota, Inc. if the commissioner chooses to do so in rules promulgated to regulate chemical dependency programs, treatment facilities or services.

HMO premium adjustment
HF630/SF582 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would allow health maintenance organizations to adjust their group health maintenance contract premiums to reflect the actual health services utilization of the employer or other contract holder (the arrangements of the risksharing agreement must be disclosed to the Commissioner of Health). Provisions would:
- add a list of the information HMOs must submit to the commissioner concerning their risk-sharing business;
- require HMO contracts to clearly describe the risk-sharing arrangement.

Hospital expansion moratorium

HF668 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would extend the hospital moratorium for an additional three years, which will cover increased bed capacity or redistribution of bed capacity through relocation within the state and establishment of a new hospital (relocation or redistribution of existing licensed beds within an existing facility or hospital complex is allowed).

- \*\*Amendments would:
- add to the list not applying to the moratorium a project involving consolidation of pediatric specialty hospital services within the Minneapolis-St. Paul metro area that would not result in a net increase in the number of pediatric specialty hospital beds among the hospitals being consolidated;
- add the above list a project involving the temporary relocation of pediatric-orthopedic hospital beds to an existing licensed hospital and a health care facility that seeks to build or relocate within the same county in which it is located;
- provide that a relocation or redistribution does not result in more than 50 percent of the hospital beds from a closed facility site or complex being relocated to another existing licensed facility site or complex and an existing site or complex does not increase its total licensed hospital bed capacity by more than 50 percent.

Sliding fee health care HF708/SF680 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--amended into HF1212\*\*. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would create the Family Health Insurance Program for pregnant women, families leaving the AFDC program and children in families with at least one child under the age of six. Provisions would:
- require that eligible persons must have gross family incomes of less than 200 percent of the federal poverty guidelines;
- direct the commissioner of human services to select health insurers or health maintenance organizations to provide comprehensive health and dental services (a sliding fee schedule in included):

- require the commissioner to monitor the funds available and the needs of residents statewide to assure health benefits to eligible persons statewide to the full extent of appropriations available;
- · increase the income standard for families and children to 133-1/3 percent of the AFDC income standard for purposes of medical assistance eligibility.
- \*\*Further amendments would:
- require that private accident and health care coverage for medical services must be exhausted before medical assistance is paid;
- further clarify who is eligible for program.

Nursing home moratorium

HF722/SF612 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- create exceptions to the nursing home moratorium;
- establish a review process for approval of additional exceptions to the moratorium;
- prohibit renewal of licenses for nursing home and boarding care home beds in rooms with more than four beds;
- provide for changes in property-related costs for reduced licensed bed capacity;
- allow for depreciation recapture;
- provide for a new appeals procedure for appraised value appeal requests;
- \*\*Further amendments would:
- · clarify that a person who is ventilator dependent will be eligible for medical assistance is the person has been hospitalized at least six months and no longer requires inpatient acute care hospital services:
- require that a licensed nursing home acting administrator shall secure an acting administrators license within thirty days of appointment as the acting administrator;
- clarify that the following types of transactions shall not be considered a sale or reorganization of a provider entity:
- -- the sale or transfer of a nursing home upon death of an owner; --the sale or transfer of a nursing home due to serious illness or disability of an owner as defined under the social security act; or -- the sale or transfer of the nursing home upon retirement of an owner at 62 years of age or older;
- require the commissioner to adjust the rates of the nursing home that meets the criteria for special dietary needs of its residents:
- delete the section allowing for depreciation recapture;
- allow for one replacement facility more than six miles from the original facility.

Community service block grant funds

HF856/SF921 (Bishop, DFL-Rochester)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services)

Would require the commissioner of Jobs and Training to allocate discretionary community services block grant (CSBG) funds and discretionary funds transferred from other block grants to the CSBG only to community action agencies, Indian reservation governments, and the Minnesota migrant council according to formula used for allocation of CSBG money and deems Olmsted

and Freeborn counties as community action agencies eligible for CSBG funds.

- \*\*Amendments would:
- delete section allocating community service block grant discretionary funds;
- define eligible entity as also meaning any community action agency which qualified under all federal and state regulations applicable during the period form 1981 to Sept. 30, 1984, which includes only Olmsted and Freeborn counties.

Nursing home residents--spouses

HF904/SF1453 (B. Anderson, IR-Ottertail)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would require certain information be given to residents and their families upon admission to a nursing home. Provisions would:
- require a nursing home or boarding care facility to provide to a private pay resident and the resident's spouse, if the resident has not yet been screened by a pre-admission screening team, the following information:
- -the financial responsibilities of relatives should the resident become eligible or seek to become eligible for medical assistance; and the limitations on nursing home benefits under Medicare.

Mentally retarded--public guardians

HF931/SF868 (Long, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would make changes in public guardianship for mentally retarded persons. Provisions would:

- require that public guardianship be used only when no qualified person seeks private guardianship or conservatorship;
- clarify that public guardianship applies only to persons age 18 and older;
- redefine regional center for purposes of the public guardianship act as a state-operated facility for persons with mental illness, mental retardation, or chemical dependency;
- redefine "comprehensive evaluation" to include: --a medical report;
- --tests and data used to determine intellectual and functional capacities, and;
- -- a report from the case manager;
- extend to 20 days the time in which the commissioner must accept or reject a nomination as guardian;
- expand standard for acceptance to include a finding that no qualified person is willing to assume private guardianship or conservatorship;
- strike language specifying places in which the local agency can conduct the comprehensive evaluation;
- extend to 20 days the time in which a local agency must bring a petition after receiving the commissioner's acceptance of nomination;
- allow local agency to file a petition for public guardianship;
- removes requirement that petition state name and address of the nominating person when applicable;
- require petition to state the date of birth of the proposed ward, reasons for the public petition, including the fact that no qualified individual is willing to assume the duties;

- set forth the requirements for notice of hearing and hearings;
- require court to order appointment of commissioner as guardian or conservator if court finds that:

-the proposed ward is mentally retarded;

-- the proposed is incapable of exercising specific legal rights; -- the proposed ward is in need of supervision and protection; and

-- no less restrictive alternative is available;

- require order to be served upon the ward and ward's counsel. with notice of right to appeal;
- require court to issue letters of guardianship or conservatorship, containing:

-name, address and phone number of guardian;

-name address and phone number of ward;

--powers to be exercised;

· give public guardian the following additional powers:

-to give or withhold permission to marry;

--begin or defend legal action in name of ward; and

-- consent to adoption of the ward;

- · require commissioner to secure consent of local agency and hospital before ward receives outpatient services or temporary care form a regional treatment center;
- · require commissioner to determine the need for a guardian of the ward's personal estate and, if necessary, to petition the court for appointment of a private guardian of the estate;
- require commissioner to:

-- maintain contact with ward;

- --make decisions that allow the ward as much independence as possible; and
- encourage self-reliance of the ward and participation of near relatives in planning for the ward;

• provide miscellaneous provisions to:

-allow patient with mental retardation to give or withhold consent before the implementation of any aversive or deprivation procedure or the administration of psychotropic medication; -- require written recommendation of commissioner of human services before approval of a medical procedure which requires a court order.

Client advisory committees HF960/SF917 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would require director of state planning agency to contract for development of client advisory committees, and state that the committee enables client to advocate for themselves on issues related to the vocational setting.

\*\*Amendment would substitute the commissioner of jobs and training for the director of state planning agency as the person who will create advisory committees.

Drivers license--organ donation

HF1008/SF575 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would appropriate \$20,000 to the commissioner of public safety to print driver's license renewal notice communications about organ donation.

Medical insurance--low-income demo project HF1045/SF1069 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would establish a demonstration project to provide health insurance to certain low-oncome people. Provisions would:

- establish the purpose of the demonstration project as determining the need for and feasibility of a statewide program of insurance for uninsured low income people;
- describe the counties in northeastern Minnesota that would be in the demonstration project, unless a county board wants to be excluded;
- describe person who are eligible as persons who have income that is less than 200 percent of the AFDC income standard, not otherwise insured and real property, cash and liquid assets must not exceed the standards set for MA eligibility;
- establish enrollee benefits as MA benefits, except that chemical dependency, mental health and other serivces not required to be covered by HMOs may be excluded in order to provide for an affordable monthly premium;
- require coverage of all eligible persons who pay a sliding fee based on the enrollee's income, not to exceed 50 percent of the prepaid rate for GAMC services already provided in this geographic area;
- require the commissioner to contract with an insurer of HMO for the duration of the project;
- direct the commissioner to coordinate this program with MA and GAMC to assure uniterrupted service (medical services incurred under this program can be counted toward the spend-down provisions for MA eligibility).
- \*\*Amendments would:
- add Pine county to the list of counties affected;
- define and determine membership of a coalition established to serve the purposes of the demonstration;
- delete provisions requiring that enrollee have no assets or property in excess of MA eligibility standards;
- define the health services package provided to enrollee.

Comprehensive welfare reform

HF1053/SF968 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would make welfare reform changes in the state's welfare system.

(See bill summary under Health & Human Services Div./Appropriations, April 10)

- \*\*Further amendments would:
- change the number of months a person can be on AFDC from 24 to 12 of the last 36 months, to be eligible as a part of the priority group;
- require county boards to refer priority, rather than all, caretakers to register for employment and training programs;
- clarify that a caretaker who needs child care services to complete high school or a general education diploma is eligible for child care services;
- change from six months to six weeks, the age of children that minor parents need to have to be eligible for AFDC.

Economic opportunity office

HF1187/SF1360 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would establish the Minnesota economic opportunity office within the department of jobs and training as the state's

antipoverty office with the purpose of fighting poverty. Provisions would:

- require commissioner to assist in meeting the goal by: --serving as resource center to low-income persons, community organizations, and other state agencies in identifying the causes
- -collecting information on policies which affect low-income Minnesotans:
- --informing public and policy makers about poverty's conditions, causes, and cures; and
- --interacting with community and state organizations involved in poverty alleviation so as to coordinate services statewide;
- allow commissioner to make grants or enter into agreements to intiate, maintain, or expand poverty-fighting programs;
- require commissioner to appoint a state community action advisory council to advise and make recommendations to the department concerning poverty-fighting programs.

Employment Retirement Security Act--resolution HF1189/SF1421 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

A resolution that would direct the United States Congress to amend the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), to allow a state to establish requirements or tax incentives directly affecting employers and employment-based health benefits that are intended to protect consumers, ensure adequate coverage, promote access to coverage or promote competition.

\*\*Amendment would require that an exemption shall not apply to collectively bargained health and welfare plans without an affirmative action by the Legislature.

Disabled child, adult care--program licensure HF1210/SF1113 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would regulate the licensure of programs for the care of children or of adults with certain disabilities. Provisions would:

- define terms:
- prohibit unlicensed persons or organizations from operating residential or nonresidential programs, receiving child or adult for care, supervision or placement, planning the placement of a child or adult, or advertising program;
- exempt certain individuals and organizations from licensure;
- define application procedures;
- describe study of applicant;
- require commissioner to inspect the physical plant, records and documents, and evaluation by consumers of the program and to observe the program in operation;
- describe correction orders and fines;
- describe hearing requirements;
- require commissioner to adopt rules for licensure;
- · set fees;
- · allow majority of controlling person of residential program to ask commissioner to assume operation of program by appointing a receiver and allow commissioner to put program into voluntary receivership;

- allow involuntary receivership for residential facilities;
- · govern nonresidential programs;
- \*\*Amendments would:
- state that nonresidential programs include home and communitybased services and semi-independent living services for persons with mental retardation that are provided in or outside or a person's own home;
- state that residential programs include home and communitybased services and semi-independent living services for persons with mental retardation that are provided in or outside of a person's own home;

• exempt the following from licensure:
--programs not located in family or group family day care homes whose primary purpose is to provide activities outside of the regular school day for children age five and older, until such time as appropriate rules have been adopted by the commissioner; --head start nonresidential programs which operate for less than 31 days in each calendar year;

-non-certified boarding care homes unless they provide services for five or more whose primary diagnosis is mental illness or

mental retardation;

- -family day care for non-handicapped children provided for a cumulative total of less than 30 days in any 12-month period;
- delete section outlining authorities of commissioner;
- add section outlining requirements for conditional license;
- make technical changes.

Insurance--family health

HF1212/SF1210 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate in Taxes and Tax Laws)

Would establish the Minnesota Institute for Health Research funded by a cigarette and tobacco products tax.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 27, Health & Human Services, April 9).

- \*\*Amendments would:
- insert new section to create a family health insurance program that would make health insurance available on a sliding fee basis for low-income families and individuals;
- outline the commissioner's duties in selecting the health insurance provider;
- outline the health plan corporation's duties;
- · outline the sliding fee schedule;
- require the commissioner to establish an office for the administration of the program;
- require that enrollees shall contract for and receive coverage for at least six months unless they become insured elsewhere;
- provide that funding for the health insurance program comes from General Fund;
- delete section to create the Institute for Health Research;
- delete the sections crediting cigarette tax funds to the health research trust fund and to other state funds;
- create a feasibility study on the Institute of Health Research and appropriate money from the public health fund for the study.

Public assistance—administrative aid change HF1221/SF1368 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would create a new formula for distribution of administrative aid to counties. Provisions would:

- require that 50 percent of available appropriation be distributed to counties to reimburse up to 50 percent of all salary expenses for public assistance programs approved by the commissioner of human services and not otherwise reimbursed by the federal government;
- require that 25 percent of available proportion be distributed to counties in proportion to county share of AFDC and MA caseloads; requires payment to be reduced to reflect overdue AFDC eligibility reviews and overdue quarterly asset reviews for MA eligibility; and requires that money accruing as a result of these reductions be rolled over to next year;
- require that 25 percent of the available appropriation be distributed to counties in proportion to the county share of placements of children served under the community social services act (CSSA);
- require that \$1 million of the appropriation available for county reimbursement for public assistance in 1988 be distributed to counties that received equalization aid during fiscal year 1987;
- repeal equalization aid to counties;
- \*\*Amendment would make technical change to provision requiring that 25 percent of the available funds go toward children served under CSSA.

Welfare fraud--prosecutors, investigators HF1289/SF1253 (Jennings, DFL-Rush City)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services)

Would provide for training of welfare fraud prosecutors and investigators. Provisions would:

- provide staff for fraud control function;
- · define amounts of assistance directly paid;
- provide for joint trials;
- change the date of payment of certain periodic support to the assistance unit;
- · regulate certain property transfers;
- provide for incorrect assistance amounts recovered.

Licensed boarding care facilities
HF1359/SF566 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would authorize Minnesota supplemental aid for a licensed boarding care facility.

\*\*(See bill summary in this issue, Health & Human Services Div./Appropriations, April 14)

Child abuse hotline

HF1434/SF1270 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would:

- require the commissioner of human services to establish a statewide toll-free 24-hour phone line for consultation and training services to those involved in child protection;
- require the commissioner to create an advisory council to advise the commissioner on the development and operation of the phone service;
- require that the identity of any caller may not be requested;
- appropriate money from the general fund.

Welsch case management appeals
HF1524/SF1396 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass
as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services
Committee)

Would set forth appeal procedure for those receiving case management services.

\*\*Amendment would create section outlining procedures for case management appeals.

#### JUDICIARY

Tuesday, April 14

Child Abuse Reporting Act--required reports HF277/SF409\* (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--recommended to pass.

Would broaden the Child Abuse Reporting Act to require certain persons, such as teachers and health care providers, to report to the local welfare agency or law enforcement agency when they know or have reason to believe a child has been abused or neglected within the past three years.

Conciliation courts—judgments HF624/SF349 (Kludt, DFL-Moorhead)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would amend the statute on conciliation courts outside of Hennepin and Ramsey counties to provide requirements similar to those already in law for Hennepin and Ramsey county courts. Provisions would:

- require the court administrator to enter judgment immediately after the court so orders; would require that the judgment be dated for the same date notice is sent to the parties; would provide the judgment becomes effective 20 days after mailing unless:

  --the court orders otherwise;
- -- the defendant has paid in full already;
- --the case has been removed (appealed) to county or district court; or
- -- the prior order has been vacated (voided);
- provide that a default judgment or dismissal entered because a party failed to appear may be vacated within 20 days after notice of judgment was mailed and a new hearing may be granted, if the party who failed to appear shows lack of notice, mistake, inadvertence, or excusable neglect; would allow the court to order costs not to exceed \$25; would require the court administrator to mail the other party notice of the new hearing date;
- permit vacation of an order after 20 days if a party:
  --didn't receive the initial summons early enough to prepare a defense, and
- --didn't receive notice of the default in time to take advantage of the provision allowing vacation within 20 days; or --shows other good cause;
- allow the judge to decide on payment of costs of the above provision;

- excuse a party who signs an affidavit claiming inability to pay the filing fee from the fee; would require the filing fee to be paid out of any money recovered if the affiant wins;
- allow the losing party in a conciliation court action to remove the action to county or district court pursuant to court rule within 20 days after the date notice of the judgment order was mailed to that party; would allow the demand for removal to be served on the opposing party or counsel in person or by mail.

Sex abuse offenders--stayed sentences HF674/SF947 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide circumstances in which the court may stay execution of sentence following for a person convicted for a second or subsequent criminal sexual conduct offense.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 35, Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., March 30)

\*\*Amendment would require as a condition of probation, a term of incarceration in a local jail or workhouse that is proportional to the defendant's prior criminal record.

Crimes against children--parent's testimony HF730/SF764 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide that spousal privilege (where a spouse can't be required to testify against his or her spouse without the spouse's consent except in certain situations) doesn't apply to a proceeding concerning a crime one spouse commits against a child under the care of either spouse in a foster care, day care, or like setting.

\*\*Amendment would provide that the privilege doesn't apply to a proceeding concerning a crime committed by one spouse against a child under the care of either spouse.

Marijuana--metric measurement HF875/SF456\* (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would amend the definition in the controlled substance law of "small amount" of marijuana to express the amount in metric terms; would clarify the references in the controlled substances law Schedule II to cocaine and ecogonine.

\*\*Amendment would add technical language.

Local government employees--punitive damages HF1057/SF53\* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide for indemnification of municipal employees for punitive damages. Provisions would:

- authorize local governing bodies to insure the unit of government and its officers, employees and agents for punitive damages;
- require local government units and their instrumentalities to defend and indemnify elective and appointive officers and employees for damages, including punitive damages, if the individual:
- --was performing duties of the position, and
- --wasn't guilty of malfeasance in office, willful neglect of duty, or bad faith;
- repeal current laws which:
- --require indemnification in certain cases; and
- --prohibit a local government unit from insuring or indemnifying an officer or employee against punitive damages.

'Rape shield' law--changes HF1069/SF948 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would make changes to the "rape shield" law (which provides that evidence of an alleged rape victim's prior sexual conduct is inadmissible except under certain circumstances).

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 35, Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., April 3)

Criminal sexual conduct--fifth degree HF1070/SF1018 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would create a new crime of fifth degree criminal sexual conduct that would make it a felony to engage in nonconsensual sexual contact.

\*\*Amendment would change the proposed penalty for the offense to up to one year in prison, and/or a fine up to \$3,000.

Criminal sexual conduct--definitions
HF1071/SF1019 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would clarify several definitions in criminal sexual conduct statutes.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 35, Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., April 3--\*\*includes amendment)

Child custody--domestic abuse as evidence HF1278/SF1081 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would add a new factor to help determine the best interests of a child for custody purposes; would provide that evidence of domestic abuse is relevant to custody determinations; and would amend the Domestic Abuse Protection Act to provide that in a custody proceeding held after a protection order proceeding, the court may consider, but is not bound by, a finding under the Act that domestic abuse has occurred between the parties.

\*\*Amendment would make technical language changes.

Minnesota Statutes--judicial decision changes HF1511/SF1323 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would conform various laws to judicial decisions of unconstitutionality and suggestions for clarity. Provisions would:

- permit a veteran who is entitled to a discharge hearing under the Veterans Preference Act to use the grievance procedure the Public Employees Labor Relations Act (PELRA) created; would provide that a public employee who is a veteran and uses the PELRA grievance procedure may not also have a hearing under the Veteran's Preference Act;
- provide that the Beer Wholesalers Act applies to wholesale agreements entered after the effective date of the act (current law applies the Act to agreements in existence before the Act took effect);
- repeal current laws which:
- --exempt local government from liability to any injured individual workers' compensation covers;
- --provides a procedure for appealing decisions from county court to the court of appeals;
- --prohibit a party to a legal action from testifying about any conversation with a deceased or insane person ("dead man" statute).

\*\*Amendment would delete proposed changes to current laws which provide for drivers license revocation, certain unemployment compensation provisions, and a liquor licensee's liability in certain civil actions.

# Crime & Family Law Div./Judic.

#### Monday, April 13

Property crimes--reclassification HF384/ŠF286 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- permit law enforcement agencies that are investigating and prosecuting offenses under the check forgery, financial transaction card fraud, and false tax statement statutes, to use photos which the Bureau of Public Safety takes for driver's license and Minnesota ID card purposes;
- egrant prosecutorial authority to city attorneys in cities of the first and second class to prosecute gross misdemeanor violations of the theft, criminal damage to property, check forgery, and financial transaction card statutes:
- increase from \$100 to \$200, the maximum penalty for a petty misdemeanor, would provide that the maximum fine for petty misdemeanor violations of the traffic and motor vehicle laws and for possession of a small amount of marijuana would remain at \$100 unless the traffic or motor vehicle law violation was originally charged as a misdemeanor and later certified as a petty misdemeanor;
- permit local units of government to impose a \$200 maximum fine for petty misdemeanor violations of local ordinances except
- --violations of local traffic and motor vehicle ordinances, and --ordinances prohibiting the possession of a small amount of marijuana;
- allow prosecutors to certify a misdemeanor violation as a petty misdemeanor if the prosecutor believes it is in the interest of justice that the defendant not be imprisoned if convicted; would not require the defendant's consent to certification; would provide that the certification doesn't affect the defendant's eligibility for court-appointed counsel; would provide that certain misdemeanors may not be certified without the defendant's consent; would provide that a misdemeanor violation that has been certified as a petty misdemeanor may not later be used to enhance a subsequent violation as a gross misdemeanor;
- · add fourth-degree assault to the current law that provides that it is a gross misdemeanor to commit a fifth-degree assault against the same victim within five years of a previous conviction for first-, second-, third-, or fifth-degree assault; would impose a gross misdemeanor penalty on persons who commit a fifthdegree assault against any person within two years of a prior conviction for any degree of assault;
- · amend the crime of theft to change the sentencing provisions of
- --provide that a defendant is guilty of a misdemeanor for stealing an amount of \$200 or less (current law is \$250);
- --create a new gross misdemeanor violation applicable to thefts of amounts more than \$200 but less than \$500;
- --provide that felony penalties apply to thefts of amounts of \$500 or more;
- --provide a five year felony penalty to any subsequent conviction for theft involving more than \$200 but less than \$500 if a defendant was previously convicted of theft, forgery, credit card fraud, robbery, receiving stolen property, or burglary in the first, second, or third degree within the past five years and received a felony or gross misdemeanor sentence for the offense;
- · reclassify the crimes of aggravated criminal damage to property and criminal damage to property;

- provide that criminal damage to property in the first degree
- would impose felony penalties on persons who:
  --reduce the value of the damaged property in an amount more than \$500, and
- -have been previously convicted of first or second degree violations of the offense within the preceding three years and who reduce the value of damaged property by more than \$250;
- provide that criminal damage to property in the second degree would impose gross misdemeanor penalties on persons who reduce the value of the damaged property in an amount more than \$250 but less than \$500; would allow claimants to aggregate the value of property the defendant damages within a six-month period for charging purposes;
- provide that criminal damage to property in the third degree would impose misdemeanor penalties on persons who cause criminal damage to property under any other circumstances;
- create a new crime of check forgery, and amend the current crime of aggravated forgery to exclude forged checks; would provide penalties for the new crime depending on the value of property or services obtained through use of the forged check as follows:
- -gross misdemeanor penalties for all forged checks having a value of \$200 or less;
- --five-year felony penalties if the check's value is between \$200 and \$2,500, or the defendant is a repeat offender;
- -- 10-year felony if the check's value is over \$2,500;
- amend the crime of financial transaction card fraud by moving the crime of "theft by credit card" out of the theft statute and into the financial transaction card fraud statute; would make the sentencing provisions of the financial transaction card fraud statute identical to those in the new check forgery statute;
- extend the wiretap statute to cover investigations of violations of the check forgery and financial transaction card fraud statutes;
- impose a \$6,000 limit on the amount of cash bail that may be required of a person law enforcement officials charge with a gross misdemeanor, would continue the current \$1,400 limit on cash bail for a person law enforcement officials charge with a misdemeanor; would provide that persons law enforcement officials charge with certain misdemeanor or gross misdemeanor violations may be subject to a maximum cash bail of \$2,800 and \$12,000 respectively.

**DWI--mandatory minimum penalties** HF1165/SF537 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would impose mandatory minimum penalties on persons the courts convict of DWI or aggravated DWI twice within a fiveyear period or three or more times within a 10-year period of at least 30 days imprisonment, or 240 hours of community service work. Provisions would:

- require the courts to execute sentence unless the prosecutor makes a motion that the defendant be sentenced without regard to the mandatory minimum penalties;
- require the court to sentence the defendant without regard to the mandatory minimum penalties if the court finds that substantial mitigating factors exist, but would require the court to impose a sentence that is proportional to the extent of the offender's prior criminal and moving traffic violation record.
- \*\*Amendment would:
- provide that a person must be sentenced to a minimum of 30 days in jail or to a minimum of eight hours community service for each day less than 30 days in jail;
- require the State Planning Agency to monitor the implementation and use of the mandatory minimum sentencing provisions and report to the Legislature by Jan. 1, 1989, with any findings and recommendations.

# LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

#### Friday, April 10

Dislocated workers

HF363/SF384 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would address the effect of plant closings on workers and the state. Provisions would:

- outline the purpose of the bill including the possible benefits to workers, employers and government finances, as well as the need to coordinate state efforts directed toward dislocated workers;
- add "dislocated worker programs" to the definition of employment and training services;
- instruct the commissioner of jobs and training to evaluate the performance of dislocated workers programs as part of a larger semi-annual report;
- require an employer (with 50 or more employees in the past year) to notify the commissioner of jobs and training within 10 days after the employer has closed a facility or if the employer has laid off at least 25 percent of a facility's employees. The notification shall include the number of employees terminated, the occupations of those employees, their names and addresses, and the reasons for the terminations;
- create a retraining and educational coordinator (based in the AVTI system) to coordinate the retraining and education efforts of the state's education related agencies and systems in communities that have been affected by plant closings;
- require the Full Productivity and Opportunity Coordinator to identify state and federal barriers to participation of unemployed individuals in retraining programs;
- provide that recommendations for program changes would be submitted to the governor and Legislature by January 1988;
- appropriate funds (no amount specified) from the General Fund to the commissioner of jobs and training to provide services and assistance to dislocated workers. The following limits would be included:

--at least 70 percent would be for a state match to the federal dislocated worker program;

--up to 20 percent may be used to assist those that do not meet the federal definition of dislocated worker or to provide services and administrative support prior to other funds being available; -- up to 10 percent may be used for additional staff associated with dislocated worker services;

• appropriate \$150,000 (General Fund) to the commissioner of jobs and training to establish a monitoring system for measuring the effect of plant closings. Information gathered would include:

--cause of individual plant closings;
--number of dislocated workers affected by plant closings;
--type of industries and occupations affected by plant closings;

--effect of plant closings on employee benefits;

--effect of plant closing on state and local government finances; and

type and amount of public financing received by a business that has had a plant closing.

Construction truckers--regulations HF1397/SF1398 (Rice, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would include carriers of dirt, sod, sand, gravel, asphalt, readymix, concrete blocks, tiles, and crushed rock within a 50-mile radius of the home base office or the construction site in carrier regulations. (Construction truckers are presently exempt from

carrier regulations.) Provisions would:

• provide that a private carrier who (a) transports those materials as part of a project to build, repair, remodel or maintain a building, structure or road, and (b) enters into a lease agreement for those transportation services:

-stand in an employee-employer relationship with a driver providing that service;

-is responsible for the driver's actions in the course of business;

- -is responsible for the driver's compensation, benefits, and withholding;
- set standards for leases by which a private carrier obtains the equipment of another, covering:

-identification of parties and vehicles;

- --beginning and ending dates' terms of compensation;
- -- control of equipment by the private carrier; and
- --employee status of drivers;
- require all such leases to be reviewed and approved by Mn/DOT:
- direct Mn/DOT to adopt rules to implement this act by Jan. 1,

Unemployment insurance--technical changes HF1542/SF1412 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate floor)

Would make numerous technical and procedural changes to unemployment insurance laws, as proposed by the Department of Jobs and Training.

# **Unemployment Ins. & Workers'** Comp. Div./Labor-Mgmt. Rel.

Monday, April 13

Workers' compensation--delivery system HF913 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended.\*\*

Would eliminate appeals to the Rehabilitation Review Panel and the Medical Services Review Board for rehabilitation and medical issues; would establish a single procedure for all administrative conferences on rehabilitation and medical issues; and would make available a de novo hearing at the Office of Administrative Hearings (OAH) of these issues or to hear these questions in the first instance. Provisions would:

- permit the chief administrative law judge to hear cases, including workers' compensation cases;
- add the chairs of the rehabilitation review panel and the medical services review board to the advisory council on workers' compensation;
- eliminate the requirement that notices to the workers' compensation court of appeals shall be served on the commissioner;
- provide that the definition of child include a stepchild;
- provide that "office" means the office of administrative hearings;
- define compensation judge to mean a workers' compensation judge at the office. Define calendar judge to mean a judge at OAH. Define settlement judge to mean a compensation judge at the Department of Labor and Industry and specify their authority, including the power to hold settlement conferences, issue summary decisions and exercise other duties delegated by the commissioner;

- transfer the exemption (incuding exemptions to coverage) for officers of family farm and closely held corporation;
- define administrative conference to mean an informal, expedited conference to resolve issues arising under rehabilitation, medical care, medical treatment, medical fee, and discontinuance conference;
- provide that if the parties do not settle the dispute, and administrative decision would be issued;
- include in the exclusion from workers' compensation coverage sole proprietors or the spouse, parent and child of the sole proprietor; and executive of a closely held corporation having less than 22,800 payroll hours, if the officer owns at leat 25 percent of the stock in the corporation;
- remove the provision giving the commissioner the power to determine the fitness of QRC's and rehabilitation vendors and to fine the QRC's and vendors;
- change the duties of the rehabilitation review panel. The panel would no longer hear appeals regarding eligibility for rehab services, and rehab plans and benefits. Instead, the panel would hear appeals of the commissioner's orders regarding certification of QRC's and vendors. These would be de novo hearings and appealable to the workers' compensation court of appeals;
- authorize the panel to discipline and fine QRC's and vendors and to hear complaints against QRC's and vendors, which are brought and investigated by the commissioner. Would direct the panel to assist the commissioner in public education;
- provide that the panel act on the recommendations of the administrative law judge under the previous provision. Eliminate procedural provisions for conducting a hearing that is not relevant under the new duties of the review panel;
- provide that a QRC must disclose to the employee any ownership interest or affiliation between the QRC's company and the insurance company or employer, or any other party to the case including attorneys, doctors or chiropractors;
- provide that if the employee objects to the QRC, the notice of objection should include the name and address of the QRC chosen by the employee;
- provide that the employee has the unconditional right to change the QRC once during the first 60 days following the first consultation and once thereafter; a subsequent request for a change must be determined by the commissioner or a compensation judge;
- give the compensation judges the authority to become involved in rehabilitation decisions;
- give a compensation judge, in addition to the commissioner, the right to determine eligibility for rehabilitation benefits; to approve a rehabilitation plan, and to decide other rehabilitation issues;
- eliminate the right to appeal these decisions to the rehabilitation review panel;
- give a compensation judge, in addition to the commissioner, the right to modify plans;
- provide that plans may be modified or terminated if the employee is not likely to benefit from further rehabilitation;
- eliminate the right to appeal a commissioner's decison regarding modification of a rehabilitation plan to the rehabilitation review panel;
- provide that the commissioner must approve vendors if they satisfy department rules;

- allow a compensation judge, in addition to the commissioner, to discontinue rehabilitation benefits for refusal to submit to examinations or rehabilitation evaluations;
- require that compensation judges be provided continuing training in workers' compensation and rehabilitation issues and techniques of dispute resolution;
- eliminate the commissioner's power to penalize or disqualify a medical provider. Instead, the commissioner would initiate a complaint that is heard by the medical services review board. The board would make the final decision;
- clarify that the review board may not rule on the issue of primary liability and eliminate the commissioner's power to make such determinations, except as part of a summary decision of a settlement judge; and eliminate the provisions that prohibit medical determinations by the compensation judge;
- eliminate the requirement that the board appoint a clinical advisory subcommittee. The board may appoint any subcommittees it deems necessary. The board would also assist the commissioner and the chief administrative law judge with public education;
- provide that the medical services review board, on petition from the commissioner, may fine, disqualify or suspend a health care provider for violating the provisions of the workers' compensation law. The hearing would be held before three members of the board, under the contested case hearing procedures;
- provide the procedure for all adminstrative conferences on rehabilitation or medical issues;
- allow any party to request a conference by filing a form prescribed by the commissioner;
- require the conference to be scheduled within 60 days of the request; notice must be sent 14 days before the conference;
- allow the commissioner to hold a conference without a request and to refuse to hold a conference and send the matter to a settlement judge or a compensation judge;
- permit appearance personally, by telephone, by representative or by written submission. A decision would be made based on what is available at the conference;
- require a decision, which shall determine all issues, whithin 30 days of a hearing or 60 days of a request if no hearing is held; provide that disputed issues of fact would be determined by a preponderance of the evidence; and provide that notice of the right to request a hearing must be provided;
- provide a \$300 penalty if the insurer does not provide a reason for the nonpayment, unless caused by a failure to receive requested information;
- require the filing of a request for a hearing before a compensation judge within 30 days of a decision, for a de novo hearing of the issues considered in the conference;
- require the commissioner to refer files to OAH within five days of a request;
- require the hearing to be held at the earliest available date, within 60 days of receipt and the decision to issue within 30 days of the hearing;
- prohibit the commissioner from making medical or rehabilitation issues where there is a genuine dispute whether the injury arose out of and in the course of employment, except as part of a summary decision by a settlement judge;
- provide that the commissioner may decide an issue of causation that arises after liability has been admitted or is established, subject to a de novo hearing at OAH;

- permit the commissioner, in addition to compensation judge and the court of appeals, to decide the amount of support provided by a deceased employee to a dependent;
- permit the commissioner, in addition to a compensation judge and the court of appeals, to award attorney's fees in connection with supplementary benefits;
- allow compensation judges, in addition to the commissioner, to make determinations concerning medical treatment. These determinations would be in a de novo hearing;
- provide that when the employer is liable for the expense in obtaining medical treatment, the expense would include costs and attorneys fees, determined on an hourly basis;
- eliminate the need for a second surgical opinion, unless requested by an employee; the second opinion would be paid by the employer;
- specify that no employee may be compelled to have surgery;
- provide that a compensation judge, rather than the medical services review board or the court of appeals (and in addition to the commissioner) may determine the employer's liability for the reasonable value of medical services. The court of appeals would still review these determinations on appeal;
- require the employer or insurer to pay medical bills within 30 days or to deny the charge and provide the basis for the denial within that time:
- require health care providers to submit statement, records and reports to substantiate a charge;
- prohibit charging for the copies and prohibits an action for collection until the documentation has been furnished;
- provide that a health care provider cannot collect fees which the employer or insurer has deemed excessive, unless the provider initiates an action to recover the fees; in these actions, the insurer or employer has the burden of proving excessiveness;
- provide that a compensation judge, rather than the medical services review board (and in addition to the commissioner) has the authority to determine whether a fee is excessive;
- permit the commissioner, as well as a compensation judge and the court of appeals, to request discipline for false testimony by a health care provider, and provides that these cases would be hard by the medical services review board;
- specify that the required notice must include the name of the workers' compensation carrier or the fact that the employer is self-insured; and that the notice must be posted at all locations;
- provide that the commissioner, after notice, may fine an employer \$300 for failing to post the notice;
- provide that the employer must pay the employee reasonable travel expenses and any lost wages resulting from attendance the adverse examination;
- require that adverse examination to be complete and the report served and filed within 120 days of the filing of a claim petition, unless an extension is granted by the commissioner or a compensation judge;
- provide that to grant an extension, the commissioner or a judge must find that the extension is not for the purpose of delay, that there was a good faith effort made to comply and that there is good cause for the extension;
- prohibit consideration of evidence related to an exam unless the exam and report are completed on time or an extension is granted;
- strike the power of the court of appeals to suspend

- compensation for failure to comply with a reasonable request for an examination:
- limit the use of live testimony by a health care provider to cases involving occupational disease, cardiopulmonary injuries or diseases, cumulative trauma, apportionment or on order of the compensation judge (or as otherwise provided). Allow posthearing depositions, in addition to testimony at a hearing, if the health care provider was not available prior to the hearing;
- limit receipt of evidence to 30 days following the hearing, unless otherwise ordered by the chief administrative law judge;
- require submission of all existing medical reports with a claim petition or answer;
- require that all reports substantially conform to the rules of the chief ALJ; allow the reports to be admitted into evidence without establishing foundation; and provide that the reports would be considered prima facie evidence of the opinions contained in the report:
- provide that a credit for an overpayment may not be applied against medical expenses;
- provide that, an employer who, after notice from the commissioner, continue to withhold from employee wages to pay for workers' compensation, will be liable for a penalty of 200 percent of the amount withheld. Half the penalty would go to the special compensation fund and half to the employee;
- provide that a temporary order may be issued even if the employers or insurers agree to pay under the order;
- allow a compensation judge upon a petition, in addition to the commissioner, may order payment from the special fund pending a decision which insurer or employer is liable for benefits;
- provide that workers' compensation insurers and self-insurers be subject to the unfair trade practices regulations, except where it is clearly inappropriate;
- provide that the commissioner of labor and industry shall be responsible for enforcement;
- provide that the commissioner may revoke the authority of any employer to self-insure;
- provide that an insurance adjuster who acts on behalf of an insurer, self-insured, employer plan administrator, or risk management service shall be deemed an agent of these entities. Subjects an adjuster to unfair trade practices regulation and penalties, including denial, suspension or revocation of the adjuster's license;
- permit the commissioner to suspend, as well as revoke, an insurer's license;
- provide that a complaint against an insurer must include a notice and order of hearing, and that the insurer must respond within 20 days of service;
- provide that the hearing would be conducted as a contested case hearing;
- permit the commissioner to impose a penalty of up to \$5000 for each offense by a insurer;
- establish amount of penalties against an employer late in beginning compensation payments: 1-15 days, 25 percent of compensation up to \$375; 16-30 days, 50 percent up to \$1,140; 31-60 days, 75 percent up to \$2,878; over 60, 100 percent up to \$3.838:
- provide that interest would accrue for penalties at the same rate as other payments owed the claimant;

- require payment of permanent partial benefits within 14 days of the medical report containing the disability rating and payment of medical bills within 30 days of receipt of the bills;
- require the compensation judge to award interest on all compensation awarded, accruing before and after the filing of the decision;
- provide that the commissioner of commerce may suspend, as well as revoke, and insurers' license and that hearings and appeals would be conducted;
- require serving a copy of the initial report of injury on the employee, as well as the commissioner and the insurerer;
- expand the penalty provisions for failing to file a report to include insurers:
- provide that if the employer fails to file a report of injury, the insurer must file the report within ten days of a request from the department. If a report is not filed within 30 days of notice of injury the commissioner would file the report;
- provide that the three-year statute of limitations would not commence with the filing by the commissioner and that a substitute filing would be no defense in a penalty action;
- provide that after the employer has been paying benefits for 30 days, the employer may not discontinue benefits without providing the employee and the department notice of intent to discontinue. The notice would have to include the reason for the discontinuance and medical evidence to support the discontinuance;
- provide that temporary total may be discontinued on the day the employee returns to work and direct the employer to file the notice within 30 days of the date the employer learns the employee has returned to work;
- provide that in other cases, the employer's liability would continue until the notice and available medical reports are filed with the division;
- permit the employee to request an administrative conference to obtain an expedited interim decision;
- permit an employee to serve on an employer and file with the commissioner as object if the employee elects not to request and administrative conference or fails to proceed within 12 days; if the discontinuance is not governed; or if the employee disagrees with the commissioner's decision;
- require the commissioner to refer objections to OAH for a de novo hearing within 10 days;
- permit the employer to file a petition to discontinue rather than a notice of discontinuance or following a decision unfavorable to the employer;
- require the commissioner to refer the petition to OAH for a de novo hearing within 10 days;
- provide that the petition shall include all reports in the possession of the employer that are relevant to the discontinuance;
- require the employer to continue paying compensation until the judge's decision and thereafter as required by the decision or subsequent decisions, unless and intervening event would justify discontinuance and the proper procedures are followed;
- require the judge to schedule a hearing within 30 days if:

   the objection is filed within 60 days of the administrative decision or notice of discontinuance if no administrative hearing is held:
- --a petition of discontinuance is filed instead of a notice of discontinuance or within 60 days of an administrative decision; or

- --the petition or objection is late through no fault of the employee and the employee is unemployed;
- provide that the hearing is limited to the issues raised by the notice or petition, unless the parties agree to expand the issues in which case the expedited time limits would not apply;
- provide that a continuance may be granted only if the employer agrees to continue benefits or the employee agrees that benefits may be discontinued;
- provide that all evidence must be presented at the hearing, unless there is clear surprise. The party may then submit additional evidence within 14 days, unless the judge determines otherwise:
- require a decision within 30 days after the close of the hearing record:
- provide that an order confirming discontinuance relieves the employer of liability subject to appeal and the right of the judge to set aside the order prior to the filing of an appeal with the court of appeals;
- require the court of appeals to conclude oral arguments within 60 days following certification of the record;
- provide that notices would be on forms prescribed by the commissioner,
- require service of notice of an attorney if the employee is represented by an attorney for the same injury;
- establish a fine of up to \$500 per violation for each violation;
- provide that this does not apply to an employee who has been determined to be permanently totally disabled;
- provide an expedited procedure in disputes over discontinuance of temporary total, temporary partial, or permanent total compensation;
- permit the employee to request a conference if the employee disagrees with the notice of discontinuance;
- provide that in case of return to work, where the employee believes that benefits should be reinstated because of an occurrence during the first 14 days back at work, the employee would have to request a conference within 21 days of return to work; except, where the employer fails to file the notice, in which case, the employee may request a conference within 40 days of return to work;
- provide that in other cases, the request must be filed within 12 days after the notice is received by the commissioner, or within 40 days if the employer did not provide notice;
- allow the commissioner to permit the discontinuance without scheduling conference, subject to the right to file a objection to discontinuance;
- permit a request for a conference to be done in-person or by telephone;
- provide that no payment is required if the discontinuance is based on return to work, unless ordered by the commissioner;
- provide that where the employee has not returned to work, benefits are paid through the conference, unless the employee has returned to work, the employee fails to appear at the conference, or the commissioner orders otherwise;
- require the commissioner to schedule the conference within 10 days of the request;
- permit the commissioner to continue a conference with good cause for not more that 14 days unless the parties agree to a longer continuance. If the employee requests the continuance,

compensation does not continue; if the employer requests the continuance, compensation continues through the date of the continuance;

- provide that where the employee has returned to work, the commissioner may determine whether on the basis of an occurrence within the first 14 days back at work, the employee is entitled to additional compensation;
- provide that in other cases, the commissioner determines whether the employer has reasonable grounds for the discontinuance, limited to the information or reasons specified in the notice, unless the parties agree otherwise;
- require the commissioner to issue a written decision within five working days;
- provide that disputed issues of fact be determined by a preponderance of the evidence;
- provide that an employee may file an objection to discontinuance and an employer may file a petition for discontinuance if they disagree with the decision;
- provide that the decision is binding and remains in effect until a determination is made by a compensation judge if an objection or petition is filed;
- provide that if the commissioner orders payment of benefits, benefits continue until an order is issued permitting discontinuance; if the administrative decision is reversed, payments under the decision are treated as overpayments. If the commissioner permits discontinuance, the employer's obligation ends, subject to review by a compensation judge or other court;
- provide that these procedures apply to all cases where the request for a conference is filed after the effective date of this law;
- provide that this does not apply to an employee who has been determined to be permanently totally disabled;
- provide that filing is complete when it is received by the appropriate office. Also provides that, if a document is filed at the wrong office, it will be deemed to have been filed at the right office and the document will be forwarded within two days;
- permit service in the form acceptable in district court or as approved by the commissioner;
- provide that a claim petition must include all medical and other reports, names and addresses of witnesses; desired hearing location and time needed for hearing, request for prehearing or settlement conferences, list of third parties who may have paid benefits or bills, the nature and extent of claim and a request for expedited hearing, with statement of hardship, in addition to information already required;
- require the petitioner, within 30 days of a request, to furnish the names of all health care providers who have provided treatment, as well as authorizations for releasing information from these providers. Failure to respond to this request or failure to file a complete petition may result in striking the petition from the calendar;
- provide that, if a workers' compensation issue arises in a district court action, the matter will be referred to the chief administrative law judge;
- allow the commissioner to refer a petition to a settlement conference, and administrative conference for medical or rehabilitation issues or the office of administrative hearings;
- allow the commissioner to schedule a settlement conference within 60 days, which all parties must attend and must be prepared to discuss settlement;
- provide that, if settlement is not reached, the settlement officer may require the parties to submit documentation and a summary

- of their arguments; if appropriate, a written summary decision may be issued within 10 days; if a party does not attend, a decision may be issued against that party if the other party presents a prima facie case;
- provide that the summary decision would be final unless a written request for a hearing is filed within 30 days;
- direct the commissioner to certify the case to OAH within 10 days;
- permit the commissioner or a compensation judge to strike a petition from the calendar if after 30 days the petitioner does not correct a deficiency; the petition may be reinstated if the deficiency is corrected;
- provide that a case may be dismissed if no corrective action is taken for over one year after the case is stricken, after the employee is given 30-days notice;
- provide that continuance of hearings at OAH may be continued;
- permit the compensation judge to sheedule a pretrial or settlement conference whether or not the parties request one;
- allow each party to have the case reassigned one, if the request is made within 10 days of notice of the judge. No delay shall result from an affidavit of prejudice or petition for reassignment;
- require that an answer include names and addresses of witnesses, date, time, and place of scheduled adverse examination, desired location of a hearing, any request for a prehearing or settlement conference, the estimated time for a hearing and any objection to an affidavit of hardship, if filed, in addition to information already required;
- provide that, if the date, time and place of the adverse action is unknown, the employer must notify the commissioner in writing within 50 days of the filing of the petition;
- permit extension of time for an answer if the petitioner agrees and the agreement is filed with the commissioner;
- require that a case be set for a hearing at the first available date if the case is certified without an answer or extension;
- provide that judges or the commissioner may decide the case without a hearing if the parties stipulate to the facts and only legal issues remain;
- require a decision within 60 days of the receipt of the stipulated facts:
- provide that if an answer or extension is not filed, the matter would be set for an immediate hearing; the adverse party may attend and present evidence, but no continuance would be granted;
- provide that judgment may be entered if requested by the special fund, if the party is uninsured and not a self-insurer;
- provide an exception for the 30-day notice of hearing in cases when an expedited hearing is granted;
- provide that continuances may be granted only by the chief ALJ, and only for good cause shown and without prejudice to the adversary;
- allow continuance by other judges during a hearing or prehearing, according to the same standards;
- require all evidence to be submitted at the hearing, except for a clear showing of surprise of unavailability, when a judge may grant an extension of 30 days;
- create a procedure for an expedited hearing upon a showing of significant financial hardship; and set the standards for financial hardship. If there is no objection or if the request is granted, an expedited schedule would be established and a prehearing conference would be scheduled within 45 days;

- allow decisions regarding intervention to be made by the commissioner, compensation judges and the court of appeals, as well as calendar judges;
- allow commissioner or compensation judge to rule on objections to intervention;
- provide exception to normal time for decision (60 days) where expedited procedure requires a shorter time and deletes provision that allows extension of deadline with consent of the parties;
- provide that reliable hearsay evidence is admissible and that judges may rely only on relevant and material evidence presented by competent witnesses;
- allow the respondent to cross-appeal within the 30-day appeal period or within 15 days after the notice of appeal, whichever is later:
- allow the chief ALJ to require payment of transcripts in advance:
- permit the commissioner of compensation judge to award attorney's fees if an insurer or employer fails to appear at a conference after filing a notice of discontinuance;
- eliminate need for intervenor to be represented by an attorney for settlements to be conclusively presumed fair;
- transfer the responsibilities for administering and paying workers' compensation claims to state employees and for administering Peace Officers Benefit Fund from labor and industry to the Department of Employee Relations;
- transfer staff assigned to these responsibilities;
- transfer the power to make determinations regarding medical services from the medical services review board to the compensation judges;
- eliminate redundant rulemaking authority regarding a definition of suitable gainful employment;
- limit specificity requirements to notices of discontinuances and denials of liability;
- transfer administration of the Peace Officers Benefit Fund to the Department of Employee Relations;
- allow the commissioner and a compensation judge to award attorney's fees, in addition to the court of appeals;
- · repeal provisions in existing law.
- \*\*Amendment would:
- provide that the employer may require the employee to obtain a second opinion on the necessity of surgery, at the expense of the employer, prior to undergoing surgery.

## **LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS**

#### Tuesday, April 14

Duluth--design districts HF1106/SF480\* (Boo, IR-Duluth)--recommended to pass.

Would authorize the city of Duluth, by ordinance, to adopt or amend design districts significant to the preservation of the visual character and environmental qualify of the city, including action programs to guide the future development of public and private property. Would authorize the city council to create a technical design advisory committee and to issue certificates of appropriateness for new buildings, site improvements, or restorations within a design district.

Duluth--Spring Valley plat HF1107/SF470\* (Munger, DFL-Duluth)--recommended to pass.

Would require the St. Louis County recorder to file and record the plat of Spirit Valley as approved by the Duluth planning commission on Oct. 9, 1984, without a certificate stating that property taxes were paid. Would allow the auditor to amend property descriptions subject to delinquent tax proceedings within that plat to conform to plat descriptions. Would provide for local approval.

Hermantown--economic development property
HF1150/SF533 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)--recommended to
pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes and
Tax Laws Committee)

Would extend from eight years to 11 years the time period that land held by the city of Hermantown for economic development is exempt from tax.

Municipal charter commissions--discharge HF1322/SF1067\* (Morrison, IR-Burnsville)--recommended to pass.

Would provide that if a charter commission determines that a charter is not necessary or desirable, by a three-fourths vote, then the charter commission shall be discharged. Would provide that a new commission may not be formed sooner than one year from the discharge date.

Sabin-rural, urban service districts
HF1344/SF997 (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)--recommended to pass;
rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF passed Senate)

Would allow the city of Sabin to establish a rural service district and provides that taxes levied to pay bonds shall be allocated between the urban and rural service districts proportionately to the current benefit ratio times the current ratio between market values within each district. Would allow rural service district to include platted land.

Municipal annexation--tax adjustments
HF1377/SF725\* (Hartle, IR-Owatonna)--recommended to pass;
placed on Consent Calendar.

Would remove the minimum two-year period to adjust mill levies in annexed areas.

#### METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, April 15

Light rail transit HF416/SF282\* (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--heard; amended.\*\*

Would remove language that requires express legislative authorization before a regional rail authority or political subdivision in the metropolitan area can spend money on light rail transit. Only the Council, the RTB, and the MTC would remain bound by the prohibition. The bill would be effective immediately upon enactment.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- provide that a rail authority could not levy a tax of more than one-eighth of a mill for light rail transit development.

MTC--employment of off-duty police HF517/SF420\* (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass.

Would authorize peace officers the metropolitan transit commission hires to make arrests on buses within the metropolitan area.

#### REGULATED INDUSTRIES

#### Monday, April 13

Phone equipment--hearing impaired HF1002/SF1029\* (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- · define:
- --communication impaired person;
- --communication device;
- --third party message relay service;
- require a local exchange telephone company to establish and operate a program to provide communication devices and a message relay system for eligible communication-impaired persons;
- · describe who is eligible;
- require the company designated to operate the program to purchase and distribute to each local exchange phone company a sufficient number of communication devices to that each eligible household receives a device;
- require each local exchange phone company to install the devices free of charge and provide free training for those who don't know how to use the equipment;
- require a local exchange phone company to install inside and outside wiring if necessary without charge;
- provide that the devices shall be the property of the phone company purchasing them;
- require the company designated to purchase the devices to establish a third-party message relay to allow persons with the devices to communicate with those who have regular phones;
- create a 12-member advisory committee to assist in establishing and administering the communication-impaired program.
- impose a tax on phones not to exceed ten-cents per line to pay for the program; require each local phone company to collect the tax for the telephone company designated as program administrator.

# Property Tax Div./Taxes

#### Wednesday, April 15

Property tax--housekeeping, changes HF942/SF889 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would make various property tax changes.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 45, Property Tax Div./Taxes, April 6).

- \*\*Amendments would:
- establish a tax study commission to:
- --examine the burden of human service costs (income maintenance and social services) on the property tax levies; --examine and recommend legislative alternative methods of income adjusted property tax relief for homeowners and renters; --examine and recommend alternative property tax classification systems that reduce the number of classifications; --examine the tax structure and revenue needs and revenue resources of the state and local government;

- -- make long-range tax policy recommendations;
- -analyze proposed legislation; and
- -file a report at least biennially with Legislature;
- require the commission to consist of 14 legislative members (seven from the House and seven from the Senate);
- allow the commission to request information from any state officer or agency to assist them, and require that the commissioner of revenue shall prepare, maintain, and make available to the commission the data that compares;
- -household incomes with rents and property tax burdens;
  -household income with home market values and property tax burdens:
- appropriate \$600,000 for the commission;
- create article five dealing with miscellaneous property tax changes that would:
- --eliminate property tax exemptions for airport property owned by municipalities or counties to the extent they are leased by forprofit entities;
- --provide that municipal stadiums and auditoriums are exempt only to the extent that the facility is available for use by the public as participants, spectators or members of the audience; --provide that property owned by a tax exempt entity and leased to a nonexempt entity is taxable unless the lease is for less than one year.
- --provide that property owned and operated by a hospital, school, college, church, or other charitable or nonprofit entity that is used primarily for the sale of tangible personal property and meals or for other business uses is taxable;
- --provide an option to cities to impose a service charge for basic municipal service rendered to certain tax exempt buildings (any charges imposed by the city must be deducted from the city's property tax levy limit);
- extend the delivery of assessment appraisal records from May 1 to March 1.

# Tax Laws Div./Taxes

#### Friday, April 10

Corporate tax bill

HF616/SF638 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would maximize state conformity with federal income tax changes by making changes in corporate tax laws.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 46, 48, Tax Laws Div./Taxes, April 7)

- \*\*amendments would:
- make technical changes;
- allow an employer to reduce the amount assessed by reimbursements which are owed to the employer for benefits paid for injuries occuring in the calendar year before the assessment year:
- allow for a surcharge on premiums charged for insurance policies that will allow for a member insurer to recover assessments paid by the insurer, over a reasonable amount of time.

#### TRANSPORTATION

#### Thursday, April 9

License plates--six-year renewal HF80/SF63\* (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would require motorists to get new license plates every six years. \*\*Delete everything amendment would:

- require motorists to pay \$2 to replace license plates that are six years old or older when they renew their vehicle registration;
- provide that the \$100 personalized plate fee be paid only once and directs the Department of Public Safety to designate a personalized plate replacement fee to cover the cost of replacement;
- repeals several provisions that relate to plate fees, taxes and tax exempt plates.

Provisional license-homemakers

HF142/SF29 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would authorize the commissioner of public safety to issue a limited driving license to homemakers with suspended or revoked

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Highway funding bill HF1554 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)--heard.

Would increase taxes on motor vehicles, gasoline, and special fuel to generate monies for highway construction and transit programs. Provisions would:

- · increase all motor vehicle license taxes (including minimum taxes) by 10 percent beginning July 1, 1987;
- increase driver license fees, including fees for duplicate licenses, learner's permits, and ID cards by 100 percent beginning July 1,
- increase the gasoline tax from 17 to 19 cents in 1987 and to 21 cents in 1988:
- impose a two cent per gallon additional tax on special fuel (effective when the gasoline tax is increased in 1987);
- provide that in fiscal 1987, 1988, and 1989 any revenues to the motor vehicle excise tax in excess of those forecast in the March 18 revenue estimates will be credited entirely to transportation and be allocated 75 percent to the highway user distribution fund and 25 percent to the transit assistance fund.

#### Tuesday, April 14

St. Cloud--Hwy. 15 right-of-way HF57/SF44\* (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)--recommended to pass.

Would remove restrictions on disposition of right-of-way along trunk highway 15 in St. Cloud.

School buses--amber lights

HF126/SF136\* (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Would provide for amber proceed-with-caution signals on school buses.

Highway--work zone speed limits HF212/SF131\* (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would authorize the commissioner of transportation and local road authorities to reduce speed limits in highway work zones. Provisions would:

- provide that the commissioner or local road authorities are not required to conduct an engineering and traffic investigation before authorizing a reduced speed limit in a highway work zone;
- set the minimum highway work zone speed limit to 20 mph; would prohibit road authorities from lowering the posted highway speed by more than 15 mph; would set the maximum highway work zone speed limit to 40 mph;
- · define "highway work zone" as a segment of highway or street where a road authority or its agent is constructing, reconstructing, or maintaining the physical structure of the roadway, its shoulders, or features adjacent to the roadway, including underground and overhead utilities and highway appurtenances.
- \*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Trucks--110-foot commercial truck permits HF733/SF669\* (McEachern, DFL-St. Michaels)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would authorize the Department of Transportation to issue 36hour permits for three-vehicle combinations of up to 110 feet and up to 105,000 pounds to travel on interstate highways outside the metro area. Provisions would:

- set permit fee at \$15; would require the commissioner to consider the carrier's safety and maintenance programs and its accident and compliance histories before issuing a permit;
- allow combinations to travel on highways for up to one mile to reach an intersection with an interstate highway;
- prohibit travel within the area bounded by I-94 and 694 and the portion of I-94 which connects them;
- allow the three-vehicle combinations to use only those interstate entry points which the department designates for such use; would require the department to designate an entry point only after it has been modified to accommodate the combinations safely; would provide for the designation of three interchanges and four rest areas;
- require that if the access highway to a designated interstate interchange is under local control, the local authority must approve the designation;
- prohibit the department from taking any action which would result in a loss of federal highway funds;
- prohibit permitted combinations from transporting class A & B explosives, radioactive materials, or bulk quantities of hazardous materials:
- allow the commissioner to impose operating restrictions or prohibition if determined that weather or road conditions make the operation of permitted combinations unsafe.
- \*\*Amendments would:
- change permit fee from \$15 to \$30;
- allow the department to make agreements with local authorities specifying needed improvements to the local highway and providing that the department will pay for the improvements;
- provide that permits are effective on the date of the first designation of an entry point and expire on June 30 of the third years after the first designation;
- require the department to conduct a study of three-vehicle combinations; would provide that the study include but is not limited to: revenue impact, costs to the state, economic and safety impacts, highway damage, state liability implications and public acceptance;

- require a report to the House and Senate Transportation Committee by Jan. 1, of the third year after the first designation of an interstate entry point;
- require permitted combinations to travel in the extreme right hand lane except to pass another vehicle or to allow for merging traffic and to travel at a speed not exceeding 55 mph;
- require permitted combinations to display a long-load sign of a size specified in the permit on the back of the combination.

# **FLOOR ACTION**

#### **CALENDAR**

Thursday, April 9

High School League—conference memberships HF96\*/SF231 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)--passed (122-5). (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would make formation of extracurricular conferences voluntary; would establish a 90-day procedure requiring the Minnesota State High School League to arrange conference memberships for high schools unable to obtain membership during a 180-day attempt; would require a public hearing to develop criteria for arranging and assigning membership.

Bicyclists--headphones prohibited HF269\*/SF102 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)--passed (90-34). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would prohibit bicyclists traveling on a roadway or shoulder from wearing headphones that cover both ears.

Controlled substances--purity, measurement HF391\*/SF458 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)--passed (127-1). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would amend the crime of selling or distributing specified amounts of Schedule I or II controlled substances (narcotic drugs, phencyclidine, or any hallucinogen other than marijuana or THC).

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 53, General Orders, April 8)

DWI--drivers license revocation HF427\*/SF390 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--passed (131-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would make technical changes to DWI and other traffic safety laws.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 53, General Orders, April 8)

DWI--sentence stay extension HF590\*/SF391 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--passed (129-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would permit a sentencing court to stay (suspend) imposition or execution (carrying out) of a sentence for up to two years for people the courts convict of DWI or misdemeanor assault or related offenses; would provide that the court must require unsupervised probation during the second year unless it finds that supervised probation is necessary; would require the judge to hold a hearing after the first year to decide if supervision is necessary during the probation's second year.

DWI--testing options HF690\*/SF690 (Swenson, IR-Forest Lake)--passed (130-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would amend current law to give peace officers the authority to decide whether to require either a blood or a urine test or both of a motorist whom the peace officer has probable cause to believe is under the influence of a controlled substance which is not subject to testing by a breath test; would clarify that in situations other than those just described, a peace officer could revoke a person's driver's license if that person refuses to submit to either a blood or urine test when given the choice.

Criminal Justice Data Communications Network HF692\* (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)--passed (131-0).

Would specify certain uses for the Criminal Justice Data Communications Network the commissioner of public safety established.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 53, General Orders, April 8)

Child Abuse Reporting Act--changes HF806\*/SF828 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (131-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would make changes to the Chld Abuse Reporting Act.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 54, General Orders, April 8)

Gas meter tampering HF841\*/SF705 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)--passed (128-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would allow a utility to recover triple damages from persons who bypass or tamper with a meter or provide metering services without authority, or a person who received unauthorized service and knew or should have known that the tampering took place.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 54, General Orders, April 8)

Police dogs--penalties for killing, injuring HF941\*/SF1028 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)--passed (123-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would impose felony penalties on persons who cause the death of a police dog in the custody or under the direction of a peace officer when the dog is involved in law enforcement investigation or apprehension; would provide a maximum penalty of two years in prison and/or up to \$4,000; would impose gross misdemeanor penalties on persons who cause great or substantial bodily harm to a police dog in the circumstances above.

Roseville--port authority powers HF955\*/SF796 (Valento, IR-Little Canada)--passed (132-0). (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would allow the city of Roseville to exercise all powers of a port authority contained in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 458.

Mechanics liens--attachment HF1031\*/SF189 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--passed (132-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would regulate the attachment of labor and material liens.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 54, General Orders, April 8)

Marijuana possession--conviction records HF1034\*/SF455 (Kludt, DFL-Moorhead)--passed (78-49). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would repeal the current law that requires courts to forward to the Department of Public Safety reports of first convictions for possession of small amounts of marijuana, and require the department to maintain a private nonpublic record of the conviction for two years.

Occupational Safety and Health Act HF1049\*/SF1074 (A. Johnson, Spring Lake Park)--passed (130-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would amend existing law regulating the administration of the occupational safety and health act, and clarify employee rights to sue.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 54, General Orders, April 8)

Minnesota Statutes--revisor's technical changes HF1197\*/SF1163 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--passed (129-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would revise the text of certain laws to remove redundant and obsolete language, to simplify grammar and syntax, and to improve the style of language without causing changes in the meaning of the laws.

#### Monday, April 13

Child Abuse Reporting Act--source disclosure HF200\*/SF424 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (132-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would permit the court to order disclosed the name of a person who reports child abuse or neglect only if the court finds the report was false and made in bad faith.

Parental leave

HF234\*/SF246 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--passed (97-36). (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would require employers to grant 14 weeks unpaid leave of absence to an employee who is a natural or adoptive parent, in conjunction with the birth or adoption of a child.

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 9)

Minors--harmful live performances HF308\*/SF706 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (132-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would add "plays, dances, or other exhibitions presented before an audience" to the list of sexually provocative materials, which, if they meet the statutory definition of harmful to minors, may not be exhibited to minors; would provide that such exhibitions would violate laws on sexually provocative materials if they are presented in a place of public accommodation, whether or not the minor paid a fee to see the performance.

Hazardous waste--administrative penalties HF332\*/SF388 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--passed (78-53). (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would create a new section of law providing administrative penalties for violations of waste management and pollution control laws related to hazardous waste.

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 9)

Minnesota Statutes--gender references HF742/SF440\* (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--passed (131-0).

Would remove certain substantive gender changes in Minnesota Statutes.

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 9)

Public employee--mandatory retirement age HF1077\*/SF1035 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--passed (131-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would conform mandatory retirement provisions for public employees to the federal Age Discrimination in Employment Amendments of 1986.

Public pension plans, funds--uses HF1159\*/SF1071 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--passed (133-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would provide that money credited to a public pension plan constitutes a dedicated fund that may be used only for specified purposes; would prohibit such money from being loaned or transferred to a governmental entity or used to fund a deficit in another public pension plan; would not prohibit the authorized investment of plan assets.

#### Tuesday, April 14

Railroad crossings--stop signs, exempt crossings HF404\*/SF554 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--passed (125-0). (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would allow the Department of Transportation to designate as "exempt" any crossing on a rail line in which service has been abandoned or which is used by trains fewer than five times a year.

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 13)

Metropolitan Waste Control Commission--rate structure

HF499\*/SF348 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--passed (126-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would modify the cost allocation system of the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission, by changing the treatment of current value credits and by requiring a uniform rate throughout the metropolitan area for current costs.

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 13)

Data Practices Act--classifications HF534\* (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--passed (127-0).

Would classify government data under the Data Practices Act, and make various other amendments to the act.

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 13)

Foster care--payments HF556\*/SF616 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--passed (127-0). (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would require the commissioner of human services, rather than county boards, to establish difficulty-of-care payment rates for children in foster care. Would also require the commissioner to adopt emergency and permanent rules to implement foster care payment rates and difficulty-of-care payments.

Domestic abuse--protection orders HF643\*/SF539 (Veilenga, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (127-1). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would prohibit courts from modifying or vacating certain orders for protection in a marriage dissolution proceeding and provide that certain actions are not violations of an order for protection. Would also require that protection order hearings be recorded.

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 13)

Literacy--high school graduation HF677\*/SF920 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)--passed (128-0). (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would require that districts adopt a literacy policy for high school graduation that must be met by students. Policies would have to include minimum literacy level; literary assessing procedures at various grade levels with provisions for special education and limited English proficiency students; and parent conference procedures for aiding students not making proper progress.

Retirement--ambulance service employees HF772\* (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)-passed (117-8).

Would establish a voluntary retirement plan for certain qualified employees of public and private ambulance services.

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 13)

Employee dismissal

HF823\*/SF701 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)--passed (128-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would regulate the conditions under which an employer could terminate an employee, and require that employers give reasons for terminating an employee.

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 13)

Lost River State Park-boundaries

HF836\*/SF808 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)--passed (127-0). (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would change the boundaries of Lost River State Forest.

9-1-1 emergency phone service HF839\*/SF783 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--passed (108-19). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would define minimum 9-1-1 service as including automatic location identification, defined as the ability to identify and display the name and address of the calling telephone number. Would also increase by four cents per month a fee from each customer access line served by the public safety answering point to cover costs of the service.

Correctional industries-competitive bidding HF924\*/SF1159 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--passed (125-1). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would remove the Minnesota correctional industries from state competitive bidding requirements.

Dept. of Employee Relations--changes HF948\*/SF981 (Larsen, DFL-Ramsey)--passed (120-7). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would make various changes to reponsibilities of the Department of Employee Relations.

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 13)

AVTI--housekeeping

HF983\*/SF929 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--passed (129-0). (SF in Senate Rules and Administration Committee)

Would make various technical and administrative changes to the organization and structure of AVTIs.

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 13)

Labor-Bureau of Mediation Services

HF1028\*/SF1110 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)-passed (130-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would change appointment procedures to the Bureau of Mediation Services (BMS), and procedures in handling labor

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 13)

Gas utility-flexible rates HF1127\*/SF880 (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)-passed (126-1). (SF in Senate Public Utilities and Energy Committee)

Would authorize the Public Utilities Commission to establish flexible rates for regulated gas utilities customers who have the ability to purchase comparable energy supplies from unregulated suppliers at comparable prices.

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 13)

Local government-economic development authorities

HF1224\*/SF1186 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--passed (126-0). (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing Committee)

Would create the Cook County/Grand Marais joint economic development authority.

(See bill summary under General Orders, April 13)

# CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, April 9

Aircraft noise--municipal ordinances HF755\*/SF904 (Seaberg, IR-Eagan)--passed (127-1). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would authorize municipalities in the metropolitan area in and around the airport noise zone to adopt ordinances related to aircraft noise.

Guide dogs--access to public accommodation HF1024\*/SF1046 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)--passed (131-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would include physically handicapped persons in the current law which provides that visually impaired and deaf persons have the right to be accompanied by guide dogs in places of public accommodation.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 32, Judiciary, March 31)

Monday, April 13

Charter bus drivers--physical exam card HF1042\*/SF988 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)--passed (128-0). (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would specify that charter carrier drivers with licenses bearing school bus endorsements aren't required, while in Minnesota, to possess or present a separate medical examiner's certificate as required by federal rule.

Local government tort liability HF1083\*/SF1247 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--passed (132-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would add the administrator of a self-insurance pool and a private insurance carrier's authorized representative as parties who may settle tort claims against a municipality.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 29, Judiciary , April 7)

Mortgage redemption periods HF1207\* (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)--passed (129-0).

Would limit the 12-month redemption period for premises over 10 acres to premises used primarily for farming.

Morrison County--newspaper qualifications HF1223\*/SF1213 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--passed (131-0). (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

Would repeal Minnesota Laws 1980, Chapter 526, which set special qualifications for newspapers in Morrison County; would make the bill effective Dec. 31, 1987.

Utility protection-small business HF1390\*/SF1367 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)--passed (128-0). (SF in Senate Public Utilities and Energy Committee)

Would require the attorney general to represent the interests of and intervene on behalf of small business utility consumers in state and federal utility regulation proceedings.

Minneapolis--office of emergency preparedness HF1416\*/SF1303 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpis)--passed (134-0). (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

Would direct the Minneapolis mayor, with the city council's advice and consent, to appoint a director of the office of emergency preparedness; would provide a local approval section.

#### Wednesday, April 15

Eminent domain--relocation benefits HF371/SF296\* (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--passed as amended\*\* (123-0).

Would change present law on relocation benefits to displaced homeowners because of an eminent domain acquisition.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 5, Economic Development & Housing, April 7)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would insert language from HF371.

VA health care--resolution HF462\*/SF1171 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--passed (126-0). (SF in Senate Veterans Committee)

Would memorialize the United States Congress to maintain the Veteran's Administration system of health care facilities and would delete number specification for trained students who work in the facilities.

Arrowheads requirements--big game hunting HF809\*/SF1265 (A. Johnson, DFL-Spring Lake Park)--passed (125-0). (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would change requirement for arrowheads used for big game hunting.

Clifton--volunteer firefighter retirement HF903\*/SF816 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)--passed (128-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would provide for the transfer of assets and service credit upon the dissolution of the Clifton volunteer firefighters relief association.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 21, Governmental Operations, April 7)

Medal of Freedom—resolution HF1145\* (Wenzel, DFL-Willmar)--passed (126-0).

Would memorialize the President and Congress to award posthumous Medals of Freedom to Andrew Goodman, Michael Schwerner, and James Chaney.

Owatonna--land transfer HF1376\*/SF1291 (Hartle, DFL-Owatonna)--passed (127-0). (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would direct the commissioner of administration to sell and convey certain state-owned lands to the city of Owatonna.

Lake County--port authority powers
HF1521\*/SF1404 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--passed
(129-0). (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing

Would authorize the Lake County Housing and Redevelopment Authority to exercise the powers of a port authority.

# **GENERAL ORDERS**

Thursday, April 9

Child Abuse Reporting Act--source disclosure HF200/SF424 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass. (SF passed in Senate)

Would permit the courts to order disclosure of the name of a person who reports child abuse or neglect only if the court finds the report was false and made in bad faith.

Parental leave HF234/SF246 (McLaughlin, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended.\*\* (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would require employers to grant a year unpaid leave of absence to an employee who is a natural or adoptive parent, in conjunction with the birth or adoption of a child.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 37, Labor-Management Relations, March 30)

- \*\*Amendment would:
- change the minimum employment requirement from 10 employees to 10 full-time equivalent employees;
- reduce the leave time from one year to 14 weeks;
- omit provisions allowing leave time for a miscarriage or still birth:

 omit provisions allowing parents to take sick leave for the illness of a child.

Minors--harmful live performances HF308/SF706 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would add "plays, dances, or other exhibitions presented before an audience" to the list of sexually provocative materials, which, if they meet the statutory definition of harmful to minors, may not be exhibited to minors; would provide that such exhibitions would violate laws on sexually provocative materials if they are presented in a place of public accommodation, whether or not the minor paid a fee to see the performance.

Hazardous waste--administrative penalties
HF332/SF388 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to
pass. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources
Committee)

Would create a new section of law providing administrative penalties for violations of waste management and pollution control laws related to hazardous waste.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 19, Governmental Operations, April 1)

Minnesota Statutes--gender references HF742/SF440\* (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--recommended to pass.

Would remove certain substantive gender changes in Minnesota Statutes.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 31, Judiciary, March 31)

Public employees--mandatory retirement age HF1077/SF1035 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would conform mandatory retirement provisions for public employees to the federal Age Discrimination in Employment Amendments of 1986.

Public pension plans, funds--uses HF1159/SF1071 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would provide that money credited to a public pension plan constitutes a dedicated fund that may be used only for specified purposes; would prohibit such money from being loaned or transferred to a governmental entity or used to fund a deficit in another public pension plan; would not prohibit the authorized invesment of plan assets.

#### Monday, April 13

Railroad crossing--stop signs, exempt crossings HF404/SF554 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would allow the Department of Transportation to designate as "exempt" any crossing on a rail line in which service has been abandoned or which trains use fewer than five times a year.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3. No. 11, Pg. 49, Transportation, April 1)

Metropolitan Waste Control Commission--rate structure
HF499/SF348 (D. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass.

(SF on Senate Floor)

Would modify the cost allocation system of the Metropolitan Waste Control Commission by changing the treatment of current value credits and by requiring a uniform rate throughout the metropolitan area for current costs.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 44, Metropolitan Affairs, April 1)

Data Practices Act--classifications HF534 (D. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would classify government data under the Data Practices Act, and make various other amendments to the act.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 29, Judiciary, March 31)

\*\*Amendment would make technical change.

Foster care--payments
HF556/SF616 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would require the commissioner of human services, rather than county boards, to establish difficulty-of-care payment rates for children in foster care. Would require the commissioner to adopt emergency and permanent rules to implement foster care payment rates and difficulty-of-care payments.

Domestic abuse--protection orders HF643/SF539 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would prohibit courts from modifying or vacating certain orders for protection in a marriage dissolution proceeding and provide that certain actions are not violations of an order for protection.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 30, Judiciary, March 31)

\*\*Amendment would require protection order hearings to be recorded.

Literacy--high school graduation
HF677/SF920 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)--recommended to pass.
(SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would require districts to adopt a literacy policy for high school graduation that must be met by students. Local policy must include: determination of minimum literacy assessing procedures at various grade levels, with provisions for nonspecial education and limited English proficiency students; parent conference procedures for aiding students not making proper progress; and accommodations for handicapped and limited English proficiency procedures.

Retirement--ambulance service employees
HF772/SF601 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)--recommended to
pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would establish a voluntary retirement plan for certain qualified employees of public and private ambulance service.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 15, Governmental Operations, March 30)

Employee dismissal HF823/SF701 (Guiknecht, IR-Rochester)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

(Would regulate the conditions under which as employer could terminate an employee, and require that employers give reasons for terminating an employee.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 39, Labor-Management Relations, April 1)

Lost River State Park--boundaries

HF836/SF808 (Tunheim, DFL-Kermedy)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would revise the boundaries of Lost River State Forest.

9-1-1 emergency phone service HF839/SF783 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would define minimum 9-1-1 service as including automatic location identification and would define automatic location identification as the ability to identify and display the name and address of the calling telephone number. Provisions would:

- increase by four cents per month a fee from each customer access line served by the public safety answering point to cover costs incurred by providing the service;
- · include the provision of automatic location and identification if the public service answering point has the capability to provide iŁ

Correctional industries-competitive bidding HF924/SF1159 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would remove the Minnesota correctional industries from state competitive bidding requirements.

Dept. of Employee Relations--changes

HF948/SF981 (Larsen, DFL-Ramsey)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would make various changes to responsibilities of the Department of Employee Relations.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 18, Governmental Operations, March 31)

AVTI--housekeeping

HF983/SF929 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Rules and Administration Committee)

Would make various technical and administrative changes.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 28, Higher Education, April 1)

Labor--Bureau of Mediation Services

HF1028/SF1110 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would change appointment procedures to the Bureau of Mediation Services and procedures in handling labor disputes.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 39, Labor-Management Relations, April 1)

Gas utility--flexible rates HF1127/SF880 (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and Energy Committee)

Would authorize the Public Utilities Commission to establish

flexible rates for regulated gas utilities' customers who have ability to purchase comparable energy supplies from unregulated suppliers at comparable prices.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 45, Regulates Industries, March 30)

Local government--economic development authorities

HF1224/SF1186 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Housing Committee)

Would create the Cook County/Grand Marais joint economic development authority that would have statutory powers of an economic development authority covering all of Cook County.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 43, Local & Ùrban Affairs, April 2)

#### Tuesday, April 14

Job application fees

HF31/SF176 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would prohibit employers from charging individuals a fee to apply for a job. Provides that violation of this section would be a misdemeanor.

Food service workers--state university benefits HF119/SF74 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would allow employees of contract food service operation at Bernidji State, St. Cloud State, or Southwest State Universities to negotiate for enrollment in state employee life or health insurance plans.

Firearms--dealer possession

HF170/SF47 (Blatz, DFL-Bloomington)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would permit federally-licensed dealers and manufacturers who buy, sell, or manufacture machine guns or short-barreled shotguns to own or possess such guns if they use the guns in peace officer training courses the Peace Officer Standards and Training Board (POST) approves, or sell the guns to Minnesota law enforcement agencies and will use the guns for law enforcement sales demonstrations; would require the dealers to file a written report with the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension by the 10th day of each month showing the dealer or manufacturer's name and address and the serial number of each gun acquired or manufactured during the preceding month.

Unmarked vehicles--police, sheriff

HF217/SF1188 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would allow police chiefs of a home-rule or statutory city, and county sheriffs, to authorize unmarked vehicles (with only the name and shield of the city or county) for primary use in traffic enforcement, if in their judgment the use of such vehicles will contribute to safety of the traveling public. Would restrict unmarked vehicles to not more than 10 percent of all vehicles used in traffic enforcement. Would require uniformed officers to operate the unmarked vehicles and require the vehicles to be equipped and operated as to indicate their use as enforcement vehicles to any driver signaled to stop.

PERA--administrative changes HF457/SF1064 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would make certain administrative changes to the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA).

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 17, Governmental Operations, April 3)

Motorized bicycle regulation

HF532/SF469 (Jensen, DFL-Lakeville)-recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would regulate the operation of motorized bicycles.

See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 49, Transportation, April 6)

Treatment facilities residents--data disclosure HF561/SF591 (D. Nelson, DFl-Champlin)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee

Would allow treatment facility officials to disclose data on individuals with mental illness or emotional impairment who reside in the facility to the federally-mandated state protection and advocacy system if:

--the system receives a complaint by or on behalf of the individual, or there is probable cause to believe the person is suffering abuse or neglect;
--the individual's condition makes the individual unable to

authorize the data's release; and

--the individual has no legal guardian or the state is the legal guardian.

Juveniles--adult jail confinement HF596/SF670 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would provide that no minor under 18 years shall be held with adult prisoners in the same room or section of a jail or other adult holding facility unless a court sentences the minor to prison for more than one year as an adult, or the juvenile court refers the minor for adult prosecution and the prosecuting authority has filed a notice of intent to prosecute the minor as an adult.

Mentally ill--residential facilities HF642/SF620 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would make various changes in residential care facilities for mentally ill.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 24, Health & Human Services, April 3)

St. Louis County/Floodwood--land sale

HF947/SF940 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would authorize St. Louis County to sell certain tax-forfeited land to Minnesota Sphagnum of Floodwood, Minnesota.

Handicapped transit standards HF1009/SF1108 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would clarify and enlarge requirements relating to special transportation service programs, administered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation outside the Twin Cities metro area, and by the Regional Transit Board in the metro area.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 49, Transportation, April 6)

Sheltered workshops

HF1054/SF1073 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)-recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would limit grants to sheltered workshops and provide for use of community-based employment.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 26, Health & Human Services, April 3)

Medical assistance vendors

HF1112/SF998 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would include directors, officers, and partners in the definition of "vendor of medical care."

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 27, Health and Human Services, April 3)

Grain--grades, tests HF1120 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)--recommended to pass.

Would provide that a person who receives or delivers grain, who fails to certify grade samples taken by the other, is bound by the arithmetic mean of the test results obtained from the samples. The Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection Division is to determine grade, dockage, moisture content, protein analysis, or other factors that determine price. Payment is based on the test result.

State employees--mandated absences
HF1170/SF1165 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would prohibit certain mandated leaves of absence for state employees.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 19, Governmental Operations, April 3)

Teachers Retirement Association--changes

HF1213/SF1132 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would make various changes in the Teachers Retirement Association law to facilitate retirement benefit and contribution administration.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 18, Governmental Operations, April 3)

Employer health care coverage HF1225/SF1406 (Tompkins, DFL-Apple Valley)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would require public and private employers with 10 or more employees that have been in business for 10 or more years to provide health care coverage to their employees.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 40, Labor-Management Relations, April 1)

Insurance company-investments

HF1267/SF1206 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Would update and expand Minnesota-based property/casualty insurers' investment authority to securities or property, allowing companies to make qualified investments in additional securities or property of any kind with written approval of the commission of commerce.

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# COMMITTEE ACTION

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# Education Div./Approps.

Wednesday, April 22

Education Finance--omnibus bill HF753/SF583 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would establish various funding provisions and rider language for support of Minnesota elementary and secondary education.

(See bill summary HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 6, Education, April 15)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- allow school districts with a training and experience index of 1.7 or greater and that have a total foundation revenue increase of less than 2.5 percent to levy an additional .6 mill;
- require Independent School District No. 625, St. Paul, receive consent of the city council before selling Edgecumbe school property;
- would strike language pertaining to the arts school and shift funding to resource center, directing creation of regional outreach sites throughout the state.

# **Health & Human Services** Divivision/Appropriations

Monday, April 20

Radiation, low-level--study HF188/SF473 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)--recommended to pass; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would require a study and report on the human health effects of exposure to low-level ionizing radiation.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 8, Pg. 7, Health & Human Services, March 5)

Food assistance

HF248/SF185 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would direct the commissioner of jobs and training to work with the commissioner of health and human services to establish food accessibility projects that would demonstrate methods of maximizing people's participation in food assistance programs.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 8, Pg. 8, Health & Human Services, March 5)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- delete section creating food accessibility projects;
- delete appropriation for food accessibility projects;
- change the appropriations provisions for additional services to persons eligible for the supplemental food program for women, children and infants (WIC) from \$10 million to \$2 million.

Nursing home moratorium HF722/SF612 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would create exceptions to the nursing home moratorium.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 14, Health & Human Services, April 9)

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

MEED--wage subsidies
HF857/SF778 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would extend the Minnesota Employment and Economic Development wage subsidy program.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 5, Economic Development & Housing, April 7)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- make technical changes;
- · give priority to the following businesses:
- --manufacturing businesses;
- --nonretail businesses that meet certain definitions;
- --businesses that export out of the state;

- appropriate \$11 million;
- · allow for a transfer of funds from the Department of Human Services to the MEED program if the federal wage subsidy program is ended before June 30, 1989;
- require that 7.5 percent of available money be allocated to provide jobs for residents of federally reorganized Indian Reservations:
- delete provisions which require a MEED coordinator to give priority to certain eligible local service units.

Welfare fraud--prosecutors, investigators HF1289/SF1253 (Jennings, DFL-Rush City)--recommended to pass; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg.17, Health & Human Services, April 9)

Indian group homes

HF1352/SF1389 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would appropriate \$100,000 to the commissioner of corrections to establish a juvenile residential correctional facility to serve American Indian juveniles who are residents of Hennepin County and who the juvenile court or the commissioner of corrections refer for placement; would permit the money to be used to acquire a facility, provide equipment and furnishings, employ staff, and make modifications necessary to meet the commissioner of corrections' licensing standards.

- \*\*Amendment would appropriate the money to Hennepin County for the Hennepin County Department of Community Services, and would remove the requirement that the American Indian juveniles be Hennepin County residents.
- \*\*Further amendments would decrease appropriation to \$50,000.

Welsch case management appeals HF1524/SF1396 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would set forth appeal procedure for those receiving case management services and outline procedure for case management appeals.

Driver's license--reinstatement fees

HF1525/SF1376 (Jennings, DFL-Rush City)--recommended to pass; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would raise the fee from \$250 to \$200 to reinstate a person's driver's license that was revoked for a DWI or implied consent violation and dedicate the fee as follows:

--25 percent to the trunk highway fund;

--50 percent to the county probation reimbursement acount; and --25 percent to the alcohol impaired driver education account.

#### Tuesday, April 21

Cancer surveillance system
HF358/SF346 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--recommended to
pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would direct the commissioner of health to establish a statewide cancer surveillance system.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 8, Pg. 8, Health & Human Services, March 10)

\*\*Amendment would change appropriation from \$1.52 million to \$1.4 million.

Nursing home therapy--medical assistance payments HF819/SF872 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would regulate medical assistance payments for therapies provided to nursing home residents. Provisions would:
- strike language prohibiting sanctions against a nursing home operator for providing services that are medically unnecessary if those services were ordered by a licensed health professional who is not employee of the nursing home (add the provision that determination of medical necessity will be made by the commissioner in consultation with a peer advisory committee);
- · direct the commissioner to avoid double payments for ancillary services, ensure that charges and arrangements for ancillary services are cost effective and ensure that therapy services are medically necessary and appropriate for the medical condition of the resident (if the nursing home, therapist or physician cannot justify the medical necessity of the services, the commissioner may disallow payments, require prior authorization or impose administrative sanctions);
- require the therapist to certify in writing every 30 days that the therapy is appropriate for the resident;
- require that payments made for therapy billed separately from the nursing home's per diem or under MA Rule 47 meet certain conditions in order to avoid double payment;
- prohibit payment under the facility per diem for direct and indirect costs providing therapy services that are billed separately under medical assistance Rule 47;
- provide direction to nursing homes that are not hospitalattached as to the appropriate cost categories of the annual cost report for reporting direct and indirect costs for therapy services in order to avoid double billings;
- · provide direction to hospital-attached nursing homes for billing to avoid double payments;
- prohibit a nursing home to pay for services based on utilization levels and requires nursing homes to provide to the commissioner all agreements between the nursing home and other vendors:
- \*\*Amendments would:
- make technical changes;
- require the commissioner to create an advisory group to study alternative methods of payment for therapy services provided to nursing home residents.

Children's Health Fund

HF1212/SF1210 (Wynia, DFl-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- create a children's health fund to promote access to appropriate health care for pregnant women and to assure healthy babies and health children;
- define:
- --eligible persons;

- --covered services;
- --prenatal care services;
- --well-baby services;
- --eligible providers;
- --commissioner as commissioner of human services;
- create an office for administration of the program;
- require the commissioner to establish marketing efforts to encourage potentially eligible persons to receive information about the program, which includes a toll-free number to provide information about the fund and to promote access to covered
- require an enrollment fee of \$35 from eligible persons for prenatal services and an enrollment fee of \$25 for well baby
- appropriate \$6 million from the general fund for the program and increase the staff of the Department of Health by five persons.

Public assistance--administrative aid change HF1221/SF1368 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg.17, Health & Human Services, April 9)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- · make technical changes;
- define the following:
- --recipient rate;
- --per capita income;
- --per capita taxable value;
- --county income maintenance expenditures;
- --per capita county income maintenance;
- --income maintenance programs;
- --population;
- require the commissioner of human services to establish a county's eligibility for equalization aid using a new formula;
- require the commissioner to establish a distress indicator for each county eligible for equalization aid by multiplying the county's average standard score by its population;
- require the commissioner to phase in minimum equalization aid payments to counties during fiscal years 1988 and 1989;
- impose a limit for each county's share of equalization aid amounting to no more than 75 percent of a county's income maintenance expenditures;
- provide a new effective date of July 1, 1987.

### Wednesday, April 22

Comprehensive welfare reform HF1053/SF968 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 15, Health & Human Services, April 9)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- · delete references to coordinator and office of full productivity and opportunity;
- attach a rider to require the commissioner of human services to provide supplementary grants not to exceed \$816,800 per year for AFDC during the biennium ending June 30, 1989.

# State Depts. Div./Approps.

Thursday, April 23

Hazardous waste--transporter license HF298 (Long, DFL-Mpls)--heard; laid over.\*\*

Would require the Department of Transportation to license hazardous waste transporters; would set license fees and qualifications; and would provide for license suspension or revocation.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 18, Governmental Operations, April 1)

- \*\*Amendment would:
- · change the definition of hazardous waste and the requirements for transporting hazardous waste.

Insurance--regulation changes
HF392/SF478 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended.\*\* (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would make various language, technical, and regulation changes to various statutes relating to insurance.

(See bill summary HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 9, Financial Institutions & Insurance, March 25)

- \*\*Amendment would:
- delete provision that says any employer who fails to comply with a section of the bill is guilty of a felony.

Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Act HF606/SF536 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would establish a petroleum tank release cleanup program, and authorize the state to act to prevent or correct health and environmental damage resulting from petroleum storage tank releases.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 11, 21 Environment & Natural Resources, April 2)

Dept. of Finance--changes HF859/SF675 (Long, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would clarify and correct miscellaneous provisions to improve the administration of the Department of Finance and of state government.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 19, Governmental Operations, April 1)

Acid deposition control--assessment HF915/SF865 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended.\*\* (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would authorize the Environmental Quality Board to assess public utilities to finance the state's cost of controlling acid deposition; would provide that the assessment would not be made if the annual assessment due would be less than \$50; would require the board to take public testimony on a work plan and budget before approving it.

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Dept. of Administration--changes HF916/SF820 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)--recommended to pass as amended.\*\* (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would amend, create, and delete various duties of the commissioner of administration.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 17, Governmental Operations, March 31)

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

#### COMMERCE

#### Tuesday, April 21

Motor vehicle franchise regulations HF492/SF406\* (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)--recommended to pass.

Would require courts to consider impacts on existing new car dealerships in determining whether good cause is shown for relocation or entering of a new franchise for the same line make in the relevant market area. Would repeal statutory provisions governing nonrenewal of motor vehicle dealers' franchises.

Corporations--organization, operation regulation HF1392/SF578 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

\*\* Delete everything amendment would make various technical changes to the Business Corporations Act.

Corporations--merger, exchange regulation HF1393/SF577 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)-recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would modify regulation of corporation mergers and exchanges. Provisions would:

- allow shareholders of a corporation to dissent from, and obtain payment for the fair value of the shareholder's shares in the event of an exchange plan, if the shareholder's shares are entitled to be voted on the plan;
- clarify that the share exchange provisions are only applicable to an acquisition of all of the outstanding shares of a class and not to a partial acquisition;
- require exchange plans to contain the manner and basis of exchanging the shares to be acquired for securities of the acquiring corporation or any other corporation or, in whole or part, into money or other property;
- provide that if shareholders holding any class or series of stock of the corporation are entitled to vote on the merger or exchange plan, written notice shall be given to every shareholder of a corporation, no less than 14 days nor more than 60 days before a meeting;
- clarify that the share provisions don't prevent companies from entering into negotiated agreements directly with shareholders to exchange shares;
- state the upon receiving the approval the articles of merger or exchange shall be prepared that contain the plan of merger or exchange;
- provide for articles of exchange to be filed with the secretary of state and modifies plan abandonment procedures.

Franchise contract nonrenewal--regulation HF1404/SF830 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)--heard, amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would regulate franchise contract nonrenewals, termination or cancellation. \*\*Delete everything amendment would:

- require franchisor to give the franchisee a written nonrenewal notice 180 days before the contract expires and to either buy the business from the franchisee at its fair market value or permit the franchisee to sell the business to a qualified purchaser;
- require franchisors that want to terminate or cancel a franchise contract, to send the franchisee a 60-day termination or cancellation notice which must include the reason for termination or cancellation;
- provide that a termination notice is immediately effective under certain circumstances;
- provide for civil liability for unfair practices in relation to franchises.

#### Thursday, April 23

Uniform Commercial Code--leasing article HF1391/SF156 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)--heard; laid over for interim study. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would adopt an article of the uniform commercial code that governs leases.

Franchise contract nonrenewal--regulation HF1404/SF830 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would regulate franchise contract nonrenewals, termination or cancellation, and transfers. \*\*Delete everything amendment would:

- require franchisors to give the franchisee a written nonrenewal notice 180 days before the contract expires and to allow the franchisee to operate the business for a sufficient period of time to recover the fair market value of the franchise;
- provide that franchisors cannot refuse to renew a contract for the purpose of converting the franchisee's business premises to an operation that will be owned by the franchisor for its own account;
- make it unfair and inequitable for a person to unreasonably withhold consent to an assignment, transfer, or sale of the franchise whenever the franchisee to be substituted meets the present qualification and standards the franchisees requires of the particular franchisor;
- require franchisors that want to terminate or cancel a franchise contract for a good cause, to send the franchisee a 90-day termination or cancellation notice which must include the reason(s) for termination or cancellation; would then give the franchisee 60 days to correct the reasons for termination or cancellation;
- provide that a termination notice is immediately effective under certain circumstances;
- provide for civil liability for unfair practices in relation to franchises.

# ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING

Tuesday, April 21

Mobile homes--underground shelters HF196/SF935 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would require licensed mobile home parks to provide severe weather underground shelter (with running water, toilets, and ventilation), or an evacuation plan, for park residents. Local governments would have to adopt rules setting standards for severe weather shelters and evacuation plans by March 31, 1988. Shelters would have to be built by March 31, 1989.

Mobile home park regulations

HF574/SF631 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate floor)

Would allow local governments to require mobile home park owners to reimburse residents' moving costs in cases of a park closing. Would also change mobile home park regulations. Provisions would:

- require a park owner to provide an "impact report" to local planning agencies and park residents at least nine months before the park is closed;
- require the local planning agency to prepare an evaluation of the impact report and hold a public hearing;
- allow the governing board of the municipality to require the park owner to compensate the residents or mitigate any adverse impact the closing would have on park residents;
- require the governing board of the municipality to hold a public hearing on the sufficiency of the impact report;
- · exempt municipalities from liability for failing to properly comply with the provisions in this bill;
- define "substantial annoyance" separately from "substantial damage" and "endangerment;"
- provide that a resident that is substantially annoying others must stop the annoyance immediately upon receiving a written notice to do so. Failure to stop the annoyance, and any subsequent violation within six months, would be grounds for eviction;
- create a right of redemption for park residents who challenge a rule violation. The right of redemption would allow the park resident to cure a rule violation up to 48 hours after possession of the lot has returned to the park owner. The resident would have to deposit \$200 with the court, and the court could award any or all of the \$200 to the park owner for attorney fees as a condition of the resident's exercise of the right of redemption.

Community Development Corporations--board HF1504/SF1226 (R. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--heard; laid over. (SF on Senate floor)

Would permit the Minnesota Energy and Economic Development Authority to provide Community Development Corporation (CDC) grants to a CDC for a project jointly undertaken by the CDC and a Regional Development Commission.

#### **EDUCATION**

Wednesday, April 22

Braille--local instruction HF967/SF911 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would require school districts to make Braille instruction available to school-aged blind students.

Intermediate School District 916--bonding HF978/SF698\* (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Would authorize Intermediate School District No. 916 to issue building bonds for a secondary vocational and special education facility, if authorized by the district's voters and approved by the state board. Limits the cost of the project to \$1,600,000 and prohibits state bonds from being used for this project.

School bus drivers--training HF1087/SF862 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Transportation Committee.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- · allow persons with a valid school bus endorsement and at least four hours of classroom training and two hours of behind-thewheel training to operate a school bus. Require commissioner of education to develop training program for school bus drivers. Would require school bus drivers to complete at least three hours of in-service training yearly.

School district fund--transfers

HF1185/SF371 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calender. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide that the state board may authorize fund transfers from any fund except the debt redemption fund.

AVTI directors--appointment

HF1590/SF649 (Dom, DFL-Mankato)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide that a person would not have the right to be hired as an AVTI director based on seniority in the district.

# **ENVIRONMENT &** NATURAL RESOURCES

Tuesday, April 21

Timber permit laws--changes HF403/SF461\* (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)--recommended to

Would change certain provisions relating to the sale of state timber, and repeal laws relating to white pine blister rust control and cutting notices. Provisions would:

- transfer authority from the Executive Council to the commissioner of natural resources to:
- --approve auxiliary forest cancellations, withdrawals, or transfers; -- settle trespass claims;
- remove the \$5,000 limit on trespass claims that the commissioner may settle;
- allow the commissioner to offer, after a public auction, any unsold timber for private sale for a period of no more than 90 days after the public auction to any person who pays the timber's appraised value;
- · lengthen the regular auction sale permit from two to three years:
- reduce permit extensions from no more than three years to no more than two years, and change the interest charged on extensions to five percent for the first year, and 15 percent for the second year;
- allow the return of 25 percent of the advance payment if a bond is furnished equal to 100 percent of the bid-up value of the
- allow the use of personal checks to be used as payment for a permit's security;

- strike current law which authorizes conservation enforcement officers to enforce blister rust laws;
- repeal:

--blister rust laws (which require the eradication of gooseberries and currant bushes to protect white pine); and

--the requirement for landowners to file a notice of cutting of timber.

Red River Dike Fund--planning, engineering HF573/SF423\* (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would make available to the Lower Red River Watershed Management Board the remaining funds in the Red River of the North dike appropriation for grants to evaluate the practicality and feasibility of establishing a coordinated diking system along both sides of the Red River of the North.

Chlordane--use prohibition HF844/SF345\* (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to pass.

Would prohibit the state, a state agency, a political subdivision of the state, a person, or other legal entity from selling, using, or applying the pesticide chlordane or its derivative heptachlor within the state; would provide a misdemeanor penalty for any violations, and provide that each day of violation is a separate offense.

#### Thursday, April 23

State parks--boundaries, name changes HF569/SF481 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would make authorize state park land acquisitions and exchanges, and authorize certain operating procedures at certain state parks.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- authorize Itasca State Park food service and room cleaning employees to accept tips;
- allow the commissioner of natural resources to acquire through gift, purchase, or condemnation proceedings, certain land for the following state parks:
- --Glacial Lakes State Park in Pope County;
- -- Scenic State Park in Itasca County;
- change the name of the Tower Soudan State Park to the Soudan Underground Mine State Park;
- allow the commissioner to transfer lands from the Old Crossing Treaty State Wayside to Red Lake County and the University of Minnesota Crookston campus;
- allow the commissioner to exchange state lands within Rice Lake State Wayside for federally-owned land within Glacial Lakes State Park;
- permit wine to be sold and consumed at the restaurant in Douglas Lodge in Itasca State Park.

Game, fish laws--recodification HF1172/SF385 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)--amended\*\*; laid over. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would clarify and make technical changes in game and fish laws.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- establish the wild rice management account in the state treasure, and credit to it money the state receives from the sale of wild rice licenses;

- add "brown trout" to the definition of "game fish";
- add "red fox" and "gray fox" to the definition of "small game";
- make a technical change in the definition of an "unloaded" firearm;
- allow the commissioner of natural resources to use money appropriated from the game and fish fund for activities of the Fish and Wildlife Division and the Enforcement Division;
- strike current law which specifies the design of certain notices designating state game refuge boundaries;
- strike the expiration date for muskrat farm licenses; would require all muskrat farm licensees to submit an annual report to the commissioner by March 31 of each year;
- strike the maximum limit on the size of a private shooting preserve;
- require harvested birds to be tagged when transported;
- allow the commissioner of natural resources or administration to purchase land for public hunting and wildlife areas; would allow the commissioner of administration to transfer qualifying federal money to the commissioner of natural resources to acquire wildlife land;
- add to current law alleging a violation of game and fish laws that a defendant must prove that he or she received the animals as a gift:
- strike current law which requires a person to have a license in their personal possession while traveling to the area where the licensed activity is performed;
- allow the Department of Natural Resources to issue only one trapping and big game license in each category in a license year;
- exempt big game licenses from the provision that precludes a person from obtaining, for one year after conviction, the kind of license relating to a game and fish law violation;
- strike current law which requires fur dealers', tanners', and taxidermists' annual reports to be notarized and taxidermists to keep records in a book;
- strike current law which requires a resident age 65 or older who takes fish without a license to have in their possession a document showing age and residency while traveling to the location where the fish are taken;
- allow a nonresident under age 16 to purchase a nonresident fishing license, take fish by angling, and possess a limit of fish;
- strike current law which provides that a person the department authorizes to issue licenses has the authority to administer oaths to applicants, and that such a person may not issue a license without actually administering the oath;
- strike certain requirements for transporting wild animals out of the country as gifts; would allow a person to transport more than one big game animal; would strike certain restrictions on persons other than licensees who transport big game animals;
- permit a person to transport into the state undressed game birds that are lawfully taken and possessed in other states;
- permit a person to make three shipments of fish with a permit;
- permit a hunter, on foot, to retrieve wounded game from agricultural land that isn't posted, except when the owner, occupant, or lessee notifies the hunter orally not to do so;
- strike current law which requires a person to have written permission to take a wild animal with a firearm within 500 feet of a livestock stockade or corral; would also strike current law

which prohibits taking a wild animal with a firearm within 500 feet of a burning area;

- permit a person to posses No. 4 buckshot or smaller lead or steel shot before and after the deer season;
- require a person who has taken game to submit a report to the commissioner, at the commissioner's request, before March 15, stating the number and kind of each game animal the person took during the preceding license year;
- · permit persons to take raccoons with dogs, using lights, firearms, or bows; would permit a person to use dogs to pursue and tree raccoons during the closed season without a small game
- authorize the commissioner to restrict the taking of fisher, pine marten, and opossum;
- strike current law which requires a person to have a license and seals to take beaver that are damaging property;
- · prohibit using fire to take protected birds;
- permit a person to possess certain devices to take fish between May 1 and Feb. 15;
- permit a person to possess and use a dip net between May 1 and Feb. 15;
- repeal current laws relating to the:

--wild rice account;

- --presumption of illegal taking; --boundary water nonresident licenses;
- --possession of wild animals;
- --nonresident transportation of fish.

Vehicle weighing--solid waste disposal facilities HF1451/SF1145 (Rice, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

\*\*Delete everything amendment would require solid waste disposal facilities, resource recovery facilities, and waste transfer stations, to install vehicle weighing scales; would exempt a facility if the owner can demonstrate that the facility:

--has less than one year remaining capacity; or

--receives less than 75,000 cubic yards of solid waste per year.

## FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

#### Tuesday, April 21

Health insurance--reimbursement HF828/SF833 (Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide that in the case of an individual or group health insurance policy, the payment of differing amounts or reimbursement to insured who elect to receive health care goods or services from providers designated by the insurer is not a practice of discrimination or rebates, provided that each insurer file certain summary data regarding the reimbursement with the commissioner.

Trust fund deposits

HR884/SF751 (Scheid, DFL-St. Louis Park)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide that trust funds received by a real estate broker or the broker's salespersons in trust may be deposited in a savings and loan association.

\*\*Amendment would allow funds to be deposited in credit

Insurer, agency--contract cancellation HF1304/SF833 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would prevent insurers from canceling a written agreement, restricting, or reducing underwriting authority for property or casualty insurance with an agent because of an adverse loss ratio experience on the agent's book of business. Direct Department of Commerce to adopt standards and criteria for the determination of adverse loss ratio experience.

## Wednesday, April 22

Detached facilities--expansion HF791/SF743 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would increase the number of detached facilities that a bank may establish or maintain from two to five, within 100 miles of the main facility. Allow a state bank to apply to the commissioner to acquire another state bank and its detached facilities and operate them as detached facilities.

- \*\*Amendments would:
- require federal or state charted financial institutions to offer a cost free savings account to Minnesota residents who maintain a balance of more than \$25, depositor can not have such a savings account with another instituition;

Automatic teller machines--charges HF986/SF800 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would authorize charges for the use of an automated teller machine (ATM) when certain cash advances are obtained through the use of an ATM with a bank issued credit card (does not apply to bank cash cards). Allow charge of lesser than \$5 or .05 percent of unpaid balance on top of normal monthly credit charges, charge for each transaction when credit limit has been exceeded, and allow charge for insufficient checks used in monthly credit card payment.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- allow only one charge per billing period when credit level has been exceeded.

## GENERAL LEGISLATION, **VETERANS AFFAIRS** & GAMING

#### Wednesday, April 23

Veterans service officers--certification HF418/SF161\* (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Would direct the commissioner of veterans affairs to establish a certification process for veterans service officers.

POWs, MIAs--Capitol plaque HF1503/SF721\* (Jensen, DFL-Lakeville)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Would direct a memorial plaque be placed in the Court of Honor on the Capitol grounds recognizing Minnesota veterans from the Korean or Vietnam conflicts who are missing in action or prisoners of war.

Contested elections--appeals HF1515/SF1433\* (Scheid, DFL-St. Louis Park)--recommended to pass.

Would fix resignation effective dates; prohibit contingent resignations unless statement explains reasons for such a resignation; permit withdrawal of a prospective resignation by a signed written statement submitted in the same manner as the resignation before the resignation has been accepted by resolution of the body or board or by the officer authorized to receive it.

Fire code--appeals board HF1563/SF1273\* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass.

Would permit local governing bodies to appoint boards of appeal to hear and rule on appeals from orders issued under the fire code; permit an appeal from a local board of appeal to be made to the local governing body; direct appeals of orders to be made directly to the governing body if a board of appeals is not appointed; make local board of appeal sand governing bodies not liable for damages in connection with good faith rulings on fire code orders.

## **GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

## Wednesday, April 22

Chemical dependency professional standards HF594/SF673\* (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)--recommended to pass.

Would allow the commissioner of human services, when the commissioner decides professional standards are needed to adopt, by rule, any or all of the standards for chemical dependency professionals the Institute for Chemical Dependency Professionals of Minnesota, Inc. establishes.

State agency heads--salary ranges HF727/SF674 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--not recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would adjust the salary ranges for certain state agency heads and the Board on Judicial Standards' executive director; would amend the law governing salaries for heads of four higher education agencies; would allow the board of directors of certain retirement organizations to set their executive director's salary; would ratify certain agency heads' salary increases.

Civil service--disabled workers HF1475/SF1150 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide opportunities for persons with physical or mental health disabilities, or mental retardation in state civil service

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- require the commissioner of administration to allow up to three persons with severe disabilities and their job coach to demonstrate their job competence as a unit through the on-thejob trial work experience examination procedure;
- allow a total of 50 additional full-time positions within state government agencies to be included in a supported work program for persons with severe disabilities; would allow up to three persons with severe disabilities and their job coach to share a full-time position.

## Thursday, April 23

State employees--paychecks, direct deposit HF21/SF217 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)--recommended to pass

as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would permit any state agency to deposit all or part of an employee's pay in any credit union or financial institution (current law restricts direct deposit to a state employees' credit union); would require 100 employees to request direct deposit to a specific financial institution before the practice would begin.

\*\*Amendment would add clarifying language.

Ground water management--metropolitan area HF373/SF353 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would allow metropolitan counties to develop ground water plans and establish a procedure for integrating any county ground water plan with watershed plans watershed management organizations prepare.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 12, Environment & Natural Resources, April 7)

- \*\*Amendment would:
- require an adopted watershed plan to be reviewed for consistency with an adopted county ground water plan;
- allow counties to contract with certain named agencies to assist the county in developing and performing a ground water plan.

State University System--purchases
HF716/SF802 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--recommended to pass
as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF on
Senate Floor)

Would amend laws governing state university system purchasing procedure.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 28, Higher Education, April 1)

- \*\*Amendment would:
- delete the provision that would allow the State University Board to directly buy scientific and technical equipment without using the state procurement process;
- require the board to use land acquisition procedures the Department of Administration has established.

Pine County/Wilder Foundation--property sale HF1211/SF1184 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would allow the state to sell certain land in Pine County to the Amherst H. Wilder Foundation to operate a residential human service facility serving delinquent, needy, maladjusted, or emotionally disturbed individuals; would provide that \$200,000 be paid as consideration for the property.

Altkin County--peat land transfer
HF1269/SF1160 (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)--recommended to
pass; rereferred to Environment and Natural Resources
Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide for an exchange of tax-forfeited peat lands in Aitkin County.

Dept. of Public Safety--Emergency Management Div.

HF1544/SF1349\* (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Would change the name of the Division of Emergency Services in the Department of Public Safety to the Division of Emergency Management.

## **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

#### Tuesday, April 21

Fetal disposal HF663/SF389 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide for uniform disposition of the remains of aborted or miscarried human fetuses. Provisions would:

- · state that violation is a public nuisance;
- · define "remains of a human fetus";
- direct medical facilities to dispose of the remains by cremation, interment or in a manner specified by the commissioner of health;
- · require annual reporting;
- state that no religious ceremony is required and no discussion of the method of disposition with the woman is required;
- \*\*Amendments would:
- delete references to hospital, clinic or medical facility in determining where fetal remains must come from to be disposed
- further define that laboratory tests can be performed on fetal remains if part of investigatory tests to determine paternity or as part of a criminal investigation;
- · make technical changes.

#### Thursday, April 23

Mental illness--information system HF647/SF619 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would require the commissioner to establish, by Jan. 1, 1990, an information management system for collecting data about individuals who suffer from severe and persistent mental illness and who receive publicly funded services for mental illness.

On-site child care

HF825/SF817 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would provide a grant program for employer-provided child care services. Provisions would:
- require the commissioner of human services to administer a program to provide grants to employers who want to provide child day care services for their employers;
- allow the grant to equal 50 percent of an employer's total expenditures during the first two years for the planning, site preparation, construction, renovation, or acquisition of facilities for the child care program (also includes permanently installed kitchen equipment), but not to exceed \$40,000 in each of the two
- · provide for grant priorities;
- require that an employer must not receive any profits from operation of child care program, and must continue to operate the program at least four years after receiving grants;

• appropriate \$500,000 from the General Fund for the program.

Chiropractic regulation HF939/SF1008 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would regulate the practice of chiropractic. Provisions would:

- · strike language related to accreditation by a federal agency and require applicants to prove that they meet licensure requirements;
- · add grounds for disciplinary action and allow for a civil penalty of up to \$10,000;
- grant immunity from civil or criminal liabilty to Board members or persons employed by the Board who are engaged in investigations;
- · require anyone who practices chiropractic adjustment or chiropractic manipulation or uses the title of Chiropractor, Doctor of Chiropractic or "D.C." to be licensed; provides that a violation is a gross misdemeanor and allows exceptions for already regulated health-related personnel and supervised students of chiropractic:
- provide for a system of peer review of appropriate chiropractic treatment and appropriate changes.
- \*\*Amendments would:
- adds to the list of unprofessional conducts;
- define "unconscionable fees";
- make technical changes;
- provide that all data and information acquired by the board or the peer review committee shall be subject to the same disclosure and confidentiality protections as provided for data and information of other review organizations;
- require the board to grant a license to an applicant who holds a vaild license to practice chiropractic.

Mental health--adult day training, habilitation HF1183/SF1010 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would establish service principles and rate-setting procedures for day training and habilitation service provided to adults with mental retardation and related conditions.

Community work experience program--deadlines HF1328/SF1233 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would extend the deadline for community work experience program pilot projects.

\*\*Amendment would allow the commissioner to phase out projects while phasing in other case management and other employment and training services.

## JUDICIARY

Tuesday, April 21

Trustees--investments HF88/SF538 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would change and clarify certain powers of trustees; and would redefine "augmented estate" for certain purposes.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- amend the standard of care for trustees to authorize trustees to invest as a prudent person would invest "having in mind the preservation of the trust estate and the amount and regularity of the income derived":
- · amend current law which lists factors that a trustee should consider in evaluating an investment to include:
- -- consideration of the role an investment would play in the total portfolio;
- --probable income and safety of capital of the trust;
- --composition of the portfolio regarding diversification;
  --current return of the trust's portfolio relative to anticipated cash requirements of the trust;
- --relative interests of income and remainder beneficiaries;
- strike beneficiary requirements from current law which lists the factors which a trustee should consider in evaluating an investment:
- specify that an investment otherwise prudent would not be considered imprudent solely because it is in a new, unproven enterprise, or one with potential for significant growth;
- provide all trustees certain powers to delegate duties, unless the individual trust provides otherwise; would provide that the trustee may not delegate all trustee duties, and that the trustee remains liable for another person's acts if the trustee would have been liable for doing the same acts;
- strike provisions in current law governing the delegation of trustee duties which prohibit a trustee from delegating all his or her duties; would provide that a trustee's use of employees and agents doesn't relieve the trustee of:
- -- the duty to use reasonable care to select and retain them; --liability for discretionary acts of others for which the trustee would have been liable if the trustee did them;
- remove from "augmented estate" (the property from which a surviving spouse can select if he or she wishes to refuse bequests made under the deceased spouse's will) insurance on which decedent has paid the premiums;
- · repeal an authorization for trustees to invest in growth enterprises.

Parental rights laws--changes HF307/SF785 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would change and clarify the crime of depriving another of parental rights. Provisions would:

- · clarify that a parent's, stepparent's, or legal custodian's consent to custody or specific visitation must not be construed to be consent to an unlawful taking, retaining, or concealing of a child:
- · clarify that a party may file felony charges for a violation of this law when the offense occurs and need not wait 14 days during which the abductor, in order to avoid criminal prosecution, may either:
- --voluntarily return the child; or
- --commence or consent to a family court action.
- \*\*Amendments would:
- provide that anyone who violates these provisions would be guilty of a felony;
- · provide that consent to custody or specific visitation must not be construed to be consent to failing to return or concealing a minor child.

Property crimes--reclassification HF384/SF286 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would make various changes to laws governing property crimes.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13 Pg. 19, Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., April 13)

\*\*Amendment would add a technical reference.

Wild animal storage--probable cause for search HF513/SF365\* (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Would require conservation enforcement officers to have probable cause before entering certain buildings to determine whether wild animals are possessed or stored in violation of game and fish

DWI--highway workers HF515/SF324\* (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Would clarify that the prohibitions against driving while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances apply to persons who are engaged in work upon the highway. (Current law appears to apply to these people only while they're traveling to and from their highway work.)

Boating while intoxicated--prosecution HF598/SF59\* (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Would provide that a prosecutor in the jurisdiction where a boating-while-intoxicated violation occurred is responsible for prosecuting both misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor violations of that law.

Uniform Statutory Rule Against Perpetuities HF1050/SF157\* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

Would replace the common law rule against perpetuities and repeal the current statute on the subject. Provisions would:

- implement a wait-and-see rule which would allow for the possibility that a nonvested property interest will vest if necessary conditions occur;
- add a 90-year time period for vesting as an alternative to the common law time period requirement (21 years after the death of an individual alive when the nonvested property interest was created).

Restitution, court-ordered--Revenue Recapture Act HF1274/SF1117 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would authorize the Department of Revenue to cooperate with any public agency that is responsible for collecting court-ordered restitution on behalf of crime victims to:

- --identify individuals who owe restitution and are due to receive a tax refund, and
- --collect the amount of unpaid restitution from the tax refund.
- \*\*Amendments would:
- provide if the court grants restitution to a victim, it shall make reasonable efforts to inform the victim that Revenue Recapture Act procedures are available to assist the victim to collect restitution owed;

• place restitution payments second in order of priority for collections under the Revenue Recapture Act.

Amateur radio operators--police band radios HF1420/SF611 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)--amended\*\*; laid over. (SF on Senate Floor)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would allow persons who hold amateur radio licenses which the Federal Communications Commission issues to equip any motor vehicle with radio equipment capable of receiving or transmitting on police emergency radio frequencies.

## Crime & Family Law Div./Judic.

### Monday, April 20

Obscene materials, performances--prohibition HF402/SF236 (Reding, DFL-Austin)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would prescribe criminal penalties for distributing or exhibiting obscene materials or performances. Provisions would:

- make it a gross misdemeanor to, knowingly or with reason to know, exhibit, sell, publish, distribute, produce, direct, or participate in obscene works;
- provide a felony penalty (up to two years in prison and/or a fine up to \$10,000) for a second or subsequent offense committed within five years of a previous conviction;
- clarify that these provisions apply to anyone who produces, directs, or participates in an obscene play, motion picture, dance, or performs an exhibition before an audience.
- \*\*Amendment would add an effective date of Aug. 1, 1987 and provide that the law applies to crimes committed on or after that date.

Harassment on private property--prohibition HF1115/SF915 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would prohibit harassment on private property.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- amend the trespass law to make it a misdemeanor for anyone to trespass on the property of another with the intent to harass, abuse, or threaten another, after having been told to leave the property and not to return;
- amend the crime of "interference with privacy" to make it a misdemeanor for anyone to repeatedly follow or stalk another, with the intent to harass, abuse or threaten, after being told not to do so by the person being followed or stalked; would provide that this subdivision doesn't apply to a member of the news media who repeatedly follows another person in a public place to gather information or photographs for a news story
- amend current law (which makes it a misdemeanor to make a telephone call with the intent to harass, annoy, abuse, or threaten any person at the called number if the caller doesn't disclose his or her identity) to:
- --strike the requirement that such calls be anonymous;
- --strike the word "annoy" from the crime's intent element; and --limit the crime to situations where the calls are made repeatedly;
- make it a misdemeanor to repeatedly use the mail or deliver letters, packages, or telegrams with the intent to harass, abuse, or threaten.

## **LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS**

Tuesday, April 21

Town boards, members--powers HF226/SF225 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--recommended to pass as amended\*\* (SF on Senate Floor)

Would make various changes to certain laws relating to towns. Provisions would:

- authorize town electors to grant the town board authority to provide by ordinance for the:
- -- government and good order of the town;
- --suppression of vice and immorality;
- --prevention of crime and public and private property;
- --benefit of residence, trade, and commerce;
- --promotion of health, safety, order and convenience; and --the general welfare;
- provide for the reversion of certain cemetery lots sold by the town board; would exempt town clerk from the conflict of interest statute; would prohibit the election of town officers at the annual town meeting and provides for such elections at the annual town election;
- add towns to the list of political subdivisions which are authorized to expend funds to provide for membership of their bodies and any state or national association which has as its purpose the betterment of municipal governmental operations;
- \*\*Amendment would:
- exempt gatherings of town board members to perform on-site inspections in certain circumstances from the open meeting law;
- · remove obsolete language.

Irondale--town levy limit removal HF1459/SF1305 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Rules and Administration Committee) (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would repeal a tax levy limitation on the town of Irondale in Crow Wing County upon local approval.

Community dispute resolution--program grants HF1561/SF1204 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)-recommended to pass as amended\*\* (SF on Senate Floor)

Would authorize the state and municipalities to contract with or make grants to persons carrying out a community dispute resolution program.

\*\*Amendment would make technical change.

## METROPOLITAN AFFAIRS

Wednesday, April 22

Light rail transit HF416/SF282 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended.\*\* (SF passed Senate)

Would remove language that requires legislative authorization before a regional rail authority or political subdivision in the metropolitan area can spend money on light rail transit. Only the Council, the RTB, and the MTC would remain bound by the prohibition. The bill would be effective immediately upon enactment. Would also provide that a rail authority could not levy a tax of more than one-eighth of a mill for light rail transit development.

- \*\*Amendments would:
- require design plans to include handicapped accessibility;
- provide that a rail authority could not levy a tax of more than four mills for light rail transit development.

## REGULATED INDUSTRIES

## Monday, April 20

Liquor retailers--changes HF1375/SF1152 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- provide that only a licensed manufacturer, wholesaler or importer may bring alcoholic beverages into the state in excess of the amounts which individuals may bring in (1 liter spirits or wine, 9 quarts beer);
- require retailers and others who ship alcohol to have an importer's license;
- allow brewers and beer wholesalers to enter into cooperative advertising agreements with retailers in connection with nonalcoholic beverages;
- specifies that the maximum among which can be offered by a wholesaler on a volume price is 25 cases (presently 300 one-liter or less bottles);
- require wholesalers who send lists of credit-delinquent retailers to the Department of Public Safety each week must include retailers who pay by postdated or dishonored checks;
- delete requirement that the department mail to each wholesaler lists of credit-delinquent retailers;
- specifies application of the law making a retailer with more than one license who is delinquent at one location, delinquent at all locations;
- allow a county to issue seasonal on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses for up to six months;
- allow cities to issue temporary off-sale licenses for wine auctions;
- set a minimum age of 18 for any person to serve or sell alcoholic beverages in a retail establishment;
- allow the Department of Public Safety to revoke or suspend the license or (or impose a civil fine on) a retailer who knowingly sells to another retailer for resale, or who buys from another retailer for resale;
- allow the Department of Public Safety to inspect the premises of any alcoholic beverage licensee;
- repeal the following:
- --four statutes from the 1930s setting a minimum malt barley requirement for beer;
- --price affirmation law;
- --wholesale price filing law.
- \*\*Further amendments would:
- add section allowing Red Lake County to issue on off-sale intoxicating license;
- prohibit minors from serving or selling intoxicating liquor in an on-sale intoxicating liquor establishment.

Little Falls--liquor license HF1495/SF990 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would authorize the city of Little Falls to issue a temporary onsale intoxicating liquor license.

#### Wednesday, April 22

Telephone calling devises--restrictions
HF124/SF184\* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to
pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Commerce Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- prohibit a caller from using or connecting to telephone lines an automatic dialing-announcing device that delivers a prerecorded or synthesized voice message except under certain described circumstances (does not prohibit the use of such devices for advising customers of merchandise previously ordered or advising parents that their children are not in school);
- prohibit a caller from using an automatic dialing-announcing device unless the device is designed or operated so as to disconnect within 10 seconds after the end of the call by the subscriber;
- permit a subscriber contacted by a caller in violation of the act to recover damages of not more than \$250 together with reasonable attorney's fees.

Electric power lines--vegetation trimming SF378 (Merriam, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would require electric power line owners to trim vegetation around lines to preclude anyone climbing the vegetation from coming in contact with them.

\*\*Amendment would make a technical change.

## **TAXES**

## Tuesday, April 21

Omnibus tax bill HF529/SF445 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--heard Article 1. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Article 1 would make changes in the state's income tax statutes. Provisions would:

- redefine "net income" as federal taxable income with the Minnesota modifications (under present law, net income is Minnesota gross income, less itemized deductions and the federal tax deduction);
- repeal the adjustments to gross income, such as subtractions for pension income, unemployment compensation and military pay, the federal tax deduction, and the Minnesota standard and itemized deductions; using federal taxable income as the starting point in calculating the state tax base adopts the federal rules for:
- -- the standard deduction;
- --itemized deductions;
- --personal exemptions (as compared with the state's personal credits);
- adopt major changes under the Tax Reform Act of 1986, including:
- -- passive activity loss limitations;
- --changes in the cost recovery or depreciation deductions;
- --repeal of the itemized deduction for consumer interest;
- --repeal of the itemized deduction for sale stax;
- --repeal of the second earner deduction;

provide for two additions to federal taxable income:
 --tax exempt bonds issued by non-Minnesota governments and dividends paid by tax exempt mutual funds that invest in non-Minnesota tax exempt bonds;

--state income taxes deducted in computing federal taxable income;

• allow for the following subtractions to federal taxable income: --interest on United State government obligations;

--state income tax refunds;

- --elementary and secondary school expenses that qualify for the Minnesota itemized deductions under present law, except that the taxpayer must elect to itemize deductions on the federal return in order to take the subtraction;
- update the definition of gross income to the changes made in the Tax Reform Act of 1986;
- adopt the new federal rules applicable to lump sum distributions from qualified plans--five-year forward averaging replaces 10-year forward averaging (the adjustments for the pension exclusion and the recovery of previously taxes employee contributions are eliminated, since these adjustments are repealed under the regular income tax);
- adopt new rate and bracket structures for married, joint, single and married separate, and head of household filers (separate rates are provided for tax year 1987, tax years 1988 and following if the contingent tax increase is not imposed, and tax years 1988 and following if the contingent tax increase is imposed;
- adopt new schedule for indexing the tax brackets for inflation provided under federal law (the adjustment for the maximum standard deduction and personal credits is eliminated, since the personal exemption and standard deduction will be determined by federal law);
- provide a retirement credit equal to six percent of the least of (1) pension income, (2) taxable income, or (3) the credit base (the credit base equals \$11,000 for a married filing joint, \$8,500 for single, and \$5,500 for married separate filer. This amount is reduced by (1) tax exempt income, such as the exempt portion of social security benefits and tax exempt bond income, (2) the personal exemptions, and (3) adjusted gross income, but excluding the portion attributable to the pension income under the maximum credit bases) over \$8,000 for married joint, \$6,000 for single, and \$4,000 for married separate filers. In order to claim this credit, the taxpayer must elect to itemize deductions;
- modify the computation of taxable income for income in respect of decedents to be consistent with the adoption of federal taxable income as the tax base;
- allow resident, nondomiciled military personnel the credit for other states' income taxes only if their state of domicile does not allow a similar credit;
- increase the alternative minimum taxable (AMT) income rate from four to five percent;
- modify the AMT definitions to reflect the changes enacted as part of the Tax Reform Act of 1986, and in addition, various Minnesota adjustments are repealed, since the equivalent provisions under the regular tax are repealed;
- adopt the federal exemption amounts for purposes of the AMT for individuals (this will phase out the exemption amounts at higher income levels);
- eliminate references to federal adjusted gross income in the net operating loss carryback provisions and modify the NOL provisions to reflect use of federal taxable income as the tax base;
- modify computation of the tax on trusts to be consistent with the adoption of federal taxable income as the tax base;
- update the partnership provisions to the changes enacted in the Tax Reform Act of 1986;

- provide that the state partnership provisions governing allocation of income and tax attributes to partners and the determination of basis do not apply to individuals; individual partners' income will be determined under federal law; the state partnership provisions will continue to apply to trusts, estates, and corporations;
- · adopt the federal filing requirements;
- require taxpayers to file a copy of their federal income tax return with their state return;
- eliminate the option for estates to pay tax in two installments;
- repeal Minnesota's special exclusions for discharge of indebtness income of insolvent farmers;
- eliminate the special withholding treatment of entertainers who are employed by personal service corporations;
- limit the number of withholding exemptions to the number claimed for federal income tax purposes;
- require employers to file with the commissioner of revenue copies of the affidavits of residency for employees claiming exemption from withholding under the reciprocity agreements;
- reduce the withholding return extension period from six months to 60 days;
- increase the required percentage of estimated tax that must be paid to avoid late payment penalties from 80 to 90 percent of the actual tax liability;
- provide that S corporation's taxable income will be allocated among shareholders as provided by federal law;
- adopt the federal transition rules on lump sum distributions that are received before March 16, 1987;
- adopt the retroactive provisions exempting certain capital gains of farmers from the alternative minimum tax;
- adopt the retroactive provisions of federal law permitting ministers to claim both exempt housing allowances and mortgage interest and real estate tax deductions;
- provide a one-year exemption from estimated tax payments to the extent that the taxpayer's tax is increased by the repeal of the exclusions for pension income, unemployment compensation, or military pay;
- repeal the following provisions:
- --adjustments to gross income, depreciation modifications, etc.
- --dividends of regulated investment companies, unit;
- --personal credits and inflation adjustments of personal credits;
- --political contribution credit;
- --recognition of income in respect of descendents;
- --interest on deferred payments;
- --exemptions from gross income;
- -- tax treatment of dividends from state and national banks;
- --federal tax deduction;
- --itemized deductions;
- -- amount realized on sale or disposition of property;
- --basis adjustments for property acquired in tax years before 1957;
- --S corporations--prohibition on using subtractions from adjusted gross income, allocation of credits, and basis adjustments.

#### Wednesday, April 22

## Omnibus tax bill

HF529/SF445 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--heard Articles 2 through 13. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Article two, relating to corporate income tax, would:

- impose a two percent insurance gross premiums tax on (1) domestic mutual companies including township and farmers mutuals and (2) fraternal benefits societies;
- increase the minimum refund of an overpayment of premium tax from \$1 to \$10 (amounts less than \$10 will not be refunded);
- provide that the exemption from the insurance laws for fraternal benefit societies does not extend to the premiums tax;
- require insurance companies to recoup the amount of assessments made by the Minnesota Insurance Guaranty Association by imposing a surcharge on premiums of the policies that are covered by the association;
- provide that the exemption from taxation for the reserve funds of fraternal benefit societies does not exempt them from the insurance gross premiums tax;
- limit the penalty for failure to file a premium report to \$200 (present minimum law is \$1,000);
- limit imposition of the two percent surcharge on fire insurance for property located in first class cities to licensed insurers;
- provide that the Workers Compensation Reinsurance Association is subject to the two percent gross premiums tax on its direct funded premiums (i.e., premiums paid by entities such as self-insurers not subject to the tax on their workers compensation insurance coverage);
- provide that assessments for the special compensation fund are imposed directly on the employer, rather than the insurance company;
- clarify that the state workers compensation fund is subject to the gross premiums tax on the same basis as other domestic mutual insurance companies;
- provide for the following additions to federal taxable income (FTI) in computing taxable net income for state corporate income tax purposes:
- --deduction for state income taxes;
- -- tax exempt interest and exempt interest dividends;
- --windfall profits taxes;
- --dividend received deductions;
- --net operating losses;
- --mining losses that are subject to the occupation tax; --capital losses;
- --charitable contributions;
- -- exempt foreign trade income of a FSC;
- --percentage depletion, except for copper and nickel; --amortization deductions for pollution control facilities that are placed in service prior to Dec. 31, 1986;
- provide for the following subtractions from the FTI:
- --foreign dividend gross-up;
- --salary expenses that are not deductible for federal purposes
- because they qualify for the targeted jobs credit;
  -dividends paid by a bank to the FDIC, Comptroller or Federal Reserve for preferred stock in the back owned by the federal agency;
- --amounts previously disallowed for intangible drilling costs in tax years before 1987 to the extent the costs would have been deductible under present state law;
- -- capital losses, except carrybacks of losses;
- --expenses to produce income that is exempt under federal law, but taxable under state law;
- --cost depletion for oil, gas, and mineral production property; --depreciation deductions under prior state law for pollution control facilities that were placed in service before Dec. 31, 1986 and for which amortization deductions were elected under federal
- · specify the method for claiming depreciation deductions;
- state the jurisdictional reach of the Minnesota corporate and individual income taxes;

- specify the minimum contact (or nexus rules) that subject a trade or business to taxation under the corporate franchise and individual income taxes;
- rename the corporate excise and income taxes a "franchise tax";
- repeal the direct income tax on foreign corporations;
- clarify that township and farmers mutual insurance companies and nonprofit health service corporations are subject to state income taxation;
- provide that charitable, nonprofit organizations must pay tax on their unrelated business income to the extent provided under federal law:
- repeal the lower bracket (six percent) corporate rate and reduce the top bracket corporate rate from 12 to 10 percent;
- reduce the research and development credit percentage rates from 12.5 to five percent and from 6.25 to 2.5 percent;
- repeal the research credit's three year carryback provisions;
- provide that the recapture provisions of the technology transfer credit continue;
- impose an alternative minimum tax (AMT) on corporations, to equal the excess of (1) 0.1 percent of the corporation's Minnesota property, payroll and sales factors, over (2) the corporation's regular tax liability (the research and enterprise zone credits apply against both the regular and AMT taxes);
- exempt the first five million of Minnesota property, payroll and sales from the AMT and also exempt S corporations, insurance companies, real estate investment trusts (REITs), regulated investment companies, real estate mortgage investment conduits (REMICs), and cooperatives;
- repeal apportionment provisions of the Multi-state Tax
- recodify the three factor apportionment provisions of present law:
- eliminate the deduction for charitable contributions made to non-Minnesota charities:
- repeal the special 100 percent deduction for foreign dividends;
- provide that in apportioning insurance companie's income, reinsurance premiums are allocated to the state of domicile of the direct insurer;
- provide that REMICs, real estate investment conduits, with valid federal elections in effect will not be subject to a corporate level tax under state law;
- provide that the insurance premium tax on fraternal benefit socities and the previously exempt premiums of domestic mutual companies will be imposed for calendar year 1987 at a rate of one percent;
- repeal the following provisions:
- --firetown premium tax paid by domestic and township mutual
- --exemption from taxation for life insurance cooperatives; --exemption from premiums tax for comprehensive health insurance plan;
- --exemption from taxation for fraternal benefit societies;
- --penalties for Firetown and Police Aid Premium Report;
- --transfers to surplus of corporations;
- --special research credit for research use in Puerto Rico;
- --technology transfer credit;
- --income from installment sales:
- --accounting of income from U.S. obligations;
- --income from commodity credit loans;
- --income from renegotiated war contracts;

- --deductions in computing net income;
- --net operating losses;
- --property disposition transactions in which no gain or loss is recognized;
- --basis determinations for pre-1933 property;
- --income on reverse mortgage loans;
- --deductions for savings banks and regulated investment companies;
- --deductions for contributions to employee benefit plans;
- --bank excise tax.

### Article three, relating to property tax refunds, would:

- adopt the 1986 changes in federal law for purposes of the definition of household income;
- establish a new property tax refund schedule (effective for claims paid in calendar year 1988); the maximum refund is reduced from \$1,125 to \$1,000 (households with incomes in excess of \$25,000 would not qualify for refunds and generally, refunds for households with incomes between 0 and \$10,000 would be cut by approximately 10 percent, households with incomes between \$10,000 and \$20,000 by 25 percent, and household incomes of more than \$20,000 by at least 50 percent);
- require claimants to file a copy of their state income tax returns as part of the application for a property tax refund;
- provide that property tax refund checks lapse two years after the date of issue if the claimant cannot be found;
- increase the penalty on landlords for failure to provide a CRP from \$20 to \$100 and imposes the penalty on landlords who willfully report property taxes in excess of the amount actually paid; landlords are required to file copies of the CRP with the commissioner of revenue by February 1;
- provide that for accounting and budget reporting purposes, the property tax refund program expenditures will be treated as a reduction in the amount of income tax withholding and declarations received by the state;
- require the Department of Revenue to conduct a sample audit of the property tax refund program for renters to determine compliance rates;
- appropriate \$50,000 to the commissioner of revenue to publicize the property tax refund program for renters;
- reduce the amount of property tax refunds to be paid for calendar year 1987 by 35 percent; the property tax refunds paid during calendar year 1988 are limited to an appropriation of \$125 million;
- repeal obsolete targeting credits;

## Article four, relating to property tax administration, would:

- create a legislative tax study commission to:
- --examine the burden of human service costs (income maintenance and social services) on property tax levies; --examine and recommend legislative alternative methods of income adjusted property tax relief for homeowners and renters; --examine and recommend alternative property tax classification systems that reduce the number of classifications;
- -- examine the property tax burdens on agricultural, commercialindustrial and employment property;
- appropriate \$600,000 to fund the tax study commission;
- provide that no taxes or assessment shall be levied on land used for the production of forest products, if the owner trades the land under an auxilliary forest contract for land owned by a governmental unit (current and delinquent taxes, however, must be paid if incurred prior to land exchange);
- abolish the Equalization Aid Review Committee and transfer the function to the Commissioner of Revenue;

- provide that if a school district files and appeal with a tax court, the appeal will take precedence over other appeals pending before the tax court;
- provide that the county auditor cannot transfer or divide land unless the current year taxes for the whole parcel have been paid;
- provide that if the full amount of the personal property tax is less than \$50, it must be paid by February 28 or 30 days after the postmark;
- repeal the quarterly installment payment provision (this payment option is never used);
- increase from \$10 to \$20 the fee which must be paid to the county by the purchase for a tax forfeited land transaction;
- modify the requirement notice when land is offered for sale and also provides that the last newspaper publication of the sale shall not be less than 20 days previous to the sale;
- increase the county fee from \$10 to \$20 for applying for a replacement deed for one which has been lost or destroyed;

#### Article five, relating to mineral taxes, would:

- prohibit the ad valorem taxation of minerals except for iron ore and taconite;
- require persons to deduct and withhold tax on royalties paid for the permission to mine ore, to make returns and quarterly payments fo the amounts withheld;
- provide that persons required to deduct and withhold tax on royalties paid for permission to mire ore, shall submit withholding statements to the payee and to the commissioner of revenue;
- allow the commissioner to grant permission to persons who withhold royalty taxes on ore to use a method of withholding other than the withholding tax tables;
- provide that the amount of royalty taxes deducted and withheld is allowed as credit to the recipient of royalty income;
- provide for a refund if excess royalty taxes on mining ore have been withheld;
- require person subject to withholding for royalty taxes on mining ore to keep records as other persons subject to withholding are required to do;
- make the existing occupation tax applicable only to iron ore and taconite concentrates;
- add new language which imposes an occupation tax on ores other than iron ore or taconite concentrates;
- add new language which imposes a new occupation tax on iron ore and taconite for iron ore and taconite concentrates mined after Dec. 31, 1989;
- impose a net proceeds tax on the mining of all ores and minerals except for sand, silica sand, gravel, building stone, crushed rock, limestone granite, dimension granite, dimension stone, horticulture peat, soil, iron ore and taconite (this tax is two percent of the net proceeds from mining such ores);
- define gross proceeds;
- set forth the deductions which are allowable and not-allowable for purposes of calculating the net proceeds tax;
- limit the credit for research, experimentation and exploration to the occupation tax on iron ore and taconite;
- limit the credit for excessive minig cost to the occupation tax on iron ore and taconite;

- limit the credit for pollution equipment to the occupation tax on iron ore and taconite;
- limit the valuation of ores to the occupation tax on iron ore and taconite.

## Article six, relating to property tax assessment and review, would:

- change the dates for the state board of equalization from July 1 to October 1;
- provide that any orders made by the state board to equalize levies shall be given to the county auditor and the affected taxing districts by October 1;
- increase the maximum dollar amount of tax in controversy which is in the small claims division from \$2,500 to \$5,000;
- provide that the county assessor must have senior accreditation from the state board of assessors by Jan. 1, 1989;
- provide that the local assessment records shall be completed and transmitted to the county assessor by March 1;
- provide that annually, on December 1, beginning 1989, the commissioner of revenue shall provide county assessors with a land valuation schedule showing a range of values to be used in the valuation of agricultural lands;
- change dates for meeting of boards of equalization and submission of abstracts to the Department of Revenue;
- provide that the commissioner may extend the levy certification date for taxing districts by up to 15 calendar days beyond the October 10 deadline set in statutes.

#### Article seven, relating to tax exempt property, would:

- make subject to taxation the following types of leased property:
  --the part of a municipal auditorium or municipal stadium that is
  not available for use by the public;
- --airport property owned by a city, town, or county; and --passenger check-in area or ticket sale counter, boarding area, or luggage claim area of a public airport (applies only to MAC airports):
- make subject to taxation satellite and fixed satellite broadcasting facility property and facilities that produce distilled spiritous liquors distilled with a majority of ingredients grown in Minnesota;
- make subject to taxation property that is owned by a hospital, school, college, church, or other charitable or nonprofit entity if the property is operated for selling tangible personal property or meals or other business activity not directly related to the charitable or exempt purpose of the entity (this provision does not apply to property owned by the United States, state or local governments, Indian tribes, or property subject to tax or payments in lieu under other sections);
- make subject to taxation leased property if the lease is less than one year (previously less than three years);
- allow a city to impose a service charge on certain tax exempt buildings to pay for the cost of providing basic municipal services to the property;

# Article eight, relating to commercial-industrial tax credits and other property tax changes, would:

• provide a state paid small business credit if the property taxes on the first \$100,000 market value of the commercial-industrial property exceeds two percent of market value; the business property tax credit is equal to the sum of:

--35 percent of the property tax amount attributable to the first \$100,000 of market value that is in excess of a two percent effective rate but less than a four percent effective rate; and

- --50 percent of the property tax amount attributable to the first \$100,000 market value that is in excess of a four percent effective rate;
- provide a city tax base equalization credit;
- decrease the property classification ration on homestead property from 18 to 16 percent of the first \$66,000 market value, decreases the ration from 28 to 26 percent on the homestead value of the excess over \$66,000 market value and decreases the homestead credit percentage from 54 to 49 percent;
- increase the funding limitations for enterprise zones by \$2 million, non of which may be allocated to a zone located in a first class city;
- provide that the school district's portion of the small business credit and of the city tax base equalization credit shall be paid to school districts in the same manner as all other property tax credits:
- provide that the 1988 local government aid payments to counties, cities and towns will be the same amount as the among which they were certified to receive in calendar year 1987;
- limit the property tax levy for payable 1988 for each county and city to 103 percent of the amount which that county or city levied for taxes payable in 1987.

#### Article nine, relating to sales taxes, would:

- extend the six percent sales tax to the following items...
- --sales of computer software that is modified for the purchaser;
- -- the fair market value of meals furnished to employees;
- --use of suntan facilities;
- --interstate, long distance telephone calls that originate from and are charged to a Minnesota phone;
- --racehorses, stud fees, and other related charges for thoroughbred racing horses that were conceived and born in Minnesota;
- --dry cleaning and laundry services, but not coin operated;
- --car washes:
- --legal and lobbying services;
- repeal the sales tax exemption for leases of airplanes used by members of flying clubs on which the tax was originally paid;
- repeals the sales tax exemption for the portion of the price of a truck that is attributable to the federal excise tax;
- apply the two percent rate for farm machinery to:
- --equipment used by sod producers; and
- --farm equipment that constitutes improvements to real property and is installed by the vendor;
- eliminate the sales tax exemption for state and local units of government;
- exempt from sales taxes purchases of candy and soft drinks made with food stamps (federal law requirement);
- exempts from sales taxes incoming, wide area telephone service (WATS);
- permit the Department of Revenue to share sales tax information with tax administrators of other states;
- eliminate the exemption under the motor vehicle excise tax for the portion of the purchase price attributable to the federal excise tax on trucks;
- repeal the exemption from the motor vehicle excise tax for purchases by nonprofit organizations and state and local government units;

#### Article ten, relating to budget and cash flow reserve, would:

- provide expanded authority to the commissioner of finance to reduce allotments to eliminate a budget deficit;
- establish a budget and cash flow reserve at \$250 million for the 1988-89 biennium (75 percent of any surplus revenues are dedicated to increasing the budget reserve to \$550 million);
- require the commissioner of finance to prepare a forecast in November, 1988 (if the forecast shows the budget reserve below \$100 million, individual and corporate income tax rates will increase by 0.2 percent and 1 percent respectively);
- repeal provision allocating surplus revenues during the 1987 biennium (present law dedicates surpluses to restoring the budget reserve to \$450 million and to increasing higher education spending by \$100 million);

#### Article 11, relating to tax compliance, would:

- require applicants for Minnesota tax identification numbers to pay a \$50 fee;
- increase the substantial understatement penalty from 10 to 25 percent and provides that the penalty bears interest from the date the tax was due;
- increase the maximum penalty for late payments from 10 to 24 percent (the present 10 percent penalty is imposed for failure to pay by the due date, and the new penalty is imposed at a rate of three percent for each 30 day period that the payment is late, until the 24 percent maximum is reached);
- provide that corporations are not subject to the late payment penalty if they file for an extension and pay tentative tax equal to 90 percent of the tax due;
- · eliminate the penalty for failing to file a refund return and increase the penalties for failure to file a return on which tax is
- increase the negligence penalty from 5 to 10 percent;
- permit the initiation of criminal cases for certain tax fraud by filing a criminal complaint, rather than by indictment;
- eliminate the 90 day time limit that applies to filing of a corrected return after a federal audit;
- eliminate language stating no fee will be charged on applications for withholding account numbers;
- expand the liquor posting law to apply to withholding tax (liquor posting currently applies only to sales tax);
- change the sales tax payment date from the 25th to the 20th of the month:
- provide that taxpayers under the marijuana and controlled substances tax may not be required to disclose their identities;
- provide that for purposes of the marijuana and controlled substances tax, the weight of marijuana or controlled substance includes other material added to the drugs;
- prohibit Department of Revenue or other public employees from disclosing information obtained from marijuana or controlled substance tax returns or from a dealer;
- · repeal the interest surcharge of one-half of one percent on unpaid taxes and the requirement that the sales tax return contain a notice that payment must be received by the due date.

## Article 12, relating to bond allocation, would:

· establish allocation among entitlement issuers and the three pools for 1988 and thereafter; allocations are:

- --manufacturing pool-\$74 million;
- --multifamily housing pool-\$30 million; --public facilities pool-\$21 million;
- --entitlement issues-\$85 million;
- provide allocation among entitlement issuers for 1988 and thereafter as follows:
- --Minnesota Housing Finance Authority-\$50 million, less any amount received in the previous year;
- --Minneapolis-\$20 million;
- --St. Paul-\$15 million; --Duluth-\$3 million or the amount that was issued in the previous year, whichever is less;
- require that an entitlement issuer notify the department of energy and economic development (DEED) of its commitment to issue any unused portion of its allocation before the first Monday in September of each year;
- require DEED to provide each entitlement issuer an annual written notice of the amount of its entitlement allocation;
- provide for the transfer of allocations between pools when there is insufficient bonding authority in the manufacturing or multifamily housing pools;
- · combine any unallocated balances from the manufacturing, multifamily housing and pubic facilities pools into a unified pool after the last Monday in October;
- · limit the amount available for allocation to the amount of the federal volume cap;
- require an issuer that issues bonds to notify DEED within five days fo the issuance;
- provide for allocations for the remainder fo 1987 as follows: --MFHA-\$60 million less any amount already allocated in 1987; --manufacturing pool-\$80 million less the sum of any manufacturing project allocations form the competitive pool existing for the first half of 1987 and any manufacturing project allocations to state entitlement issuers (IBRRB, DEED); --multifamily housing pool-\$60 million less any allocations from the competitive pool existing for the first half of 1987; --public facilities pool-\$31,190,380, less any allocations from the competitive pool existing for the first half of 1987.

## Article 13, relating to miscellaneous taxes, would:

- raise the rate of the mortgage registry tax from 0.15 to 0.2 percent;
- reduce the proportion of mortgage registry tax that off-set state welfare payments from 95 to 85 percent and the deed tax from 97 to 85 percent;
- increase the rate of the deed tax from 0.22 to 0.31 percent and repeal the deduction for the amount of liens or mortgages against the property;
- repeal the deed tax exemption for transfers by state and local government units;
- repeal the exemption from the deed tax for mortgages and other encumbrances against the transferred property;
- require the county treasurer to report 85 percent of the deed tax receipts to the Department of Human Services (present law requires 97 percent to be reported and reduces state welfare payments);
- provide for the elimination of the six percent telegraph gross earnings tax;
- include long distance access charges in the definition of gross earnings and delays the schedule for elimination of the telephone gross earnings tax;

- impose a one cent per gallon tax on aviation fuel (present law imposes a five cent per gallon tax, but also provides a credit that reduces the tax on large users to one-half cent per gallon);
- imposes the gasoline and motor fuels tax on railroads;
- reduces the tax on aviation special fuel from five to one cent;
- impose the 17 cent motor fuel tax on railroad special fuels;
- increase the cigarette tax from 23 to 38 cents per pack of 20 cigarettes;
- repeal the cigarette tax exemptions for correctional institutions;
- require tax stamps to be affixed to packages of cigarettes sold to licensed distributors;
- reduce the discount on cigarette stamps from 2 to 1.25 percent for the first \$1.5 million and from 1.25 to .75 percent on the remainder:
- require cigarette tax returns to be filed by the 15th, rather than the 25th of the month;
- eliminate the cigarette tax exemption for sales to other distributors;
- increase the tax rate on tobacco products from 25 to 35 percent of the price, and provides for taxation of little cigars as tobacco products;
- repeal tobacco products tax exemption for correctional institutions;
- provide that a distributor's license expire on December 31 of the vear issued:
- impose a 10 percent penalty on late payments of the cigarette and tobacco products;
- impose the rules under the sales and income tax for payment of tax during appeals to cigarette and tobacco products taxes;
- imposes the rules under the sales and income tax for payment of tax during appeals to the liquor, wine and beer taxes;
- require a common carrier transporting alcoholic beverages into Minnesota to file a monthly report with the commissioner;
- prohibit wholesalers from offering price rebates or discounts;
- require wholesalers to maintain itemized invoices for all their sales;
- impose a ten percent negligence penalty under the pull-tab tax;
- provide that the minimum aircraft registration fee shall be \$50 per year beginning Jan. 1, 1988 (the current minimum tax is \$10);
- provide that a county may, by resolution, impose a lodging
- delay the effective date of the property tax on telephone company property until taxes paid in 1991;
- · impose a floor stocks tax on cigarettes possessed by a distributor selling cigarettes on July 1, 1987;
- appropriate the following:
- --\$4 million for grants for county property tax computer systems;
- -\$10 million for local government aid payments;
- --\$600,000 for the tax study commission;
- repeal the following:
- --licenses for petroleum distributors;

--petroleum inspection fees;

--motor fuels credit for fuel purchase in Minnesota for out-ofstate use:

--cigarette wholesaler and subjobbers fees.

#### Thursday, April 23

Omnibus tax bill

HF529/SF445 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--heard. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would make various tax changes.

(See bill summaries above)

## Property Tax Div./Taxes

#### Monday, April 20

Property tax--changes HF942/SF889 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Division)

Would make various property tax changes.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 26, Property Tax Div./Taxes, April 15)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- create the following articles:
- --article one, equalization aid review committee;
- --article two, property tax administration;
- --article three, minerals;
- -- article four, property tax assessment and review;
- -- article five, tax exempt property
- -- article six, commercial-industrial tax credit and other property tax changes;

(For more complete summaries of these articles, see bill summaries of HF529 under Taxes, April 21 and 22)

- \*\*Further amendments would:
- exempt bonding and pensions from the three percent levy limit for cities and counties over last year's limit;
- · require counties to provide notification of overpayments and repayments.

## TRANSPORTATION

#### Wednesday, April 22

Traffic regulation--slow-moving vehicle emblems HF16/SF25\* (Redalen, IR-Fountain)--recommended to pass.

Would specify that the slow-moving vehicle emblem must consist of a fluorescent yellow-orange triangle with a dark red reflective border. Provisions would:

- allow persons to carry an alternative black and white emblem if the person:
- --has a permit for the alternative emblem from the Department of Public Safety;
- -- carries the regular emblem and displays it at night and during reduced visibility periods; and
- --permanently affixes at least 72 square inches of red-reflective tape on the rear of the vehicle.

Snowmobiles--highway crossings HF268/SF183 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would allow minor snowmobilers to cross public highways if they hold valid drivers licenses.

Peace officer--tire inspection HF1467/SF607 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would allow county sheriffs, deputy sheriffs, or municipal police officers to stop cars upon reasonable cause to inspect tires.

## FLOOR ACTION

## **CALENDAR**

Monday, April 20

Job application fees HF31\*/SF176 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--passed (126-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would prohibit employers from charging individuals a fee to apply for a job. Provides that violation would be a misdemeanor.

Food service workers--state university benefits HF119\*/SF74 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--passed (102-22). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would allow employees of a contracted food service operation employed at Bemidji State University, St. Cloud State University, or Southwest State University, to elect to enroll themselves and their dependents at their own or their employer's expense in the appropriate life insurance, hospital, medical and dental benefits, and optional coverages under the approval of the commissioner of employee relations.

Firearms--dealer possession HF170\*/SF47 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)--passed (120-9). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would permit federally-licensed dealers and manufacturers who buy, sell, or manufacture machine guns or short-barreled shotguns to own or possess such guns under certain circumstances (would allow ammunition manufacturers to possess machine guns for ammunition testing purposes).

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 33, General Orders, April 9)

Unmarked vehicles--police, sheriff HF217\*/SF1188 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)--passed (128-2). (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Would allow police chiefs of a home-rule or statutory city, and county sheriffs, to authorize unmarked vehicles (with only the name and shield of the city or county) for primary use in traffic enforcement; would restrict unmarked vehicles to not more than 10 percent of all vehicles used in traffic enforcement; would require uniformed officers to operate the unmarked vehicles and require the vehicles to be equipped and operated as to indicate their use as enforcement vehicles to any driver signalled to stop.

PERA--administrative changes HF457\*/SF1064 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--passed (134-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would make certain administrative change to the Public Employees REtirement Association (PERA).

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13 Pg. 33, General Orders, April 14)

Motorized bicycle regulation HF532\*/SF469 (Jensen, DFL-Lakeville)--passed (131-1). (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would regulate the operation of motorized bicycles.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 34, General Orders, April 14)

Treatment facilities residents--data disclosure HF561\*/SF591 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--passed (128-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would allow treatment facility officials to disclose data on individuals with mental illness or emotional impairment who reside in the facility to the federally mandated state protection and advocacy system if:

--the system receives a complaint by or on behalf of the individual, or there is a probable cause to believe the person is suffering abuse or neglect;

--the individual's condition makes the individual unable to authorize the data's release; and

--the individual has no legal guardian or the state is the legal guardian.

Juveniles--adult jail confinement HF596\*/SF670 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (129-1). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would provide that no minor shall be held with adult prisoners in the same room or section of a jail or other adult holding facility unless a court sentences the minor to prison for more than one year as an adult, or the juvenile court refers the minor for adult prosecution and the prosecuting authority has filed a notice of intent to prosecute the minor as an adult.

Mentally ill--residential facilities HF642\*/SF620 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--passed (132-1). (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would make various changes in residential care facilities for the mentally ill.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 34, General Orders, April 14)

St. Louis County/Floodwood--land sale HF947\*/SF940 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--passed (128-2). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would authorize St. Louis County to sell certain tax-forfeited land to Minnesota Sphagnum of Floodwood, Minnesota.

Handicapped transit standards HF1009\*/SF1108 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--passed (132-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would clarify and enlarge requirements relating to special transportation service programs, adminstered by the Minnesota Department of Transportation outside the Twin Cities metro area, and by the Regional Transit Board in the metro area.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No.13, Pg. 34, General Orders, April 14)

Sheltered workshops

HF1054\*/SF1073 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)--passed (133-0). (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would limit grants to sheltered workshops and provide for use of community-based employment.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 34, General Orders, April 14)

Medical assistance vendors

HF1112\*/SF998 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--passed (132-0). (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would include directors, officers, and partners in the definition of "vendor of medical care."

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 34, General Orders, April 14)

Grain--grades, tests HF1120\*/SF1484 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)--passed (132-0). (SF in Senate Agriculture Committee)

Would provide that a person who receives or delivers grain, who fails to certify grade samples taken by the other, is bound by the arithmetic mean of the test results obtained from the samples. The Department of Agriculture's Grain Inspection Division is to determine grade, dockage, moisture content, protein analysis, or other factors that determine price. Payment is based on the test

State employees--mandated absences HF1170\*/SF1165 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)--passed (134-0). (SF in

Would prohibit certain mandated leaves of absence for state employees.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 34, General Orders, April 14)

Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Teachers retirement association--changes HF1213\*/SF1132 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--passed (134-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would make various changes in the Teachers Retirement Association law to facilitate retirement benefit and contribution administration.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 34, General Orders, April 14)

Employer health care coverage

HF1225\*/SF1406 (Tompkins, IR-Apple Valley)--passed (72-57). (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would require public and private employers with 10 or more employees that have been in business for 10 or more years to provide health care coverage to their employees.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 34, General Orders, April 14)

Insurance companies--investments HF1267\*/SF1206 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)--passed (129-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would update and expand Minnesota-based property/casualty insurers' investment authority to securities or property, allowing companies to make qualified investments in additional securities or property of any kind with written approval of the commissioner of commerce.

#### Wednesday, April 22

Swimming classes--co-ed HF846\*/SF1476 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--not passed (64-67). (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would allow school districts to conduct co-ed or gender-separated swimming classes providing the separation if it is done in the best interest of the children and for non-discriminatory purposes.

Champlin--public improvement funds HF1141\*/SF1087 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--passed (104-22). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would authorize the city of Champlin to use unexpended funds from public improvement projects which have been lawfully transferred to the city's general fund fro a grant program to assist low-income homeowners in paying special assessments levied against their homesteads.

## **CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE**

Wednesday, April 22

Vending machines--inspection fees HF469\*/SF407 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)--passed as amended by the Senate (114 to 1).

Would limit the amount that cities or counties may charge vending machine owners for inspection fees to the amount the state charges, but at least \$15 dollars per year; would provide that nut vending machines shall be subject to an annual state inspection fee of \$5 for each machine.

## CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, April 20

Foreign exhange students--deer hunting licenses HF74/SF73\* (Redalen, IR-Fountain)--passed (114-10).

Would authorize nonresident high school foreign exchange students to obtain resident licenses to take deer by archery; would require the student to provide proof of foreign exchange status as the commissioner of natural resources requires.

Nursing home residents--spouses HF904\*/SF1453 (B. Anderson, IR-Ottertail)--passed (129-0). (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would require certain information be given to residents and their families upon admission to a nursing home.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 14, Health & Human Services, April 9)

Ramsey County--court locations HF1371\*/SF1339 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)--passed (109-10). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would provide that all court functions in Ramsey County conducted in New Brighton, White Bear Lake, North St. Paul, and Maplewood before Dec. 31, 1986, must resume at those

locations; would allow the court to establish new quarters for holding court in the city of Maplewood within a one mile radius of the intersection of White Bear Ave. and County Rd. D. (amendment would delete provision requiring additional court in Ramsey County).

Wednesday, April 22

School buses--amber lights HF126/SF136\* (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)--passed (129 to 0).

Would provide for amber proceed-with-caution signals on school buses.

Economic opportunity office HF1187\*/SF1360 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee.

Would establish the Minnesota economic opportunity office within the the Department of Jobs and Training as the state's anti-poverty office with the purpose of fighting poverty.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 15, Health and Human Services, April 9)

Municipal charter commissions--discharge HF1322/SF1067\* (Morrison, IR-Burnsville)--passed (126 to 3).

Would provide that if a charter commission determines that a charter is not necessary or desirable, by a three-fourths vote, then the charter commission shall be discharged. Would provide that a new commission may not be formed sooner than one year from the discharge date.

Municipal annexation--tax adjustments HF1377/SF725\* (Hartle, IR-Owatonna)--passed (119 to 7).

Would remove the minimum two-year period to adjust mill levies in annexed areas.

## **GENERAL ORDERS**

Monday, April 20

Liquor sales--extension of hours HF397 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)--rereferred to Regulated Industries Committee.

Would extend closing hour for on-sale of intoxicating liquor and 3.2 beer from 1 a.m. to 3 a.m.

Hazardous waste--criminal penaltics HF401/SF818 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--amended\*\*; not recommended to pass; progressed. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would create a new section of law specifying criminal penalties for violators of hazardous waste laws and rules.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 18, Governmental Operations, April 6)

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Swimming classes--co-ed HF846/SF1476 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would allow school districts to conduct co-ed or gender-separated swimming classes providing the separation if it is done in the

best interest of the children and for non-discriminatory purposes.

Local public health boards

HF999/SF1041 (Kelso, DFL-Shakopee)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would organize all statutory local public health authority.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 26, Health & Human Services, April 2)

Champlin--public improvement funds

HF1141/SF1087 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would authorize the city of Champlin to use unexpended funds from public improvement projects which have been lawfully transferred to the city's general fund for a grant program to assist low-income homeowners in paying special assessments levied against their homesteads.

## SPECIAL ORDERS

Wednesday, April 22

Minneapolis--school board election HF490\* (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--passed as amended\*\* (82-41).

Would restructure the makeup of school board for School District No. 1, Minneapolis. Provisions would:

- increase the board to nine members; six members would be elected to represent distinct districts within the school district, three members would be elected to large (voters currently elect entire school board at large);
- require local approval before change takes effect; would require candidates for school board to be 21 years of age and a district resident for 30 days prior to the election.
- \*\*Amendment would provide that the school board shall take action on this act by July 1, 1987.

Election judges--voter information HF638\*/SF550 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)--passed (128-0).

Would direct election judges to explain to voters the effect of voting on more than one party's primary ballot; require electronic voting system to automatically reject all votes on ballots cast by voters in a partisan primary election if voters casts one or more votes on the party other than the one indicated by the voter on the party preference punch. Would direct pages of a partisan primary ballot booklet permanently be orange and buff, booklets must include party indicator enabling voter to choose in which party's primary the voter intends to vote.

Juvenile Court Act--changes HF706/SF1065 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (128-0).

Would make changes to the juvenile code and certain crime victims laws.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No.12, Pg. 29, Judiciary, April 7.)

State energy contracts--bidding requirements HF830/SF206 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--passed (116-4).

Would impose additional requirements on bidders for state energy efficiency installment purchase contracts. Would allow the

commissioner of administration to contract with certain bidders if: the annual cost of the contract doesn't exceed the resultant or projected savings in energy costs for that year or the commissioner has determined that the contract with the state, and has either established a record of promptly paying all it suppliers and subcontractors for goods delivered and services rendered or has made secure provisions for doing so in connection with the current contract.

Supplemental investment fund--age eligibility HF1147/SF1089 (B. Johnson, DFL-Bemidji)--passed as amended\*\* (127-0).

Would reduces form 60 to 55, the age for the redemption of investment shares in the state university and community college supplemental retirement plan. Would provide eligible employees with additional investment options for their retirement contributions.

\*\*Amendment would define terms and conditions of public employment and would allow expanded payment of certain accumulated sick leave

Hennepin County--library construction bonds HF1266/SF1275 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--passed (127-0).

Would authorize the Hennepin County board to issue general obligation bonds for library construction. Provisions would:

- remove the \$20,000 limit on bonds for library construction and the \$15,500,000 limit on maximum bonds outstanding;
- provide that the amounts and interest rates for each series of bonds may not exceed an amount equal to two-thirds mills of the taxable property in the county which was not taxed in 1987 by any city for the support of a free public library; would provide local approval section.

Minneapolis--conventions, tourism activities HF1355/SF1295 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--passed as amended\*\* (130-0).

Would authorize the city of Minneapolis to levy taxes and spend money to attract tourists, publish promotional literature, and market conventions or any nonprofits corporation to provide that above services.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 40, Local & Urban Affairs, April 7)

\*\*Amendment would allow city council members, or an officer or employee to be a member of the board of directors of any nonprofit corporation performing all or part of the activities necessary to carry out the purposes specified in this section.

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## COMMITTEE ACTION

## **AGRICULTURE**

Monday, April 27

Agriculture omnibus bill HF1136/SF806 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--heard; amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would make changes to: the Rural Finance Administration, the right to first refusal amendments, deficiency judgments on agricultural personal property, foreclosure notice requirements, and eligibility for a courtordered moratorium.

(See summary under Agriculture Finance Division, April 24)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- require the governor to appoint five public members, three of whom are active farmers, to the rural finance authority;
- establish a program of state guarantees for the sale of acquired properties to qualified buyers;
- authorize the commissioner of agriculture to provide an acquired property loan guarantee to lenders on the sale of property acquired on or before the effective date of this act, if the buyer:
- --has a total net worth value at less than \$150,000;
  --agrees to participate in an approved farm management program for five years; and if this is the buyer's first farm real estate purchase or the buyer has been the manager/operator of a commercial size farm operation and currently holds no ownership to no more than 160 acres of farm real estate:
- set a 480-acre limit on the amount of land a person may acquire under the beginning farmer program;
- define "acquired property" as agricultural real property returned to a lender because of default, foreclosure, or bankruptcy of the buyers;

- define "acquired property loan guarantee" as an agreement that, in the event of default, the state must pay the lender 85 percent of the remaining balance of a mortgage or contract for deed approved under the new program;
- limit loan guarantee to \$100 million and provide that the maximum loss the state could accrue is \$12,750,000;
- provide that unless the buyer waives the provision, title to mineral rights must be conveyed along with the surface property;
- require lenders who want to provide financing for the sale of the family farm security program acquired property to forward loan applications to the commissioner for approval;
- require the commissioner to prescribe a screening process to determine eligibility and disposition of applications; require the commissioner to notify lender when he/she approves a guarantee, and at that time the lender and buyer may complete the sale;
- require the commissioner to give lenders a written statement of the reasons for denying an applicant a loan guarantee; allow the lender to resubmit an application which later meets the eligibility criteria;
- prescribe the following characteristics that the sales agreement between the lender and buyer must have:
  --the acquired property must be sold for less then 95 percent nor more than 105 percent of the property's current market value (market value appraisals must be mutually agreed to by the lender and the commissioner for each property);

--the mortgage must be based on an amortization schedule of between 30 years and 20 years, with a balloon payment due at the end of 10 years;

--require a minimum down payment of 10 percent on sales with monthly payments, 12.5 percent with semi-annual payments, and 15 percent with annual payments; --the interest rate must be fixed at below preferred customer rates for the first five years and no higher than preferred customer rates for years 6 through 10. For 1987, the rates offered must be 6.9 percent for the first five years and 8.9 percent for the second five years, or the applicable Federal Land Bank variable rate, whichever is lower;



- make the lender responsible for all mortgage or contract for deed servicing; provide that at the end of the 10 years, buyers shall have the right to refinance with their sponsoring lender at the lowest interest rate for which they qualify at the time; provide that no partial releases, release of easement payments, or other actions affecting the value of the property may be transacted without the commissioner's approval;
- prohibit the lender or buyer from taking actions that will diminish the first position claim of the guaranteed mortgage or contract; provide that the guarantee is neither assignable nor assumable; allow the lender, in consultation with the commissioner, to pursue any legal means available to recover as much as reasonably possible in case of a default and be reimbursed for the normal costs of these actions under the guarantee provision;
- provide that default occurs when:
- --the buyer doesn't pay the principal or interest payment on the date due;
- --the participant breaches a material obligation in the note and mortgage, loan agreement, contract for deed, or any other instrument securing the loan, and the lender determines that this breach constitutes an adverse change in the buyer's ability to repay the guaranteed loan; --the buyer fails to properly maintain the buildings and other facilities or doesn't follow proper soil and water conservation practices so that the value of the security is diminished;
- provide that if a default occurs, the lender must:
  --provide the commissioner with an acceptable plan for liquidation and carry out that plan;
- --present a ledger accounting of all costs (i.e. outstanding loan principal, unpaid accrued interest, or paid taxes and insurance premiums) and all receipts (i.e. sale proceeds or rent collected) for final review by the commissioner;
- provide that if costs exceed receipts, the commissioner shall make payment to the lender from the special guarantee account for 85 percent of the excess costs; provide that if receipts exceed costs by more than 115 percent, the lender shall remit to the commissioner one-half of all excess over the 115 percent for deposit in the special guarantee fund;
- reactiviate the agricultural data collection task force; would set task force expiration date at April 15, 1989 or 15 days after reporting to the Legislature, whichever date comes later, but in no circumstance later than June 1, 1989:
- appropriate:
- --\$70,000 to fund the activities of the agricultural data collection task force;
- --\$719,780 for a pseudorabies control program;
- --\$50,000 for the interstate compact on grain marketing;
- --\$394,000 for sweet sorghum research project at the Mankato Vocational Technical Institute;
- --\$400,000 to the University of Minnesota for research on veterinary health care delivery for dairy herds;
- redefine the term "homestead" to include agricultural real estate that qualifies for homestead tax treatment and nonagricultural residential real estate in a distressed county;
- clarify maximum time limits for a court-ordered moratorium as 12 months for agricultural homestead and six months for eligible non-agricultural homestead;

- assure that a notice describing the right for separate redemption of the homestead must be delivered to the person in possession of the homestead property;
- eliminate homestead designation notice publication requirement; would clarify that it's the duty of a person who is homesteading a property to provide a legal description of the property that is to be redeemed separately;
- clarify that it is only the person who has established a right for separate redemption of a designated homestead that can exercise that right;
- provide for a separate redemption of individual parcels of foreclosed property if the parcels have previously been recorded as separate tracts;
- make Article 9 effective for foreclosures where publication or service of notice occurs on or after July 1, 1987.

#### Tuesday, April 28

### Ethanol fuel blend

HF777/SF729 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would require all unleaded gasoline having an octane rating of 90 or less sold in Minnesota for use in motor vehicles after June 30, 1988, to contain a 10 percent blend of ethanol. \*\*Delete everything amendment would:

- repeal the ethanol distributors' two-cent tax credit on Oct. 1, 1988;
- exempt marinas, retail service stations with only one gas pump, or any person who uses gasoline in a marine or other small displaced engine (250 cubic centimeters or less) from the ethanol requirement;
- provide for tax credit or refund in certain cases.

## Agriculture omnibus bill

HF1136/SF806 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would make various changes to the Rural Finance Administration, would change dairy inspection fees and amendments of right to first refusal, would clarify foreclosure notice requirements and eligibility for a court-ordered moratorium, would establish the beginning farmers program and the milk in schools program, and would appropriate monies for agricultural programs and projects. \*\*Delete everything amendment would:

#### Article 1 would:

 change the name of the Rural Finance Administration to the Rural Finance Authority and give it authority for a restructuring agricultural loan-program, a homestead redemption program, and to make commitments to purchase loans;

- redefine eligible lenders to include any bank, credit union, savings and loan association chartered by the state or federal government, unit of the farm credit system, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and any insurance company, fund, or other financial institution doing business as an agricultural lender within the state;
- adjust borrowers eligibility criteria and the definition of qualified agricultural loan;
- require the governor to appoint five public members, three of whom are active farmers, to the rural finance authority;
- specify general powers of the authority and modify the assignability provision to allow the RFA to approve assignment to other than just direct descendants of the original borrower; would specify certain financial information as private data and limit bond rating requirements; would extend non-liability to the staff of the Authority;
- allow the commissioner of finance to transfer money and securities from the rural finance authority security account to the state bond fund when no RFA bonds are outstanding; would allow the authority to invest monies in the security account in certificates of deposit that certain national banking associations or bank and trust companies issue;
- provide for additional use of general obligation bonds (formerly G.O. bonds were held as security for revenue bonds. RFA can use bond proceeds for participation loans of the RFA) and recodify statutes relating to the authority;
- repeal a list of actions by a borrower that are to be construed as constituting default.

#### Article 2 would:

- limit deficiency judgments on personal property used in agricultural production to three years from the day the judgment was entered; would prohibit a deficiency judgment from attaching to real or personal property the debtor acquires after the judgment is entered;
- prohibit creditors from requiring a borrower to waive their mediation rights as a condition for making a loan; any such waiver of rights under the Farmer-Mediation Act since March 21, 1986 is void;
- extends from May 1, 1987 to June 30, 1989 the special 8-week notice of foreclosure provisions of Chapter 580 passed in 1983; would amend the sunset date of court-ordered moratorium from July 1, 1987 to July 1, 1989.

## Article 3 would:

- define "highest price offered by a third party" as the acceptable cash price offered by a third party or the acceptable time-price offer made by a third party;
- provide that a cash-price offer is one which involves contemporaneous transfer of title;
- require sellers or lessors to make the same time-price offer or an equivalent cash offer to the preceding owner, if the acceptable offer made by the third party is a time-price offer;

- provide that an equivalent cash offer is equal to the total of the payments made over a period of the time-price offer discounted by the treasury yield curve for like time periods plus 2.0 percent;
- provide that a time-price offer defers payments of any portion of the price and does not involve a transfer of fee title until full payment is made;
- require all sale and lease offers to preceding owners to be in writing and to accurately report all relevant details of the sale or lease offer acceptable to the sellor or lessor;
- extend the right-of-first-refusal from five years to 10 years for land held by a corporation because of enforcement of a debt on the land;
- provide the right-of-first-refusal may not be waived unless the waiver is signed after the right actually exists and can be exercised by the previous owner;
- remove the exemption of bankruptcy estates from the "right of first refusal.

#### Article 4 would:

• extend the availability of court-ordered moratorium from only first mortgages to all mortgages; would repeal provisions that explicitly limited the applicability of the court-ordered moratorium to certain time frames.

#### Article 5 would:

- establish a program of state guarantees for the sale of acquired properties to qualified buyers;
- authorize the commissioner of agriculture to provide an acquired property loan guarantee to lenders on the sale of property acquired on or before the effective date of this act, if the buyer:
- --has a total net worth value at less than \$150,000;
  --agrees to participate in an approved farm management program for five years; and if this is the buyer's first farm real estate purchase or the buyer has been the manager/operator of a commercial size farm operation and currently holds no ownership to no more than 160 acres of farm real estate;
- set a 480-acre limit on the amount of land a person may acquire under the beginning farmer program;
- define "acquired property" as agricultural real property returned to a lender because of default, foreclosure, or bankruptcy of the buyers;
- define "acquired property loan guarantee" as an agreement that, in the event of default, the state must pay the lender 85 percent of the remaining balance of a mortgage or contract for deed approved under the new program;
- limit loan guarantee to \$100 million and provide that the maximum loss the state could accrue is \$12,750,000;
- provide that unless the buyer waives the provision, title to mineral rights must be conveyed along with the surface property;
- require lenders who want to provide financing for the sale of the family farm security program acquired property to forward loan applications to the commissioner for approval;

- require the commissioner to prescribe a screening process to determine eligibility and disposition of applications; require the commissioner to notify lender when he/she approves a guarantee, and at that time the lender and buyer may complete the sale;
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due at the end of 10 years;

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- make the lender responsible for all mortgage or contract for deed servicing; provide that at the end of the 10 years, buyers shall have the right to refinance with their sponsoring lender at the lowest interest rate for which they qualify at the time; provide that no partial releases, release of easement payments, or other actions affecting the value of the property may be transacted without the commissioner's approval;
- prohibit the lender or buyer from taking actions that will diminish the first position claim of the guaranteed mortgage or contract; provide that the guarantee is neither assignable nor assumable; allow the lender, in consultation with the commissioner, to pursue any legal means available to recover as much as reasonably possible in case of a default and be reimbursed for the normal costs of these actions under the guarantee provision;
- provide that default occurs when:

--the buyer doesn't pay the principal or interest payment on the date due;

- --the participant breaches a material obligation in the note and mortgage, loan agreement, contract for deed, or any other instrument securing the loan, and the lender determines that this breach constitutes an adverse change in the buyer's ability to repay the guaranteed loan; --the buyer fails to properly maintain the buildings and other facilities or doesn't follow proper soil and water conservation practices so that the value of the security is diminished;
- provide that if a default occurs, the lender must:
  --provide the commissioner with an acceptable plan for liquidation and carry out that plan;
- --present a ledger accounting of all costs (i.e. outstanding loan principal, unpaid accrued interest, or paid taxes and insurance premiums) and all receipts (i.e. sale proceeds or rent collected) for final review by the commissioner;

• provide that if costs exceed receipts, the commissioner shall make payment to the lender from the special guarantee account for 85 percent of the excess costs; provide that if receipts exceed costs by more than 115 percent, the lender shall remit to the commissioner one-half of all excess over the 115 percent for deposit in the special guarantee fund.

#### Article 6 would:

• reactiviate the agricultural data collection task force; would set task force expiration date at April 15, 1989 or 15 days after reporting to the Legislature, whichever date comes later, but in no circumstance later than June 1, 1989

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appropriate:

- --\$70,000 to fund the activities of the agricultural data collection task force;
- --\$719,780 for a pseudorabies control program;
- --\$50,000 for the interstate compact on grain marketing; --\$394,000 for sweet sorghum research project at the

Mankato Vocational Technical Institute;

- --\$400,000 to the University of Minnesota for research on veterinary health care delivery for dairy herds;
- --\$112,500 to the state board of vocational technical education to hire support staff to assist farm business management instructors with heavy workloads;
- --to the state board of vocational technical education for the farm crisis intervention project \$775,000 for fiscal year ending in June 30,1988 and \$1,147,500 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1989;

--\$419,300 in fiscal year 1988 and \$391,500 in fiscal year 1989 for the farm advocate program;

--\$48,000 to the University of Minnesota agricultural experiment station for wild rice research;

--\$1,000,000 in 1988 and in 1989 for the milk in schools

--\$45,000 for a University of Minnesota dairy sheep experiment project;

--\$358,000 in each year of the biennium ending June 30, 1989 to the commissioner of agriculture for aid to county and district agricultural societies;

--\$150,000 to the commissioner of agriculture for low livestock productivity study.

## Article 8 would:

- redefine the term "homestead" to include agricultural real estate that qualifies for homestead tax treatment and nonagricultural residential real estate in a distressed county;
- clarify maximum time limits for a court-ordered moratorium as 12 months for agricultural homestead and six months for eligible non-agricultural homestead;

## Article 9 would:

- assure that a notice describing the right for separate redemption of the homestead must be delivered to the person in possession of the homestead property;
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- provide for a separate redemption of individual parcels of foreclosed property if the parcels have previously been recorded as separate tracts;
- make Article 9 effective for foreclosures where publication or service of notice occurs on or after July 1, 1987.

## Article 10 would:

• establish a milk program for first-, second-, and thirdgrade students; would require the Department of Education to reimburse school districts at a rate of five cents for each half-pint of milk provided each day.

#### Article 11 would:

- authorize the commissioner of agriculture, with the assistance of a newly created advisory board, to select/set up a research team to study problems of low livestock productivity and poor animal health;
- provide that the research team be made up of researchers from the University of Minnesota or elsewhere who have expertise in the following fields: animal sciences; veterinary medicine; electrical power distribution; farmstead electrification and any other discipline or field deemed appropriate by members of the interdisciplinary team;
- provide study contents which must include interdisciplinary analysis of issues frequently believed to be electrical in nature that affect dairy and livestock productivity levels or are manifested in poor animal health; provide that the research team conduct its study on Minnesota farmstead sites;
- establish a nine-member advisory board made up of farmers, a member of the Pollution Control Agency Board, a representative from a co-op electric association, a practicing veterinarian, and a representative of the University of Minnesota;
- require the advisory board to select the farmstead sites which must include farmsteads in dairy production experiencing low milk production levels and poor dairy heard health;
- require the interdisciplinary study team to report its findings to the commissioner of agriculture who will report the study results to the House and Senate agriculture committees no later than Feb. 1, 1989; require the study team to submit its finding for publication to one or more recognized scientific journals if it's feasible.

## Article 12 would:

• authorize claim payments to seven egg producers.

#### Article 13 would:

• change Grade A inspection fees and the time the fees are payable; would set the cost of an annual on-farm inspection for a Grade "A" farm at \$66.00 (re-inspection will cost \$33.00);

- expand Grade A milk classification to include sheep milk and requires such processors or marketing organizations to apply for Grade A inspection services from the agriculture commissioner:
- provide that the inspection fees must meet half the cost of providing the inspection service and requires the commissioner to hold three public hearings before increasing fees;
- set fees for farms that produce manufacturing grade milk; would provide that the annual cost for an inspection is set at \$33.00 (with a re-inspection cost of \$27.50); would provide for a refund when a farm no longer produces milk.

#### Article 14 would:

• memorialize the president and the Congress to provide fair treatment for diary farmers.

#### Article 15 would:

- allow the state to sell 2,500 acres of state land for wild rice growing;
- allow commissioner of agriculture in consultation with the commissioner of natural resources, and wild rice organizations to each year select land for wild rice production;
- require the commissioner to give priority to certain land (i.e. land adjacent to existing wild rice production areas);
- allow the state to repurchase parcels of land that has not been 50 percent developed for wild rice production within five years of the date of sale; would allow the two commissioners to adopt rules to implement the article;
- require the state to compensate land owners, if the state exercises its reserved mineral rights and damages or impairs the wild rice land;
- require the commissioners to designate an inventory of state land suitable for wild rice production; would provide that the inventory be completed by Dec. 31, 1987, and updated every five years;
- require the commissioner of natural resources to complete the first offer and sale of selected wild rice lands one year after the effective date of this act;
- repeal this act July 1, 1990.

## Article 16 would:

• amend the definition of "distressed counties" by including a provision that if 15 percent of the employment in the county is "farm employment," the county is declared to be distressed.

Agricultural development program

HF1194/SF426 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would make various changes to the agricultural resource loan guaranty program to further the development of the state's rural areas. Provisions would:

- rename the agricultural resource loan guaranty program to the agricultural development program;
- rename the agricultural resource loan guaranty board to the agricultural development board; would change the name of the guaranty program fund to the agricultural development fund;
- add to the definition of agricultural resource projects: --buildings, equipment, and land used for commercial production of agricultural resources;

--a facility or portion of a facility used to commercially produce firsh or fish products from commercially-produced

ish; or

- --real or personal property used or useful in connection with a revenue-producing enterprise, or a combination of two or more revenue-producing enterprises engaged in a business whether or not for profit, if the properties aren't located within a city of the first class;
- provide that the land used for commercial production of agricultural resources is limited to land on which the buildings and equipment are located and immediately surrounding land used for storage, waste disposal, and other functions directly related to the commercial production of agricultural resources at a facility. The land doesn't include land used for growing or raising crops or livestock;
- add to the definition of lender, a corporation or a public entity including but not limited to a federal or state agency, authorized to make agricultural loans;
- give the agricultural development board successor status;
- grant the board additional powers to:

--sue and be used;

 -acquire, hold, lease, and transfer any interest in real personal property for its corporate purposes;

--sell at public or private sale a note, mortgage, or other instrument or obligation evidencing a loan;

--obtain insurance against any loss in connection with its property in the amounts and from the insurers the board

determines to be necessary or desirable;

- --obtain municipal bond insurance, letters of credit, surety obligations, or other similar agreements form financial institutions;
- --enter into other agreements or transactions, without regard to chapter 16B;
- --establish and collect fees without regard to Chapter 14 or Section 16

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--accept appropriations, gifts, grants, and bequests;
--use money received from any source for any legal

--use money received from any source for any legal purpose; and

--participate in loans for agricultural resource projects;

- authorize the board to purchase up to 75 percent of the amount of an eligible loan for agricultural resource projects;
- allow the board to use funds to pay for program administrative costs and expenses;
- allow the board, by resolution, to exercise the statutory powers of a rural development authority and a municipality for financing one or more projects; would appropriate monies to the commissioner of energy and economic development for additional staffing for the

agricultural development board for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1989; would appropriate monies to the agricultural development fund.

Agriculture--rural development council HF1279/SF1016 (Jenning, DFL-Rush City)-recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would transfer the rural development council from the Department of Energy and Economic Development to the Department of Agriculture. Provisions would:

- provide that the purpose of the council is to enhance and improve the economy of the state by diversifying the farming industry through the funding of innovative agriprocessing and farming practices, on-farm enterprises, alternative crops, and forestry;
- specify council's powers which includes entering into or making contracts, loans, or grants to any person, firm, corporation, or association;
- require that the council's loan, grant, and contract programs meet certain requirements;
- make the council responsible for uses of the rural rehabilitation fund (now a revolving fund) and sets original principal amount at \$5,300,000;
- require the commissioners of agriculture and education to appoint representatives from two farm organizations and educational systems to the council;
- recodify statutes relating to the council and repeals budget review provisions.

## Agriculture Finance Div./Ag.

## Friday, April 24

Agriculture omnibus bill HF1136/SF806 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to the Agriculture Committee (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would make changes to: the Rural Finance Administration, the right to first refusal amendments, deficiency judments on agricultural personal property, foreclosure notice requirements, and eligibility for a courtordered moratorium. \*\*Delete everything amendment would:

#### Article 1 would:

- change the name of the Rural Finance Administration to the Rural Finance Authority and give it authority for a restructuring agricultural loan program, a homestead redemption program, and to make commitments to purchase loans;
- redefine eligible lenders to include any bank, credit union, savings and loan association chartered by the state or federal government, unit of the farm credit system, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, and any insurance company, fund, or other financial institution doing business as an agricultural lender within the state;

- adjust borrowers eligibility criteria and the definition of qualified agricultural loan;
- require the governor to appoint five public members, three of whom are active farmers, to the rural finance authority;
- specify general powers of the authority and modify the assignability provision to allow the RFA to approve assignment to other than just direct descendants of the original borrower; would specify certain financial information as private data and limit bond rating requirements; would extend non-liability to the staff of the Authority;
- allow the commissioner of finance to transfer money and securities from the rural finance authority security account to the state bond fund when no RFA bonds are outstanding; would allow the authority to invest monies in the security account in certificates of deposit that certain national banking associations or bank and trust companies issue;
- provide for additional use of general obligation bonds (formerly G.O. bonds were held as security for revenue bonds. RFA can use bond proceeds for participation loans of the RFA) and recodify statutes relating to the authority;
- repeal a list of actions by a borrower that are to be construed as constituting default.

#### Article 2 would:

- limit deficiency judgments on personal property used in agricultural production to three years from the day the judgment was entered; would prohibit a deficiency judgment from attaching to real or personal property the debtor acquires after the judgment is entered;
- prohibit creditors from requiring a borrower to waive their mediation rights as a condition for making a loan; any such waiver of rights under the Farmer-Mediation Act since March 21, 1986 is void;
- extends from May 1, 1987 to June 30, 1989 the special 8-week notice of foreclosure provisions of Chapter 580 passed in 1983; would amend the sunset date of court-ordered moratorium from July 1, 1987 to July 1, 1989.

### Article 3 would:

- define "highest price offered by a third party" as the acceptable cash price offered by a third party or the acceptable time-price offer made by a third party;
- provide that a cash-price offer is one which involves contemporaneous transfer of title;
- require sellers or lessors to make the same time-price offer or an equivalent cash offer to the preceding owner, if the acceptable offer made by the third party is a time-price offer;
- provide that an equivalent cash offer is equal to the total of the payments made over a period of the time-price offer discounted by the treasury yield curve for like time periods plus 2.0 percent;

- provide that a time-price offer defers payments of any portion of the price and does not involve a transfer of fee title until full payment is made;
- require all sale and lease offers to preceding owners to be in writing and to accurately report all relevant details of the sale or lease offer acceptable to the sellor or lessor;
- extend the right-of-first-refusal from five years to 10 years for land held by a corporation because of enforcement of a debt on the land;
- provide the right-of-first-refusal may not be waived unless the waiver is signed after the right actually exists and can be exercised by the previous owner;
- remove the exemption of bankruptcy estates from the "right of first refusal.

## Article 4 would:

• extend the availability of court-ordered moratorium from only first mortgages to all mortgages; would repeal provisions that explicitly limited the applicability of the court-ordered moratorium to certain time frames.

## **APPROPRIATIONS**

## Tuesday, April 28

Higher education--omnibus funding HF1635/SF1515 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)-recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would appropriate money and establish rider language for the operation of state higher education institutions. Provisions would appropriate \$1,654,940;400 from the general fund to:

- Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) \$ 0 in FY'87; \$74,532,700 in FY'88; \$ 77,007,000 in FY'89 (first dollar figure is for FY'88; second dollar figure is for FY'89):
- --continue optometry and osteopathy student seats and grants for current students, \$294,000; \$214,000;
- --provide scholarships and grants for eligible optometry students, \$15,000 in FY'88;
- --provide funding for system mission coordination, \$100,300; \$100,200;
- --establish tuition trust fund study (HF778--L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal), 47,500;
- --increase funding for Information Initiative that helps students and adults plan and prepare for higher education (HF970, K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls), \$35,000; \$75,000;
- --expand postsecondary education training, financial aid, and academic requirements to students eighth grade through adult (HF640--L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal), \$118,000; \$180,000;
- --fund state scholarships and grants program, \$62,450,000; \$64,350,000;

- --provide \$100,000 in FY'88 for short-term living and transportation expenses of AVTI students;
- --fund tuition reciprocity, \$3,700,000; \$4,300,000;
- --finance state work study program, \$4,428,600 in FY'88 and FY'89;
- --expand contingent loan progam to include chiropractic medicine and public health students, \$110,000; \$158,100;
- --Minitex library program, \$759,300 in FY'88 and FY'89;
- --fund Enterprise Development Partnerships, \$349,700; \$336,500;
- State Board of Vocational Technical Education (AVTIs) \$1,895,000 in FY'87; \$151,917,900 in FY'88; \$156,290,400 in FY'89;
- --provide \$1,895,000 in FY'87 for TRA/FICA deficiency fund debt service payments to school districts for AVTI buildings financed with school district bonds, \$5,371,700 in FY'88, \$4,704,700 in FY'89;
- --fund Ag Crisis Assistance Program \$288,900 in FY'88 and FY'89;
- --fund Veteran Farmer Cooperative Training Program, \$56,100; \$49,200;
- --increase services to handicapped students, \$125,000 in FY'88 and FY'89;
- State Board for Community Colleges (CCs)
   \$65,165,200 in FY'88; \$69,020,200 in FY'89;
- --fund programs for special needs students, \$187,500 in FY'88 and FY'89;
- --cover repair and replacement costs, \$1,413,200 in FY'88 and FY'89;
- State University Board (SUB)
  \$500,000 in FY87; \$129,725,800 in FY'88;
  \$138,626,700 in FY'89;
- --require report to ensure that classroom teaching assistants are proficient in English;
- --provide \$375,000 in FY'89 for expansion of upper division programs at Metro State University (HF714--Pappas, DFL-St. Paul);
- --fund planning of composite engineering program at Winona State University, \$83,500 in FY'89 (HF114--Pelowski, DFL-Winona);
- --provide \$500,000 in FY'87 for assessment for improvement of walkways at St. Cloud State University;
- --permit Mankato State University to accept non-state money to construct a building on campus during 1988-89 biennium;
- Board of Regents of the University of Minnesota (U of M)
  \$515,500 in FY'87; \$386,450,800 in FY'88;
  \$401,533,000 in FY'89;

- --require actions to ensure English proficient teaching assistants:
- --provide \$4,332,000 each year for repair and replacement including \$200,000 in FY'88 for Roselawn Avenue project;
- -- fund University specials:
- \* Minnesota Extension Service, including increased funding of \$515,500 for famer-lender mediation program \$14,609,200; \$14,967,100;
- \* agriculture research \$24,248,400; \$24,863,300;
- \* veterinary diagnostic laboratory
- \$1,389,900; \$1,423,400;
- \* Coleman Leukemia Research Center \$242,300; \$248,500;
- \* indigent patients \$316,00; \$416,000;
- \$316,00; \$416,000; \* medical research
- \$2,405,100; \$2,464,600; \* special hospitals, serice, and education offset
- \$7,678,900; \$7,924,400; \* UMD center for American Indian and Minority Health \$ 0; \$75,000;
- \* fellowships for minority and disadvantaged students \$54,900; \$56,300;
- \* general research
- \$2,125,900; \$2,179,800;
- \* intercollegiate athletics \$2,993,700; \$3,069,700;
- \* student loans matching money \$51,900; \$54,500;
- \* talented youth mathematics program \$256,500; \$262,900;
- \* geological survey \$951,900; 9,76,100;
- \* Mineral Resources Research Center \$ 762,500; \$781,800;
- \* Natural Resources Reasearch Institute \$2,485,000; \$2,544,000;
- \* Sea Grant College Program (relocate to UMD by Jan. 1, 1988)
- \$314,700; \$322,700;
- \* Underground Space Center \$222,000; \$227,600;
- \* Institute for Advanced Studies in Biological Process Technology
- \$620,500; \$636,300;
- \* Industrial Relations Education \$724,600; \$742,300;
- \* Institute for Human Genetics \$497,100; \$509,700;
- \* Microelectronics and Information Science Center \$661,200; \$678,000;
- \* Productivity Center \$333,000; \$341,500;
- \* Supercomputer Institute \$6,150,000; \$6,306,000;
- \* Rank Funding Adjustment, a one-time appropriation to improve both graduate and undergraduate education at Minneapolis and coordinate campuses and to ensure adequate counseling for student applicants as a part of Commitment to Focus
- \$1,675,000; \$1,675,000;
- Mayo Medical Foundation
   \$851,300 in FY'88; \$908,900 in FY'89

- --provide capitation for up to 20 Minnesota resident students of \$8,653 in FY'88 and \$8,878 in FY'89;
- --fund family practices and residency program, \$176,400; \$180,900;
- --provide capitation of \$14,700 in FY'88 and \$15,075 in FY'89 for up to 12 students;
- change percentage of instructional costs paid to AVTIs from 75 to 74 percent;
- require systems using credit hours establish tuition based on credit hours (current law allows across the board rate for number of credits);
- require HECB to establish agenda for system mission differentiation and intersystem planning;
- require SUB to consider qualifications of project bidders to awarding construction contracts;
- require systems to inform and cooperate with HECB (current law requests cooperation of systems);
- establish one term, renewable child care program under HECB; grants may be extended to qualified applicants for up to nine months following completion of program; require HECB to set aside half the funds for AFDC students, and assess success of program in first year; require systems distribute funds based on eligibility requirements of sliding fee scale and submit quarterly report to HECB; define eligible students as:
- -- Minnesota resident or AFDC recipient;
- --income within sliding fee range; and
- --enrolled in Minnesota public postsecondary program;
- allow AVTIs to adopt fee policy for seminars, instructional materials, etc. and use revenue for system use;
- change University Hospital cash flow system to  $^1/_{12}$  appropriation each month;
- establish quality assessment task force to study goals, mechanisms, and use of assessment;
- establish task force to study common course numbering system (HF1468--L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal);
- allow Mankato state to assess \$500,000 or \$40 percent of costs for campus road improvements.

Education Finance--omnibus bill HF753/SF583 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

- \*\*Amendments indicated in bold (dollar figures are all reduced from original appropriation):
- \* Foundation Aid, Article 1. Provisions would:
- appropriate money from general fund:
- --\$1,465,212,755; \$1,476,124,097
- appropriate money from public health fund:
- --\$693,000; \$719,600

- appropriate money from trunk highway fund:
  -\$20,700; \$20,700
- change weighting for secondary school pupil unit to 1.3 beginning in 1988-89 school year (current law weighs secondary pupil unit (P.U.) at 1.4); calculate AFDC P.U. once every two years beginning in 1988-89 (current law calculates every year);
- require non-agricultural off-the-formula school districts to subtract excess transportation levy revenue from the districts categorical aids beginning with 1987 levies (aid recapture or revenue equity); add an additional cross reference to the definition of non-agricultural districts (law defines non-agricultural districts as districts where the assessed valuation of ag land comprises less than 60 percent of assessed valuation);
- allow commissioner to redistribute teacher retirement association (TRA) and FICA obligation between districts when sharing of staff and instructional cost alter formula, effective day following enactment;
- remove declining pupil unit aid from foundation aid components (HF154--McEachern, DFL-St. Michael); adjust foundation aid to compensate for increase in per P.U. formula allowance; specify that equalizing factor will remain at 1986 levels for 1988-89 school year to accommodate for increase in formula allowance in 1987-88 school year;
- sets formula allowance at \$1,944 in 1987-88 and \$2,085 in 1988-89 (this money includes teacher retirement); multiply AFDC students defined in this Article by 88 percent beginning in 1988-89 school year; define "total foundation revenue" and "statewide average foundation revenue" for calculation of equity allowances;
- raise and set basic maintenance mill (BMM) levy at \$798,862,000 for payable 1988 levies and for aid in 1988-89 school year; alter calculation of BMM levy to accommodate aid recapture provisions; set levy for off-the-formula districts at 1986 levels for 1987-88 school year (no adjustment in allowance); set allowance for summer of most recent school year beginning in 1988;
- establish aid recapture for BMM, cost preferential, and second tier levies for non-agricultural off-the-formula districts beginning in 1988-89; calculate sparsity amount of cost differential tier allowance using current secondary P.U. counts beginning in 1988-89; guarantee set TRA and FICA aid equaling sum of FY'87 aid divided by 1986-87 district's actual P.U.;
- define cost differential tier allowance to include sparsity allowance, training & experience (T & E), excess retirement allowance, formula equity allowance, and secondary weighting decline allowance beginning in 1988-89; set T & E multiplier at \$470 in 1987-88 and \$633,75 in 1988-89;
- · create education formulas:

#### TRA

- + FICA guarantee
- 11 percent basic revenue allowance
- $+ (70 \times T \& E index)$
- + 11 percent sparsity allowance EXCESS RETIREMENT ALLOWANCE

\$2,695

- district's total foundation revenue 1988-89 EQUITY ALLOWANCE

Statewide average foundation revenue <u>- district's total foundation revenue</u> EQUITY ALLOWANCE-1989 & beyond

District's 1987-88 school year total revenue x 1.02

- district's foundation revenue (with equipment allowance) SECONDARY WEIGHTING DECLINE ALLOWANCE
- set second tier allowance at \$153.75 for 1988-89 school year and later; amend corresponding levy to include aid recapture; define "fund balance excess":

New operating fund balance (June 30, 1987) - (\$500 x total district P.U.) OR (15 percent of district's unappropriated operating funds (1987))--use lesser

x ratio of district's actual P.U. for 1988-89 in comparison with 1986-87 FUND BALANCE EXCESS

- state that fund balance excess must be subtracted from second tier levy and aid (HF693--S. Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park; HF261--Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake; and HF272--Forsythe, IR-Edina);
- set third tier allowance:

\$102.50 for 1988-89 and after OR \$112.50 for districts with approved professional development plan;

• limit funds over \$102.50 to use as professional development money; set fourth tier allowance at \$102.50 (moves T & E to cost differential tier); set fifth tier allowance:

previous formula amount

- + minimum increase
- + 11 percent sparsity allowance
- + 11 percent T&E
- + formula equity allowance
- + secondary weighting decline allowance
- (+ \$10, if district has approved professional development plan)
- total tier allowance for current year FIFTH TIER ALLOWANCE--(if it equals less than zero, fifth tier = zero);
- require districts eligible for formula equity to submit an evaluation to the department on curriculum standards, coordination of assessments and use of expanded opportunities.
- \* Transportation, Article 2. Provisions would:
- incorporate HF330 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul) which allow districts to transport students, if requested by parent or guardian, to a day care center instead of the home if that day care center is in the same attendance area;
- change the transportation formula in 1988-89; move noon kindergarten, desegration, and late activity

transportation costs to the non-regular category; changes the formula for non-regular transportation aid to 60 percent of the cost in excess of \$30 per total pupil unit;

- provide equalization on the excess transportation category (Hazardous transportation, 1-2 mile secondary transportation) at the 50 percent level;
- set the transportation formula inflation factors at 4.9 percent for 1987-88 and 4.1 percent for 1988-89 (change over the second prior year);
- appropriate \$90.6 million in 1987-88 and \$90.3 million in 1988-89.
- \* Special Programs, Article 3. Provisions would:
- add to handicapped definition, three to five year olds with learning delay or physical and/or mental condition that slows normal development (HF1296--Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul); would limit school education requirement to handicapped students only through secondary grades; delete reference to school district supplemental contract with developmental achievement center;
- direct instruction based on assessment and individual education plan; provide services to students under age five and their families in classes with non-handicapped students; provide education for children age three and under in their home in the presence of parent or primary caregiver;
- provide appropriate services in individual instruction based on assessment of child's needs to live and work as independently as possible, including transitional needs to postsecondary education and training by grade nine or age 14; allow district to override parental refusal of initiative for handicapped services (current law requires conciliation conference before decision can be overridden);
- establish 15-member governor appointed state interagency coordinating council; specify board composition; direct council to address state policy of developing and implementing comprehensive early intervention services for handicapped children and their families, including assessment of policy recommendation, service coordination, assessment practices, intervention practices, and various other advisory duties; require annual report of findings and activities to Legislature;
- assign coordination of services to handicapped children under age five to interagency early intervention committee; assign continued service for children age five and under with their families to county human services agency or county board; mandate school cooperative effort for youth handicapped services and their families;
- require school districts to provide transportation for handicapped preschool children who are instructed and served outside home; add hours that may be counted in computing handicapped pupil units (H.C.P.U.);
- set Limited English Proficiency (LEP) aid at 60.5 percent of full-time teacher's salary, capping the aid at \$16,850 for 1987-88 school year; set LEP formula for 1988-89 and after:
- --60.5 percent of full-time teacher salary per 45 LEP pupils or a pro-rata amount for part-time teachers = MAXIMUM REVENUE;

- --\$11,700 x full-time equivalent (FTE) LEP teachers = BASIC AID:
- --[(maximum revenue- basic aid) LEP levy limit] x (Actual levy + levy limit) = LEVY EQUALIZATION
- --basic aid + levy equalization aid = TOTAL LEP AID;
- set special education aid level at 65.1 percent of a fulltime teacher's salary, capped at \$18,135; reduce state reimbursement level for contracted services to 52.8 percent for 1987-88 school year (currently at 55 percent); establish new special education formula for 1988-89 and after:

65.1 percent of personnel salary

+ 45 percent costs of supplies and equipment (up to \$45 per H.C. P.U.)

+ 51.1 percent of difference between costs of contracted education services and formula allowance MAXIMUM REVENUE;

\$12,580 x FTE licensed personnel (FTE= full-time equivalent)

+\$4,200 x FTE unlicensed personnel BASIC AID;

[(maximum revenue - basic aid) - special ed levy limit] x special ed levy + special ed levy limit = LEVY EQUALIZATION AID;

- reduce following state reimbursement level for special education costs, beginning in 1987-88:
- -- supply and equipment costs to 45 percent (currently 50 percent);
- --travel costs to 45 percent (currently 50 percent);
- --residential facilities costs to 55.8 percent (currently 60 percent);
- pay special ed summer school aid on 1987-88 formula for regular, contracted services, and residential facilities aid; establish new special ed summer school formula, beginning in 1988-89:

65.1 percent of personnel salary

- + 45 percent costs of supplies and equipment (up to \$8 per H.C. P.U.)
- + 51.1 percent of difference between costs of contracted education services and formula allowance SUMMER SCHOOL MAXIMUM REVENUE;

## \$12,580 x FTE licensed personnel + \$4.200 x FTE unlicensed personnel SUMMER SCHOOL BASIC AID;

[(maximum revenue - basic aid) - special summer school ed levy limit] x special summer school ed levy + special summer school ed levy limit = SUMMER SCHOOL LEVY EQUALIZATION AID;

• require districts applying for Indian postsecondary preparation grants to develop a long-range education plan for American Indians (HF1239, Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy; reduce reimbursement level for secondary vocational education (voc-ed) programs beginning in 1987-88 (current level is 41.5 percent);

 establish new secondary voc-ed formula beginning in 1988-89:

> Zero OR (60 percent of difference between salaries of personnel +

28 percent for foundation aid for secondary voc-ed P.U.) + 30 percent of total of:

- -approved contracted services costs
- -travel between sites
- -vocational student organization activities
- -curriculum development costs
- -vocational supplies costs

SECONDARY VOCATIONAL AID;

- allow vocational personnel who teach an average of five or less secondary students in their postsecondary programs to be licensed by Department of Education or state vocational technical board;
- reduce to 35 percent, state reimbursement for contracted secondary vocational education services beginning in 1987-88 (currently 40 percent); reduce 1987-88 state reimbursement for teachers' salaries in secondary voc-ed handicapped programs to 61.5 percent with a cap of \$18,135 (currently at 70 percent with \$19,500 cap);
- establish new secondary voc-ed handicapped formula beginning in 1988-89:

65.1 percent total salary cost

+ 45 percent equipment cost

+ 45 percent supplies costs (not over \$45 per P.U.) **MAXIMUM REVENUE;** 

## \$12,580

x number FTE licensed personnel in secondary voc-ed handicapped programs BASIC AID;

[(maximum revenue - basic aid) - secondary voc-ed levy limit] x actual levy \* levy limit = LEVY EQUALIŽATION AID;

basic aid + levy equalization aid TOTAL AID;

- reduce to 45 percent state reimbursement level for costs of necessary equipment, travel, and supply costs for secondary voc-ed handicapped programs (currently 50 percent); limit payment agreement for contracted services for secondary voc-ed handicapped students to the 1987-88 school year; require districts that apply for American Indian language and culture program grants to submit longrange education plan for American Indians (HF1239, Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy);
- authorize additional school districts to join Intermediate School District No. 916; increase Intermediate School District No. 917 levy to .7 mill from .5 mill (HF184, Kostohryz, DFL-St. Paul);

• provide equalized special education levy for special education beginning with 1987 levies (current formula provides no equalized levy):

maximum revenue

- basic aid
- x lesser of--

one OR EARC/total P.U. + equalizing factor SPECIAL EDUCATION LEVY;

- establish new special education summer school levy (same formula as special education levy); allow special education cooperatives and independent school districts to allocate costs accordingly;
- establish new Limited English Proficiency (LEP) levy beginning with 1987 levy (same formula as special education levy, listed above).
- \* Community and Adult Education, Article 4. Provisions would:
- require Department of Education to appoint community education advisory task force (HF950--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls) and (HF1259--Otis, DFL-Mpls); expand local community education advisory council; allow distric or group of districts to submit youth development plan to Department of Education to become eligible for additional community education aid);
- require boards of education and vocational technical education to appoint an advisory task force on parent education and involvement in educational development of child;
- authorize grants of 50¢ cents per capita or \$680 per district to districts with youth development plan; convert revenue for early childhood family education to \$84.50 per resident under age five, beginning in 1988 (currently based on percentage of formula allowance in preceding school year); require commissioner of education to coordinate enhanced youth education, employment, and service opportunities in consultation with other state agencies (HF950); appropriates money for programs.
- \* Miscellaneous Aids, Article 5. Provisions would:
- require Legislative Commission on Public Education study and report to Legislature on computing, and data processing services;
- delete HF514 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids) to establish a school employee fringe benefit fund in the state treasury; allow employees laid off or placed on involuntary leave to continue coverage; require commissioner to establish a labor-management commission to study issues related to the plan;
- require school districts wishing to receive hazardous substance aid to submit a plan to remove or encapsulate asbestos from school buildings or property, and cleanup, removal and disposal of hazardous substances; establish hazardous substance revenue and aid for 1988-89 and later years;

- channel fees raised by Academic Excellence Foundation activities back into foundation fund (HF666--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls); establish academic league task force to develop plan for promoting academic excellence, report to Legislature by Jan. 15, 1989 (HF1432--Rest, DFL-New Hope);
- require school districts using state approved alternative finance systems for processing detailed transactions be responsible for their share of existing outstanding regional debt; allow school districts to transfer between regional management information centers; require Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) to review the financial capability of each pupil to meet the actual costs of attending summer programs;
- require HECB with academic excellence foundation to develop and distribute scholarship information;
- delete requirement Department of Education to study and report back to Legislature,
   Attention Deficit Disorder (ADD) in students (HF76--Riveness, DFL-Bloomington);
- appropriate money from general fund to Department of Jobs and Training for payment of Pin Point school district unemployment compensation payments (HF1368--Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy);
- \* Other Aids and Levies to School Districts, Article 6. Provisions would:
- prorate funds to non-public schools in fiscal insufficiencies; add Indian postsecondary preparation grants, delete milk program aid, and desegregation grants to the list of aids paid at 100 percent of the entitlement for the current fiscal year;
- delete HF287 (S. Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park) that would clarify exclusive uses for arts education programs;
- appropriates money for programs (first dollar figure is for school year 1987-88; second dollar figure is for school year 1988-89):
- --Maximum Effort School Loan Fund \$1,615,200; \$2,025,100
- --Program of Excellence \$22,500; \$22,500
- --delete Gifted and Talented; Comprehensive Arts Planning Programs; Arts Education Aid
- --Nonpublic Aids \$8,230,500; \$8,869,500
- --Health and Developmental Screening \$436,400; \$429,300
- --School Lunch and Food Storage Aid \$4,625,000; \$4,625,000
- --Abatement Aid \$6,592,800; \$6,592,800
- --Tobacco Use Prevention (money from public health fund) \$633,000; \$659,600.

- delete aid to districts that offer international baccalaureate programs or commissioner approved by commissioner, aid equal to lesser of the actual costs of program or \$3 times the average daily membership of district (HF1448--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls);
- establish a comprehensive health and wellness planning program in local districts for K-12, allowing grants of up to \$2,000 per district (HF317--Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park);
- delete expansion of comprehensive arts planning sites, (HF1455--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls);
- allow the Buhl-Mt. Iron school district to levy up to 4.0 mills to eliminate a deficit in the net unappropriated operating fund of the district after approval of local voters (current law allow a levy of up to 1.5 mills) (HF957-Rukavina, DFL-Virginia);
- appropriate money for the following programs (first dollar figure is for school year 1987-88; second dollar figure is for school year 1988-89):
- --Hazardous Substance Capital Expenditure Aid \$50,500; \$58,700
- --Chemical Dependency Aid \$1,023,700; \$1,025,300
- \* Miscellaneous, Article 7. Provisions would:
- allow 11th and 12th grade students who have been enrolled in a district for three consecutive years to continue to enroll in that district, upon approval of that district's board, if the student's parent or guardian moves to another district (HF666--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls);
- establish a voluntary K-12 pilot choice program, allowing pupils to be enrolled in a district other than home school district, upon approval of non-resident school district (HF648--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls; See bill summary HWR, Vol. 3, No. 9, Pg. 6, Education, March 16):
- require the district of enrollment in above mentioned program to provide transportation within that district for student enrolled under the program; provide students to apply for reimbursement for transportation; require educational cooperative service units to consider programs for dropouts in formulating their annual plans;
- allow school boards and school site management teams to enter into school site management agreements (HF187-Otis, DFL-Mpls; See bill summary HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 7, Education, April 3);
- specifies how foundation aid will be paid for students enrolled in nonresident school districts in open enrollment;
- establish high school graduation incentives program (HF625--McEachern, DFL-St. Michael); outline eligible students;
- --between 16 and 21 who have dropped out for at least one month, and who are at least two grade levels behind in performance, or one year behind in obtaining credits, or are assessed as chemically dependent;

- --between 16 and 19 who are attending school and who are at least two grade levels behind in performance levels, or at least one year behind in obtaining credits, or are pregnant or a parent, or have been assessed as chemically dependent; or
- --students between 12 and 16 who are at least two grades behind, are at least one year behind in obtaining credits, are pregnant or a parent, assessed as chemically dependent, or unlawfully absent from school for at least 15 days in the preceding or current school year;
- allow tribal contract schools to enroll American Indian students in the program; prohibit students from enrolling in a nonresident district if their enrollment results in a violation of a district's desegregation plan;
- require districts to reimburse alternative programs that have contracted with the district to provide educational programs for dropouts and other students eligible under above mentioned programs, an amount equal to at least 50 percent of the formula allowance plus total tier revenue attributable to each resident pupil enrolled (HF648--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls);
- require department to evaluate and report on voluntary choice program.
- restrict St. Paul school district's sale of real property without approval of St. Paul city council;
- \* Educational Improvement and Technology, Article 8. Provisions would:
- allow two-year evaluation of regional service program; allow groups of districts to form educational districts if:
- --five districts have at least 10,000 pupils;
- -- 10 districts groups agree; or
- --group of districts with at least 7,500 square miles;
- require education districts to develop a comprehensive plan for continuous learning and to submit the plan for review; expand and establish funding levels; allow intermediate school districts to use levies to implement an education district plan (HF634--Dauner, DFL-Hawley);
- specifies how teaching positions that result from the implementation of an education district plan may be filled;
- eliminate testing of teachers with an academic knowledge examination and testing of teachers for basic skills when applying for licensure in additional fields; remove language requiring board of teachers to award at least three exemplary teacher education grants, and allow board to determine number of grants;
- direct board of teaching to redesign teacher education programs to include periodic elementary or secondary teaching experience and a candidate assessment system for initial and continuing teacher licensure;
- delete provisions establishing Teacher Centers (HF604--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls; See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 5, Education, March 25);
- establish long-term teacher preparation effectiveness evaluating pre-baccalaureate, post-baccalaureate, and alternative teacher education conducted by independent research centers or evaluators;

- establish local professional development programs that can receive additional aid equaling \$10 per student after approval of plan by the commissioner (HF648--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls);
- require commissioner of education to establish teacher mentoring task force (HF989--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls; HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 5, Education, March 25); establish an administrators academy (HF648); delete teacher exchange agreements, (HF1195--McEachern, DFL-St. Michael);
- rewrite some existing PER language, adding "curriculum review cycle" to the list of district requirements (HF1500-McEachern, DFL-St. Michael); require department of education to develop a model state core curriculum, including an approved set of learner outcomes for each subject area; encourage schools to establish teams to develop and use a school curriculum and instruction improvement plan;
- remove assurance of mastery program from list of PER components for districts, and instead require a biennial report on the program; direct state curriculum advisory committee to develop critical learner outcome model and requirements;
- require annual district assessment, components include:
   --sample assessments in at least three grades for two subject areas;
- --prohibit a district's curriculum review cycle for communications, math, science, or social studies from extending beyond five years; and
- --use of state developed state core curriculum measures, as they're adopted;
- authorize funding for districts using the local assessment program or the assessment item bank; allow department to receive and use public or private funds from outside Minnesota for assessment item bank products or services; develop state core curriculum from model learner outcomes:
- require state board of education to make program improvement grants of up to \$250,000 to groups of eligible school districts, groups must meet one of the following:
- --consolidated district with at least 600 pupils in average daily membership;
- --education district;
- --district with an agreement for discontinuing grades, if the districts have a total of at least 240 pupils in grades 10, 11, and 12; or
- --district belonging to a technology cooperative, if distance restricts other types of cooperative agreements; authorize up to 1.5 EARC mills but, not more than total costs for district program;
- develop state's rights courseware advisory committee (HF648--K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls); allow technology districts to levy the lesser of one mill or the unreimbursed program costs; appropriate money for programs to Department of Education and board of teaching.
- \* Libraries, Article 9. Provisions would:
- allow library board members to be compensated on a per diem basis instead of being reimbursed for actual expenses; require every county to provide financial support for regional public library systems;

- appropriate money from general fund for basic support grants, multicounty-multitype library systems and for the development of an outline computer-based library catalog system.
- \* Department of Education, State Academies for the Blind and Deaf, Article 10. Provisions would:
- delete language and funding for Arts School and Resource Center for the Arts;
- provide that fees and rental income collected by Faribault Academies go into revolving fund;
- require that the governor designate a state agency or office to monitor activities of private business, trade, and correspondence schools (currently jurisdiction lies in Department of Education);
- appropriate operating funds for Faribault Academies and department functions

## Thursday, April 30

## Health & Human Services Division omnibus

HF243/SF278 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would incorporate amendments offered in the Health and Human Services Div./Approps; would generally decrease the amount of proposed funding about \$26 million from \$2,267,556,900 to \$2,241,579,300.

(See bill summary, under Health & Human Services Div./Approps., April 27)

\*\*Further amendment would make technical changes

#### Thursday, April 30

# Ag., Transportation, & Semi-State Omnibus bill

HF837/SF1516 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would appropriate approximately \$2 billion to fund the Departments of Agriculture, Commerce, Transportation and other semi-state agencies.

\*\*Delete everything amendment would:

**Department of Transportation:** \$865,537,600; \$864,563,900

**Regional Transit Board:** \$20,126,500; \$20,126,500

**Transportation Regulation Board:** \$531,500; \$531,500

**Department of Public Safety:** \$82,700,600; \$82,590,800

**Department of Agriculture:** \$13,198,500; \$13,228,900

**Board of Animal Health:** \$1,580,100; \$1,570,300

**Department of Commerce:** \$9,843,800; \$9,571,000

Non-Health-Related Boards: Total: \$890,900; \$891,200

Board of Abstractors: \$3,900; \$3,900 Board of Accountancy: \$344,600; \$340,800 Board of Architecture, Engineering, Land Surveying, and Landscape Architecture: \$351,500; \$357,700 Board of Barber Examiners: \$137,000; \$134,900

Board of Boxing: \$53,900; \$53,900

**Board of Peace Officer Standards and Training:** \$3,300,000; \$3,600,000

**Public Utilities Commission:** \$1,889,000; \$1,715,400

**Public Service:** \$6,252,700; \$6,240,100

**Racing Commission:** \$867,900; \$872,800

**Charitable Gambling Control Board** \$609,000; \$619,100

**Ethical Practices Board:** \$215,700; \$215,900

Minnesota Municipal Board: \$228,200; \$227,900

Minnesota-Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission: \$99,500; \$99,200

**Uniform Laws Commission:** \$14,900; \$14,900

Voyageurs National Park Citizens Committee: \$82,900; \$87,900

**Minnesota Historical Society:** \$9,620,400; \$9,618,000

Board of the Arts: \$3,130,100; \$3,130,100

Minnesota Horticultural Society: \$66,400; \$66,400

Minnesota Academy of Science: \$30,600; \$35,600

Science Museum of Minnesota: \$508,400; \$514,700

**Minnesota Safety Council:** \$50,700; \$50,700

**Veterans of Foreign Wars:** \$27,500; \$27,500

**General Contingent Accounts:** \$650,000; \$650,000

**Tort Claims:** \$600,000; \$600,000

Other provisions would:

- direct the Department of Transportation to operate the Anchor Lake Travel Information Center beginning July 1, 1987 and increase the department's complement by three for this purpose;
- provide that the Export Finance Agency working capital account be maintained at \$1 million;
- authorize the governor to designate the Hazardous Substance Notification Advisory Committee to perform the functions of the state emergency response commission under the federal Superfund Act; would authorize the governor to appoint state agency representatives to serve on this commission:
- provide that until Dec. 31, 1989 the Water and Soil Resources Board has four temporary members who are soil and water conservation district supervisors; would transfer classified employees of the Soil and Water Conservation Board and the Water Resources Board to the Water and Soil Resources Board; would transfer the positions of executive directors of the Water Resources Board and the Soil and Water Conservation Board to the proper classification in the classified service without examination:
- increase the annual Department of Public Safety assessment on nuclear generating plants for emergency response plans from \$75,000 to \$137,500; would increase Department of Agriculture fees and late-renewal penalties;
- transfers from the commissioner of agriculture to the Board of Water and Soil Resources the responsibility to adopt model soil loss ordinances; would direct the commissioner to contract with the board of Water and Soil Resources to establish and administer a conservation reserve program;
- increase certain insurance company fees that the Department of Commerce handles; would strike the \$15 fee for processing NSF checks; would set a \$300 annual fee for renewal of surplus lines insurer license and a \$500 license fee for Department of Commerce recognition as an eligible surplus lines insurer;
- increase from \$25 to \$250 the annual Department of Commerce fee for a license for an employer to make wage deductions for insurance; would increase the fee for filing an annual statement from \$10 to \$40;
- increase from \$100 to \$1,000 the Department of Commerce license fee for insurance rate service organizations; would increase from \$100 to \$150 the Department of Commerce filing for registering subdivided lands by notification; would increase from \$250 to \$400 the Department of Commerce filing fee for registering subdivided lands by qualification; would increase from \$2,500 to \$3,500 the maximum combined filing and registration fee;
- increase form \$50 to \$75 the Department of Commerce filing fee for annual reports of land subdividers who register by notification; would increase from \$100 to \$150 the filing fee for annual reports of land subdividers who register by qualification;

- establish the Board of Water and Soil Resources with a membership of 12 appointed by the Governor; would provide for board membership which must include three county commissioners, three soil and water conservation district supervisors, three watershed district or watershed management organization reps, and three private citizens; would provide for member distribution, terms, compensation, removal, vacancies, and nonvoting members;
- set the powers and duties of the Board:
- --coordinate water and soil resource planning activities of counties, soil and water conservation districts, watershed districts, watershed management organization and other local government;
- --facilitate coordination and communication among state agencies to make expertise available to local government; --coordinate state and local interests with respect to a federal watershed study in Southwestern Minnesota; --develop awareness of soil and water resources problems; --provide a forum for discussing local water and soil resources management issues;
- --adopt an annual budget; and
- --report biennially to the governor and Legislature;
- create a committee on dispute resolution within the Board to hear and resolve disputes, appeals, and interventions relating to water policy and watershed plans;
- change references to the Water Resources Board to the Water and Soil Resources Board; would make the chair of the Board of Water and Soil Resources a member of the Environmental Quality Board; would change references to the State Soil and Water Conservation Board to the board of Water and Soil Resources; would delete statutory reference to services to the Soil and Water Conservation board being supplied by the Department of Agriculture;
- increase from \$2 to \$3 the surcharge for certified copies of birth certificates; would direct the Department of Public Safety to charge an annual fee of \$13 for application by motor carriers for quarterly reporting of fuel tax under an interstate fuel tax agreement;
- reduce from 50 percent to 10 percent the share of the Motor Vehicle Excise Tax (MVET) revenues transferred from the general fund to the Highway User and Transit Assistance funds over the next two years; would provide that each year thereafter, the transfer would increase 10 percent until all MVET revenues go into the highway/transit funds;
- provide that in FY'88 and FY'89 the amount taken from the Highway User Tax Distribution fund share of the MVET revenues to pay for the Ethanol Development Fund appropriation will be transferred twice each year, with the amount transferred to equal the Department of Finance estimate of the amount needed each six months to pay for that appropriation; would provide that if the estimate is too high in one period that next period's estimate will be reduced by the same amount; would provide that if the estimate if too low in one period the money needed to finance the remaining ethanol appropriation will be taken from the Highway User tax Distribution Fund, up to the amount put into that fund from MVET revenues in that period;
- provide that the advisory council on the Child Abuse Trust Fund does not expire on June 30, 1988; would repeal the prohibition against grants from the Child Abuse Trust Fund going to applicants whose matching funds include state or federal funds, and instead provides that

priority must be given to applicants whose matching funds do not include state or federal funds; would provide that in FY'88 and FY'89 the Department of Public Safety may retain up to \$200,000 in Child Abuse Trust Fund money;

- increase from \$25 to \$200 the Department of Commerce license fee for professional fund raisers;
- provide that fees collected by the Board of Electricity are credited to a special account rather than to the general fund; would appropriate money in the special account to the Board for Enforcement to pay indirect costs, compensate contract electrical inspectors for inspections and to make refunds;
- increase from \$100 to \$500 the Board of Private Detective and Protection Agent Services license fee; would increase the renewal fee from \$100 to \$400;
- increase from \$100 to \$500 the investigation fee the Department of Commerce charges for investigation of an applicant for a collection agency;
- increase from \$8.5 million to \$17 million the amount of bonds the Metropolitan Council may issue for financial assistance to the Metropolitan Transit Commission;
- define the Board of Water and Soil Resources in the law governing metropolitan surface water management, and substitutes that board for the Water Resources Board;
- repeal the following provisions:
- --direction to the Department of Agriculture to establish, by Aug. 1, 1986, ethical guidelines for farm advocates; --membership, terms, employees and procedures of the Soil and Water Conservation Board;
- --establishment of the Water Resources Board; --development by the Environmental Quality Board of a comprehensive Southern Minnesota Rivers Basin environmental conservation and development plan; and --prohibition against light rail transit expenditures without legislative approval;
- make the appropriation for FY'87 for Public Safety ancillary services and Department of Commerce bank examination effective the day following final enactment.

## Health & Human Services Div./ Approps.

Friday, April 24

Paternity/child support revisions HF163/SF242 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to full committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would regulate paternity determinations, and support and maintenance obligations.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 9, Pg. 14, Health & Human Services, March 18)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- require that the state share of AFDC child support collections received during fiscal year 1988 in excess of \$13,280,000 must be deposited in an incentive award account for nonpublic assistance collections;

- · make technical changes;
- establish a pilot project to obtain, modify and enforce child and medical support orders and maintenance through administrative process, to evaluate the efficiency of the administrative process.

## Monday, April 27

Health & Human Services Div. omnibus bill HF243/SF278 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would appropriate money for human services, corrections, health, economic security, and other purposes with certain conditions. Would create several articles.

#### Article one, relating to Appropriations, would:

• provide the following biennial fund summary:

General Fund appropriation	\$2,252,106,400
Special Revenue appropriation	\$7,259,200
Public Health Fund appropriation	\$6,839,700
Metropolitan Landfill appropriation	\$280,200
Trunk highway appropriation	\$1,071,400
Total appropriation	\$2,267,556,900;

- provide the following major biennial department/agency funding breakdown:
- --human services

\$1,927,509,200

--office of full productivity and opportunity \$153,200

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jobs and training	\$63,655,000
corrections	\$196,426,600
sentencing guidelines commission	\$201,298
corrections ombudsman	\$663,400
health department	\$71,744,200
hazardous substance injurycompens	sation
board	\$2,000,000
health-related boards	\$7,006,200.

# Article two, relating to income maintenance and health care programs, would:

- remove the coordinator of full productivity and opportunity from salary list of agency heads;
- require each HMO to pay an annual renewal fee of 31 cents per enrollee;
- direct the commissioner of health to not renew a license for a boarding care bed in a resident room with more than four beds;
- direct the commissioner of health to establish a statewide cancer surveillance system;
- direct the commissioner of health to collect cancer incidence information, analyze the information and conduct special sudies to determine the potential public health significance of an increase in cancer incidence;
- create four new categories for exceptions to the nursing home moratorium under certain conditions;
- describe the criteria for review of proposals;

- require an acting nursing home administrator to obtain a special license within 30 days of appointment;
- increase the nursing home licensure fees from \$1.73 per bed to \$2.25 to fund facility resident and family advisory councils;
- raise fees for reinstatement of driver's license after revocation because of driving while intoxicated;
- revise formula for equalization aid to counties;
- limit equalization aid to 75 percent of income maintenance expenditures;
- rename state hospitals as regional treatment centers in laws concerning payment for care;
- expand definition of "resident" to include people in state nursing homes;
- require commissioner of human services to reduce the use of nursing homes for people with mental retardation or related conditions;
- allow commissioner to approve only portions of county applications and budgets;
- eliminate requirement that reimbursements equal at least 80 percent of county's approved cost for semi-independent living services (SILS) for people with mental retardation or related conditions;
- provide that any person applying for public assistance or social service appeal directly to the state within 30 days of receiving written notice that benefits have been denied, reduced, suspended, incorrectly paid, terminated or other reasons that cause concern;
- require the \$50 child support pass-through be paid to the assistance unit within 15 days of the last day of the month of collection;
- establishes the Children's Health Fund to provide medical services to pregnant women and children up to one year who meet certain income requirements;
- add the requirement that the federal Health Care Financing Agency (HCFA) approve the inclusion of outlier cases and their weighted costs in the computation of inpatient hospital base year cost per admission and relative values of the diagnostic categories (limits the increase in pass-through cost payments for depreciation, rents and leases, and interest expense);
- create an Office of Ombudsman for Older Minnesotans within the Department of Human Services (will incorporate the current long-term care ombudsman program within the Minnesota Board on Aging);
- establish an advisory task force appointed by the Board on Aging to make recommendations for expanding ombudsman services to clients of in-home services;
- make several changes to the definitions used in medical assistance (MA) services reimbursement;
- require a second opinion prior to reimbursement for certain elective surgeries;

- direct commissioner to reimburse drugs at the lower of the actual acquisition costs of drugs, the maximum allowable cost or the usual and customary price;
- increase the dispensing fee by \$.30 to pharmacists who dispense a unit dose blister card to residents in nursing homes;
- allow the commissioner to contract to prepaid health care for MA services; the plan does not cover the following services:
- --chemical dependency and mental health services;
- --long-term care services;
- --transportation and personal care assistant services;
- require a payment rate to prepaid health plan to not exceed 90 percent of projected average monthly per capita fee-for-service MA costs in state FY 1988, with two maximum allowable rates:
- --one for the seven-county metro area; and
- -- one for all other counties collectively;
- exclude from MA eligibility as categorically needy those persons who are eligible for Minnesota supplemental aid because of local agency waived excess assets;
- extends eligibility for pregnant women to 60 days postmortem;
- require assets and deductions for AFDC families to be calculated as for AFDC eligibility;
- exclude homestead as an asset for the first six months of a person's stay in a long-term care facility and requires that after six months the homestead be reduced to an amount within eligibility limitations or else excluded on another basis:
- allow real estate to be retained only when property is not salable, equity is \$6,000 or less, and income produced by the property is at least six percent of the equity;
- exempt excess real estate for a period of nine months if there is a good faith effort to sell the property and a legally binding agreement is signed to repay the amount of assistance issued during that nine month period;
- exempt certain valuable property from the process of determining eligibility;
- strike language prohibiting sanctions against a nursing home operator for providing services that are medically unnecessary if those services were ordered by a licensed health professional who is not an employee of the nursing home;
- clarify statute allowing a claim for medical assistance against the estate of a surviving spouse;
- require the county to pay for coury-ordered treatment that is ordered without consulting the prepaid health plan;
- provide personal allowances for MA recipients residing in medical institutions:

- allow the commissioner to increase payments to nursing homes that take ventilator-dependent persons who have been hospitalized for at least six months who have been recommended for case mix classification K and the commissioner has determined the necessary level of services cannot be provided under existing payment rates;
- allow to reduce licensed licensed capacity but not be penalized under the property reimbursement formula;
- allows the commissioner to recapture depreciation on certain homes that are still receiving property-related payments calculated under a previous rule;
- establish a limit on plant and maintenance costs;
- direct the commissioner to avoid double payments for ancillary services, ensure that charges and arrangements for ancillary services are cost effective and ensure that therapy services are medically necessary and appropriate for the medical condition of the resident;
- require that payment made for therapy billed separately from the nursing home's per diem, and under MA Rule 47, meet these conditions in order to avoid double payment;
- prohibit payment under the facility per diem for direcy and indirect costs providing therapy services that are billed separately under medical assistance Rule 47;
- provide direction to nursing homes that are not hospitalattached as to the appropriate cost categories of the annual cost report for reporting direct and indirect costs for therapy services in order to avoid double billing;
- prohibit a nursing home to pay for services based on utilization levels and requires nursing homes to provide to the commissioner all agreements between the nursing home and other vendors;
- provide an exception to the requirement for Medicare certification;
- require MA demonstration providers to meet certain standards of billing and payment for contracted services;
- clarify GA eligibility standards;
- clarify eligibility for general assistance medical care:
- require that GAMC claims be filed in same manner as GA claims;
- require GAMC services provided by a prepaid health plan to have rates calculated the same as MA prepaid rates;
- makes eligible for GA children under 18 not living with parent, stepparent, or legal custodian, but only under certain circumstances;
- govern transfers of resources for purposes of general assistance;
- repeal payment of up to \$200 for direct expenses incurred by work readiness registrant;

- require county match of 25 percent of the state work readiness allocation;
- allow residents of Rule 35 facilities (residential programs for inebriate and drug dependent persons) to save up to \$1,000 of earned income;
- · amend existing work readiness law;
- apply limits on financial responsibility of relatives to work readiness program;
- establish by July 1, 1988, a new formula for reimbursing administrative costs to counties;
- · define terms;
- allow commissioner of human services to enter into agreements with Indian tribes regarding care and custody of Indian children and jurisdiction over child custody proceedings;
- describe Indian child welfare grants, grant formula, and eligible services;
- require commissioner of human services to appoint American Indian advisory task force to help form policies and procedures relating to Indian child welfare services and to make recommendations regarding approval of grants;
- raise income requirements for weatherization assistance from 125 to 135 percent of the poverty level;
- change the allocation of the wage subsidy appropriations to require the commissioner allocate 92.5 percent based on formula and 7.5 percent to provide jobs for residents of Indian reservations;
- require that at least 80 percent of the wage subsidy statewide must be allocated to the four "target groups," which include:
- ---households with no income:
- -- those eligible for GA or work readiness;
- -- those eligible for AFDC; and
- -- farm households in severe financial need;
- allow manufacturing businesses, small nonretail businesses, and businesses that export out of state, to receive wage subsidies and define these businesses as priority businesses;
- allow county agency which has provided uncompensated medical assistance to a deceased person to collect from persons indebted to the decedent when value of probate estate does not exceed \$5,000;
- require commissioner to establish a pilot project for further education and training of welfare fraud investigators;
- establish a position in the assistance payments division of the Department of Human Services to implement training initiatives;
- require the commissioner of health to transmit to the governor and Legislature the major reports on human health effects of low-level ionizing radiation;

- direct the Interagency Board for Quality Assurance to study issues related to the nursing home moratorium, including the need for more nursing home beds and geographic maldistribution of beds and alternative care services;
- require the commissioner of human services, with assistance of the commissioner of veterans affairs, to study the use of regional treatment centers to provide care for veterans.

## Article three, relating to welfare reform, would:

- expand from two to four months the length of time for Aid to Families With Dependent Children (AFDC) demonstration projects;
- require the commissioner to form advisory committee to recommend ways to reduce verification procedures;
- · define terms;
- give priority for employment and training services to caretakers who:
- -- are under 22;
- --have not received a high school diploma or GED; or --have received 24 months or more of AFDC over the last 36 months;
- require caretakers in priority groups to participate in employment and training to the extent permissible under federal law;
- require county boards to do the following with available appropriations:
- --refer to employment and training service provider all caretakers required to register;
- --identify to provider the caretakers who are in priority groups:
- --provide orientation to all caretakers;
- --work with provider to encourage voluntary participation by caretakers in priority groups;
- --work with provider to collect required data;
- --require nonpriority caretakers to attend orientation, to extent permissible under federal law;
- --encourage nonpriority caretakers to develop a selfsufficiency plan;
- --notify commissioner of human services (CHS) of caretakers required to participate;
- --inform appropriate caretakers of head start opportunities;
- --provide transportation services using special needs money; and
- --ensure that orientation, employment search, and case management services are available to appropriate caretakers;
- define case management services for caretakers in priority groups;
- allow counties certified as providers to employ case managers directly;
- require CHS to establish employment search program;
   require principal wage earner to participate within four months of eligibility for AFDC, with exceptions;

describe the state share of costs:

--require state to pay 75 percent of costs incurred by counties as described in bill;

--require CHS to define statewide subgroup if appropriation is not sufficient to fund case management for all caretakers in priority groups;

--require CHS to allocate funds for employment and training services based on number of cases to receive

various services;

- --require counties and commissioner of jobs and training (CJT) to bill CHS for expenses that are federally reimbursed:
- expand definition of educational grants and loans that are excluded from income when determining AFDC grant level:
- define STEP as the strive toward excellence program administered by the Department of Administration;
- establish STEP project consisting of six pilot projects and defines goals as redesign and improvement of income maintenance and employment and training delivery
- · raises medical assistance income standard for medically needy families and children to 133 and one third percent of the AFDC payment standard;
- require CJT to giver highest priority for job placement to jobs with paid medical benefits;
- define terms for the sliding fee child care program;
- require counties and human service boards to provide child care serivces to families participating in employment, training, and education; allows use of fund for postsecondary students if funds from the higher education coordinating board are depleted;
- describe allocation of sliding fee funds;

• require CHS to set aside one-third of funds to be

appropriated as follows:

-- allocate among counties on basis of number of AFDC caretakers under the age of 22 and number of cases open for 24 months or more; allows reallocation of funds to counties which spend full allocation; allows allocation based on participation rates of priority groups in employment and training;

--apply sliding fee schedule to set-aside funds:

- --require counties to use set-aside funds for persons in priority groups define in bill; requires counties to ensure that funds are controlled by case managers;
- --allow use of unspent set-aside funds for other AFDC recipients:
- state that people participating in employment programs are eligible for child care assistance as long as they are financially eligible under sliding fee schedule;
- describe county contribution to sliding fee:
- --require counties to contribute a minimum of 15 percent of the cost of the program, excluding amount of set-aside
- --require CHS to recover from counties state of federal funds found as ineligible;

- move responsibility for child care resource and referral program form CJT to CHS;
- change distribution of child support collections:
- --increase the county share of child support collections to 50 percent of the nonfederal share of collections exceeding target amounts:
- --require CHS to request federal aughority to change AFDC program requirements;
- require CHS to seek legislative changes allowing the state to:
- --disregard more earned income;
- --exclude income of a parent of a caretaker under age 18;

--increase allowable value of an automobile;

- --disregard the full cost of child care; --permit an AFDC-UP principal earner to work more than 100 hours per month;
- --require minor parents to complete high school;

-- allow the use of vendor payments; and

- --make other changes that would increase possibility of self-sufficiency for AFDC families;
- require CHS, in negotiating any modification of the program, to ensure entitlement to benefits, federal financial participation, and protection against recession.

Article four, relating to the Mental Health Act, would:

- state mission as the goal to create and ensure a unified, accountable, comprehensive mental health services system;
- define terms:
- require commissioner of human services and county agencies to plan development of the unified mental health system;
- establish mental health fund under the supervision of the commissioner; fund is available to help county boards develop, maintain and fund services in accordance with the
- require commissioner to supervise development and coordination of local mental health services, coordinate local services with those available at regional treatment centers, review local proposals, allocate funds, provide technical assistance to county boards, and monitor local progress in developing system;
- set the following priorities for developing required services:

--emergency services;

- --locally available services to all people with serious and persistent mental illness and to all with acute mental illness:
- --specialized service available on a regional basis;
- --services to people with other mental illness; and
- --education and preventive services;
- require each county board to develop a biennial plan of mental health services and to:
- --develop and coordinate a mental health service system in accordance with the act;
- --provide case management;
- --provide screening of specified people; and
- --administer necessary grants and contracts;

- require the mental health service system developed by each county to include:
- --education and prevention services;
- --emergency services;
- --outpatient services;
- -- community support program services;
- --residential treatment services;
- --acute care hospital services;
- --regional treatment center services;
- encourage counties to establish multi-county local mental health authorities;
- require counties to establish local mental health advisory councils;
- require diagnostic assessment within five days of admission to a residential, hospital or regional treatment setting and within 10 days of admission to outpatient or day treatment services;
- require all providers to develop for each client an individual treatment plan based on a diagnostic assessment; require client involvement in the plan and requires that a plan be completed within 10 days of client intake;
- require the county board to provide or contract for education and prevention services to:
- --convey information regarding mental illness and treatment resources:
- --increase undertanding and acceptance of problems associated with mental illness;
- --improve skills in dealing with situations that impact mental health; and
- --prevent development or deepening of mental illness;
- require that emergency services be available by July 1, 1988 and requires direct access to mental health professionals during regular hours;
- require that outpatient services be available by July 1, 1988;
- require that community support services be available by July 1, 1988;
- require that case management activities be part of community support services by Jan. 1, 1989;
- require that, by July 1, 1989, day treatment activities be developed as part of the community support plan;
- require that residential treatment services be available by July 1, 1988;
- require that acute care hospital inpatient treatment be available by July 1, 1988;
- require that sufficient regional treatment centers inpatient services be available by July 1, 1987;
- require county to provide case management and other appropriate community support services to all people with serious and persistent mental illness;

- require county to designate a case manager within five working days after receiving an application for community support services;
- require case manager to arrange for diagnostic assessment if one is not available:
- require case manager to develop an individual community support plan, arrange payment, review client progress, and monitor provision of services;
- require county screening, Jan. 1, 1989, of individuals admitted to residential treatment facility, acute care hospital inpatient, or regional treatment center if cost of care is to be paid by mental health fund, medical assistance, or regional treatment center account;
- require counties to submit first mental health proposals by Jan. 1, 1988 and to submit subsequent proposals on the same two-year cycle as the community social services plans;
- defines "net cost" as county expenditures less offsetting credits other than the mental health fund itself;
- designate 20 percent of each county's Title XX allocation for mental health services through the fund;
- require transfer of funds for fiscal year 1989 to establish mental health fund; funds transferred include appropriations under GA, GAMC, MSA, CSSA, and funds for Rule 12 and Rule 14 facilities;
- state that commissioner and counties are not required to fund services beyond limits of legislative appropriations;
- allow MA payment for case management services to people with serious and persistent mental illness;
- eliminate direct GAMC payments for day treatment services provided by a mental health center;
- permit residents in Rule 36 facilities (for adult mentally ill persons) funded by GA to receive personal needs allowance;
- prohibit GA payments for people with mental illness in Rule 36 facilities;
- prohibit MSA payments for people with mental illness in Rule 36 facilities; eliminates exemption from rate cap for facilities licensed by the commissioner of health as boarding care homes and certified by the commissioner of human services as intermediate care facilities;
- remove from the list of CSSA those services to people covered under mental health act;
- require adjustment of CSSA allocation to reflect exclusion of mental healt share as defined by the act;
- require that 20 percent of each county's Title XX allocation be designated for persons with mental illness and included in the mental health fund;
- extend to June 30, 1988 experimental program of grants for chronically mentally ill persons.

- \*\*Amendments would:
- · make technical changes;
- delete provisions offering incentives to counties to collect mandatory child support withholding, plus a section allowing for sanctions against counties that don't fully compy with the program;
- require the commissioner of health to establish a pilot project in county through the community health agency to coordinate prenatal and maternal and child health funds and programs to improve parenting skills;
- require the board of medical examiners to establish fees for individuals licensed or registered by it at a level which nearly equals the board's appropriation, general support costs, indirect costs, and attorney general costs;
- require the legislative coordinating commission to appoint a task force to prepare and recommend to the commission an energy conservation allocation plan allocating money under the bill;
- increase the staff of the Department of Health by one to carry out duties formerly assigned to coordinator of full productivity and opportunity;
- cut \$2 million each year of the biennium from proposed Minnesota employment and economic development wage subsidy program funds;
- increase the staff of the Department of Jobs and Training by two positions to carry out duties formerly assigned to coordinator of full productivity and opportunity;
- cut \$250,000 each year of the biennium from proposed funds for the local storage, transportation, processing and distribution of United States Department of Agriculture surplus commodities; delete provision regarding a match required by the U.S. Department of Agriculture;
- allow for \$740,000 to be available the second year of the biennium to administer the cancer surveillance system;
- reduce proposed WIC funding each year of the biennium from \$1 million to \$100,000;
- reduce from 90 percent the monthly maximum allowable rate for payment to prepaid health plans to a maximum of 85 percent of the averaged monthly per capita fee-for-service MA costs for AFDC recipients.

#### Tuesday, April 28

Chemical dependency fund

HF995/SF788 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to full committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would make several administrative changes in the Chemical Dependency Consolidated Treatment Fund; clarifies how the payment system will operate, allows payment to certain out-of-state vendors, allows a dedicated account to be established from third-party collections to pay for the invoice processing, billing and payment system and establishes the Chemical Dependency Fund as a special revenue account.

Medical insurance--low-income demo project HF1045/SF1069 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to full committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Would establish a demonstration project to provide health insurance to certain low-income people.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 15, Health & Human Services, April 9)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- provide that a sliding fee shall be considered payment in full for coverage provided.

Mental health--adult day training, habilitation HF1183/SF1010 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to full committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would establish service principles and rate-setting procedures for day training and habilitation services provided to adults with mental retardation and related conditions. Provisions would:
- define developmental achievement centers (DACs) as services for adults; Includes day training and habilitation services for adults among facilities to be licensed by the Department of Human Services;
- amend county authority to make grants for DACs; allows counties to make grants only for children who do not receive services through public schools;
- clarify the DAC services are available only to children who do not qualify for services through the public schools because of their chronological age; deletes requirement that DACs provide counseling services to parents or guardians of persons with mental retardation;
- clarify that DACs do not include training and habilitation services for residents of intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICFs/MR); clarifies that transportation to DACs is available only to children;
- define "day training and habilitation services for adults with mental retardation" as services that:
- --include supervision, training, assistance, and supported employment, work-related activities or other communityintegrated activities;
- --are provided under contract with the county and delivered by a licensed vendor, and;
- --are regularly provided in a place other than the person's own home or residence;
- clarify that day training and habilitation services do not include special education or federally funded vocational services;
- · define terms;
- state that the following principles should be followed in design and delivery of services reimbursed:
- --services must suit the person's chronological age and be provided in the least restrictive environment possible; --the person engaged in employment or employment-

related activities shall have an opportunity to participate in activities in which nondisabled persons participate; --a person shall be paid wages commensurate with the rate for comparable work and productivity except when working in certain regional centers;

--services to a person with mental retardation or a related condition must include services in settings used by the general public and designed to increase the person's participation in ordinary community activities; --a person shall participate in conditions of everyday living that are consistent with the norms of society;

- require commissioner to supervise delivery of day training and habilitation services;
- · define duties of county boards;
- define vendor's duties with respect to reimbursable services;
- · govern payment rates;
- amend community social services act (CSSA) to include day training and habilitation services for adults and to specify that developmental achievement centers are services for children;
- create task force to review and make recommendations concerning the roles of developmental achievement centers and sheltered workshops;
- repeal current laws governing rate-setting and reporting requirements for developmental achievement centers and training and habilitation services; repeals provision transferring money from the CSSA account to the medical assistance account for the purpose of funding training and habilitation services; repeals sections of Minnesota Rules related to rate setting for training and habilitation services.

Disabled child, adult care--program licensure HF1210/SF1183 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to full committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would regulate the licensure of programs for the care of children or of adults with certain disabilities.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 16, Health & Human Services, April 9)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- require the commissioner of human services, in cooperation with the commissioner of health, to monitor licensed boarding care, board and lodging and supervised living facilities;
- require the commissioner of human services to review rules;
- require the commissioner of human services to study the housing needs of people with mental illness and recommend a range of services from residential treatment as the most intensive service, to housing programs as the least intensive;
- technical changes relating to hospital inspections.

### State Depts. Div./Approps.

#### Thursday, April 23

Reinvest in Minnesota--amendments HF886/SF841 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)--heard; laid over. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would amend the 1986 Reinvest in Minnestoa Resources Act.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 13, Environment & Natural Resources, April 2)

Waste water treatment grant program HF1030/SF1497 (Munger, DFL-Cambridge)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Would provide funding for grants and loans for the construction and rehabilitation of wastewater treatment facilities and systems.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 13, No. 12, Pg. 8, Environment & Natural Resources, April 10)

\*\*Amendment would remove any appropriations.

#### Friday, April 24

Legislative Commission on Fiscal Policy HF547 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill.

Would create an 18-member Legislative Commission on Fiscal Policy and direct it to study and evaluate the total state government expenditure level and revenue sources that support these expenditures.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 11, Governmental Operations, March 26)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- make the first two-year appointment effective July 1, 1989;
- appropriate \$190,000 for the 1989-91 biennium.

Forest fires--expenses, rewards HF601 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--recommended to pass as amended.\*\*

Would require all penalties the Department of Natural Resources collects from people responsible for starting forest fires to be returned to and deposited in the original fund from which the firefighting expenses were paid; would increase from \$25 to \$1,000 the amount that could be awarded to anyone who provides information leading to arrest and conviction of a fire-starter.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- reduce the award to \$100:
- · make technical changes.

Conservation officers training HF804/SF973 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)-recommended to pass; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would provide money from fines and forfeited bail that county treasurers collect from violators of game and fish laws to train conservation officers the commissioner of natural resources employs.

#### Dept. of Natural Resources--Forest Mgmt. Fund

HF834/SF879 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--recommended to pass as amended.\*\* (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would create a Forest Management Fund in the state treasury which would be used for private forest management technical assistance; funding would come from fees the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) collects for private forest management services. The revolving account would primarily be used to contract with private consulting foresters to carry out these services for DNR.

\*\*Amendment would eliminate the appropriations section of the bill.

Fire fighting--DNR indirect costs

HF1181/SF1099 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would provide that the commissioner of natural resources could waive indirect emergency fire fighting cost billings to the federal government and other states and provinces in certain circumstances.

#### State agencies--information systems management

HF1315 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill.

Delete everything amendment would establish an office of information systems management to develop and establish a policy and standards for state agencies to follow for the development, purchase, and training for information systems.

(See bill summary in HWR. Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 12, Governmental Operations, April 10)

Workers' compensation--special fund

HF1450/SF1347 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Would change requirements to qualify for coverage under the special compensation fund.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 38, Labor-Management Relations, April 8)

- \*\*Amendment would:
- delete the appropriations section in the bill;
- make technical changes.

#### COMMERCE

#### Tuesday, April 28

Retail sales--cash refunds for returned goods HF65/SF153\* (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would require sellers to give cash refunds to consumers for acceptable returns unless a conspicuously displayed written notice informs buyers that the seller does not accept refunds.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- provide that the bill does not apply to home solicitation sales, custom made or special ordered goods, or a licensed motor vehicle seller; would provide for a civil penalty of up to \$500.

Telephone calling devices--restrictions HF124/SF184\* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would prohibit a caller from using or connecting to telephone lines an automatic dialing-announcing device that delivers a prerecorded or synthesized voice message unless the subscriber has knowingly requested authorized receipt of the message or the message is preceded by a live operator who obtains the subscriber's consent.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- provide that the prohibition does not apply to messages: --to customers with whom the caller has a current business relationship;
- --from school districts to students, parents or employees;
- --advising employees of work schedules;
- require the device to be designed and operated to disconnect 10 seconds after termination of the call by the subscribers:
- provide that where a message is preceded by a live operator, the operator must disclose:
- --the name of the caller;
- -- the purpose of the message;
- -- the identity of goods or services the message is promoting; and
- --intention to solicit payment or commitment of funds;
- authorize the Public Utility Commission to set up a listing of people who do not want commerical telephone solicitation calls by Oct. 1, 1988; would prohibit people from making a commercial telephone solicitation to a residential subscribers on the list;

• establish penalties for violators.

Steam turbines regulation

HF1343/SF1232\* (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

\*\*Delete everything amendment would:

exempt steam-powered turbines at papermaking facilities which are powered by steam from remote municipal facilities from boiler inspections and regulations. Would allow the commissioner of labor and industry to certify a training program for turbine operators at manufacturing facilities which purchase steam from a municipal utility.

#### **EDUCATION**

#### Monday, April 27

Missing children--school check

HF259/SF235 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF passed Senate)

Would require elementary and secondary schools within two weeks of enrolling new or transfer students to request parent or guardian to provide the school with prior school records or birth certificate; if copies are not provided within five days, the school must notify the local law enforcement agency, which must then investigate the report under the procedures of the Minnesota missing childen's act.

Teacher seniority--school agreements HF1035/SF1044 (Larsen, DFL-Ramsey)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would allow school boards of districts entering into a cooperative agreement for secondary instruction to negotiate a plan with the teachers' bargaining representative of each district for assignment or placement on unrequested leave of absence of teachers whose positions are discontinued as a result of the agreement. Directs placement of teachers on unrequested leaves based on combined seniority lists if no agreement is reached by May 1. Provides for discontinuance of grades in a district as a part of a cooperative agreement with a complementary district.

# ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

#### Tuesday, April 28

Fish farms--commercial raising programs
HF275/SF69 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)--recommended to
pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would establish a commercial fish raising program.

\*\*Delete everything amendment would:

- provide resident and nonresident license fees as follows:
  -\$250 for a fish farm;
- --\$150 to take sucker eggs from public waters for a fish farm, plus \$3 for each quart in excess of 100 quarts;
- create an order of priority that the commissioner of natural resources shall follow to dispose of game fish eggs and fry;
- provide that a person may not operate a fish farm without a fish farm license;
- define "fish farm" as a facility for commercially raising fish for sale or human consumption;
- provide that a person operating a fish farm may not obtain fish or fish eggs outside of Minnesota unless the commissioner approves;
- require the commissioner to prescribe rules that allow a person to maintain and operate a fish farm to raise and dispose of fish;
- define "private fish hatchery" as a facility for raising fish for sale for stocking waters;
- require the commissioner to establish and assess a fee to cover the cost of inspection and disease certification of private hatcheries;
- provide that a private fish hatchery may not obtain fish outside of Minnesota unless the commissioner approves.

#### **Drainage law--amendments**

HF1078/SF956 (Jennings, DFL-Rush City)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would clarify and amend drainage laws.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- clarify that the director of the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) Division of Water may adopt permanent rules to standardize drainage forms; would require maps to show permanent grass strips and require the director to maintain an inventory of all permanent grass strips;
- clarify factors that the drainage authority must consider before beginning any drainage work to include the flooding characteristics of property downstream of the drainage project;
- specify procedures which the drainage authority can use to secure compliance for properties violating the grass strip requirement on the drainage system;
- specify expense collection procedures to achieve compliance with the grass strip requirements;
- allow the ditch authority to conduct informal meetings relating to drainage projects;
- direct the court in awarding attorneys fees when the DNR appeals on drainage projects;

- clarify the counting procedure for signatures on a petition for drainage project or repair; would designate required signatures to validate the petition; would specify petition contents;
- allow the drainage authority to delay drainage proceedings and drainage project construction if:
  --a majority of the petitioners petition for a delay;
  --the drainage authority holds a hearing on the petition;
- require the county attorney to review each petition and bond petitioners file with the county;
- remove county residency requirements for viewers which the drainage authority appoints to assess benefits and damages; would allow ditch authorities to establish viewers' qualifications;
- provide an assessment procedure for all benefited and damaged property within the municipality;
- clarify procedures and criteria to ditch authorities to determine:
- --benefits, in general;
- --benefits for outlet projects;
- --benefits due to watershed wide land use changes that increase runoff;
- provide damage criteria;
- specify requirements for viewers' reports;
- require the county auditor to report to property owners specific information on drainage project construction damages and benefits to their property;
- authorize the ditch authority to address illegal and unauthorized outlets into the drainage system, and to collect expenses associated with bringing the outlet into compliance;
- establish a process for resolving repair depth disagreements, including cost sharing;
- require drainage authorities to inspect drainage systems for grass strip violations; would provide a specific grass strip compliance notice to property owners in violation of the grass strip provisions;
- increase the allowable repair cost and an annual repair levy limit from \$20,000 to \$50,000 or \$1,000 per mile, whichever is greater;
- clarify that installing erosion control measures is a repair;
- allow the ditch authority to charge additional assessments against properties violating the grass strip requirements;
- require the DNR to cooperate with other state and local organizations to prepare a report to the Legislature and governor on assuming certain federal permitting authority.

Game, fish laws--recodification HF1172/SF385 (Trimble)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor) Would clarify and make technical changes in the game and fish laws.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 14, Pg. 6, Environment & Natural Resources, April 23--\*\*includes amendment)

## Rice Creek Watershed District--levy limit increase

HF1473/SF678 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF passed Senate)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would authorize the Rice Creek watershed district to levy an amount not to exceed \$200,000 for the administrative fund.

# FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

#### Friday, April 24

Hair prosthesis--policy coverage HF71/SF292 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- require health insurance to provide coverage up to \$350 in benefits for scalp hair prostheses worn for hair loss suffered as a result of alopecia areata or for hair loss suffered by a minor as a result of chemotherapy.

Detached facilities--permit application HF791/SF743 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would increase the number of detached facilities that a bank may establish or maintain from two to five, within 100 miles of the main facility. Allow at state bank to apply to the commissioner to acquire another state bank and its detached facilities and operate them as detached facilities.

- \*\*Amendments would:
- require federal or state charted financial institutions to offer a cost-free savings account to Minnesota residents who maintain a balance of more than \$50, depositor can not have such a savings account with another institution;
- allow state banks whose main banking office is located within the seven-county metro area to aquire another state bank or national banking association and its detached facilities without regard to the 100-mile distance restriction.

Liquor liability

HF1482/SF1313 (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide that insureds served by the assigned risk plan must be charged premiums based upon a rating plan approved by the commissioner of commerce. States that assigned risk premiums must be based on an actuarially sound basis.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- include surcharge factors based on claims reported and losses paid as part of commissioner's approved rating plan.

### GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

#### Tuesday, April 28

Fair Campaign Practices--changes HF236/SF247 (Scheid, DFL-St. Louis Park)-recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would make changes to fair campaign practices act. Provisions would:

- bring school board elections under campaign laws, literature, and paid advertisement requirements; directs county attorney to promptly investigate alleged violations after complaint is filed;
- require committee or candidate who receives more than \$250 in contributions during any year to file financial report; make candidate or committee who fails to file guilty of a misdemeanor; outline penalty procedures;
- prohibit anyone from falsely claiming, or implying, that a candidate or ballot has the support or endorsement of a party, organization, or individual without prior written consent; make involvement with false campaign material a gross misdemeanor, excluding printers, manufacturers and broadcasters who are unaware that the campaign materials they are distributing or disseminating is false;
- require that nay political advertisement accepted by the media include the words "paid advertisement" and a disclaimer stating who paid for the advertisement; make failure to comply a misdemeanor;
- prohibit person from exerting undue influence in order affect how someone votes, violation is a gross misdemeanor; prohibits rewards for becoming or not becoming a candidate;
- prohibit anyone from denying candidates, and the campaign workers who accompany them access to multiple unit dwellings for campaigning, makes violation a petty misdemeanor;
- \*\* Amendment would:
- raise floor for required reporting of contributions from \$250 to \$1,000;
- define unpaid material published in a publication to influence the outcome of an elections or the passage or defeat of a bill must be clearly identified as editorial material by placing it on the editorial page or by printing next to the words "this material is the editorial opinion of this publication.

Voting systems--city changes HF756/SF466 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- prohibit cities of the first class, except the city of St. Paul, from changing the voting systems which it has used in the general election in 1986 until Jan. 1, 1989; require optical scan voting system ballots to be arranged vertically with the names of the candidate arranged horizontally opposite the respective titles, under political party column and blank space where no candidate of a party was named.

#### **GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS**

#### Friday, April 24

## Virginia--firefighters' relief association benefits

HF12/SF9 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would provide a \$100 increase in survivor benefits which the Virginia firefighters' relief association would pay to a surviving spouse of a deceased relief association member; would authorize the association to pay alternate beneficiaries if no spouse survives.

Hibbing--police, firefighters survivor benefits HF549/SF549 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would increase survivor benefits which the Hibbing police and firefighters relief associations would pay, and service pensions for certain retired firefighters.

## Public pension plans--effects of marriage dissolution

HF940/SF855 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Judiciary Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide for a division of pension rights as marital property in a marriage dissolution.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- specify that any exemption from the legal process provision in public pension plan law doesn't include marital property divisions as part of marriage dissolutions;
- require that public pension plans provide information on pension benefits in connection with marriage dissolution actions;
- require that the division of pension rights of benefits as martial property in a marriage dissolution be made against any available liquid assets at the time of the dissolution;

- authorize the courts which handle marriage dissolution actions to:
- --award a survivor benefit as part of the division of pensions rights;
- --appoint actuaries as expert witnesses to assist in the division of pension rights and benefits as marital property in marriage dissolution actions.

Teachers Retirement Association--Rule of 90 HF944 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee.

Would authorize early unreduced retirement under the rule of 90; would entitle any member of the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) and the Teachers Retirement Association (TRA), whose attained age plus credited allowable service totals 90 years, upon terminating active service and applying for a retirement annuity, to a normal retirement annuity without any reduction in the amount of the annuity by reason of early retirement.

\*\*Amendment would extend the Rule of 90 to cover certain teachers retirement fund associations in certain cities.

Phone equipment--hearing impaired HF1002/SF1029 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would establish a program to provide communicationimpaired people with devices enabling their use of telephones.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- create a 12-member Telecommunication Access for Communication Impaired Persons Board to:
- --ensure distribution of communication devices to people who need them;
- --to establish a message relay service;
- specify board membership qualifications, procedures for removal and filling vacancies, and meeting requirements;
- specify the board's duties to include:
- --defining eligibility criteria and setting up a priority system for distribution of devices;
- --establishing a method to verify eligibility;
- --researching and listing available devices;
- --entering contracts for the message relay service;
- --public relations;
- --preparing reports;
- --administering the fund;
- --retaining a program administrator; and
- --studying the impact on retail device sellers;
- create the Telecommunication Access for Communication Impaired Persons Fund in the state treasury;
- require the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to establish a surcharge up to 10 cents per line to fund the program;

- require local exchange companies to collect the surcharge and send it to the commissioner of administration (in the same manner as companies collect "911" surcharges);
- provide that fund monies may be used only for:
- --administration (up to 20 percent):
- --reimbursing companies for equipment purchase and services rendered under the program;
- --contracting for the message relay service;
- provide that a person may obtain a communication device if the person is:
- -- five years old;
- --communication impaired;
- --a Minnesota resident;
- --a resident in a household at or below median income, or for a deaf and blind person at or below 150 percent of median income;
- --a resident in a household with a telephone service, or which has applied for service and has been assigned a telephone number;
- require the largest local service company to purchase the devices and distribute them to other local companies which are to distribute them to eligible persons free of charge;
- require local companies to:
- --maintain the devices, and train people to use them;
- --install outside wiring free of charge to an economic hardship household currently without service;
- provide that a local company owns the devices but the value of the devices is not part of the company's rate base;
- require the board to contract with:
- --an interLATA interexchange service provider to create a message relay service with an "800" number;
- --an organization serving communication impaired persons to operate the system;
- require certain reports;
- require the PUC to act on complaints of inadequate service if two communication-impaired persons from any one service area complain or if only one person is receiving service in the service area, if that person complains.

## Millerville--volunteer firefighters service pensions

HF1153/SF1052 (C. Nelson, DFL-Barrett)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would authorize the Millerville firefighters relief association to amend its bylaws to recognize certain prior service in computing service pension amounts.

Mankato--police benefit association changes HF1176/SF1054 (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee) Would authorize the Mankato police benefit association to base certain postretirement increases on other increases the association grants.

Low-level radioactive waste--siting process HF1407/SF1202 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would establish a siting process for a low-level radioactive waste facility; would establish a siting board and provide for volunteer sites and an alternative site selection process.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 9, Environment & Natural Resources, April 9)

**Amateur Sports Commission** 

HF1460/SF1112 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would create a seven-member Minnesota Amateur Sports Commission to promote development of Olympic training facilities within the state and otherwise promote and stimulate amateur sports and physical fitness. Provisions would:

- provide six-year terms for commission members; would permit the commission to hire an executive director, and to set compensation for the director and other employees;
- specify the commission's powers including authority to acquire real or personal property necessary for purposes of amateur sports facilities; would exempt the commission property from ad valorem taxation, but not from special assessments;
- permit the commission to sponsor or sanction amateur sporting events that include athletes who participate in events the Minnesota State High School League or any other sports governing body sponsors or sanctions;
- require the commission to sponsor and sanction a series of statewide amateur athletic games (similar to the winter and summer Olympics) beginning in 1989.
- \*\*Amendment would urge local governments to cooperate with the commission.

Hibbing--council member's PERA option HF1531/SF1425 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)--returned to subcommittee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would allow a certain Hibbing council member to revoke an option for public employees retirement association membership in order to being receiving an annuity.

Monday, April 27

Zoological Gardens--board membership changes

HF586/SF167 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would increase the size of the Minnesota Zoological Garden board from 15 to 30 members; would provide for future board appointments; would exempt board members from filing a statement of economic interest with the State Ethical Practices Board.

State departments--reorganization HF1095 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)--heard; amended\*\*.

Would reorganize the Departments of Agriculture, Energy and Economic Development, and Public Service, and provide for the powers and duties of the three departments.

\*\*Delete everything amendment would:

Article 1 Provisions would:

- rename DEED as the Department of Trade and Economic Development (DTED);
- add the commissioner of public service to the Environmental Quality Board;
- transfer the energy-related duties of the Department of Energy and Economic Development (DEED) to the Department of Public Service (DPS); would grant the commissioner of Public Service various powers and duties related to the transfer of the Energy Division;
- require the commissioner of agriculture to cooperate with the commissioner of trade and economic development and the director of the Minnesota Trade Office to promote the beneficial agricultural interests of the state;
- provide that the commissioner of trade and economic development and the director of the Minnesota Trade Office have primary responsibility for promoting state agricultural interests to national and international markets;
- provide that the commissioner of agriculture has primary responsibility for promoting the agricultural interests of producers, promoting state agricultural markets, and promoting agricultural interests of the state in cooperative production and marketing efforts with other states;
- strike the commissioner of agriculture's duties to assist Minnesota agricultural business desiring to sell products in national and international markets;
- add employees of Minnesota's Washington, D.C. office to the lists of state employees who serve in the unclassified state service;
- add trade to the list of purposes for which DTED can enter into certain contracts and spend money for promotional purposes;
- permit the commissioner of DTED to appoint employees in Minnesota's Washington, D.C. office; would allow the commissioner to spend money for promotional purposes and provide that the commissioner of Employee Relations' travel rules do not govern certain promotional expenses;
- allow DTED to establish fees for certain reports, publications, and promotional material without going through the Administrative Procedure Act or other procedures governing establishing state agency fees;

- gives the commissioner of DTED the duty to promote, develop, and facilitate trade and foreign investment in Minnesota; would grant the commissioner specific powers to further these goals;
- designates the Department of Jobs and Training, instead of DEED, as the agency responsible for administering the state plan for juvenile justice that federal law requires; would provide for the appointment of a federally-required juvenile justice advisory committee;
- provide that the commissioner of jobs and training, instead of DEED, may make grants to nonprofit agencies administering youth intervention programs; would specify application procedures and authorize rulemaking;
- repeal current laws which provide:
- --certain duties of the governor related to the Washington, D.C. office;
- --duties of the commissioner of agriculture relating to promoting international investment in Minnesota; --duties of DEED relating to juvenile justice and youth intervention programs.

### Article 2 Provisions would:

- create the World Trade Center Service Corporation as a public corporation to facilitate and support the World Trade Center, and cooperate with DTED to promote the growth of international trade in Minnesota;
- provide an 18-member board of directors for the corporation;
- specify the corporation's powers and duties, including administering programs of and promoting the World Trade Center; would permit public and private cooperation;
- establish a World Trade Center Corporation fund in the state treasury; would provide that all money the corporation receives, including money generated from the conference and service center use, shall be deposited in the fund; would create a standing appropriation of the money in the fund to the board for corporate purposes;
- provide that the owner of the Minnesota World Trade Center has the responsibility to:
- --provide telecommunication services and World Trade Center tenants;
- --develop and operate a World Trade Center Club in the Minnesota World Trade Center in accordance with the development agreement and club guidelines the World Trade Centers Association adopts;
- require the board to operate or provide for the operation of the conference and service center; would permit the public to use the conference and service center for benefits and other revenue raising purposes if all the center's international business uses are accommodated.

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Ground water management--metropolitan area HF373/SF353 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would allow metropolitan counties to develop ground water plans and establish a procedure for integrating any county ground water plan with watershed plans watershed management organizations prepare.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 14, Pg. 8, Governmental Operations, April 23)

\*\*Amendment would require watershed districts in metropolitan counties to provide notice of special assessments to area property owners; would specify notice contents.

#### Mental health ombudsman

HF516/SF514 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would create the office of ombudsman for mental health and mental retardation, and provide for the ombudsman's powers and duties.

(See bill summary, under Health & Human Services, April 23)

State agency heads--salary ranges HF727/SF674 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would amend the process for establishing salaries for heads of higher education systems and for directors of statewide pension systems.

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- remove the executive directors of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA), Teacher's Retirement Association (TRA), and Minnesota State Retirement Association (MSRS) from the list of state department heads for which the governor makes salary recommendations;
- provide that the board of directors of PERA, TRA, and MSRS would set the salary for their executive directors; would provide that each salary could not exceed the maximum of the salary range set for the commissioner of commerce; would require the Legislative Commission on Employee Relations' and the Legislature's approval before the salary would take effect;
- amend the law governing salaries for the heads of four higher education agencies (State University System, Community Colleges, Vocational Technical Education, and Higher Education Coordinating Board) to require the Legislature's approval before salary changes would take effect;
- make the Regional Transit Board chair a part-time position after Dec. 31, 1990 and set the salary range of \$15,000 \$25,000 for the position.

State departments--reorganization HF1095 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would reorganize the Departments of Agriculture, Energy and Economic Development, and Public Service, and provide for the powers and duties of the three departments.

(See bill summary above, April 27--\*\*includes amendments.)

#### **HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

#### Thursday, April 23

Pregnancy counseling

HF204/SF283 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--not recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would prohibit deceptive pregnancy counseling practices and provide a penalty.

Elderly study

HF438/SF408 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)-recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would require the commissioner of human services to study the needs of elderly citizens with mental retardation.

Mental health ombudsman

HF516/SF524 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF524 amended into SF583, which is in Senate Finance Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- · define terms;
- create office of ombudsman for mental health and mental retardation;
- · describe powers of ombudsman and investigation;
- state that ombudsman is not civilly liable for actions taken in good faith, within the scope of authority and without willful or reckless misconduct;
- establish an ombudsman committee;
- amend child abuse reporting act to require medical examiner to report to the ombudsman after investigating suspicious death of a child receiving treatment for mental illness, mental retardation, chemical dependency or emotional disturbance:
- amend child abuse reporting act to require local agency to report to ombudsman after investigating suspicious death of a child receiving treatment for mental illness, mental retardation, chemical dependency or emotional disturbance;
- amend vulnerable adults act to require person or agency to report to ombudsman after receiving report that a vulnerable adult has died as a result of abuse or neglect.

Mental retardation resident programs HF781/SF747 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- allow supplies, materials, equipment and utility services for use by a community-based residential facility to be purchased or rented without competitive bidding;
- require, to the extent possible, that employees affected by position reductions in regional treatment centers be afforded options that assure continued employment;
- describe state-operated, community-based residential programs;
- require commissioner to develop procedures to assure that:
- -- there are workers employed at state regional centers and nursing homes who are skilled in treatment of persons with severe and profound mental retardation or related conditions, behavioral problems, and medical needs, to facilitate adjustment to community living;

--suitable training programs exist for regional treatment center and state-operated, community-based residential

facility staff; and

-- state employees affected by a staff reduction have the option of transferring to other programs;

- require commissioner of human services to plan a comprehensive training program for public and private employees who provide services to persons with mental retardation and related conditions;
- require that any new intermediate care facility established by the commissioner be state-operated or private community-based and have less than seven beds;
- require state planning director to study the differences in wages and benefits between employees of public and private community-based providers.
- \*\*Further amendments would:
- require the commissioner to conduct a study of stateoperated and other residential facilities for mentally retarded, including care and treatment, differences among client population, costs and other related measures;
- make technical changes.

Chemical dependency fund

HF995/SF788 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee)

Would make several administrative changes in the Chemical Dependency Consolidated Treatment Fund; clarifies how the payment system will operate, allows payment to certain out-of-state vendors, allows a dedicated account to be established from third-party collections to pay for the invoice processing, billing and payment system and establishes the Chemical Dependency Fund as a special revenue account.

\*\*Amendments would make technical changes.

Podiatrists regulation--update

HF1008/SF79 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would revise and update the laws relating to licensure of podiatrists. Provisions would:
- describe requirements for licensure to practice podiatric medicine;
- provide penalty procedures for practicing without license and unethical practices;
- allow the podiatric board to direct a doctor to submit to a mental or physical examination or chemical dependency evaluation if they think the doctor is providing unethical practices:
- allow the podiatric board access to the medical records of the above persons;
- make technical changes.

Group health insurance

HF1203/SF810 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (ŠF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would require court-ordered group health insurance benefits be paid to providers; require all parties to sign workers' compensation settlement agreements; establish a public assistance lien. Provisions would:

- · require the parent with legal responsibility to provide medical care for a dependent to make payments directly to the provider of care;
- require that public assistance paid to am employee, or spouse or dependents living with the employee while the employee seeks workers' compensation for injuries be repaid to the state form any settlement or award including temporary and permanent disability benefits;
- clarify that Il parties and all intervenors sign agreements to settle a worker's compensation claim; establish a procedure that allows for a determination or reasonable settlement that does not require the signature of the intervenor;
- provide for a lien to be placed on all causes of action that accrue to a person to who medical care or income payments were made by the state as a result of some occurrence that necessitated medical care or other public assistance payments;
- extend the period of time the state can file and enforce its lien in a recipient's cause of action;
- allow the state to initiate action against a person or firm that may be liable if the recipient has not exercized their rights;
- require specific people to notify the state when a monetary claim is made and the state may be entitled to recoveries:
- provide that the state must receive full reimbursement of its lien as long as the recipient/plaintiff receives at least one-third of the net recovery, after all reasonable costs of collection have been deducted;
- require that the state be the payer of the last report and the state is subrogated to any reimbursement to which a recipient may be entitled;

- require notification to the state of monetary claims filed for medical care for which the state has paid or become liable for payment;
- require that private health insurance, including prepaid health plans, be the primary coverage and that this coverage be exhausted before medical assistance is paid;
- require that a recipient with benefits under a prepaid health plan be limited to the benefits available under the prepaid health plan;
- require that all private health coverage is primary coverage and must be exhausted before general assistance medical care; extends the MA third party liability provisions to GAMC;
- \*\*Amendments would:
- delete Medicare and medical assistance programs that are listed as exemptions to a definition of third-party payers;
- delete provisions relating to validity of claims, appeals due to unreasonable intervenors, and the set-aside of an award by the workers' compensation court of appeals, when made the award is made on a settlement;
- make technical changes.

Day care smoking--prohibition

HF1283/SF962 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would prohibit smoking in day care homes and centers, schools and health care facilities. Provisions would:

- prohibit advertising or sale of tobacco products on property owned or leased by the state or any political subdivision of the state or any entity created or operated by the state;
- require anyone purchasing billboard or other outdoor advertising space for tobacco products to purchase equivalent space for anti-smoking public services messages;
- amend the clean indoor act to prohibit smoking in any area where children or sick people may be;
- prohibit smoking in licensed day care homes or centers, public or private schools and health care facilities, except that some provisions may be made for people recovering from chemical dependency.
- \*\*Amendments would:
- add mental health program to list of programs where smoking would be allowed only if the program administrator determines it would not interfere with the treatment program;
- add provisions to section relating to distribution of tobacco products that would not prohibit a local unit of government from further restricting or prohibiting the distribution of tobacco products;
- delete the prohibition in bill against selling tobacco products on property owned or leased by the state;

- delete provision prohibiting smoking in schools;
- delete section prohibiting advertising or sale of tobacco products on property owned or leased by the state;
- delete section prohibiting distribution of tobacco products suitable for smoking.

Store-to-door grocery delivery HF1323/SF720 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would give legislative endorsement to the store-to-door program as a valid option for providing nutrition to disabled elderly citizens; would appropriate \$15,000 each biennium for the program and \$77,600 for a store-to-door study.

- \*\*Amendments would:
- · delete legislative endorsement section;
- delete provision to establish study.

#### Public health fund

HF1499/SF945 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would direct funds remaining in the special revenue fund at the end of each year to go to the public health fund.

- \*\*Amendments would:
- create a commission on health plan regulatory reform to review and make recommendations for any statutory improvements that are necessary because of rapid development of new health plan products which may impair consumer protection laws;
- appropriate money for the commission.

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Medical assistance--nursing home therapies HF819/SF872 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- require certification that any therapy service is appropriate for the medical condition of the recipient;
- direct the commissioner to avoid double payments for ancillary services, ensure that charges and arrangements for ancillary services are cost effective and ensure that therapy services are medically necessary and appropriate;
- prohibits payment under the facility per diem for direct and indirect costs providing therapy services that are billed separately under MA Rule 47;
- provide direction to nursing homes that are not hospitalattached as to the appropriate cost categories of the annual cost report for reporting direct and indirect costs for therapy services in order to avoid double billings;

- prohibit a nursing home to pay for services based on utilization levels and requires nursing homes to provide to the commissioner all agreements between the nursing home and other vendors.
- \*\*Further amendment would require the commissioner to convene an advisory group to study alternative methods of payment for therapy services provided to nursing home residents.

Human service programs--residence, financial responsibility

HF894/SF895 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would create a new chapter to establish a single, unitary process for the determination of residence and financial responsibility for all human service programs.

Community services conversion project HF1022/SF908 (Kelso, DFL-Shakopee)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- require commissioner to solicit proposals for voluntary conversion of services provided by intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded (ICF-MRs) to waivered services;
- set forth requirements for county proposals including:
- --plans for alternative services;
- --time lines;
- --projected caseloads and expenditures;
- require counties to move discharged residents to their home communities whenever possible;
- require county proposals to comply with certain requirements in other provisions of law;
- require commissioner to giver first priority to proposals that:
- --respond to emergency relocation;
- --result in closing a facility;
- --base alternative placement on individual needs; and
- --demonstrate MA savings;
- require commissioner to select proposals within the appropriation for waivered services;
- allocate a waivered slot for each =decertified ICF/MR slot;
- require commissioner to establish payment rates under Rule 53 for purposes of this section.

Dept. of Health--changes

HF1076/SF1048 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- provide that the Hazardous Susbtances Victims Compensation Board may appoint its own Executive Director and that the board must submit a written release signed by the person for whom the board requests private health information from the commissioner of health;

- provide that the commissioner of health may develop a coordinated nutrition reporting and surveillance system;
- provide for a process for the commissioner of health to use to deal with noncompliant carriers of communicable diseases;
- define terms including health directive which is a written or in urgent circumstances an oral statement that requires a carriers to cease and desist in certain forms of noncompliant behavior that will transmit communicable diseases;
- provide that prior to the commissioner of health commencing action against a noncompliant disease carrier, a health directive must be issued and violated;
- allow health professionals to report noncompliant behavior of a disease carrier;
- provide for remedies available to the court and require the court and commissioner to seek the lease restrictive action to control a noncompliant disease carrier;
- prohibit the use of contact notification data in any court proceeding to determine noncompliant behavior;
- prohibit the advertising of an unlicensed heath care facility in addition to the preexisting prohibitions regarding the operation or establishment of an unlicensed facility;
- amend the health facility licensure law by specifying that licensure will be required if a facility provides services to five or more persons;
- require that a facility surrender its license upon closing or ceasing operations;
- delete provisions to allow a person with a Class C driver's license to drive an ambulance in certain circumstances;
- · make technical changes:
- provide that operating a facility without a license is a misdemeanor;
- eliminate the statutory requirement for annual inspection of food, beverage and lodging facilities, manufactured home parks, and recreational camping areas;
- exempt family day-care homes or group family day-care homes equipment standards for licensed food services.
- \*\*Further amendments would:
- further define a "public health threat" as a disease carrier who would have the substantial likelihood to repeatedly transmit the disease;
- make a person liable for a civil suit if they files a false report concerning a noncompliant disease carrier;
- further define the duties of counsel for a noncompliant disease carrier who is involved in a hearing because of a report of their noncompliant behavior;
- · make technical changes.

Pre-admission screening

HF1222/SF593 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF passed Senate)

Would clarify statutes relating to the pre-admission screening program. Provisions would:

- add boarding care homes to list; allow people transferring from a hospital to a boarding care home to be screened by one member of the screening team;
- add boarding care homes as a placement that require screening prior to admission;
- include boarding care homes in the exceptions to screening when a patient is transferred from other boarding care homes or returning to the boarding care home from a hospital;
- include boarding care homes in the institutional placements eligible for reimbursement.
- \*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Child care sliding fee

HF1350/SF712 (Člark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would set the maximum rate for child care subsidized under the child care sliding fee program at 100 percent for the median rate for like care arrangements within a county; allows county boards to subsidize rates of up to 125 percent of the median rate for like care arrangements for day care providers which pay wages to teachers, assistants, and aides that are more than 110 percent for the state average wage for child care workers.

#### Board of medical examiners

HF1356/SF737\* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

\*\*SF737 would require the board of medical examiners to release certain information about disciplinary investigations and proceedings.

Medical assistance--hospice payments HF1417/SF1293 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--

recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would provide for hospice care payments under medical assistance, which would make up to \$7,500 available for hospice care for each terminally ill patient.

\*\*Amendment would make a technical change.

## Federal fiscal disallowances--altering allocation

HF1496/SF946 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would alter allocation of federal fiscal disallowance based on error rates.

\*\*Amendment would make a change in the effective date provision.

#### JUDICIARY

#### Tuesday, April 28

Obscene materials, performances--prohibition HF402/SF236 (Reding, DFL-Austin)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would prescribe criminal penalties for distributing or exhibiting obscene materials or performances.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 14, Pg. 11, Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., April 20--\*\*includes amendments)

### Public pension plans--effects of marriage dissolution

HF940/SF855 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide for a division of pension rights as marital property in a marriage dissolution.

(See bill summary, under Governmental Operations, April 24)

\*\*Amendment would allow a certain retired member of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) to elect certain coverage.

Uniform Transfers to Minors Act--amendments HF1029/SF1050 (Kludt, DFL-Moorhead)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would amend the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act to permit the transfer of a security held in the name of a broker or financial institution ("in street name") to another broker or financial institution for credit to an account for a minor's benefit.

Harassment on private property--prohibition HF1115/SF915 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would prohibit harassment on private property.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 14, Pg. 11, Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., April 20)

\*\*Amendment would define "harass" to mean to interfere with another person unwarrantedly by continued or repeated acts so as to persecute or oppress that person.

Domestic assault law--changes
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HF1129/SF1097 (Kludt, DFL-Moorhead)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would change provisions of the domestic assault law relating to the release of a person law enforcement officials arrest for this crime.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 36, Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., April 7)

\*\*Amendment would provide that a victim has the right to submit an impact statement, either orally and/or in writing, to the court at the time of sentencing or disposition hearing; would provide for the impact statement's contents.

**DWI--mandatory minimum penalties** HF1165/SF537 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would impose mandatory minimum penalties on persons the courts convict of DWI or aggravated DWI twice within a five-year period or three or more times within a 10-year period of at least 30 days imprisonment, or 240 hours of community service work.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 19, Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., April 13--\*\*includes amendments)

Courts--gender bias study

HF1214/ŠF950 (Pappas, ĎFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would direct the Supreme Court to study whether there is gender bias in state courts and, if so, the extent of the bias; would require the study to examine behavior toward women litigants, witnesses, jurors, and attorneys, and the effect of sex bias in court opinions.

\*\*Amendment would direct the Supreme Court, rather than the Commission on the Economic Status of Women, to conduct the study.

Asbestos claims--statute of limitations HF1396/SF1136 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in

Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would clarify the statute of limitations applicable to actions regarding manufacturers or suppliers of material containing asbestos. Provisions would:

• revive or extend an action against an asbestos manufacturer or supplier to recover for:

--asbestos removal from a building;

--other measures to locate, correct, or ameliorate asbestosrelated problems; or

--reimbursement for removal, correction, or amelioration of an asbestos problem that would otherwise be barred before July 1, 1990;

- provide that an asbestos actions reviewed or extended may be begun before July 1, 1990.
- \*\*Amendment would:
- delete the findings and purpose statement for the provision;
- state that nothing in this section shall be construed to imply that suits would otherwise be barred by an existing limitations period.

Amateur radio operators

HF1420/SF611 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would allow persons who hold amateur radio licenses which the Federal Communications Commission issues to equip any motor vehicle with radio equipment capable of receiving or transmitting on police emergency radio frequencies. Other provisions would:
- provide that an amateur radio license holder may not equip any motor vehicle with radio equipment capable of receiving a police emergency frequency, nor install, use, or possess the equipment in any motor vehicle, if a court in Minnesota or elsewhere convicts the license holder of a crime of violence, unless:
- --10 years have elapsed since the person has been restored to civil rights or the sentence has expired, whichever occurs first; and
- --during that time the person has not been convicted of any other crime of violence;
- provide that any radio equipment capable of receiving a police emergency frequency which an amateur radio license holder installs, uses, or possesses in a motor vehicle must be under the license holder's direct control whenever it is used;
- require an amateur radio license holder who operates a motor vehicle equipped with radio equipment capable of receiving a police emergency frequency to carry the amateur radio license in the motor vehicle at all times and to present the license to a peace officer upon request.

Public defenders--salaries, training, state funds HF1595/SF1345 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would make several changes in the district public defender system and the Office of the State Public Defender (SPD).

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would:
- clarify that current laws on the district public defender system do not apply in Hennepin or Ramsey Counties; would specify that the SPD and the provision on grants to public defense corporations are not applicable in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties;
- allow the Supreme Court to appoint a Court of Appeals judge or a Supreme Court justice to serve on the State Board of Public Defense (BPD); would allow defense attorneys to serve on the board;
- require the BPD to:
- -- appoint the SPD to a four-year term;
- --prepare an annual report to the governor, Legislature, and Supreme Court on the SPD, district defender (DD) system, and appointed counsel systems;
- --recommend to the Legislature the SPD budget;
- --establish procedures for district defenders and public defense corporations to apply for state funding;
- --establish certain specific standards for district public defenders and appointed counsel systems;
- require the White Earth or Leech Lake reservation tribal councils to approve a public defense corporation (PDC) 36 before it can obtain state funds;

- permit a PDC to decline a case for ethical reasons;
- permit a PDC to seek in-kind contributions as well as matching funds from sources other than the state;
- extend the current gross misdemeanor penalty for a public defense grant recipient to discriminate on specified grounds to cover a grant recipient's contractors and agents who so discriminate;
- require grant recipients to file one yearly report (rather than two) which may be included in budget documents the recipient submits to the Legislature;
- restate current law that the SPD is under BPD control;
- permit BPD to authorize the SPD to hire assistant state public defenders;
- allow the SPD, if appointed counsel requests, to assist in such duties as legal research, brief preparation, and trial representation where the requesting attorney has a conflict of interest:
- permit the SPD to provide management advice to district defenders (DD) and appointed counsel, consistent with BPD standards:
- require each judicial district (other than Hennepin and Ramsey Counties) to have a DD system;
- require the BPD, when appointing a DD, to accept recommendations from the public, attorneys, and county commissioners of the counties in the district, as well as judges in the district;
- restate current law that the DD sets the compensation of assistants (ADD) with BPD's approval; would limit the compensation of the DD and ADDs;
- allow the DD to appoint assistants and support staff subject to BPD standards; would require the DD to provide a broad geographic representation and caseload distribution when choosing ADDs;
- specify that the DD would represent defendants law enforcement officials charge with felonies or gross misdemeanors; would specify that the district court may direct the DD to provide such representation;
- permit a DD or ADD to provide representation before the defender is formally appointed if a DD or ADD has reason to believe an individual is indigent;
- require DDs to submit an annual budget to the BPD; would require the BPD to refer the budget to the district court administrators and the county budget officers for comment before the BPD gives final approval;
- require the BPD to distribute funds the state appropriates to district defenders according to the weighted criminal caseload in each district;
- require the BPD, after consulting with county boards, to designate the county officials of one or more counties within the district to pay the expenses of the DD; would require all counties assessed to pay their share of the assessment to the designated county; would allow BPD to reimburse the designated county for extra costs incurred;

- appropriate an unspecified sum from the general fund to BPD to distribute to DD on a weighted criminal caseload basis until June 30, 1989;
- repeal current laws which:

--establish the office of State Public Defender;

--govern compensation for assistant district defenders.

Police radios--criminal use

HF1619/SF605 (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would make it a felony for anyone to use or possess a radio or device capable of receiving or transmitting a police radio signal while committing or attempting to commit a criminal act. Provisions would:
- provide that a person the courts convict of this crime may be sentenced to up to three years in prison and/or a fine up to \$5,000;
- provide that a prosecution for or conviction of the crime of use or possession of a police radio is not a bar to conviction for any other crime a person may commit while possessing or using the police radio;
- •provide that the radio would be subject to forfeiture under the criminal forfeiture law.

Courts, judges--various changes

HF1622/SF1007 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would make various changes relating to courts and judges. Provisions would:

- add a Court of Appeals judge, which the Supreme Court chief justice would appoint, to the Sentencing Guidelines Commission;
- increase from two to four the number of alternate judges which the Supreme Court would appoint to the Civil Commitment Appeals panel;
- authorize the Supreme Court to promulgate rules for probate courts;
- clarify that a travel reimbursement is available when law clerks travel away from their permanent work assignment location;
- authorize a retired judge to perform marriages, but would provide that solemnizing a marriage doesn't entitle a retired judge to compensation under the current law which authorizes retired judges to compensation for hearing cases.
- \*\*Amendment would require that one of the two public members on the Sentencing Guidelines Commission would be a felony crime victim.

# LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Monday, April 27

Workers' compensation--delivery system
HF913 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as
amended\*\*; rereferred to Governmental Operations
Committee.

Would eliminate appeals to the Rehabilitation Review Panel and the Medical Services Review Board for rehabilitation and medical issues; would establish a single procedure for all administrative conferences on rehabilitation and medical issues; and would make available a de novo hearing at the Office of Administrative Hearings of these issues or to hear these questions in the first instance.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 20, Unemployment Ins. & Workers' Comp. Div./Labor-Mgmt. Rel., April 13)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- specify penalties against insurance companies for certain misconduct instead of covering insurance companies under the unfair trade practices act. Would prohibit the following misconduct:

--failure to reply within 30 calendar days of receipt of all written communication about a claim from a claimant that

requests a response;

- --failure to advise the claimant of the acceptance or denial of the claim within 45 calendar days after receipt of a written request to commence benefits;
- --failure to pay or deny medical bills within 45 days after medical providers have provided all requested information; --filing a denial of liability for workers' compensation benefits without conducting any investigation;
- --failure to regularly pay weekly benefits in a timely manner after weekly benefits have begun. (Failure to regularly pay weekly benefits means failure to pay an employee on more than three occasions in any 12-month period within three business days of when payment due date);
- --failure to respond to the department within 30 calendar days after receipt of a written inquiry from the department about a claim;
- --failure to pay pursuant to an order of the department, compensation judge, court of appeals, or the supreme court, within 45 days from the filing of the order unless the order is under appeal;

--advising a claimant not to obtain the services of an attorney or representing that payment will be delayed if

the claimant hires an attorney;

- penalties for first six violations listed above would include:
- --1st through 5th violation: written warning;
- --6th through 10th violation: \$2,500 per violation in excess of five;
- --11th through 30th violation: \$5,000 per violation in excess of 10;
- penalties for last two violations listed above would include:
- --1st through 5th violation: \$2,500 per violation; --6th through 30th violation: \$5,000 per violation in excess of five;

- include mental injury caused by job-related stress in the definition of "personal injury;"
- change the way compensation is made for permanent partial disability;
- limit mandatory rehabilitation to cases in which the employer or employee requests rehabilitation (current law requires that all claimants be rehabilitated).

Workers' compensation--smell, taste loss HF979/SF916\* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; placed on Consent Calendar.

Would provide that, for injuries between Dec. 31, 1983, and Nov. 12, 1985, total loss of taste or smell shall be considered a permanent partial disability, rated at three percent of the whole body. After Nov. 12, 1985, these disabilities would be rated as a three percent permanent partial disability under the permanent partial disability schedule of the Department of Labor and Industry.

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Human rights--employee redefinition HF1200/SF979 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)-recommended to pass as amended.\*\* (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide that "employer" and "employee," as used in human rights legislation, would have the same definition that is used in the human rights law. Would add a definition of employee to the human rights law to include a commission salesperson, if more than 50 percent of the salesperson's income is the result of work for the entity which is accused of discrimination.

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Federal Reed Act money--appropriation HF1621/SF1379 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Would allocate money obtained from the federal government under the Reed Act as follows:

--\$200,000 for computer systems and programs to provide a single application for unemployment compensation and job service assistance;

--\$199,000 to fund a pilot project for the job service

resume system;

--\$45,000 to remodel to St. Cloud job service office; --\$55,000 for specialized employee training, including retraining for those affected by budget reductions;

--\$25,000 for a statewide training session for job service and unemployment insurance managers;

--\$15,000 to support job service employer committees;

--\$109,500 to replace obsolete equipment;

--\$550,000 for marketing tools and programs to help implement new employment and training programs; --\$70,580 for video and other equipment for the test match program;

--\$728,000 to upgrade the main computer facility.

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

#### **LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS**

Tuesday, April 28

Ramsey County--home rule charter study commission

HF465/SF557\* (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would set up a 17-member home rule charter commission to study the need for home-rule government in Ramsey County. Provisions would:

- require the Ramsey County legislative delegation to nominate persons to serve on the charter commission and the district court to actually appoint commission members;
- require a commission report by June 1, 1988 to the county board; would require the commission to draft a proposed charter to be voted on in the 1988 general election, if the commission determines a charter is desirable.
- \*\*Amendment would make technical language changes and provide that if a charter is adopted it shall not be construed to affect collective bargaining agreements between the county and its employees.

**Duluth airport authority--employees** HF714/SF494\* (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)--recommended to pass.

Would specify that Duluth airport authority employees hired after June 20, 1969 are not subject to any civil service system, and deletes reference to classification of the Authority's executive director.

#### REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Monday, April 27

Liquor stores--items for sale HF1148/SF1114 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

- \*\*Delete everything amendment would exclusive liquor stores to sell cork screws, cookbooks and cooking videos instructing wine use, and would state that:
- --no rule may require the use of new containers to age whisky:
- --no rule may require cordials or liqueurs to contain in excess of 2.5 percent by weight of sugar or dextrose or both:
- --no rule may prohibit wine or other commodities from being offered at wholesale on original or assorted cases with distilled spirits or vice versa.

Low volume brewers--licensing HF1265/SF1053 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide for the licensing of low-volume brewers, granting them an on-sale intoxicating liquor or nonintoxicating malt liquor license.

\*\*Amendment would make technical change.

Little Canada--on-sale liquor licenses HF1365/SF1290 (Valento, IR-Little Canada)-recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would grant to the city of Little Canada to issue two onsale licenses for the sale of intoxicating liquor.

PUC--rates of return, non-utility income HF1430/SF1194 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)-recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would allow the public utilities commission to review the rate of return being earned by each public utility since the utility's most recent general rate case.

### American Swedish Institute--on-sale liquor license

HF1562/SF1183 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)-recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would allow the city of Minneapolis to issue an on-sale intoxicating liquor license to the American Swedish Institute.

#### **TAXES**

#### Thursday, April 23

#### Taxes omnibus bill

HF529/SF445 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--heard. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would make changes in Minnesota's tax statutes.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 14, Pg. 12, Taxes, April 21 & 22)

#### Friday, April 24

#### Taxes omnibus bill

HF529/SF445 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would make changes in Minnesota's tax statutes.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 14, Pg. 12, Taxes, April 21, 22)

- \*\*Amendments would:
- make technical changes;
- lower one bracket rate on the table for married individuals filing joint returns and one bracket rate on the table for single individuals, married filing separately, estates and trusts;

- add to list of items taxable under the state's sales tax:
- --laundry and dry cleaning services;
- --car washes, excluding coin-operated car washes;
- delete section relating to taxable items, including legal and lobbying services;
- reduce the percentage paid for renter's credit from 65 to 55 percent;
- make change in eligibility for the small business property tax credit; to be eligible, property taxes on the first \$100,000 of market value must exceed three percent (formerly two percent) of the market value;
- make a change in the allocation of the tax base equalization credit-decrease part of the formula related to credit per capita from 15 mills to 13 mills;
- decrease municipal levy limit from five percent to three percent over last year's levy limit;
- reduce local government aids by 1.6 percent in 1987;
- reduce 1988 county government distribution from 104 percent to 98.4 percent of the aid certified for 1987;
- provide that payments from the general fund for homestead credits shall not exceed \$557,000,000 in fiscal year 1987:
- allow a consumer to recover sales tax paid on a car that was bought and then returned;
- delay for one year the penalty for a landlord's failure to file a CRP.

#### Tuesday, April 28

Golf club property taxation

HF533/SF1032 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would require that if a golf club provides a class or category of membership providing privileges for more than one member of a family, both spouses in that family must be allowed to use the golf facilities at the same times except during the times when use is restricted on the basis of sex;

- \*\*Amendment would:
- create an individual membership category which entitles a member for a reduced rated to play during restricted hours as established by the club.
- provide that either spouse may use the golf facilities at all times, except those times when use is restricted on the basis of sex;
- require the county assessor to notify the taxpayer of acceptance or rejection within 30 days after receipt of application for deferment of taxes and assessment.

Health insurance--retired teachers

HF1144/SF1082 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Education Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would provide that eligible teachers shall receive a subsidy for part of the cost of the teacher's health insurance.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 19, Governmental Operations, April 6)

- \*\*Amendment would:
- make the plan available to any school district levying under an additional .1 mill times the adjusted assessed valuation of the district property (delete specific references to Minneapolis school district).

Anoka County--solid waste HF1629/SF1504 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would exempt Anoka County allocation of issuance authority for a solid waste project from the notice of issue filing deadline.

#### Thursday, April 30

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency bill HF508/SF506 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide for the administration of the state's low-income housing credit, authorize the Minnesota housing finance agency to participate in certain housing construction projects and in certain nonprofit corporations, authorize the sale or rental of certain housing property, and provide for the issuance of certain bonds and notes.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 5, Economic Development & Housing, March 31)

Highway sound barriers--local improvements HF867/SF748 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Would add "highway sound barriers" to the list of local improvements. The term highway cound barriers is defined as sound abatement walls erected along highways to reduce noise levels attributable to vehicular traffic.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 9, Pg. 21, Local & Urban Affairs, March 17)

Traverse--county agricultural society HF1156/SF1144 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would authorize the county board of Traverse County, by a four-fifths vote, to levy a property tax annually of up to one-half mill for the county agricultural society.

\*\*Amendment would make a technical change.

Itasca County--economic development HF1302/SF1224 (Sloberg, DFL-Bovey)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee) Would allow the Itasca County Board to levy a tax of one mill to finance county efforts in the area of tourism, agriculture and economic development. The levy would not be subject top levy limits. The bill would also provide for a reverse referendum if the equivalent of five percent of the voters in the most recent general election signs a petition calling for the referendum.

\*\*Amendment would delete reference to reverse referendum.

Gillette Hospital--clarify tax exemption HF1442/SF1296\* (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*.

Would clarify tax exemption for Gillette Children's Hospital to allow for charitable contributions.

\*\*Amendment would make bill effective day of enactment.

#### **TRANSPORTATION**

Thursday, April 23

Sixty-five speed limit
HF295/SF1369 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--recommended to
pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations
Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

\*\*Delete everything amendment would allow motorist to drive 65 miles per hour on interstates highways outside urbanized areas with a population of 50,000 or more and apply the 10-mile grace law to 55 miles per hour highways only.

Bus driver training

HF1087/SF862 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended\*\*; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would require a training program for school bus drivers, including classroom, behind the wheel, and in-service training. Would provide for transition provisions.

(See HWR Vol. 3, No. 14, Pg. 5, Education, April 22)

\*\*Amendment would appropriate \$50,000 to the commissioner of public safety to set up training program.

## Vehicle weighing--solid waste disposal facilities

HF1451/SF1145\* (Rice, DFL-Mpls)--heard; laid over for interim study.

Would require solid waste disposal facilities, resource recovery facilities, and waste transfer stations, to install vehicle weighing scales; would exempt a facility if the owner can demonstrate that the facility has less than one year remaining capacity or receives less than 75,000 cubic yards of solid waste per year.

### FLOOR ACTION

#### CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE

Wednesday, April 29

East Grand Forks--land sale

HF750\*/SF715 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)--repassed as amended\*\* by the Senate (123-0).

Would allow Polk County to sell certain tax-forfeited land located in the city of East Grand Forks.

\*\*Amendment would make a technical language change.

9-1-1 emergency phone service HF839\*/SF783 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--repassed as amended\*\* by the Senate (108-13).

Would include in minimum 9-1-1 service automatic location identification; would define "automatic location identification" as the ability to identify and display the name of the subscriber and address of the calling telephone number.

\*\*Amendment would delete a proposed four cents per month fee increase on each customer access line the public safety answering point serves to cover service costs.

#### CONSENT CALENDAR

Monday, April 27

Wild animal storage--probable cause for search HF513/SF365\* (Kelly, DFL- St. Paul)--passed (128-0).

Would require conservation enforcement officers to have probable cause before entering certain buildings to determine whether wild animals are possessed or stored in violation of game and fish laws.

**DWI--highway workers** 

HF515/SF324\* (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)-passed (125-0).

Would clarify that the prohibitions against driving while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances apply to persons who are engaged in work upon the highway. (Current law appears to apply to these people only while they're traveling to and from their highway work.

Boating while intoxicated--prosecution HF598/SF59\* (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)--passed (126-0).

Would provide that a prosecutor in the jurisdiction where a boating-while-intoxicated violation occurred is responsible for prosecuting both misdemeanor and gross misdemeanor violations of that law.

**Intermediate School District 916--bonding** HF978/SF698\* (Kostohryz, DFL-N. St. Paul)--passed (127-0).

Would authorize Intermediate School District No. 916 to issue building bonds for a secondary vocational and special education facility, if authorized by the district's voters and approved by the state board.

School district fund--transfers

HF1185\*/SF371 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)--passed (125-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would allow the state board to authorize fund transfers from any fund except the debt redemption fund.

Little Falls--liquor license

HF1495\*/SF990 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--passed (113-6). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would authorize the city of Little Falls to issue a temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor license.

Wednesday, April 29

Veterans service officers--certification HF418/SF161\* (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)--passed (132-0).

Would direct the commissioner of veterans affairs to establish a certification process for veteran service officers.

**Uniform Statutory Rule Against Perpetuities** HF1050/SF157\* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--passed as amended (130-0).

Would replace the common law rule against perpetuities and repeal the current statute on the subject.

\*\*Amendment would make a technical language change.

POWs, MIAs--Capitol plaque

HF1503/SF721\* (Jensen, DFL-Lakeville)--passed (133-0).

Would direct anyone other than the Department of Veterans Affairs to place a memorial plaque in the Court of Honor on the Capitol grounds recognizing Minnesota veterans from the Korean or Vietnam conflicts who are missing in action or prisoners of war.

Dept. of Public Safety--Emergency Management Div.

HF1544/SF1349\* (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)--passed (131-1).

Would change the name of the Division of Emergency Services in the Department of Public Safety to the Division of Emergency Management.

#### **RULE 1.10**

#### Wednesday, April 29

#### Taxes omnibus bill

HF529\*/SF445 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--passed as amended (74-59). (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Would make changes in laws governing personal income tax, corporate income tax, property tax refunds, property tax administration, mineral taxes, property tax assessment and review, tax exempt property, commercial-industrial tax credits and other property tax changes, budget and cash flow reserve, tax compliance, bond allocation, and miscellaneous taxes.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 14, Pg. 12-18, Taxes, April 21 & 22)

\*\*Amendment would require every county assessor and senior appraiser, including the Department of Revenue's regional representatives, to obtain senior accreditation from the State Board of Assessors by Jan. 1, 1989; would require the board to provide the necessary courses or training; would provide that failure to obtain senior accreditation shall be grounds for dismissal, disciplinary action, or corrective action.

#### SPECIAL ORDERS

#### Thursday, April 23

Used car sales--regulation

HF85\*/SF18 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--passed as amended\*\* (70-61). (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Would require used motor vehicle dealers to provide its buyers with a consumer arbitration program.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 3, Commerce, March 31)

- \*\*Amendment would:
- increase the minimum value of motor vehicles that the warranty would cover from \$1,500 to \$2,000;
- provide if the arbitrator finds a claim was filed frivolously or in bad faith, costs of arbitration, not to exceed \$200, could be assessed to the claimant.

#### Retail credit card interest rates

HF242\*/SF495 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)--passed as amended\*\* (70-62). (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Would reduce credit card interest rates to an amount closer to the Federal Reserve discount rate.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 3, Commerce, April 3)

\*\*Amendment would provide that rates could be adjusted upward no more than three times in a year.

Hearing aid repairs--itemized billing HF456/SF94\* (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)--passed (116-10).

Would require any person or company who agrees to repair a hearing aid to provide customers with an itemized repair bill and require the bill to have the person's or company's name, address, and phone number on it. Would require itemized billing for repairs that cost \$150 or more.

**Eveglasses--unregulated sales** 

HF466\*/SF1372 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls)--passed as amended\*\* (126-2). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would allow spectacles for reading or close work that contain simple lenses having a plus power of up to 3.25 to be sold in any establishment. Would require seller to prominently display a sign on the counter or rack or other display device where the spectacles ar offered for sale that reads: "If you have experienced a vision loss, the selection of these glasses should not take the place of an eve exam."

Membership camping regulation

HF487\*/SF710 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)--passed as amended\*\* (129-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would regulate membership camping practices.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 11, Pg. 4, Commerce, March 31)

- \*\*Amendment would:
- define "salesperson" to exclude individuals who refer persons for membership camping contracts, provided that the referring party:

--is a current member of the campground; or

- --doesn't directly or indirectly receive compensation of more than \$150 per referral;
  --doesn't make more than 15 referrals per year; and
  --has entered into a referral agreement with a membership
- camping operator that prohibits the discussion of terms or prices of camping memberships;
- prohibit subcontracting referral services and paying referral fees in certain circumstances.

Lemon law--changes

HF845/SF793\* (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--passed (114-13).

Would make changes to the Minnesota auto warranty law.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 10, Pg. 2, Commerce, March 24)

Consumer education

HF945\*/SF914 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)--passed as amended\*\* (120-9). (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Would require a school board to consider integrating consumer and economic literacy into the K-12 curriculum while formulating PER (planning, evaluating, and reporting) policy, at least every three years.

\*\*Amendment would make technical changes.

Health, dating, buying clubs--registation HF949\*/SF772 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)-passed (129-2). (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Would require all health, dating, buying, and social clubs (except for private clubs and nonprofit organizations) doing business in Minnesota to register annually with the attorney general.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 3, Commerce, April 7)

#### Monday, April 27

Boiler operating regulations HF1155/SF1015\* (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--passed as amended\*\* (126-0).

Would change procedures for boiler operation and boiler inspection.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 37, Labor-Management Relations, April 6)

\*\*Amendment would add special inspection provisions for show and hobby boilers.

Provisional license--homemakers HF142\*/SF29 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)--passed (121-1).

Would authorize the commissioner of public safety to issue a limited driving license to homemakers with suspended or revoked licenses.

Farmer-Lender Mediation Act--changes HF210/SF89\* (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--passed (129-0).

Would make various changes to the farmer-lender mediation program that the University of Minnesota Agriculture Extension Service administers.

(See bill summary HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 2, Agriculture, April 14)

Financial institutions--regulation changes HF291\*/SF691 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)--passed as amended\*\* (105-19). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide language, technical, and regulation changes to various statutes regulating the incorporation and operation of financial institutions.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- reinstate stricken language allowing only reciprocating states to aquire banks within Minnesota;
- delete section addressing default procedures when security agreement covers real and personal property;

- require at least 30-days prior notice to deposit account holders if the new account is subject to different terms and obtain written consent:
- allow banks to close an account without prior notice or consent (send notice day of account closing) if it is believed to be used in connection with check-related fraud or other crime.

#### Absentee ballots

HF376/SF248\* (Price, DFL-Woodbury)--passed as amended\*\* (129-0).

Would ensure the availability of absentee ballots for statewide elections.

(See bill summary HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 15, Financial Institutions & Insurance, April 9)

\*\*Amendments would substitute HF376 language.

Equipment parts regulation HF454/SF341\* (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--passed (122-1).

Would amend Fair Claims Settlement Act as it relates to replacement parts used in automobile repairs.

(See bill summary HWR, Vol. 3, No. 9, Pg. 12,13, Financial Institutions & Insurance, March 11)

Medical coverage--increase

HF464\*/SF579 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)--passed (126-0). (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Would raise the maximum lifetime benefit coverage for services and Number Three Plans to \$500,000 from \$250,000.

Lake improvement districts-meeting notice HF521\* (Jennings, DFL-Rush City)--passed (125-1).

Would require lake improvement districts to provide a two-week published advance notice of their annual meeting to the county board or joint county authority, town boards, statutory or home rule charter cities, and all property owners within the assessment area, for any project the district proposed having a cost to the assessment area in excess of \$5,000. (Current law requires only a written notice to be mailed at least 10 days in advance of the meeting to the pollution control agency and commissioner of natural resources.)

Metropolitan Airports Commission--chair HF654\*/SF923 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)--passed (120-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would change the composition of the Metropolitan Airports Commission.

Superintendents--selection HF853\*/SF759 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)--passed (105-22). (SF on Senate Floor) Would allow districts entering into a pairing or sharing agreement to hire a superintendent; clarify that no person has seniority or current employment in one of the contracting districts. Would allow a superintendent in any of the contracting districts who is not selected to perform the services of superintendent to be placed on unrequested leave of absence or be reassigned to another available position in the district during the year to facilitate this cooperation.

Aeration operations--liability

HF909\*/SF801 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)--passed (113-10). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would provide an exclusion from government tort liability for authorized aeration operations, and would change the notice posting and publication requirements for aeration operations.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 12, 31 Environment & Natural Resources, April 2)

Sentencing Guidelines Commission--membership

HF969\* (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (124-0).

Would add a crime victim to the membership of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission; would strike the reference in statutes to the chair of the Board of Supervised Release (parole board), a position that no longer exists; and would make terms of the Sentencing Guidelines Commission members consistent with those of the governor.

#### Firearms--convicted felons

HF990\*/SF1321 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--passed (128-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would provide that persons courts convict of a crime of violence may not ship, transport, possess, or receive a firearm for 10 years following the date on which the person was restored to civil rights, pardoned, or the person's conviction was set aside; would update reference to "crimes of violence."

Boating while intoxicated laws--enforcement HF1015\*/SF992 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--passed (125-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary)

Would provide procedures to enforce sanctions that exist under current law against persons who refuse to submit to testing to determine if they are operation a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

Adoption--notifications

HF1041\*/SF1478 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)--passed as amended\*\* (130-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would require certain notifications to parents placing a child for adoption and to proposed adoptive parents; that parental rights to a child may be terminated only by an adoption decree or by a court order terminating parental rights.

\*\*Amendment would make a technical change.

Retirement--miscellaneous benefit provisions HF1103\*/SF1049 (Kostohryz, DFL-N. St. Paul)--passed (124-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Would provide for benefit portability for disability benefits, survivor annuities, and survivor benefits, and would establish a combined service disability benefit and a combined service survivor benefit.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 23, Governmental Operations, April 9)

**Humane Society--abolishment** 

HF1113\*/SF1452 (Kludt, DFL-Moorhead)--passed as amended\*\* (123-5). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would abolish the Minnesota Humane Society as a sate agency and create a state federation of county and district societies for the prevention of cruelty to animals.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- require agents to have training and experience in activities relating to prevention of cruelty to animals or enforcement of law relating to cruelty to animals.

School districts--self insurance HF1230\*/SF1426 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)--passed (125-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would clarify the authority of school districts to selfinsure for property and casualty coverage within the definition of a political subdivision, effective the day following final enactment.

State property--lease extension

HF1263\*/SF1143 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)--passed (127-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would extend from two to five years the length of time that the commissioner of administration may rent out state property with state executive council approval.

Lake County--liquor license

HF1281\*/SF873 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--passed as amended\*\* (130-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would allow Lake County to issue seasonal, nine-month on-sale liquor licenses.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- allow St. Louis County to set compensation levels of some boards and commission members up to \$50 daily and \$1,500 per year (currently \$20 and \$600);
- make the changes effective the day after compliance with certain statutes, strike approval of St. Louis County Board.

Peace officers--licensure, authority HF1312\*/SF1199 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (71-55). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Would eliminate the Bureau of Criminal Apprehension's (BCA) duty to supply a training schedule to the Peace Officer Standards and Training (POST) Board; and would authorize the BCA to charge a fee for certain courses.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 33, Judiciary, April 8)

Lake County/Two Harbors--land sale HF1412\*/SF1276 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--passed (102-16). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would authorize a private sale of certain tax-forfeited land in Lake County to the city of Two Harbors; require commissioner of natural recources to offer lakeshore cabin site lots for sale not later than Oct. 31, 1987, or at the next sale following that date.

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Retirement--lower vesting standards HF463\*/SF1063 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--passed as amended\*\* (132-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would decrease from ten to five, the number of years an employee must work to become vested in the public employees retirement association.

- \*\*Amendment would:
- decrease from ten to five, the number of years an employee must work to become vested in the Minneapolis police pension fund;
- authorize certain amendments to the Minneapolis teachers retirement fund association articles of incorporation (see bill summary for HF614/SF740 in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 22, Governmental Operations, April 9)

Sex abuse offenders--stayed sentences HF674\*/SF947 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)--passed (130-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide circumstances in which the court may stay execution of sentence for a person convicted for a second or subsequent criminal sexual conduct offense.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 18, Crime & Family Law Div./Judic., April 14)

Hospital expansion moratorium HF668\* (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)--passed (129-0).

Would extend the hospital moratorium for an additional three years, which would cover increased bed capacity or redistribution of bed capacity through relocation within the state and establishment of a new hospital.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 13, Health & Human Services, April 9)

Community service block grant funds HF856\*/SF921 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--passed as amended\*\* (132-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would require the commissioner of Jobs and Training to allocate discretionary community services block grant (CSBG) funds and discretionary funds transferred from other block grants to the CSBG only to community action agencies, Indian reservation governments, and the Minnesota migrant council according to formula used for allocation of CSBG money.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 14, Health & Human Services, April 9)

\*\*Amendment would list specific agencies eligible to receive CSBG money.

Hazardous waste facilities--guarantor HF872\*/SF1346 (Long, DFL-Mpls)--passed (130-1). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would provide for financial responsibility when a hazardous waste facility owner or operator goes bankrupt.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 12, Pg. 13, Environment & Natural Resources, April 9)

Juveniles--adult prosecution HF1111\* (Otis, DFL-Mpls)--amended\*\*; laid over.

Would provide that if a juvenile 16 years old or older is alleged to have committed an aggravated felony against a person to further an organized gang's criminal activity, it is prima facie (presumed) that the juvenile would be referred to adult court for prosecution; would define "organized gang" as a group of five or more members having an established hierarchy, and formed to either encourage gang members to commit crimes or provide support to gang members who do.

\*\*Amendment would provide that if a person in the custody of a juvenile institution for an alleged delinquent act escapes from custody while 18 years of age, the person's sentence for the escape shall begin on the person's 19th birthday or on the day the institution discharges the person, whichever occurs first; would provide if the court convicts a person after reaching age 19 and after the institution 's discarge, the person's sentence shall begin when the court imposes sentence.

Precinct caucus--date change HF1327\*/SF1243 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--passed (113-11). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would change precinct caucus date from the third Tuesday in March to the fourth Tuesday in February.

Water diversion plans--restrictions HF1507\*/SF1092 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)--passed (129-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Would prohibit the commissioner of natural resources from issuing certain permits or approving certain plans for diversion of water from certain water basins before consulting with state and Canadian officials.

(See bill summary in HWR, Vol. 3, No. 13, Pg. 9, Environment & Natural Resources, April 9)

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