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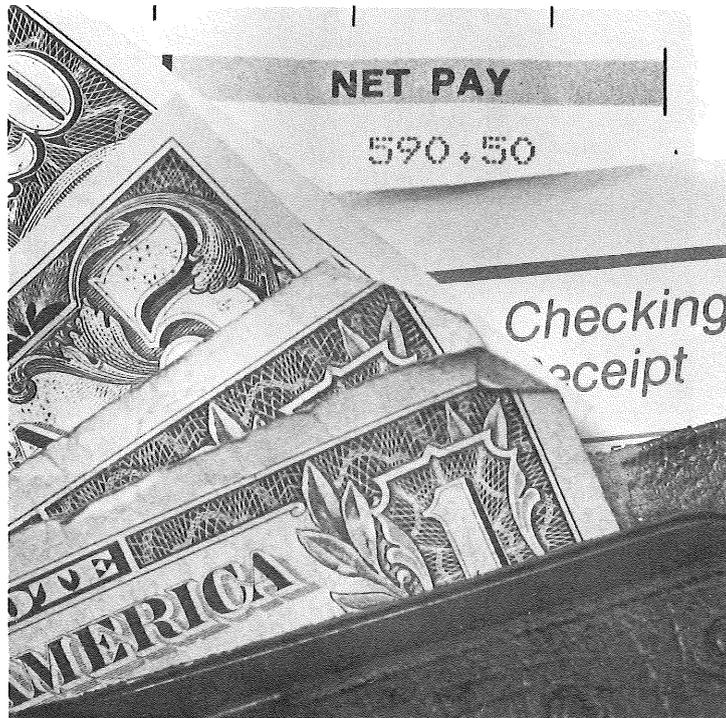
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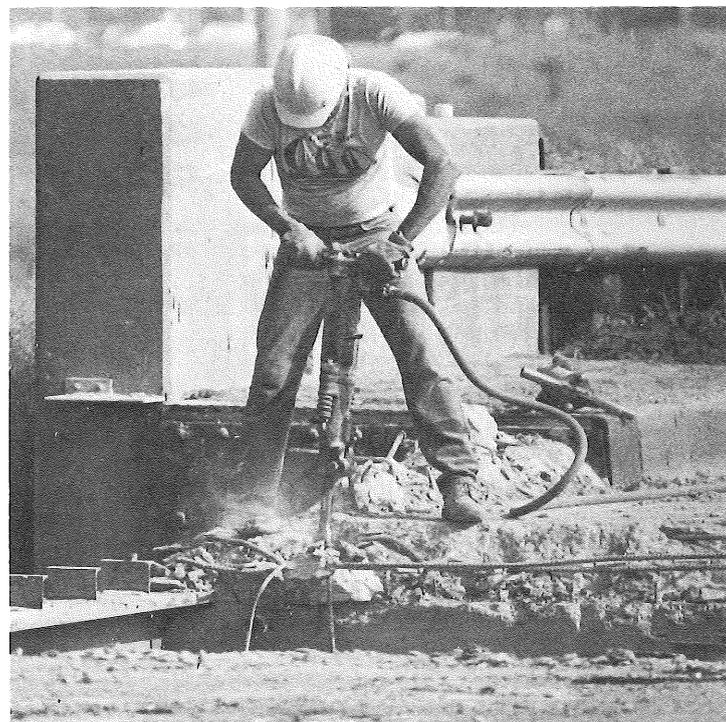


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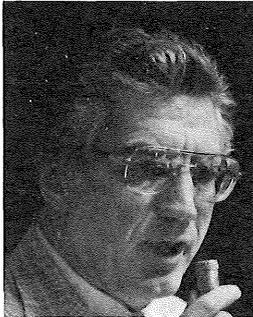
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## Session Review

The 1984 Session Review focuses on three of the major issues of the short legislative session — taxes, spending and economic development. This edition of Session Review also contains highlights of some of the other major new laws, plus a complete listing of all the bills signed into law this year.

A new video tape about the Minnesota

State Senate, entitled "Get Involved," is now available through the Senate Public Information Office. Interested parties may contact Mark M. Nelson at (612) 296-0264 to arrange for access to the 10 minute tape.

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### On the cover:

Improved state revenue forecasts encouraged lawmakers to enact laws to enhance Minnesota's economic recovery. The repeal of the income tax surcharge will increase Minnesotans' net pay and put more dollars in the state's economy. Increased agriculture land credits will help the farm economy. More state dollars also enabled lawmakers to set aside funds to maintain Minnesota's infrastructure — state roads, bridges and rail lines. Photos by Mark M. Nelson.

Senate and House conferees receive updated information from state officials during tax negotiations.



Photo by Mark M. Nelson

# Budget surplus leads to tax cuts

by Steve Senyk

Finance Commissioner Gordon Donhowe had good news for legislators and state taxpayers last April when he announced that the state surplus had grown and would reach about \$900 million by the end of the biennium. The announcement helped put an end to the controversy over when the income tax surcharge should be repealed and encouraged lawmakers to structure a bill that provides \$365.9 million in tax relief by July 1, 1985, to income taxpayers, homeowners, business operators and farmers.

For the past three years, lawmakers have been forced to battle budget shortfalls. They responded by making several changes, including placing a seven percent surtax on individual income taxes and adding an additional three percent surtax a year later. With

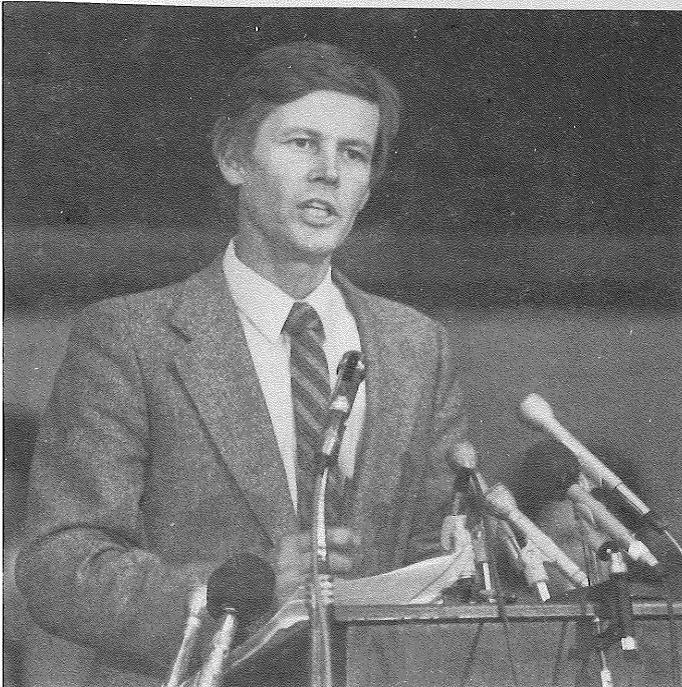
an upswing in the state's economy generating additional revenue, the state's budget returned to the black. Thus, the big question at the start of the session was when the ten percent income tax surtax should be repealed.

The surtax was to expire Jan. 1, 1986. At the start of the session, the Independent Republican caucus advocated repealing it retroactive to January 1, 1984, and the DFL caucus pushed for a July 1, 1984, effective date. The Senate DFL caucus agreed to the retroactive date after determining that the surplus was large enough to provide tax relief and add to the reserve fund. However, with the improved revenue forecast, the IR caucus advocated providing additional tax relief instead of adding to the reserve fund.

Minority Leader Sen. James Ulland said that the tax package can "best be

characterized as an opportunity missed. The available surplus resources were \$900 million dollars — \$250 million of which were the rainy day fund. This left \$650 million for potential tax relief. The IR Senators proposed that this entire amount be devoted to tax relief. The DFL's final position was to devote \$357 million to tax relief and to either spend or increase the rainy day fund with the remainder. It is clear to me that the public expected more than such a timid step."

Sen. Douglas Johnson, chairman of the Taxes and Tax Laws Committee, defended maintaining the reserve. "The people of Minnesota were greatly hurt by the state not having a stable fiscal system in 1980, '81 and '82. This reserve is greatly needed to prevent deficits and is important to prevent fiscal chaos. It is good sound management policy. The budget



Sen. James Ulland



Sen. Douglas Johnson

reserve helps maintain a stable state government, and it is important for the business community that our tax policies don't change and that we don't have sudden surprises," he said.

Despite their disagreement over maintaining a reserve fund, both IR and DFL Senate caucuses joined together to pass a bill that provides across-the-board relief.

## Income tax

The ten percent income tax surtax repeal is retroactive to January 1, 1984. Taxpayers will receive their retroactive reimbursement through decreased withholdings in 1984. In addition, the allowable state deduction for parents with children in private schools will increase beginning in 1985 from \$500 to \$650 for parents of children in grades kindergarten through sixth grade and from \$700 to \$1,000 for parents with children in grades 7-12.

The tax package also establishes an amnesty program, which allows taxpayers who have been delinquent in paying their taxes to pay their balance due with reduced penalties between Aug. 1, 1984 and Nov. 1, 1984. The taxes and interest owed will be cut by 20 percent.

## Property tax

During the past few years, local units

of government have raised property taxes in order to raise enough revenue to pay for fire and police protection, parks and recreation, public works and city streets, the operation of airports, hospitals, ambulance services, and utilities. The legislature set aside \$12 million to help farmers and homeowners meet large property tax increases. Any farmer or homeowner with property tax increases exceeding 20 percent for tax year 1984 will not have to pay the amount over 20 percent. The state will pay 100 percent of those costs. For taxes payable in 1985, the state will cover 50 percent of the property taxes that have increased over 12.5 percent, with the state contribution limited to \$400 per homestead.

## Agricultural land credit

Lawmakers appropriated \$27.9 million over the next two years to increase the amount of agricultural land credit available for farmers. The credit was increased from 29 percent to 33 percent on the first 320 acres of agricultural land. The credit on the second 320 acres was increased from 13 percent to 15 percent. The non-homestead agricultural land credit on the first 320 acres was also raised from 13 percent to 15 percent. In addition, the amount of agricultural land credit that could be given to a farmer was raised from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

Independent Republican Senator John Bernhagen said that he was pleased with the direction the bill took to aid the farmer, but added, "I hoped we could have had more relief, and that on the first 320 acres, especially, we could have raised the percentages more for next year." He said that the legislature must look at revamping the current school aids structure in order to adequately relieve the farmer's tax burden.

Majority Leader Roger Moe said, "I'm glad that we were able to increase the amount of credit. All of us wanted to do more, but were restrained due to the pressure of the need for other tax cuts. It (increased agricultural land credits) will get primary attention as we look at the 1985 session."

## Business operators

Lawmakers also provided tax relief to the business community. About \$1.3 million will be used to lower industrial and commercial property taxes. The assessment ratio on \$60,000 of market value is lowered from 34 percent to 28 percent. In addition to the property tax relief, new and expanding manufacturers purchasing capital equipment will only have to pay a four percent sales tax instead of the previous six percent, beginning May 1, 1984. That is expected to save businesses about \$28.6 million over the next two years.

The bill increased the amount of state aid to enterprise zones by \$3.6 million, and up to \$6.6 million can be allocated to any one border city within the zone. In addition, \$22 million in tax relief over a three year period is provided to the taconite industry, a \$2.4 million economic block grant will go to the Onan Corporation for expansion and re-tooling and another \$1 million will go to Cornbelt Meats of Albert Lea.

Despite the increased dollars provided for economic development, Ulland said, "The tax bill failed by not providing a competitive climate for jobs in Minnesota. Instead it focused on giving gifts and grants to a very limited number of specialized employers who were unable to compete in the Minnesota economic climate and had strong political muscle to obtain special treatment."

Johnson disagreed with Ulland's assessment. "Small business is the largest creator of jobs and they got significant tax relief. The two significant block grants will preserve and expand jobs," said Johnson.

Legislative leaders indicated that the 1985 legislative session could bring additional tax relief. Ulland said, "My concern for next year is that the spending increases substantially diminish revenue available for tax relief during the next legislative session. All budget categories will be competing for available tax dollars — in addition to the funds needed for tax relief. What should be done next year is what could have been done this year, which is to devote all surplus tax revenue to tax relief."

"The tax bill is very well balanced," said Johnson, "It provided major income tax relief, it targeted property tax relief to segments hard hit by increased property taxes — farmers, homeowners and small businessmen — and it provided significant job-creating tools. It provided well deserved tax relief to the people of Minnesota. With a stable budget, it should lead us to cut taxes further in 1985."

The debate on Minnesota's tax structure will continue through the 1985 legislative session. Just how much additional relief will be approved will depend on the state's budget condition. If the state has a surplus, Donhowe will once again have good news for lawmakers and taxpayers.

Gross Income	Taxable Income	Tax Before Surtax Repeal	Tax After Surtax Repeal	Amount Saved
<b>SINGLE TAXPAYER WITH NO CHILDREN</b>				
Standard 10 percent deduction				
\$ 5,000	\$ 4,383	\$ 111	\$ 101	\$ 10
10,000	8,283	491	446	45
15,000	12,034	944	858	86
Itemized 20 percent deduction				
\$20,000	\$13,878	\$1,197	\$1,088	\$109
25,000	17,000	1,637	1,488	149
30,000	20,052	2,102	1,911	191
35,000	22,964	2,551	2,319	232
40,000	25,775	2,983	2,712	271
50,000	31,106	3,841	3,492	349
75,000	43,361	5,920	5,382	538
100,000	54,504	7,881	7,165	716
<b>MARRIED COUPLE — 1 WAGE EARNER — 2 CHILDREN</b>				
Standard 10 percent deduction				
\$ 5,000	\$ 4,558	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
10,000	8,852	323	294	29
15,000	12,801	814	740	74
Itemized 20 percent deduction				
\$ 20,000	\$14,703	\$1,082	\$ 984	\$ 98
25,000	18,104	1,571	1,428	143
30,000	21,403	2,079	1,890	189
35,000	24,587	2,570	2,336	234
40,000	27,690	3,047	2,770	277
50,000	33,596	4,020	3,655	365
75,000	47,089	6,345	5,768	577
100,000	59,548	8,538	7,762	776
<b>MARRIED COUPLE — 2 WAGE EARNERS — 2 CHILDREN</b>				
Standard 10 percent deduction				
\$ 5,000	\$ 4,557	\$ 0	\$ 0	\$ 0
10,000	8,885	117	106	11
15,000	12,859	492	447	45
Itemized 20 percent deduction				
\$ 20,000	\$14,801	\$ 649	\$ 590	\$ 59
25,000	18,241	1,036	942	94
30,000	21,604	1,454	1,322	132
35,000	24,853	1,874	1,704	170
40,000	27,994	2,298	2,089	209
50,000	34,097	3,179	2,890	289
75,000	47,955	5,272	4,793	479
100,000	60,825	7,337	6,670	667

The chart above shows the effect of the surtax repeal on 1984 state income taxes. Figures provided by the Minnesota Department of Revenue.

## Tax Commission

Many of the proposed changes in Minnesota's tax structure that were offered this legislative session were put on hold while lawmakers await the recommendations of the Minnesota Tax Study Commission.

Last August, Governor Perpich appointed a 16-member commission to examine the state and local government's tax structures and to recommend necessary improvements.

Their proposals will include recommendations to remove inequities in the system, promote economic growth, stabilize revenue, and put Minnesota in an economically competitive position while, at the same time, meeting the needs of the citizens.

The commission, headed by St. Paul Mayor George Latimer, will make a full report to the governor and the legislature by Dec. 15, 1984. Their report will serve as the framework for possible future changes in the state's tax system.



# Finance Committee shapes state spending

by Maggie Gardner

In his budget address last January, Governor Rudy Perpich outlined for lawmakers his legislative goals for the 1984 session: cut taxes, keep a tight rein on spending, and aggressively pursue continued economic growth in Minnesota.

It is the job of the Senate Finance Committee to balance demands on the state's financial resources with available revenue. Two of the most important measures passed this session were the result of hours of extensive meetings of the Finance Committee, and later, a conference committee comprised of several Senate Finance Committee members and their counterparts from the House. H.F. 2317, the Supplemental Appropriations bill (money appropriated in addition to that spent in the 1983 session) contained \$196 million in additional funding for state departments, agencies and programs. H.F. 2314, the capital improvement/bonding bill, appropriates \$189 million for

renovation of state-owned property and new construction, which includes \$155 million in new bonding authority. Of the two, the supplemental appropriations measure proved the most controversial and was subject to negotiation up until the final hours of the session.

Senator Gerald Willet is the chairman of the Senate Finance Committee and the Senate spokesman for both the supplemental appropriations and the bonding measures. He feels that the 1984 legislative session, though brief and hectic, was very successful, and that the primary objectives set out by the governor were achieved. "I'm pleased overall with the session," Willet said. He said that the spending this session has been "pretty conservative," but that "because of the priority setting, the results were extremely positive. I think the amount of spending that we did was the spending that was necessary to keep Minnesota moving forward — and to provide more job opportunities."



Photo by Mark M. Nelson

Willet also stressed the importance of the bonding bill. "During the downturn in the economy, there was an awful lot of maintenance work on the public buildings that was put off for two years, and we really got behind on roof repair and window replacement and things like that. There was a significant amount of dollars made available to bring the public buildings back to life-safety standards and maintenance standards." Willet said the bonding made available for the state's post-secondary institutions "won't only provide immediate employment during the building project times — but will provide better educational opportunities for the students when the jobs are completed."

Senator Howard Knutson, a ranking Republican member of the committee, takes a different view of this past session's accomplishments. He thinks the legislature overspent and didn't go far enough in providing tax relief. "I think we spent too much to make the best use of the resources we had available. We won't get any real economic

recovery (that's generated in Minnesota) until we start to spend less money."

While Knutson thinks that the current economic health of the state can be somewhat attributed to "the governor's efforts to generate excitement and enthusiasm," he also feels that "any recovery we've had in Minnesota has been largely due to the national recovery."

The major spending bills are the product of the work done by the four finance subcommittees and may be divided into four major subject areas.

One of the largest single items in the supplemental appropriations package is the \$84.8 million set aside for the Department of Transportation. Of that amount, \$49.8 million is for the expanded highway program, and \$12.6 million is for light rail transit planning. Another \$23 million is allotted to transportation in the bonding bill. Senator Keith Langseth, chairman of the Finance Subcommittee on

Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-States, said the new bonding authority for rehabilitation of railroad lines that have fallen into disrepair, \$12 million, is "very important" and will be of great economic benefit, especially in Northwestern Minnesota. He pointed out that businesses in rural areas are often dependent on rail transportation. "To give you an example," he said, "one Burlington Northern line between Thief River Falls and Warroad is going to cost \$9 million to repair. The Marvin Window Company is doubling their employment up there from about 1,500 to 3,000. That's a tremendous boost for that area." The company is located at the end of that line, he said, but that the line may be abandoned if it can't be repaired.

The state emergency jobs program (MEED) received another \$30 million, in addition to the \$70 million appropriated when the program began last year. The program provides funds through December 31, 1985, to subsidize jobs for those persons who are out of work and who have exhausted their unemployment

benefits. A lot of the jobs lost during the recession won't return, Willet said. By extending the jobs program, "we are able to fund job opportunities with — 60 percent of those jobs being in the private sector."

Senator Don Samuelson, Chairman of the Subcommittee on Health and Human Services, said that the MEED program has worked very well. "It has done the job it was intended to do — to provide emergency employment." He said that the additional \$30 million is an adequate amount considering that the legislature had to maintain a balanced budget and hold down spending. "We felt this was the best we could do," he said.

The legislature this session also approved substantial funding for higher education. The capital improvement and bonding bill provides construction and renovation funding in the amount of \$10 million to the vo-tech schools, \$19 million to state universities, \$25 million to community colleges, and \$58 million to the University of Minnesota. Building projects scheduled include a new laboratory building at Mankato State University, \$5.4 million; and renovation of the Gray Campus Laboratory School at St. Cloud State University, \$3.5 million. Projects slated for the University of Minnesota Minneapolis campus include construction of a new electrical engineering and computer sciences building, \$2.7 million (for planning a structure not to exceed \$40 million in cost); and remodeling of

Appleby Hall, \$2.7 million; and Smith Hall, \$21 million.

The U of M was also allocated \$1.9 million to help fund the Supercomputer Institute. Much of the money earmarked for higher education was expended by the legislature with an eye toward further developing those educational programs that will also stimulate economic growth, particularly in the high-tech industries.

Senator Gene Waldorf chairs the Finance Subcommittee on Education. Waldorf said that "our efforts as far as economic stimulus started last session when we recognized the need to emphasize technology areas. We had let that area slide" and prior to that, spending in technology programs "had actually decreased at the University of Minnesota over a long period of time." Waldorf feels that the new emphasis on funding for high technology training and research in our colleges and universities will benefit the state's economy. He pointed out that state industries, particularly the technological industries, are dependent on higher education institutions for research and well-trained students who will later be employed by those industries. This is especially true of a major research institution like the University of Minnesota. Waldorf, who is himself an engineer at 3M, thinks cooperation between business and higher education can be nurtured without compromising the integrity of the education process. "It promotes effective research — it promotes a

better direction to the universities and also improves the quality of education," Waldorf said.

Knutson thinks the legislature may have allowed too much to higher education in building and bonding, and said "that's one area we'll need to take a very hard look at" when the legislature convenes early next year.

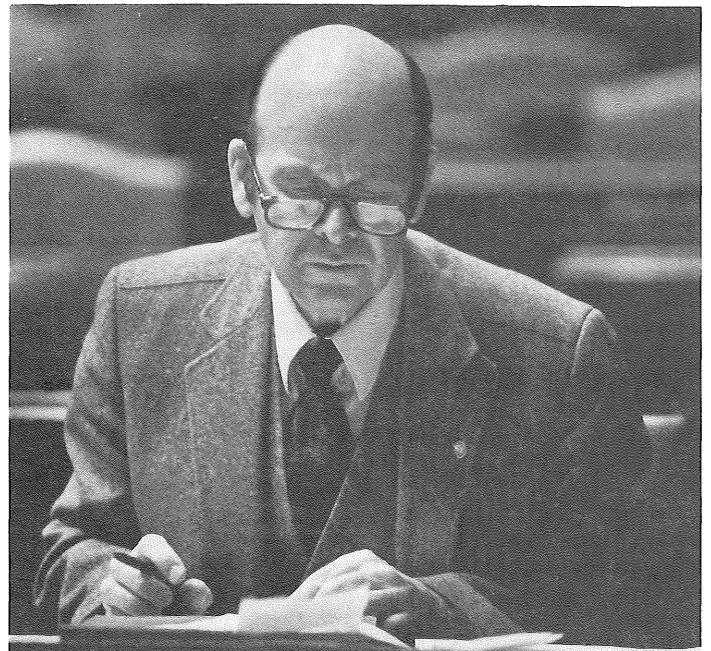
Other projects that received funding were a music library, at \$1.2 million, and a music performance laboratory, at \$1.6 million, for the new music building on the U of M Minneapolis campus, and \$4.4 million was set aside for sports and physical education facilities on the U of M Duluth campus. Funding was also provided for renovation and construction on the St. Paul campus, including the animal science facilities.

Also, \$5 million was appropriated to the Higher Education Coordinating Board to make up for a shortfall in available funds for student grants and loans.

Advancing the governor's economic development program was the most significant accomplishment this session, said Senator Carl Kroening, chairman of the Finance Subcommittee on State Departments. Over \$17 million was appropriated to further enhance economic growth endeavors in the state. Major features in the economic development package include \$6 million for an Economic Recovery Fund which will provide grants to local units of government to use in



**Sen. Gerald Willet**



**Sen. Earl Renneke**

developing economic activity through loans to businesses in their areas. Legislators also approved \$6 million for a "high technology corridor" designed to encourage expansion of small high-tech business in the metropolitan area (The U of M's Supercomputer Institute will be located in this corridor.) Kroening thinks development of the corridor will bring new employment opportunities. "Three million jobs have been lost nationally in the last five years, and two percent of that figure represents 60,000 jobs for Minnesota. The only way these jobs can be replaced is through the growth of small and medium-sized businesses." Willet said that "our studies indicate that 80 to 85 percent of new jobs in Minnesota come from small business."

Knutson agrees that we need to encourage small business development, but thinks that "the best spending for economic development is done by the private sector. To really give Minnesota a shot in the arm we could have given more money back to the taxpayer." He said that more needs to be done for small businesses in the area of tax relief. "As an employer myself, when you come to pay the taxes you have to pay, it's tough."

Sen. Earl Renneke, also a ranking Republican member of the committee, agreed. "Any dollars that go for job creation will help economic development but there are other factors — such as unemployment compensation, workers' compensation and business taxes — that need to be addressed," he said.

Legislators also appropriated \$60,000 to create a Manufacturing Growth Council for the purpose of spurring new development in the state's manufacturing businesses. And \$575,000 was earmarked to establish the World Trade Center Board. The board will work to support the efforts of the World Trade Center (to be located in downtown St. Paul) to promote Minnesota's search for expanded international trade markets. Money was also expended to encourage development of alternative energy sources and energy conservation. Efforts include the creation of community energy councils and enhanced enforcement of rental property conservation standards. Also, an additional \$1 million was provided for the low-income residential weatherization program. Also, \$400,000 is appropriated to begin planning the design for a new state History Center. An additional \$400,000 was appropriated for planning the judicial building, which will be located in the facility now occupied by the Minnesota Historical Society.

Speaking of the spending measures passed by lawmakers this session, Knutson said, "We spent a lot of money on education, high tech; and while I think that's good, I think there still has to be some balance in expenditures. We need to focus on more tax relief, and the only way to get more tax relief is to spend less. That's hard to do; it takes a lot of discipline . . . we need to get to the point where we discipline ourselves a great deal more."

Willet said the legislature "has been taking a critical look at spending — counting the dollars." Because of the recession, he said, "we were forced to take some hard looks at spending priorities." Willet also said that when the Tax Study Commission makes its recommendations for changes in state tax policy, the Finance Committee "will study that very closely, as any changes that the legislature adopts . . . will impact on the dollars that will be available for expenditure in the 85-86 biennium."

Renneke advocates formulating a comprehensive plan for state spending. "We should be able to look at statewide policy priorities before funding individual projects. It's up to the Finance Committee to focus on the broader implications of spending policies."

Willet thinks that actions taken by the legislature this session will have long-term benefits for the state. "I think the pattern that we set on stabilizing government, having the revenue balance at 3.7 percent of the budget, is a very positive step forward that will have long-term positive effects on the management and stability of state government. And of course, when the state government is stable, the business climate is more stable. Minnesotans are used to having a stable environment, and I believe the actions taken by the legislature will ensure that Minnesotans from now on will have that stable environment," said Willet.

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Sen. Don Samuelson



Sen. Howard Knutson

# Economic development: an issue for the 80's



**Sen. Sam Solon**

**by Steve Glischinski**

During the 1984 session, one of the most hotly debated topics in the Senate was the state of the business climate in Minnesota. The debate was generated in part by the announcement that 3M was moving one of its divisions to Austin, Texas, and Burlington Northern's continuing transfer of employees from its St. Paul headquarters to locations in other states. Critics charged that Minnesota's tax rates were too high and that the legislature was anti-business. Others, more optimistic about the business climate in the state,

argued that the legislature was moving ahead in the area of tax relief and economic development in order to help Minnesota business get back on track after suffering a devastating recession. Norbert Berg, Deputy Chairman of Minnesota-based Control Data Corporation, said in a Minneapolis Star and Tribune article that critics "should spend their time to make Minnesota an attractive place to do business." Improving the business climate and making Minnesota a more attractive place to do business is the job of the newly organized Department of Energy and Economic Development, led by Commissioner Mark Dayton.

During the 1983 session, legislators mandated sweeping changes to promote economic development. The new department was given the authority to provide loans and other financial assistance to spur development and promote energy conservation. (Since the reorganization last year, the department has issued loans to 30 businesses throughout the state.) The legislature created within the department a division, which is empowered to give assistance to farmers and small businesses in border areas, enterprise zones, and areas that have been hard hit by the recession. Energy efficiency and tourism promotion are two other new areas under the department's jurisdiction.

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## **Solon:**

"The changes in the market place . . . indicate future economic development."

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The 1984 legislature expanded the loan program, providing an additional \$10 million in bonding authority for a special assistance program to help businesses that have needs above the present \$1 million loan ceiling. Lawmakers also authorized the department to make loans to businesses for energy conservation projects or alternative energy projects.

While the department aggressively pursues its plans for economic development, debate continues on the merits of state involvement in economic development. Critics argue that development should be left up to private enterprise, and that the state should not be involved. In fact, some new financing programs are presently tied up in court because of a constitutional challenge over the use of public funds for energy and economic development purposes.

Much of the debate among senators on economic policy takes place at the meetings of the 15-member Senate

Economic Development and Commerce Committee, chaired by Sen. Sam Solon. Solon, who has served in state government since 1970, is optimistic about the future of economic development in the state. "The election of Governor Perpich, the appointment of Mark Dayton and legislative action have marked a turnaround for the state. Things are really moving again," he said.

Reacting to criticism that the business climate in the state is poor, Solon said, "There are negative factors; however, we have an outstanding labor force. I think repealing the surtax on income tax certainly was a step in the right direction, and doing it retroactively to January 1 was a good move because Minnesota is a high tax state. Indexing has helped a lot, but maybe we could do more in the area of income tax."

Solon said that lawmakers should reduce the corporate income tax rate and address the unemployment insurance fund deficit. "We should reduce the corporate income tax so that we are not number one. Also, once we address the unemployment compensation issue — getting that debt down — we will be in good shape."

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## **Benson:**

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Legislative action has helped Minnesota's economic development, said Solon. "The enterprise zone legislation for border cities like Duluth, the Minnesota Emergency Employment Development Program (MEED), the tax reductions, and some of the other things we've done this session and last session make us a very viable, competitive state in the marketplace," Solon said. "We may not be able to compete with a state like South Dakota, but you don't see people breaking the doors down to get to South Dakota, either. The quality of life in Minnesota is something we can brag about," he added.

The use of state money to promote economic development has been a thorny issue for the department, but Solon feels it is a necessary tool. Solon said, "We're competing not only with forty-nine other states, but with countries that are giving all sorts of incentives — the Japanese, the Germans and other countries." Other nations are giving their companies subsidies and write-offs, so we may have to explore alternative incentives, he said.

Another member of the Economic Development Committee, Sen. Duane Benson, thinks economic development in Minnesota may be headed in the wrong direction. "My concern is that we are tampering with the free market system in the sense that we are giving the commissioner of economic development the right to say or to direct which specific business is one that the state should have — so we give them certain breaks. We don't do it with a broad brush and say to all businesses, 'this is what we are going to do for you,'" he said.

Benson and others have been critical of the direct subsidies the legislature granted this session to the Onan Corporation and to Cornbelt Meats in Albert Lea. Benson argues that businesses that receive state money need the extra funding because of their own failures. "Many of those businesses have failed because they have taken profits out of the businesses rather than reinvesting and upgrading their capital goods. In effect, businesses that are doing a good job are being penalized, because we are saying to them, 'you're not going to get this benefit (state loans or support), but others will,'" said Benson.

When it comes to the debate over Minnesota's business climate, Benson cites examples to support his arguments. "You can set up a business in Wisconsin and pay half the workers' compensation. Your corporate tax is lower, your unemployment compensation is lower and your property tax on commercial property is lower."

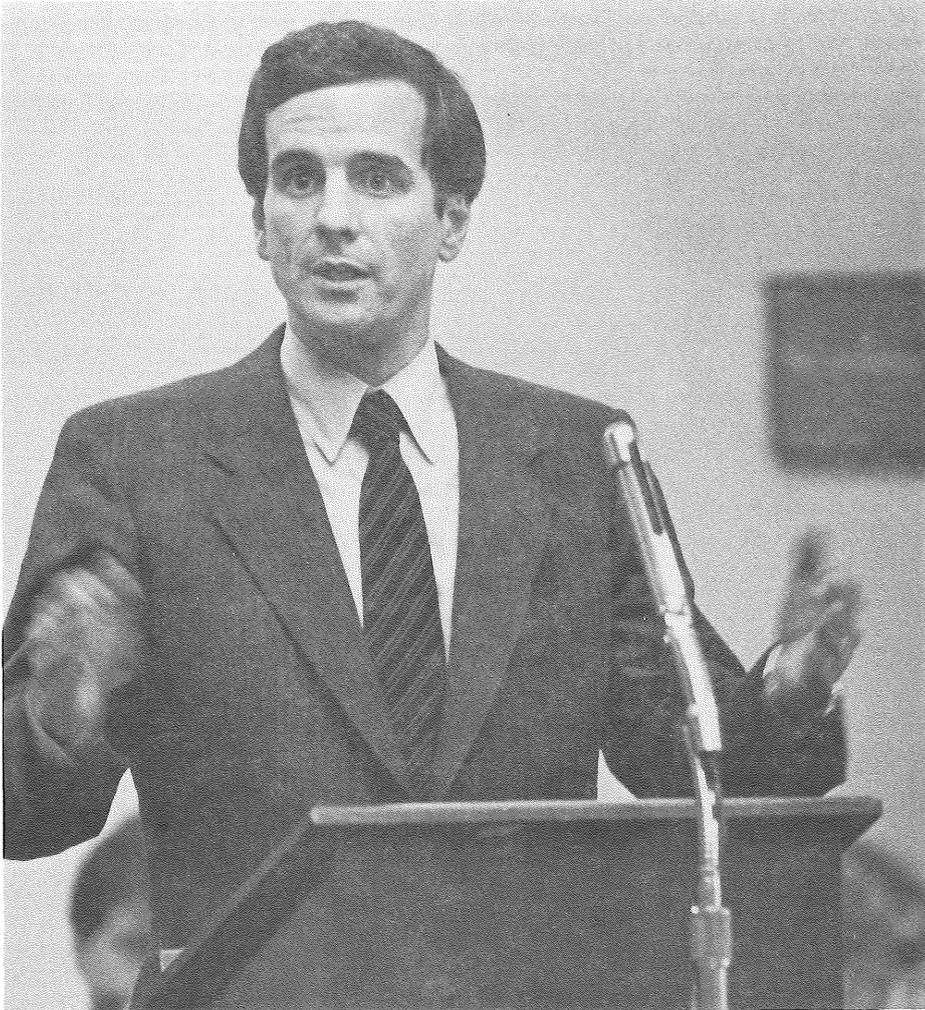
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**Sen. Duane Benson**

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### Commissioner Mark Dayton

maybe we shouldn't always be trying to attract so many new businesses, but to retain the ones we have. We have reacted to that situation rather than letting the free market system work."

Benson outlined his ideas to promote economic development: "We should reduce our corporate tax, which is highest in the nation. We should make some more meaningful reform in our workers' compensation and unemployment compensation and personal income tax."

One of the moves the reorganized department has been making is an effort to attract new businesses to the state by offering them incentives to locate here. Benson feels this may be the wrong approach. He said, "We

can't compete with other states the way the situation is right now, so we funnel money via direct appropriations and bonding, and we do not try to alleviate the disparity we have with other states. That isn't going to work."

Benson and Solon agree that a cautious approach is necessary when trying to attract business to the state. Solon said, "If you have a plant that will be in direct competition with one already here, then I think the state legislature must look at the problem and make the decision. But if we are thinking of bringing a plant to the state we have been fighting to locate here, such as an automobile plant that may create five or ten thousand jobs, why not? That wouldn't hurt anyone and

would create jobs. You have to be very careful, it's a very touchy issue, but if we are competing against five other states and if we need that extra inch, then we have to do it."

Dayton recommended to the legislature several changes in funding economic development programs that provide financial assistance tools to promote business growth, but legislators were cautious about putting more money into the department. "We only had a six week session this year so we really didn't have time to look at the whole situation," Solon said. "Legislators in future sessions are certain to hear requests for increased funding from the department," he added.

### The future

Legislators will face difficult decisions in coming years regarding economic development. Many of those decisions will depend on the state of the national economy. Many economists are predicting an economic downturn in 1985, which could have an effect on funding. Future funding also depends on the effect of programs already in operation. If these programs prove effective, funding levels may increase. If the economy continues on its present course, more tax relief may be in the offing. The courts could also have an effect on the efforts of the department to promote development. If the Minnesota Supreme Court hands down an unfavorable ruling on the use of public funds for economic development, it could have a dramatic effect on the department's programs.

Solon indicated that the members of the Economic Development and Commerce Committee are eager to continue their work in shaping public policy to insure a favorable business climate in Minnesota. He said that he remains optimistic about development. "I think we are going in the right direction. The changes in the marketplace today — creative ideas, entrepreneurship, spinoffs from computer industries — all indicate future economic development," he said.

# Bill Highlights

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**Chapter 654 provides funds for making necessary repairs to the state's roads and bridges.**

The shortest legislative session in history came to an end at 11:00 p.m. Tuesday, April 24. Members of the Senate and the House of Representatives crammed the usual quantity of work into a record seven weeks. The result was a wide-ranging selection of legislation. The most publicized piece of legislation was the tax bill, which contained the repeal of the ten percent income tax surtax. Other significant legislation ranged from establishing a holiday in honor of the late Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to making major changes in the Waste Management Act of 1980.

Because of the strict time restraints, legislators failed to reach agreement on several highly controversial issues. Minnesotans will not be voting on the issue of allowing a state-wide lottery,

nor was the problem of the unemployment compensation fund deficit resolved. There will not be a hunting season on mourning doves, and the municipal, county and district courts will not be unified.

The following summaries highlight some of the major bills enacted into law this session.

## **Supplemental appropriations**

The 1984 Supplemental Appropriations bill, Chap. 654, contains a total appropriation of \$196.6 million for 1985. In addition, the new law provides a vehicle for a number of other provisions relating to the operation of state government. The four major

Finance Subcommittees met throughout the session to consider the components of the supplemental bill. Work on the measure was completed by members of a House-Senate conference committee.

Besides the actual dollar appropriations, the new law contains provisions ranging from a reorganization of the Metropolitan Transit Commission to establishing an agricultural land preservation and conservation awareness program.

## **Article II — State departments**

Article I of the measure summarizes the appropriations for the rest of fiscal year 1984 and fiscal year 1985.

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Article II details the provisions relating to state departments. Highlights of the section include:

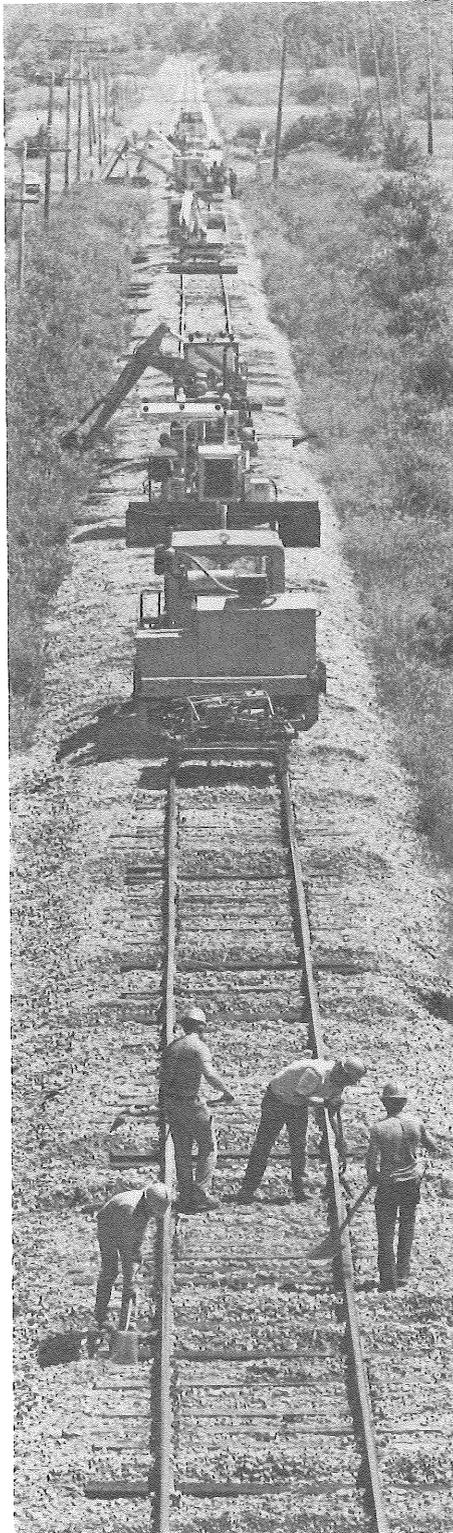
- Requiring the Department of Natural Resources to develop a plan to implement the recommendations made by the Department of Administration regarding the DNR's regional and subregional structure and requiring the commissioner to present a plan, by Jan. 1, 1986, for the consolidation of the trail and waterways unit and the parks and recreation division;

- Creating a compensation council to help the legislature establish salaries for constitutional officers, department heads, legislators and judges;
- Setting the salary levels for constitutional officers, department heads, legislators and judges;

- Requiring counties to include the collection and processing of waste tires in their waste management plans;
- Requiring a \$4 fee for each initial motor vehicle registration and each subsequent transfer to be used for a waste tire collection and disposal program;

- Providing assistance for land acquisition, building construction costs and venture capital in the development of the technology corridor project;
- Requiring the commissioner of Veterans Affairs to conduct a survey of state hospitals, public hospitals and private hospitals to determine the feasibility of converting the beds to state veterans home nursing care beds;
- Increasing the funding for the Department of Human Rights to facilitate increased enforcement activities and reduce the backlog of cases within the department;

- Allowing Hennepin County to build one or two resource recovery facilities, not to exceed 1,000 tons average daily waste, provided that a facility not be built at the "west riverbank" site in Minneapolis;
- Prohibiting a city with a population of more than 300,000 from constructing a resource recovery facility capable of handling more than 1,000 tons average daily waste unless



**Chapter 654 also provides funds to improve the state's rural railway lines.**

approved by the city council on a four-fifths vote;

- Requiring at least six percent of the value of all state procurements be set aside, if possible, for award to businesses owned and operated by socially or economically disadvantaged persons and allowing the commissioner to allow small businesses owned and operated by socially or economically disadvantaged persons a five percent preference in the bid amount on selected state procurements.

- Creating a World Trade Center Board to promote the growth of international trade and facilitate Minnesota's world trade center programs;

- Requiring the DNR to prepare an consolidated conservation land acquisition and disposition plan before acquiring or disposing of land in any county;

- Requiring that an annual cross country ski license sticker be placed on the skier's ski pole;

- Requiring the Department of Energy and Economic Development to design a comprehensive plan for the development of indigenous energy resources such as solar, wind, hydropower, peat, and fiber fuels and allowing the department to make loans to municipalities for qualified energy improvement projects;

- Allowing the creation of Community Energy Councils to encourage improved energy practices;
- Providing for the administration of economic recovery grants;

- Creating a community dispute resolution program administered by the state court administrator's office to voluntarily settle disputes by using mediation or arbitration;

- Ratifying the labor agreements reached by the state and various state employee unions;

- Creating the Minnesota Manufacturing Growth Council to address manufacturing concerns and;
- Establishing a Minnesota Convention Facility Commission to determine the potential for improving Minnesota's position in the national convention market and to prepare a proposal for a world-class convention facility.

### Article III — Agriculture, transportation and semi-states

Article III of the new law relates to the departments of agriculture, transportation and to the semi-state agencies. Major provisions of the section include:

- Setting the salaries for semi-state agency directors;
- Changing state livestock weighing procedures, licensing requirements and establishing fees;
- Establishing a state agricultural land conservation and preservation policy;
- Providing for the removal or screening of junkyards along highways;
  
- Creating a 16 member Regional Transit Board to assume the bus service planning and policy functions now carried out by the Metropolitan Transit Commission;
- Providing for a transit assistance program to aid public transit, light rail transit, commuter van, car pool, ride share and park and ride programs;
- Providing for the early transfer of the motor vehicle excise tax and designating the funds into a highway user tax distribution account and a transit assistance account;
- Providing that no additional fee be charged for the inspection of retail petroleum pumps, petroleum vehicle meters and petroleum bulk meters from which the petroleum inspection fee has already been collected;
  
- Allowing the sale of non-intoxicating malt liquor at the Metrodome before noon on any Sunday on which a sports or other event is scheduled to begin before 1:00 p.m.
- Allowing the Historical Society to select, for its collection, any items of historical value from abandoned property before the property is offered for sale;
- Providing for the licensing and regulation of "video games of chance";
  
- Providing that the Metropolitan Transit Commission consist of three members, appointed by the Regional Transit Board, to oversee public transit



**Morchella esculenta, commonly known as the morel mushroom, is designated the official state mushroom under Chapter 394.**

operations in the metro area; and  
- Providing for a study of expanded rail passenger service.

### Article IV — Education

Article IV of the new law provides supplemental appropriations to the Department of Education and to post-secondary educational institutions. Major provisions include:

- Requiring the U of M and the State University System to develop plans to deal with the problem of teaching assistants who are not fluent in English;
- Requiring the U of M and the State University System to develop plans for international schools of business;
  
- Requiring that at least one member of each state board, commission,

advisory council, task force or committee be over 60 years of age;  
- Exempting adult extension vo-tech teachers who teach less than 61 hours per year from licensure;

- Specifying that the 1985–87 biennium estimated tuition revenue should be approximately 33 percent of instructional cost for the U of M, the State University System and the Community College System and 25 percent of cost for the area vocational technical institutes;
- Allowing the State University System to choose to operate student health services in the community rather than on campus;
- Adding two members to the Higher Education Facilities Authority;

- Providing that senior citizens may be charged the full tuition for non-credit

courses designed specifically for seniors;

- Allowing a resident tuition rate for vocational technical programs for the 1984-85 school year to be charged to a resident of another state which did not charge non-resident rates during the 1983-84 school year; and
- Requiring the HECB to negotiate an interstate tuition reciprocity agreement, which includes AVTI's, with all bordering states.

## Article V — Health and human services

Finally, the last article of the measure, Article V, contains provisions relating to Health and Human Services including:

- Requiring the phase in of the term "Human Services" to replace the term "Welfare";
- Requiring physicians to inform breast cancer patients of alternative effective methods of treatment and of the risks associated with each of those methods;
- Establishing a credentialing service within the Department of Health to license health related occupations;
- Removing health and social service providers from the mandatory data collection provisions of the Battered Women's law;
- Establishing an interagency Institutional Care and Economic Impact Planning Board to conduct a study on the deinstitutionalization of patients from state hospitals;
- Establishing a special account in the Department of Public Welfare for monies recovered in special programs;
- Providing for the continuation of community work experience demonstration programs for one year;
- Requiring a study to assess the need for home and community based federal waivers to fund care for chronically ill children and for disabled persons under age 65;
- Lowering the amount of general assistance grants given to recipients who share a residence with a responsible relative who also receives general assistance or AFDC;
- Including equipment necessary for the treatment of diabetes, hearing aids, prosthetic devices, laboratory and x-ray services under the general assistance medical care program;

- Expanding relatives responsibility under general assistance to include "adult child who resides with the parent, or the parent of a minor child";
- Establishing a temporary housing demonstration program for the homeless and providing for the study of permanent housing alternatives;
- Providing that a farmer who resides in a county qualified under Federal Disaster Relief, and who can demonstrate severe financial need, may be considered eligible for the Minnesota Emergency Employment Development jobs program;
- Designating 10 percent of the MEED funds to high unemployment areas;
- Providing for the phase-out of the MEED program and the transfer of allowance payments to local agencies; and
- Placing a moratorium on hospital and outpatient surgical center construction or expansion, effective until June 30, 1987.

## Bonding bill

State lawmakers okayed a \$189 million bonding bill, Chapter 597, to provide funds to improve state facilities, including the renovation of state-owned buildings and new construction.

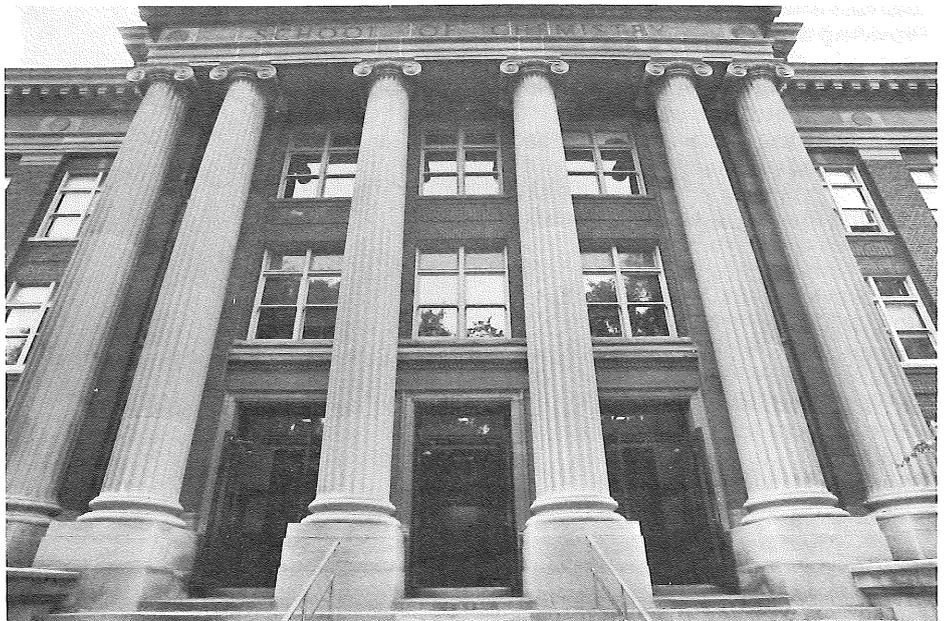
Among the law's major provisions, \$400,000 is provided to aid the

preliminary planning and design competition to revamp the Historical Society Building into the proposed judicial building. An additional \$400,000 is appropriated for the state history center design competition.

About \$23.2 million is appropriated to the state's transportation system. Railroad lines will be rehabilitated through the aid of \$12 million. Other funds will be used for the expansion and construction of highway rest areas and travel information centers.

The law also provides money to the state's post-secondary schools. The University of Minnesota will receive \$58 million. Of that sum, \$2.7 million is set aside for the planning of a new electrical engineering and computer science building. Another \$21 million is appropriated for the remodeling of Smith Hall. The construction of a music performance laboratory is provided through \$1.6 million, and \$1.3 million will be used for establishing a music library.

The law provides \$10 million to vocational-technical schools; \$19 million to state universities; and \$25 million to the community colleges. The appropriation includes \$5.4 million for a new laboratory building at Mankato State University and \$3.5 million for the renovation of the laboratory school at St. Cloud University.



The total renovation of 70 year-old Smith Hall, home of the University of Minnesota's chemistry department, is provided for in Chapter 597.

The Department of Administration will receive \$13 million to repair and remodel state buildings. The Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board will have funds to landscape the Capitol mall and John Ireland Boulevard through a \$1.7 million appropriation. The appropriation includes the preliminary design for a Capitol Complex parking facility.

The Zoological Board will receive \$225,000 for the construction of a wolf and caribou exhibit at the zoo. The IRRRB will be able to construct an outdoor amphitheater at the Iron Range Interpretive Center in Chisholm through a \$1.1 million appropriation.

Also, the Department of Natural Resources will receive \$4 million for capital improvements; the Department of Military Affairs, \$1.2 million; the Department of Veterans Affairs, \$103,000; the Minnesota Historical Society, \$3.6 million; the Department of Corrections, \$2.6 million; the Department of Human Services, \$4.7 million; and the Department of Energy and Economic Development, \$1.4 million to provide a grant to the city of Bagley to develop a solid waste disposal, incineration and district heating pilot program.

## Omnibus HMO

A number of changes in laws dealing with Health Maintenance Organizations were enacted during the 1984 session. Chapter 464, the Omnibus HMO legislation, provides that HMO coverage continues even though there is a replacement of an insurance carrier; requires that HMO's provide the same coverage for maternity benefits to unmarried women that it provides to married women, requires HMO's to continue coverage for terminated or laid-off employees at the employee's own expense; extends HMO benefits to newborn infants from the time of birth; prohibits copayment provisions from discriminating on the basis of pre-existing conditions; clarifies enrollee grievance procedures and requires HMO's to refund rejected applicants fees with interest. Other provisions of the new law, sponsored by Sen. Linda Berglin, deal with financial disclosure and other enrollee rights.



Concern over the plight of missing children prompted the passage of Chapter 510 — the Minnesota Missing Children's Act.

## Child abduction

A bill establishing the "Minnesota Missing Children's Act" is another achievement of the 1984 legislative session. Chapter 510 mandates that the commissioner of public safety establish a Minnesota Missing Child program to enable documented information to be entered into the National Crime Information Center computer. The new law, sponsored by Sen. Gene Merriam, also requires local law enforcement agencies to conduct preliminary investigations to determine if a child is missing and, if the child is missing, to immediately enter identifying and descriptive information about the child through the Minnesota Criminal Justice Information System into the National Crime Information Center.

Another new law, Chapter 484, makes it a felony for one parent to deprive the other parent of their custodial or parental rights by abducting a child. The measure also provides defenses to the charge, including taking the child to protect the child from physical or emotional harm or sexual assault, having the consent of the parent, step-parent or legal custodian seeking prosecution, or having a court order. In addition, the court is required to dismiss the charge if the child is voluntarily returned within 14 days or if

the person and the child have not left the state or the person files suit for divorce, child custody, domestic abuse or support. Finally, the measure, sponsored by Sen. Lawrence Pogemiller, requires that anyone who knows of such an abduction report it to the police under the child abuse reporting law.

## Child abuse

Growing awareness of the incidence of child abuse and the complexities of prosecution prompted further refinements of Minnesota's laws dealing with child abuse.

Chapter 588, sponsored by Sen. Eric Petty, allows an out-of court statement made by a child under the age of 10 about sexual contact with another person to be admissible as evidence under certain conditions. Under the new law, such statements are admissible if the court determines that the time, content and circumstances of the statement and the reliability of the person to whom the statement is made provide sufficient indication of reliability, if the child testifies or, if unavailable, there is corroborative evidence of the act. The defendants must be notified in advance about the statement if it is to be used.

Other provisions of the new chapter clarify that anyone who causes or

contributes to a child's status as a habitual truant, runaway, juvenile petty offender, juvenile alcohol offender or juvenile drug offender is guilty of a misdemeanor. The law also increases the age limit, from 16 to 18, of minor victims protected under criminal sexual conduct statutes.

A second new law, Chapter 573, also sponsored by Petty, authorizes the intervention by the juvenile court to protect children from abuse committed by family or household members. Under the measure, the court may exclude the abusing party from the residence if it would be in the best interest of the child, a remaining family or household member is able to care for the child and the local welfare agency has developed a plan to provide appropriate social services. The measure also provides that anyone who violates the court order is guilty of a misdemeanor. The new law goes on to specify that in all metropolitan area counties, except Ramsey, the county attorney is responsible for prosecuting child pornography cases and that the court records pertaining to the identity of the victims are not to be made accessible to the public.

## Education aids

Foundation aid levels were set at \$1,585 per pupil unit for the 1985-86 school year by the education aids bill signed into law this session. The present level of basic state-paid aid is \$1,450 per pupil unit. In addition, Chap. 463 lowers, by one half mill, the basic maintenance mill levy to 23.5 mills. Scarcity aid for districts having over 2500 square miles and operating six or more secondary schools provides an additional \$50 per pupil unit. The training and experience allowance, which helps urban school districts with higher personnel costs, is also increased.

The new chapter also authorizes aid and levies to allow school districts to provide summer school courses required for graduation, enrichment or remediation. Equalized summer school aid and levy is reinstated for 1985 summer programs. Under the new law, school districts with community education programs are allowed to establish Early Childhood and Family Education programs. Revenue for such

programs is set at five percent of the foundation formula allowance times the greater of 150 or the number of children under five years of age. Aid for Early Childhood and Family Education is revenue minus .4 mill levy. Overall, community education revenue is increased by five percent for 1985-86.

In the area of vocational education, the chapter places all adult vocational education, as of July 1, 1984, under the governance of the Board of Vocational Education. The Vocational Board is also designated as the sole state agency to receive federal funds and is responsible for formulating a state vocational education plan. A total of \$600,000 is appropriated to the Board of Vocational Education for program development for fiscal year 1985. Finally, the Board of Education is allowed, under the new law, to require school districts to offer secondary vocational courses.

In the area of other aids and levies, a new Program of Excellence is established. Beginning in the 1985-86 school year, the program will allow school districts to send outstanding students to other school districts for programs the home district does not offer. A school district may apply to become a school of excellence and

receive students from other districts. Under the measure, districts are allowed to use capital levy funds to purchase textbooks and computer courseware and software. The levy authority to fund asbestos related repairs is also expanded.

Other sections of the new law require a report on the feasibility of creating a state high school of the arts; extends all teacher probationary periods to three years and requires written evaluation three times each year; prohibits the teaching board from changing teaching licensing rules until July 1, 1985; and establishes an advisory council to study collective bargaining impasses.

Finally, each district is required to include in its Planning Evaluation and Reporting report annual instruction goals and methods of measuring students' objectives and, based on curriculum assessment, develop plans to correct identified weaknesses.

The new law incorporates a number of other bills and is the product of the work done by the Education Aids Subcommittee. The chairman of the subcommittee, Sen. Tom Nelson, sponsored the measure on behalf of the subcommittee.



Chapter 463 establishes the state's level of aid to local school districts.

## Waste Management Act amendments

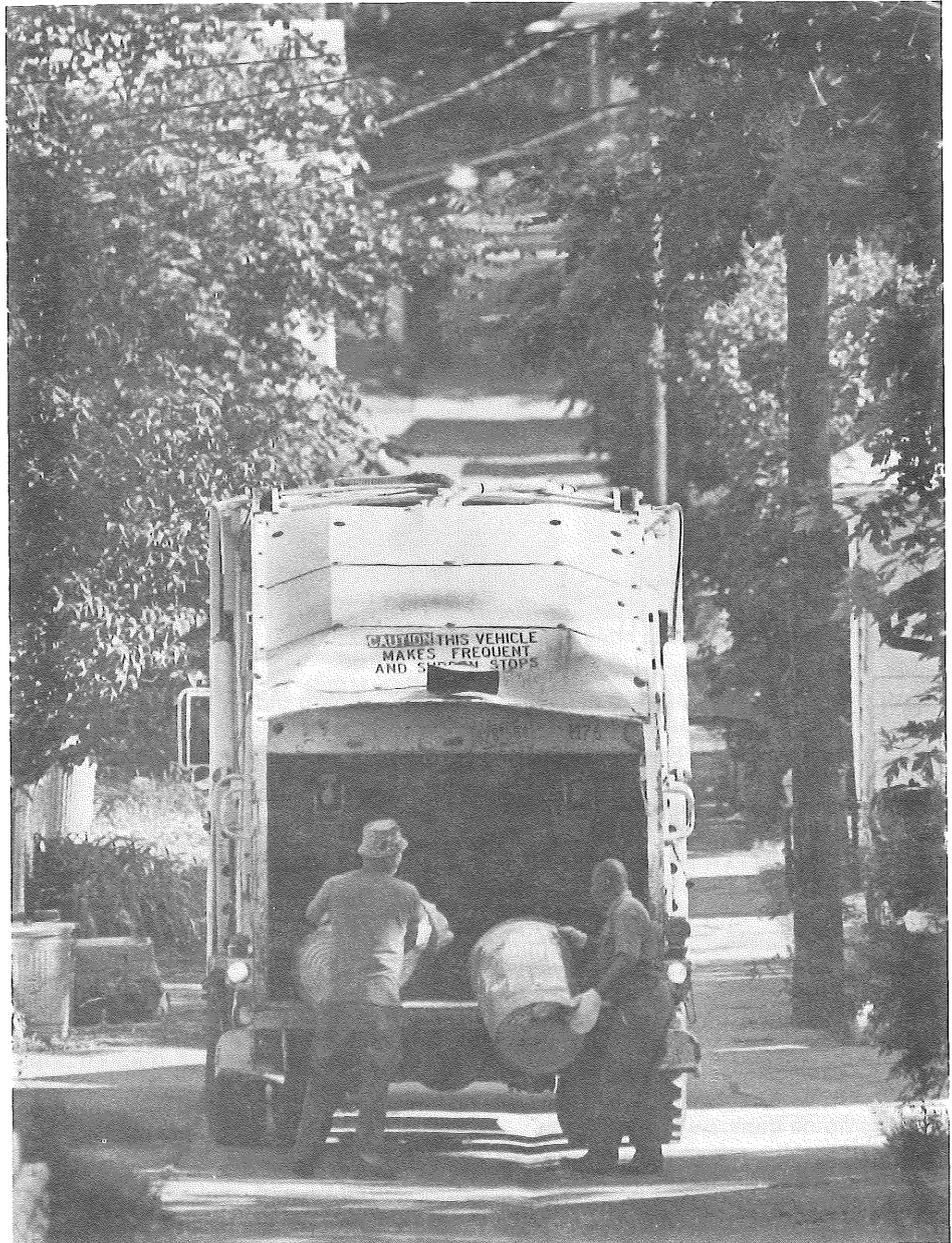
Major changes were made this session to the Waste Management Act of 1980. In addition, Chapter 644 contains significant changes in the state's hazardous waste policy.

The legislation formulates a policy statement stating that the reduction of the amount of hazardous waste generated and that the processing, treatment, separation and resource recovery are the preferred methods of managing hazardous waste. Further, the measure states that the disposal of hazardous waste should only be used as a last resort — when all other methods are ineffective — and then only if an environmentally suitable site can be identified.

In addition, the new law halts the Waste Management Board's selection process for a hazardous waste disposal facility until a report on the status of processing facilities has been completed and presented to the legislature. The report is to contain information on the amount and type of hazardous waste treatment residual material and the amount of untreated material that is expected to require disposal. The report will help determine if a hazardous waste facility is needed in Minnesota. In addition, economic feasibility studies must be done before a disposal facility is built.

The measure also creates several programs and grants to assist generators of hazardous waste in the reduction and management of hazardous waste; in developing proposals for the development and operation of a commercial system for hazardous waste collection and transportation, and in aiding private developers finance commercial hazardous waste processing facilities.

In the area of solid waste management, one of the most significant changes brought about by the new law is the imposition of a 50 cent per cubic yard fee on trash brought to solid waste facilities. The fee is collected only at landfills in the seven county metropolitan area. Half of the money collected is designated for a new landfill abatement fund for solid waste planning assistance grants and for loans for resource recovery and



Proceeds from a fee imposed on garbage haulers in the metro area will be used to encourage alternative methods of trash disposal under Chapter 644.

recycling projects. The other half of the money is for the cleanup of existing landfill sites in the metro area. In addition, counties are allowed to impose a fee of up to 25 cents per cubic yard, and cities are allowed to charge a fee of up to 15 cents for solid waste disposed of at a solid waste facility.

Finally, the law, sponsored by Sen. Gene Merriam, offers some new tax incentives. Equipment for processing

solid or hazardous waste at a recovery site is exempt from sales tax. The new law also provides a 10 percent tax credit on the net cost of equipment used for processing solid or hazardous waste at a resource recovery facility, a five percent credit for pollution control equipment and a 10 percent credit for feedlot pollution control. The new legislation also exempts hazardous waste generated as a residue from an incinerator that treats waste from the Superfund tax.



Chapter 607 aids attempts to bring a Superbowl to Minnesota.

## NFL blackout

A bid to bring a Super Bowl game to the Metrodome was aided by the passage of a bill repealing the law that required that National Football League games be televised if 90 percent of the tickets have been sold. Currently, Minnesota is the only franchise that allows home games to be televised with only 90 percent of the tickets sold. National Football League officials had ruled out the possibility of Minnesota hosting a Super Bowl unless the law was repealed. Under Chapter 607, sponsored by Sen. Steven Novak, Vikings home games will not be televised locally unless 100 percent of the tickets have been sold 72 hours before the game.

## “Buy Minnesota” repeal

The controversial law that required the state to give preference to Minnesota companies when purchasing goods and services was repealed this session. Chapter 440, sponsored by Sen. Florian Chmielewski, was enacted because of concern over retaliatory measures taken by neighboring states and because of difficulties in interpreting the “Buy Minnesota” law.

The new law also clarifies that when a public contract is to be awarded to the lowest responsible bidder, a resident bidder shall be given a preference over

a non-resident bidder if the non-resident bidder is from a state that gives preference to its resident bidders.

## Civil dispute resolution

Two of the new laws enacted this session will streamline the process for settling differences in civil disputes outside the courtroom. The Minnesota Civil Mediation Act, Chap. 646, sets up a procedure for resolving differences through the voluntary use of a mediator, or third party, whose function is to facilitate a settlement of a particular controversy.

Sponsored by Sen. William Luther, the new law defines an “agreement to mediate” as a written agreement that identifies a controversy, states that the parties will seek to resolve the controversy and provides for the termination of mediation. A “mediated settlement agreement” is defined in the law as a signed, dated, written agreement describing the terms of partial or complete settlement of a controversy. The new law explains that the effect of a mediated settlement agreement is determined under the principles of law applicable to contracts.

The new chapter also specifies that the agreement is binding only when it is so stated. To be binding the agreement

must also contain a provision stating that the parties were advised in writing that the mediator has no duty to protect their interest, that signing a mediated settlement agreement may adversely affect their legal rights and that they should consult an attorney if they are uncertain of their rights.

Finally, the measure provides for the setting aside of a mediated agreement by the courts under the appropriate circumstances and provides definitions of the kinds of disputes subject to mediation.

The second new law, Chap. 634, carried by Sen. Michael Freeman, authorizes District Courts to establish a mandatory nonbinding arbitration system for civil actions. The new law further specifies that the rules covering judicial arbitration must be promulgated by a majority of the judges in the district and are subject to approval by the Minnesota Supreme Court. Finally, the legislation states that judicial arbitration is not to be used to dispose of matters relating to guardianship, conservatorship or civil commitment, matters within the juvenile court jurisdiction involving neglect, dependency or delinquency, or matters involving termination of parental rights.

## Metro Airports Commission

The relationship of the Metropolitan Airports Commission to the legislature and to the Metropolitan Council was redefined under a bill enacted into law this year. Chapter 561 specifies that the Commission be held accountable to the legislature in its activities, plans, programs and policies and that the Commission report to the legislature each session. Further, the new law, carried by Sen. Clarence Purfeerst, requires the Commission to submit all Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport projects costing more than \$5 million to the Metropolitan Council. Other Commission projects costing more than \$2 million must also be submitted to the Metropolitan Council. The measure defines “capital projects” as projects having a significant effect on the orderly and economic development of the metropolitan area. The bill also requires the State Planning Agency to further define “metropolitan

significance." The State Planning Agency is required to report to the legislature on its findings by June 1, 1985.

## Hostile corporate take-overs

A bill aimed at discouraging hostile corporate take-overs also became law this session. Chapter 488, sponsored by Sen. Roger Moe, is designed to minimize the adverse effect of a take-over of a Minnesota business.

According to the new law, hostile take-overs often "threaten the jobs and careers of Minnesota citizens, undermine the ethical foundations of companies and are inconsistent with the economic interests of the shareholders." Thus, the measure requires any acquiring company to file a registration statement with the Commerce Department, which includes complete disclosure of plans to take-over a "target" company. A "target" company is defined as a company with substantial assets in Minnesota and with 20 percent of its shares belonging to residents of Minnesota. The acquiring company is also required to file the statement with the target company and securities dealers. The disclosure statement would list the company's plans to liquidate assets, close or relocate plants, change management or make any other material change in its business.

The measure also requires that a special meeting of shareholders be called within five days of receipt of the information statement and that the shareholders must vote on the proposed take-over within 30 to 55 days after receiving the statement.

## Indian land claims

One of the new laws this session takes an initial step toward resolving disputes over the ownership of land on the White Earth Indian Reservation. Chapter 539, authored by Sen. Roger Moe, allows the state to participate with the federal government in an overall settlement if the U.S. Congress passes a statute that "appropriately and meaningfully" compensates both Indians and non-Indians for lost property interests.

Under the law, 10,000 acres of land within the White Earth Reservation would be transferred to the federal government to be held in trust for the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians. In addition, the bill specifies that the U.S. Congress must approve legislation substantially resolving the title problems. The Minnesota attorney general must also be satisfied that the federal legislation effectively settles Indian land claims and removes the possibility of litigation with private landowners over Indian land claims. The bill also requires the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources to report on land titles of the White Earth Reservation.

The statute appropriates \$600,000 to be used for implementing the agreement but specifies that the new law is void if the U.S. Congress fails to pass the appropriate legislation.

## Licensing adult day care centers

Adult day care facilities, including nursing homes that provide services to five or more adults who have trouble living independently, are now required to be licensed by the state under a new law enacted this year. Chapter 542 also requires the licensure of supportive living residences for functionally impaired adults. The measure defines a day care facility as any facility that provides one or more persons with care, training, supervision, rehabilitation or developmental guidance on a regular basis, for less than 24 hours per day, in a place other than the person's own home.

The new law directs the commissioner of public welfare to establish the licensure procedures for adult day care centers. The standards for licensing supportive living residences are to include provisions for the referral of adults needing treatment to appropriate programs, the prevention of inappropriate placements, a maximum bed limit of 40 and the discouraging of concentrating supportive living residences in any one neighborhood. Centers for nonhandicapped persons are excluded from the licensure provisions. Finally, the law, sponsored by Sen. Linda Berglin, includes adult day care center service costs under Medical Assistance or Medicare.

## Equitable compensation

One of the session's new laws requires all political subdivisions to evaluate jobs by conducting comparable worth studies and to set up equitable pay schedules between female-dominated, male-dominated and balanced classes of employees by August 1, 1987. Sponsored by Sen. Linda Berglin, the new statute is designed to smooth out differences in pay between classes of employees whose jobs are judged to be of comparable worth. The new law applies to local government units, counties, school districts and AVTI's. The political subdivisions are required to report to the Employee Relations Commission by October 1, 1985, on plans for implementing comparable compensation relationships between employee classes.

## Credit union reciprocity

Chapter 500 of this year's session laws provides for reciprocity between Minnesota credit unions and credit unions chartered in other states if the other state meets a number of specific criteria. The measure, carried by Sen. Eric Petty, requires the credit union from the other state to be organized under laws similar to Minnesota. The credit union must be financially solvent and it must need to conduct business in Minnesota in order to adequately serve its members in this state. The credit union must satisfy the mandatory share and deposit insurance required in Minnesota and it must designate and maintain an agent for the service of process in this state.

Finally, the new law also specifies that if the reciprocating state credit union is not in compliance with the required criteria, the commissioner may require the reciprocating credit union to discontinue its Minnesota operations.

## High-level radioactive waste

Concern over the transportation and disposal of high-level radioactive waste prompted the passage of Chapter 453 this session. The law enables Minnesota to exercise all possible legal authority in regulating high-level radioactive waste in the state.

Under the new legislation, sponsored by Sen. Gene Merriam, the Minnesota

Environmental Quality Board will negotiate a consultation and cooperation agreement with the federal government. The agreement is to be negotiated if Minnesota receives notice that the state contains a potential site designated for further study as a high-level radioactive waste disposal area.

Further, the new law specifies that the consultation and cooperation agreement spell out the conditions for geologic, hydrologic or geophysical testing, permit requirements, public notice requirements and state monitoring procedures.

The transporting of high-level radioactive waste in Minnesota is also addressed by the new law. Before a shipment of high-level radioactive waste is transported, the shipper must notify the commissioner of public safety of the route, date and time of the shipment as well as provide other information required by federal law. In addition, each person who intends to transport high-level radioactive waste must pay a transportation fee of \$1,000 per vehicle in each shipment.

Finally, the new law sets both civil and criminal penalties for violations of the various provisions. The commissioner of transportation along with other federal and state agencies must prepare an emergency accident plan by December 1, 1984. Violators of the agreement and shipment provisions are guilty of a misdemeanor and may be fined up to \$10,000. Violators may also be subject to a civil penalty of up to \$10,000 for each day of violation.

## Omnibus liquor bill

One of the most controversial bills to come before the Senate concerned the St. Paul liquor patrol limits. Chapter 626, which is the vehicle for several bills dealing with liquor licensing, contains a section that repeals the liquor patrol limits, which were established in 1885 to restrict areas where liquor may be sold. The law allows the city of St. Paul to issue additional on-sale liquor licenses subject to city council approval. Under the new law, the city of St. Paul may issue up to 10 new on-sale liquor licenses per year until 1990. After 1990, liquor licenses in St. Paul will be non-transferable.

Other provisions of the new law, carried by Sen. Allan Spear, allow the issuance of six on-sale licenses in the city of Roseville, an additional on-sale license in the city of West St. Paul, and on-sale licenses for the new Ordway Music Theatre in St. Paul, the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center in Duluth, and the Minnesota Museum of Art in St. Paul.

The new law also allows off-sale liquor licensees or municipal liquor stores to advertise wines by direct mail catalogues that list more than 25 varieties of wine and the price of each. The measure imposes a one year moratorium on new off-sale liquor licenses issued by towns.

In addition, the legislation adds liquor, non-intoxicating malt liquor and food to the list of substances exempted from classification as hazardous substances. The town of Greenwood in St. Louis County is granted the authority to issue one off-sale liquor license. Finally, the definition of restaurant is changed for purposes of licensing in St. Louis, Lake and Cook counties.

## Tip credit

Waiters and waitresses will be paid the state minimum wage because of Chapter 636, which phases out the "tip credit" by January 1, 1988. Currently, employers are entitled to a credit of up to 20 percent of the minimum wage that a tipped employee receives. A tipped employee is defined as an employee who receives \$35 or more a month in gratuities. The new law, sponsored by Sen. Conrad Vega, provides for a phase-out of the employers' credit against the minimum wage by reducing the percentage to 15 percent January 1, 1985, to 10 percent January 1, 1986, to 5 percent January 1, 1987 and then eliminates the credit completely by January 1, 1988.

## Martin Luther King holiday

Minnesotans will set aside the third Monday in January to honor the memory of civil rights leader Martin Luther King, Jr. because of the enactment of Chapter 656 this year. Observance of the new holiday will begin in 1986. The new law, sponsored as an amendment by Sen. Linda

Berglin to a bill carried by Sen. Tom Nelson, closely parallels federal legislation.

Under the new state law, school districts and state colleges will be allowed to conduct classes. However, state government offices, with the exception of legislative offices, will be closed on the new holiday.

## DWI

This year's DWI legislation incorporated several proposals into one omnibus DWI bill. The result, Chap. 622, prohibits drivers from refusing to take a chemical test to determine blood alcohol levels. Refusing to take the test carries a civil penalty of a one year driver's license revocation. If a driver under the age of 18 refuses to take the test, the penalty will be a driver's license revocation of 1 year or until the individual reaches the age of 18, whichever is longer. Drivers under the age of 18 who are convicted will lose their licenses until they reach 18 or for 6 months, whichever is longer, in addition to other penalties which may be imposed.

The new law, sponsored by Sen. Lawrence Pogemiller, also contains provisions requiring peace officers to inform suspected DWI offenders that they are required to take the test and of the penalties involved. Other sections of the law include: providing for a 30 day license revocation for anyone under 19 who tries to buy liquor with a driver's license or permit; providing conditions for issuing limited licenses to drivers whose licenses have been suspended; providing gross misdemeanor penalties for adults if they had prior convictions as juveniles within the previous five years; and increasing the penalties for drivers involved in hit and run accidents.

## Pension bill

One of the more popular proposals of the 1984 session, the so-called "Rule of 85," is contained in the omnibus pension bill, Chap. 564. The Rule of 85 allows a public employee to retire and collect full pension benefits if they are at least 55 years of age and if their age plus the number of years of service add

up to 85. The law allows public employees to retire under the Rule of 85 from the day after the law was enacted until Dec. 31, 1986.

The measure also provides for five percent interest on all refunds for unvested employees who withdraw from the various state pension plans.

Other provisions of the new law include: setting the age requirement for retirement at 55 with 10 years of service or at any age with 30 years of service; providing for 100 percent joint and survivor death benefits while eligible; removing waiting periods for elector survivor benefits at disability or retirement and the 90 day period for commencement of disability; and returning the 1983 supplemental two percent employee pension contribution to all public employees.

Finally, the new legislation addresses several of the financing issues for public pension funds. The measure was sponsored by Sen. Collin Peterson.

## Mortgage moratorium

The mortgage and contract for deed foreclosure moratorium scheduled to expire May 1, 1984, was extended for

one year with the passage of Chapter 474. The measure also allows the court to consider "catastrophic medical expenses" as a factor in determining a delay of foreclosure. Currently, the law specifies that the court consider that an individual is unemployed, underemployed or facing hardship because of low farm prices as factors in determining the foreclosure.

In addition, the law, sponsored by Sen. Ron Dicklich, requires that a notice of default include a statement that the borrower may be eligible for an extension before foreclosure.

Finally, "the equity in the property held by the mortgager" is added to the list of factors the court is to consider when determining the amount of income or rental value to be used as partial payment.

## Agricultural input liens

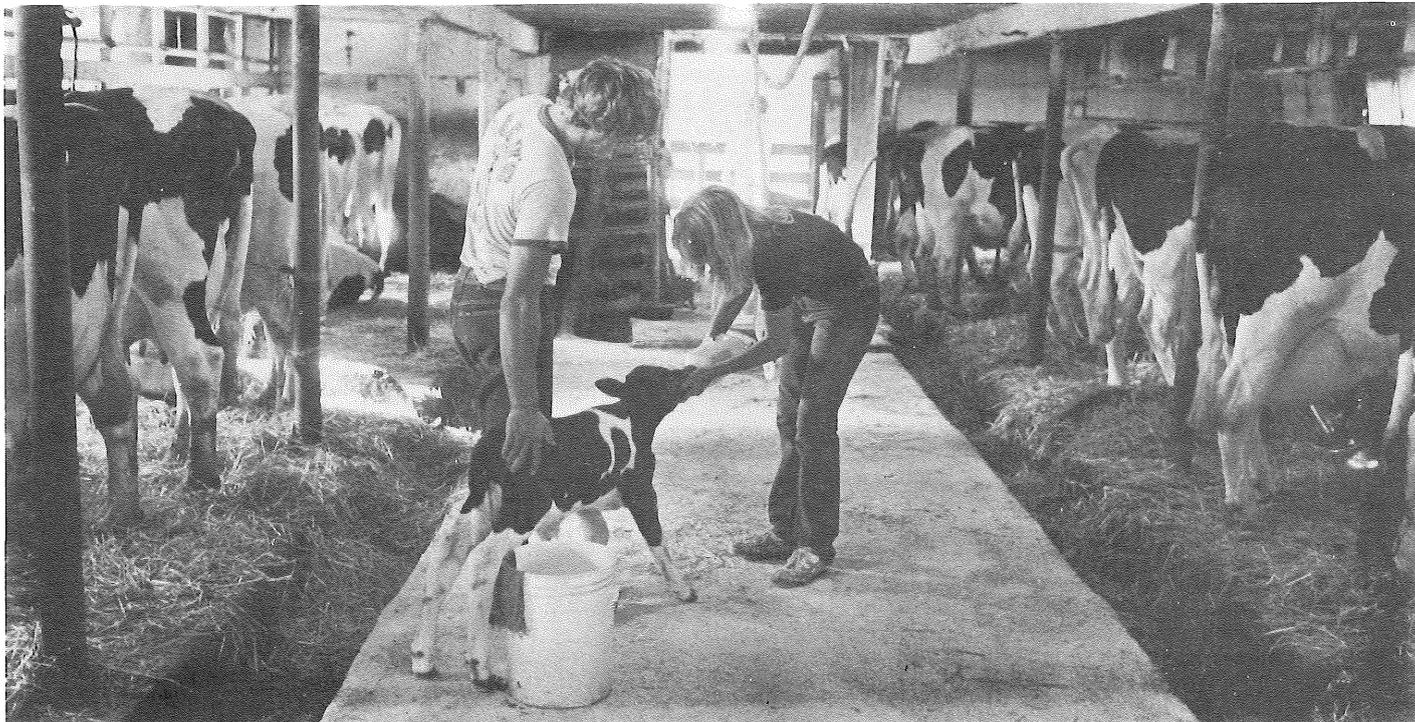
Suppliers of agricultural inputs will be allowed to attach liens, after notifying the lender, for the unpaid retail cost of the agricultural inputs on a farmer's final agricultural product under a bill signed into law this year. Chapter 467 provides definitions and outlines the procedures for implementing such liens.

Agricultural inputs are divided into two categories. Crop production inputs are chemicals, seeds, petroleum products, the custom application of agricultural chemicals and seeds, and labor used in planting, growing, harvesting and storing crops or crop products. Livestock production inputs are the feed and labor used in raising livestock.

Under the new law, an agricultural input supplier may send a lien-notification statement to a lender who has a security interest in a farmer's crop or livestock requesting either a letter of commitment in order to indicate credit worthiness or a refusal to issue a letter of commitment. The lender must then respond within 10 days. If the lender fails to respond within 10 days, the supplier will have a lien for the unpaid retail cost of the agricultural inputs with priority over any security interest of the lender, provided the lien is perfected. To perfect an agricultural input lien, the lien must "attach" and the supplier entitled to the lien must file a lien notification statement with the appropriate filing office.

The new law was sponsored by Sen. Gary DeCramer.

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Milk is adopted as the official drink of the state of Minnesota under Chapter 645.

## Tax bill

The repeal of the ten percent income tax surtax highlighted the 1984 omnibus tax bill, but that bill contained several other important changes to the state's tax laws. Below is a listing of some of those changes.

### Article I — Budget reserve

The first article of the bill increases the budget reserve from the current \$250 million to \$375 million, beginning July 1. The reserve is created as a safeguard against possible future deficits.

### Article II — Income tax

Article two of the bill amends several income tax laws in addition to repealing the surtax.

- The bill adds restrictions to the definition of minor political parties that qualify for income tax check-off. Also, the tax check-off political contribution fund is allocated to precincts where no candidate of the political party ran for office in the last election. Contributions to minor political parties can now qualify for the political contribution credit. Contributions to

candidates for legislative, congressional, county and other governmental unit elections also qualify for the campaign contribution credit.

- An individual whose employer contributes less than \$300 in stocks annually to a qualified employee stock ownership plan may contribute the difference between the employer contribution and \$1,500 to an IRA without being required to include the difference when determining Minnesota gross income.

- The pension exclusion from federal adjusted gross income is expanded.

- A ten percent income tax credit is established in 1985 for purchases of conservation tillage planters. Only planters that are suitable for use in no-till, ridge-till or strip-till systems can qualify for the credit.

- Elementary and secondary education expense deductions are increased in 1985 from \$500 to \$650 for children in grades kindergarten through sixth grade and from \$700 to \$1,000 for grades seven through twelve.

- The federal tax deduction is increased by the amount of the foreign income tax credit.

- Purchases made in Minnesota are considered Minnesota sales, despite the destination of the goods purchased. However, tobacco and alcoholic beverage sales are excluded if the final destination is outside Minnesota.

- Net operating losses under the unitary tax in tax years 1982 to 1985 may be taken as carrybacks. The corporation must file amended unitary returns for the carryback years.

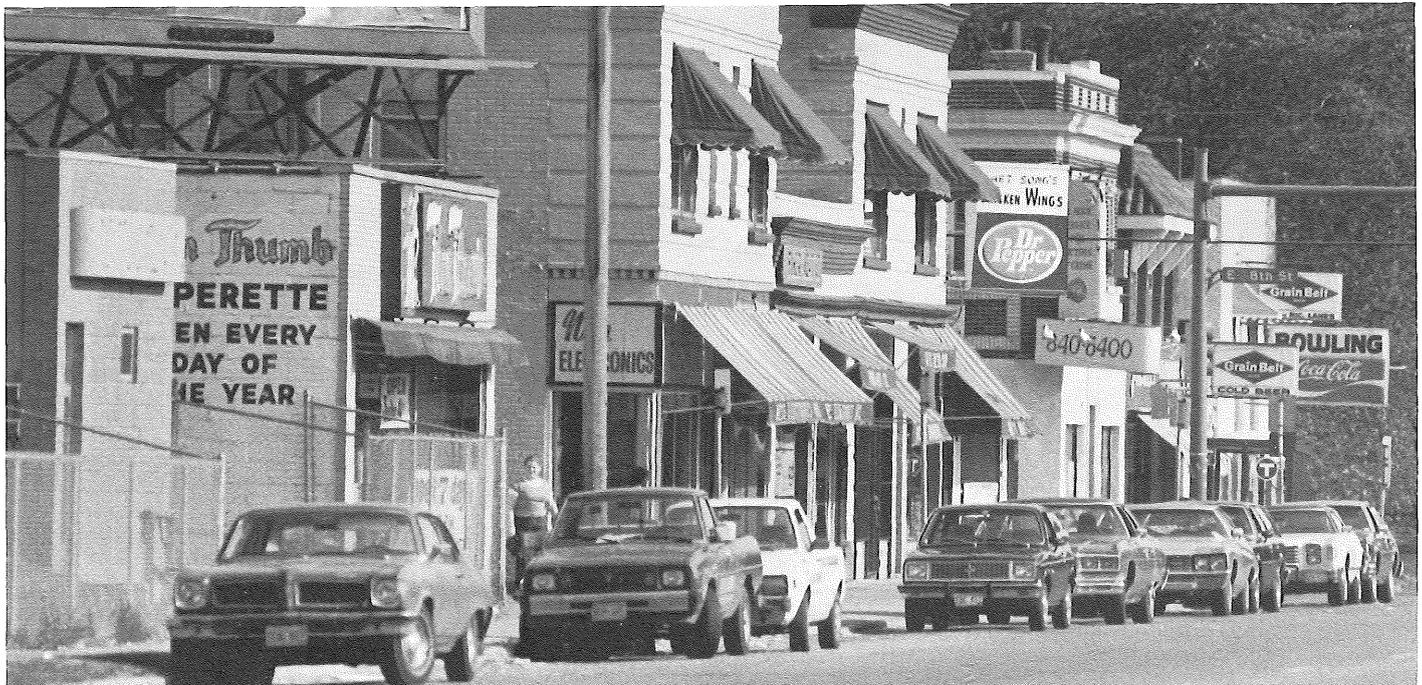
### Article III — Property tax

The third article of the bill provides property tax relief to business operators, farmers and homeowners.

- The bill increases the amount of agricultural land credit from 29 percent to 33 percent on the first 320 acres and from 13 to 15 percent on the next 320 acres. The amount is also increased from 13 to 15 percent on the first 320 acres of agricultural nonhomestead credit and on seasonal recreational homes.

- The total amount of agricultural credit that can be provided to a taxpayer is raised from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

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One of the provisions of the Omnibus Tax bill, Chapter 502, reduces the assessed value ratio for commercial and industrial property.

- The assessed value ratio for commercial and industrial property is reduced from 34 to 28 percent on the first \$60,000.
- The state will pay 100 percent of any homestead property tax amount that exceeds an increase of 20 percent for taxes payable in 1984. For taxes payable in 1985, the state will pay 50 percent of any net homestead property tax increases that exceed 12.5 percent, up to a maximum of \$400.
- Restrictions are placed on the eligibility for the disaster credit on homestead property. Requests will only be considered if a survey indicates that the dollar loss on damaged homes averages at least \$5,000. Also, at least 25 homes must have been damaged, or the dollar amount of the damage must represent at least one percent of the total market value of homestead property. Anyone who is not eligible and doesn't qualify for state disaster credit is to apply to the county for a property tax reduction if at least 50 percent of the home is destroyed and uninhabitable.
- The bill grants homestead credits to an owner of a building that has multiple units or rental dwellings if the owner lives in the building.
- Cities and towns receiving only full transit peak-hour service and limited off peak service will levy for transit services at the rate of 1.5 mills. Cities and towns receiving limited peak service will levy at 1.25 mills. Others in the seven county metropolitan district will levy at a rate of 2 mills. The state will appropriate money to replace the revenue lost from the reduced property tax revenues.
- County auditors are required to issue amended property tax statements to reflect the increased maximum agriculture credit and to recompute the homestead credit on parcels which are partially homesteaded and partially nonhomesteaded, applying the homestead credit to the entire home for taxes that are payable in 1984.

#### **Article IV — Local government aids**

This year lawmakers were able to restore funds to local units of

government that were cut in previous years.

- The bill restores the 1984 town and city local government aids that were cut due to the revenue shortfall.
  - The local government aid calculation of cities incorporated after 1973 that are located in the seven county metropolitan area is adjusted.
  - In 1984, all townships will receive a local aid distribution of at least 50 percent of the amount they received in 1983. Starting in 1985, townships will receive 50 percent of their 1983 distribution if they levy at least one mill.
  - Townships may receive an aid distribution under the city formula provided they levied one mill the previous year.
  - Cities will receive at least the same amount of distribution in 1985 as they receive in 1984.
  - The appropriation cap for the township aid distribution is eliminated. The local government aid appropriations for cities and towns will be open and standing for 1985.
  - An eighteen-member commission is created to study local government aids.
- #### **Article V — Economic development**
- The bill increases tax incentives to enterprise zones and provides aid to specific companies to enable them to improve their operations.
- The bill increases the tax reductions to enterprise zones by \$3.6 million and sets a new limit of \$6.6 million as the top amount that can be allocated to one border city. One million of the \$3.6 million can be used for tax incentives this biennium.
  - Corporations, partnerships and sole proprietors are included in the definition of "qualified small business" for purposes of obtaining small business investment credits.
  - The maximum technology transfer credit is limited to \$300,000 each year.
  - Requirements are established for the

repayment of technology transfer credits.

- Credits on equity stock investments are now allowed for a small business organized as a corporation.
- Requirements are set for the repayment of equity investment credit.
- Requirements are created that allow farms to qualify as a small business, after July 1, 1985.
- The bill exempts foreign dividends from corporate income tax and foreign royalties from patents, trademarks and others if the corporation owns at least 80 percent of the voting stock or if its income is from foreign dividends and royalties.
- Tax exemptions are reduced for properties of redevelopment companies.
- One million dollars is appropriated to Cornbelt Meats and \$2.4 million is given to Onan Corporation for renovation and capital improvements.

#### **Article VI — Sales tax**

Lawmakers were able to reduce the sales tax for specific equipment in this year's tax bill.

- The bill reduces the sales tax from six to four percent on capital equipment and special tooling.
- The definition of farm equipment is changed to include logging equipment, other than chain saws, for purposes of the four percent sales tax.
- The selling price of a new mobile home for sales tax purposes is now established at 65 percent of the actual selling price.
- The use tax rate on capital equipment and special tooling is reduced to four percent.

#### **Article VII — Taconite**

Lawmakers also provided relief to the taconite industry.

- The bill establishes a new formula for calculating the taconite and supplemental homestead credit in the taconite area.

- A levy authority is created for school districts to repay the energy conversion loans.

- The statutory occupation tax rate is reduced to 15 percent for natural iron ores.

- Natural ore operators are granted the same labor credits provided to taconite operators.

- The base production tax rate for 1985 is frozen at the 1984 level.

- The bill provides an annual credit against taconite production taxes of up to \$250,000 annually for 1984 through 1986 for expenses incurred in the construction of a water filtration plant.

- Money is appropriated for occupation tax credits for years prior to 1978.

- Any credits accruing to taconite producers because of the Erie Mining Case will be paid over five years.

## **Article VIII**

### **— Amnesty/licensing**

Delinquent taxpayers will have the opportunity to pay their taxes due with reduced penalties.

- The bill prohibits business trade or professional licenses to be issued if the applicant owes more than \$1,000 in delinquent sales or withholding taxes or penalties or interest.

- A tax amnesty program is established to help taxpayers pay their delinquent taxes by reducing the tax and penalties for overdue taxes. The program will run from August 1, 1984, to November 1, 1984, for taxes considered delinquent as of Feb. 1, 1984.

## **Article IX — Railroads**

- The state will reimburse local units of government for property taxes in excess of 20 cents per capita, which must be refunded to railroads under an order of the state Tax Court. School districts will be paid for property tax abatements in excess of one dollar per pupil unit.

## **Article X — Agriculture processing**

- The bill establishes a loan guarantee fund for agricultural processing.

- Loan guarantees are limited to 90 percent of loss and mandates security through a first mortgage lien and security interest in real and personal property of the project.

- An advisory commission on agricultural processing is created.

- The bill sets up deposits of sales and use taxes in the special guarantee fund.

- The bill authorizes \$12 million in state bonding to assure the state's commitment.

## **Article XI — Sales ratios**

- The bill directs the Dept. of Revenue to use a methodology consistent with the most recent standard published by the International Association of Assessing Officers.

- The reduction in value will only be granted if sale prices are adjusted to reflect the terms of the sale in determining market value; sales prices are adjusted to reflect the difference between sale date and assessment date; there is adequate sample size; and the medium ratio of property class of the subject is lower than the ratio of the subject property by ten percent.

## **Article XII**

### **— Charitable gambling**

- The bill creates a charitable gambling board.

- The board is authorized to issue and suspend gambling licenses.

- All gambling devices must be registered and bear a registration stamp.

- Gambling devices in licensed liquor establishments must be licensed.

- The gambling board is allowed to approve the use of gambling profits for property improvement.

- An organization is limited to 104 bingo occasions or two per week.

- An organization must keep records of the gambling.

- Prizes are limited to \$100 per game, \$1,000 cumulatively and \$2,500 per occasion.

- The six percent sales tax on gross receipts is replaced by a tax on gross receipts of ten percent minus the payment of prizes.

- The finance commissioner is to certify the bingo tax proceeds, which will be used to fund an arts high school.

## **Article XIII — Local provisions**

- The bill allows the Duluth Port Authority to levy an additional .25 mills.

- The Ramsey-Washington Watershed District is allowed to establish a maintenance and repair fund.

- The city of Cloquet is allowed to contract with a private/public transportation system and to levy up to one mill.

- The bill increases the per capita levy limit for the city of Breezy Point and the levy limit for the city of Oakdale.

- St. Paul's residential hot water heating is exempted from the city franchise tax.

- A Croft Historical Park Board is created and, if approved by the voters, may levy taxes.

## **Article XIV — Miscellaneous**

- The five percent gross receipt tax on boxing is eliminated.

- An appropriation of \$240,000 is granted for the Tax Study Commission.

# Session Law Summaries

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This is a complete listing of all bills passed by the Minnesota legislature and signed into law by the governor during the 1984 session. The legislation is identified by its 1984 Session Law Chapter number and the Senate or House File the legislature acted upon. The author of that Senate or House File is identified first at the end of each bill summary. The chief author of the companion bill in the other body is identified last.

Three indexes follow the Chapter listing to provide easy access to the new laws by their Chapter number, Senate File number and House File number.

## Agriculture & Natural Resources

**Chap. 394-S.F. 868** Designates the morel as the official state mushroom. LAIDIG, LEVI

**Chap. 411-H.F. 1553** Requires metro area watershed district managers to represent the various hydrologic areas within the district; prescribes certain authority of watershed management organizations in the metro area including plan implementation, drainage systems and jurisdiction over nonmembers under certain circumstances; provides for district boundary changes by petition to the Water Resources Board; provides for district termination by petition of cities and towns having jurisdiction over the territory; provides for optional participation by local units in or outside the metro area under certain conditions; requires watershed management plans to contain present information on certain previously constructed drainage systems; and sets cost apportionment and tax districts. LEVI, MERRIAM.

**Chap. 435-S.F. 1112** Eliminates the surety bond required for appeals of benefit or damage amounts in drainage assessment proceedings. MERRIAM, DEN OUDEN.

**Chap. 453-S.F. 1258** Regulates the disposal and transportation of high level radioactive waste; requires the Environmental Quality Board to conduct public information meetings in certain designated areas; requires board legal and technical assistance to the Indian tribal councils upon request; requires a consultation and cooperation agreement with the federal government upon notice of potentially impacted area before study or test of disposal site; sets transportation requirements including notice to the public safety commissioner, highway route determination, fee and emergency response plan; exempts shipments for military, national security or defense purposes; and sets penalties. MERRIAM, CLARK, K.

**Chap. 455-S.F. 1662** Reduces the number of proposed sites in metro counties for mixed municipal solid waste disposal facilities. SCHMITZ, JENSEN

**Chap. 457-S.F. 1794** Grants legislative approval for the provision of water by the North Kittson Rural Water District to Emerson, Manitoba, Canada. STUMPF, TUNHEIM

**Chap. 467-S.F. 1451** Provides for liens on agricultural production inputs for crops and livestock; defines crop and livestock production inputs; provides for lien notification; provides for perfection of the liens by filing a lien notification statement; provides for enforcement actions and lien extinguishment under the Uniform Commercial Code; and provides for elevator company or grain buyer application to the county recorder for abstract of all designated grain mortgages and liens on file. DECRAMER, ANDERSON, B.

**Chap. 476-S.F. 1879** Regulates bulk sales of food; provides labeling requirements for self service containers; describes suitable methods for dispensing food, construction materials for modules and utensils and cleaning frequency; authorizes commissioner of agriculture rules under certain disease control conditions; and prohibits local units of government from adopting conflicting standards. PETTY, NELSON, K.

**Chap. 487-H.F. 1404** Provides for redetermination of ditch benefits under certain conditions relating to correction of errors in county or judicial ditch petitions and increases the fee for mailing notices of ditch utilization hearings. ONNEN, BERNHAGEN

**Chap. 509-H.F. 1425** Provides for alternative methods for establishing the value of milk purchased from producers based on the percentage of milk fat, protein and nonfat solids and provides for extra adjustments based on milk quality. KRUEGER, WEGSCHEID

**Chap. 517-H.F. 1663** Makes certain changes in apiary laws including requiring treatment or control of exotic parasites under order of the commissioner of agriculture and modifying certain public nuisance, quarantine and interstate movement provisions; requires persons intending to bring bees into the state to register with the commissioner; authorizes the commissioner to make special inspections or perform necessary services, with fees to cover costs; and removes the provisions requiring placement of certain colonies at locations listed in the entry permit. FJOSLIEN, SAMUELSON

**Chap. 519-H.F. 1778** Extends the deadline for adoption by the Pollution Control Agency of an acid deposition standard for certain sensitive areas. MUNGER, WILLET

**Chap. 537-H.F. 2006** Authorizes the commissioner of natural resources to enter into a reciprocity agreement with Wisconsin in the purchase and sale of annual hunting and fishing licenses for residents of each state owning property in the other state; requires the commissioners in Minnesota and Wisconsin to agree on joint standards for defining real property ownership to be submitted to the legislature; and encourages DNR attempts to reach agreements with Wisconsin to further restrict the fishing season on the Mississippi River. KELLY, MOE, R.D.

**Chap. 550-S.F. 1589** Permits hunters and trappers to wear blaze orange camouflage. MERRIAM, NEUENSCHWANDER

**Chap. 569-H.F. 432** Encourages adoption of soil loss ordinances by certain cities, counties and towns; requires Department of Agriculture rules to include a model ordinance specifying technical and administrative procedures; prohibits activities causing excessive soil loss; provides for complaint and inspection of alleged soil loss and for administrative corrective orders; requires submission of a sedimentation control plan prior to beginning certain development activities; and extends the Joint Legislative Committee on Agricultural Land Preservation and Conservation. REDALEN, DAVIS

**Chap. 584-H.F. 2051** Authorizes the Energy and Economic Development Authority to make, purchase or participate with financial institutions in small business, energy and farm loans, includes rehabilitation and acquisition of livestock in the definition of farm loan; provides for the issuance of bonds or notes for farm loans; provides for loans-to-lenders programs relating to farm loans; reduces the allocation of bonding authority for certain issues; and increases the allocation to the Department of Energy and Economic Development pursuant to a federal limitation act. KALIS, STUMPF

**Chap. 599-S.F. 1114** Authorizes additions to and deletions from Camden, Flandrau, Fort Snelling, Jay Cooke, Temperance River, Tettegouche and Whitewater state parks and Blakely, Flood Bay and Rice Lake state waysides; includes certain additional state parks as units of the outdoor recreation system; authorizes a land exchange within Lake County; authorizes the conveyance of state land in Stearns County to the city of Melrose; and provides for state reservation of minerals or mineral rights. JUDE, KNUTH

**Chap. 600-S.F. 1403** Requires governmental units to follow the Mississippi River Headwaters land use plan adopted by the Mississippi Headwaters Board; requires land owned by the state and political subdivisions to be administered in accordance with the plan; and

requires the agreement of certain county boards before amendment of the plan by the Headwaters Board. LESSARD, SOLBERG

**Chap. 601-S.F. 1789** Requires state lands certified as surplus by departments and agencies other than DNR to be offered for public sale by the commissioner of administration and requires state lands certified as surplus by DNR to be sold by the DNR commissioner. PETERSON, R.W., NORTON

**Chap. 605-S.F. 881** Requires the DNR, the state geological survey and the Departments of Transportation and Energy, Planning and Development to conduct a program of identification and classification of certain aggregate lands without consideration of present use to protect deposits and resources; sets priorities; permits county, city and town planning authorities to consider aggregate resources in land use decisions; and creates an advisory committee on aggregate resources in the metro area. SCHMITZ, NELSON, D.

**Chap. 613-S.F. 1407** Makes changes in certain forestry laws including provisions relating to fire prevention and suppression equipment repair by the DNR commissioner; provides for certain trespass claim settlements; provides for penalties and tickets for removing state timber; makes retroactive a law relating to crediting of receipts from timber sales to the State Forest Suspense Account; authorizes the commissioner to grant timber permit extensions; and provides for stumpage rates and interest. DAVIS, BATTAGLIA

**Chap. 621-S.F. 1048** Requires the tagging, sealing or marking of transported wild animals or the containers used for transporting wild animals; provides for resident and nonresident transport of certain fish and game birds by common carrier; provides for Mille Lacs Lake angling season; provides for stamp surcharge changes; prescribes requirements for Lake Superior fishing guide licenses, and provides for the determination of Lake of the Woods and Rainy Lake walleye quotas for buyout purposes. PETERSON, C.C., BATTAGLIA

**Chap. 644-H.F. 1577** Waste Management Act revisions; suspends the Waste Management Board hazardous waste disposal site selection; provides for a technical assistance program for hazardous waste generators; authorizes waste reduction and processing facility grants and loans; sets facility operator indemnification and resource recovery facility designation; establishes resource recovery and pollution control equipment income tax credits, resource recovery waste processing equipment sales tax exemption; "Metropolitan Landfill Abatement Act"; sets fees, abatement and action funds; and provides for Ramsey and Washington counties resource recovery facilities. MUNGER, MERRIAM

**Chap. 645-H.F. 1532** Designates milk as the official state drink. KRUEGER, BERTRAM

## Economic Development and Commerce

**Chap. 382-H.F. 1944** Permits investments in the African Development Bank by the State Board of Investment, savings banks and domestic insurance companies. METZEN, FREEMAN

**Chap. 388-H.F. 1877** Provides for noncontiguous enterprise zone subdivisions; modifies designation provisions; prohibits border city designation after Dec. 31, 1983; requires the governing body of the border city enterprise zone to determine that facility improvement is not likely to cause transfer of existing employment from other state cities prior to application for reduced property tax assessments; clarifies tax incentives and local contribution provisions; modifies repayment provisions; requires energy and economic development commissioner approval of zone boundary changes; and increases the number of zones allowed in a congressional district. KELLY, POGE-MILLER

**Chap. 414-H.F. 1998** Excludes certain securities and commodities agreements, including agricultural commodities, from the Plain Language Contract Act. GUSTAFSON, SOLON

**Chap. 418-H.F. 1819** Requires sellers of hearing aids to provide buyers with a 30-day written money back guarantee; permits buyer to

be entitled to receive a full refund minus an authorized cancellation fee not to exceed ten percent; and repeals certain prescription and consultation requirements and waiver provisions. SEGAL, BERGLIN

**Chap. 420-H.F. 1652** Requires no-fault automobile insurance coverage of certain benefits rather than medicare coverage. JENSEN, SCHMITZ

**Chap. 423-S.F. 1351** Provides an alternative distribution of assets following voluntary dissolution of a cooperative association to certain tax exempt corporations or organizations or to state or local government units. PETERSON, C.C., GRABA

**Chap. 440-H.F. 1939** Repeals the "Buy Minnesota" law by removing the preference for Minnesota materials, contractors and labor in state contracts and purchases; clarifies resident preference in public contracts; and requires unallotment from state agency budget for failing to give preference to resident bidder. BEARD, CHMIELEWSKI

**Chap. 450-H.F. 585** Regulates the sale and advertising of fine prints, with exceptions; provides for advertising and sales disclosures and disclaimers; requires informational detail to include artist, year, impressions, editions and liability; and sets a time limit on actions. MURPHY, SPEAR

**Chap. 452-S.F. 1504** Regulates certain subdivided land sales; provides for time-share, housing cooperative and condominium interest; permits and provides for registration by notification, qualification and consolidation; prescribes public offering statement requirements; provides exemptions; allows certain contracts to be voidable or rescindable; provides for document filing; prohibits false, misleading or deceptive advertising; allows commissioner of securities and real estate to revoke or suspend a registration, issue cease and desist orders; and prohibits certain practices. NOVAK, PETERSON

**Chap. 461-S.F. 1977** Clarifies certain provisions relating to the export finance authority in the Dept. of Agriculture; authorizes insurance against commercial post-export credit risks; requires all premiums, interest and fees collected to be deposited into the working capital account; prohibits the retention of more than a certain percentage of the commercial risk in insuring post-export transactions; and authorizes the use of finance authority appropriations to purchase insurance policies. NOVAK, EKEN

**Chap. 473-S.F. 1732** Authorizes industrial loan and thrift companies to act as trustees or custodians of certain retirement accounts; allows special powers without inclusion in articles of incorporation; provides for certain conventional loan terms; provides for deposit of real estate broker and salesperson trust fund; authorizes open end loans; permits liens against real estate under certain conditions; and permits insurance charges in lieu of perfecting security interest. WEGSCHEID, QUINN

**Chap. 488-H.F. 1422** Modifies the regulation of corporate take-overs; provides for limitations on offerers; authorizes the commissioner of commerce to suspend the effectiveness of the take-over offer under certain conditions; requires registration statement containing certain disclosures to be filed with the commissioner; prohibits solicitation before effectiveness or suspension of take-over offer; increases filing fees and penalties; provides for denial of voting rights and optional redemption under certain conditions; regulates control share acquisitions of certain corporations, proxy solicitation, information statements; and requires shareholders meetings. SIMONEAU, MOE, R.D.

**Chap. 500-H.F. 1771** Provides for business reciprocity between Minnesota credit unions and credit unions in other states under certain conditions and provides for cease and desist proceedings under conditions of noncompliance. NORTON, PETTY

**Chap. 506-H.F. 1352** Authorizes banks and trust companies to establish trust service offices at other state or national banks; requires a joint filing of notice of intent with the commissioner; provides for service limits; requires filing of fiduciary powers agreements under certain conditions; provides for succession and substitution of powers and duties; and establishes notice requirements. SKOGLUND, PETTY

**Chap. 512-H.F. 1481** Authorizes credit unions to offer various classes of shares, share certificates, deposits or deposit certificates; authorizes boards of directors to establish different classes of shares and to place certain restrictions on one class; allows credit unions to designate the par value of shares; specifies certain capital components; includes investment losses in the category of contingencies requiring maintenance of reserves; permits boards to pay no dividends; and permits the exclusion of one share per member from the insurance requirement. SIMONEAU, WEGSCHEID

**Chap. 532-H.F. 1949** Requires automobile insurers to provide a pre-

mium reduction on private passenger vehicle insurance policies to persons over 65 who successfully complete an accident prevention course; requires the public safety commissioner to adopt rules establishing and regulating an accident prevention course; and requires eligible persons to retake the test every three years to remain eligible for a premium reduction. OLSEN, PETERSON, D.L.

**Chap. 533-H.F. 1950** Requires credit card issuers to issue cards bearing either the current or former surname of a married woman as directed by the woman; permits the issuer to require a new account for a married woman requesting a card with a former surname; and provides that refusal to do business with or provide services to a woman choosing to use her current or former surname is an unfair discriminatory practice. FORSYTHE, STORM

**Chap. 538-H.F. 2148** Authorizes life insurers to use smoker and nonsmoker mortality tables in addition to the tables under the standard nonforfeiture law and the standard valuation law and coordinates payments by primary and secondary group health insurers. SKOGLUND, SOLON

**Chap. 552-S.F. 1750** Modifies continuing insurance education requirements; excludes certain financial institutions from the definition of securities broker-dealer; alters securities transaction exemption for corporations; requires timely receipt of real estate broker and salesperson license renewal applications; provides for automatic transfer of broker license to salesperson license under certain conditions; sets additional regulation fees; sets examination, continuing education and licensing requirements for brokers and salespersons; alters provisions relating to the sale of unclaimed property; provides for religious bond exemption; and provides for payment of certain claims. WEGSCHEID, SEGAL

**Chap. 555-S.F. 1862** Defines unfair insurance claim settlements and denial trade practices; includes failures to communicate with the Dept. of Commerce concerning certain matters, misrepresentation and slow or unfair settlements; exempts workers compensation insurance; prescribes penalties; provides for venue in Ramsey County District Court for certain injunctive proceedings; authorizes cease and desist orders under certain conditions and provides for rule adoption and imposition of administrative remedies. DAHL, VANASEK

**Chap. 568-S.F. 1859** Requires motor vehicle service contract providers to be insured under a motor vehicle service contract reimbursement insurance policy; requires providers to file certain documents with the commissioner of commerce; requires policy disclosures for providers and to contract holders; authorizes the commissioner to prohibit service contract or reimbursement insurance policy sales under certain conditions; authorizes commissioner to promulgate rules for administration and enforcement purposes and for establishment of minimum standards for disclosure of service contract limits and exclusions; and excludes service contracts issued by motor vehicle manufacturers, distributors or importers. WEGSCHEID, QUINN

**Chap. 576-H.F. 1655** Expedites certain bank application procedures; provides for a secured deposit exception for certain trust companies; sets a uniform examination cycle; extends certain mortgage usury limit removal provisions; requires detached facility application notice publication; requires prior notice for state bank ownership change and for bond cancellation or termination; sets bank officer or employee loan limit; clarifies exclusion of bankers acceptances from certain liability restrictions; provides for filing of quarterly report as proof of publication; provides for demand deposit modification due to federal deregulation; requires identification for opening checking accounts; allows federal savings banks to have the same rights and powers as federal savings and loans. BRINKMAN, SOLON

**Chap. 583-H.F. 1775** "Minnesota Energy and Economic Development Authority Act"; changes and adds definitions relating to business loans; authorizes loans for energy, farms, rehabilitation and certain capital expenditures; financial institution to include credit unions, savings associations and certain federally certified lenders; duties to include improvement of business energy use and equipment production; provides for the use of economic and energy development funds to include interest subsidy payments and purchase, lease or licensing of technology-related products; authorizes certain investments; authorizes a special assistance program to allow businesses to expand, remain or locate in Minnesota, with job growth emphasis and bond issue and requires rules to establish criteria for analyzing cost effectiveness of certain energy projects. OTIS, REICHGOTT

**Chap. 587-H.F. 1257** Requires entertainment agencies to be licensed by the Dept. of Labor and Industry; sets application requirements

including filing of fee schedule; provides for investigations, fees, surety bond requirements; requires departmental approval of contract form; requires contracts to include an arbitration clause; sets grounds and procedures for license refusal, revocation or suspension; sets department and agency recordkeeping requirements; sets department powers and duties; provides for agency conduct including certain repayment and reimbursement provisions; and sets penalties. RICE, SOLON

**Chap. 592-H.F. 1678** Provides for suspension of certain self-insurance authority; alters existing and provides for new fees; transfers certain commerce commissioner duties to revenue commissioner; sets tax and premium filing requirements and penalties; provides for agent license renewals and revocations; sets insurance licensing date changes; provides for service of process on foreign companies and unauthorized insurers; removes countersignature requirement; permits use of smoker and nonsmoker mortality tables; permits use of health insurance claim form and fire insurance binder; provides for auto insurance regulation and liability coverage; prohibits discrimination based on sex or marital status; sets adjuster license expiration date; provides for reinsurance association board membership; and sets tax court jurisdiction. SKOGLUND, LUTHER

**Chap. 594-H.F. 1915** Provides for the optional licensing of transient merchants by local government units which excludes certain classes of merchant events and provides for the deposit of certain fees. RODOSOVICH, PURFEERST

**Chap. 596-H.F. 2141** Modifies the definition of franchise to exclude businesses operated under a license on the premises of and incidental to the business conducted by the licensor. OGREN, WEGSCHEID

**Chap. 602-S.F. 1810** Provides for changes and notice requirements of homeowners insurers refusing to renew a policy or reducing limits of coverage or eliminating coverage; authorizes Commerce Dept. rules specifying grounds for nonrenewal, reduction in limits or elimination of coverage; authorizes a penalty; provides procedures for complaints, commissioner determination, and judicial review; authorizes certain cooperative life insurance companies to continue to exist as corporations; and increases the maximum replacement service loss benefit in no-fault automobile insurance. PETERSON, D.C., RIVENESS

**Chap. 604-S.F. 1826** Specifies powers and duties of the commissioner of energy and economic development; permits the commissioner to assist local government units in completing application forms for federal grants in aid; creates a state development company dedicated fund for administration and investment purposes; and modifies the duties of the bureau of small business for small business assistance purposes. FREEMAN, PETERSON

**Chap. 653-H.F. 1743** Modifies an exception for auctioneers from real estate broker and salesperson licensing requirements. SPARBY, MERRIAM

## Education

**Chap. 407-H.F. 1813** Authorizes hospital districts to provide loans to eligible students enrolled in health related educational programs under certain conditions of employment. TUNHEIM, STUMPF

**Chap. 427-S.F. 1853** Permits veterinarians employed by the U of M to perform certain duties relating to instruction at the University or to continuing education for veterinarians. WEGSCHEID, CARLSON, D.

**Chap. 463-H.F. 1393** Omnibus education aids bill. NELSON, K.; NELSON

**Chap. 482-H.F. 1291** Proposes an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, Article XI, Section 8, to remove constitutional restrictions on the investment of the permanent school fund and to allow investment limits and provides that the apportionment of returns to school districts be set by law. MCEACHERN, PEHLER

**Chap. 619-S.F. 1736** Creates the Minnesota Educational Computing Corporation as a public corporation to provide computing and technology related services and products to MN educational institutions and, optionally, to other institutions at market prices; transfers assets and obligations from MECC to the corporation board of directors; requires annual reports to the governor, legislature and L.C.E.R. and a budget report to the finance commissioner; provides for classification of certain data and for employee benefits; requires that board members and the chief officer file economic interest statements; allows optional MECC product or service use; and authorizes direct contracting. PEHLER, KAHN

# Elections

**Chap. 376-S.F. 1476** Makes the requirements for school election absentee ballots the same as those for the general election. REICHGOTT, CARLSON, L.

**Chap. 386-H.F. 1485** Provides for the election and term of office for certain town clerks and treasurers. ANDERSON, G., ADKINS

**Chap. 396-S.F. 416** Authorizes an increase in polling place hours for town officer elections in certain towns by voter petition. MEHRKENS, SVIGGUM

**Chap. 415-H.F. 1936** Changes the time for filing for school district office elections. OLSEN, OLSON

**Chap. 447-H.F. 1338** Clarifies and modifies voting machine provisions; provides for the examination duties of the secretary of state; and provides separate provisions for lever only machines and for electronic voting machines. OSTHOFF, PETERSON, D.C.

**Chap. 471-S.F. 1564** Provides for the accessibility of the election process to certain elderly and handicapped persons and residents of health care facilities and hospitals, by making available braille, tape or large print instructions, out-of-precinct accessible polling places, handicapped parking, chairs in polling booths, telecommunications devices, interpreters for the deaf, low positioning of items on voting machine ballots, allowing for more time at voting machines and for assistance by persons other than an employer, union officer or candidate for election and allows voting from motor vehicle in polling places using lever voting systems. PETERSON, D.C., MINNE

**Chap. 508-H.F. 1421** Authorizes payroll deductions for contributions to federally or state registered political action committees. SIMONEAU, LANTRY

**Chap. 515-H.F. 1606** Prohibits certain inquiries of voters at or within 100 feet of the polls. SHEA, PETERSON, D.C.

**Chap. 560-S.F. 1954** Makes procedural changes in election laws; corrects erroneous and obsolete provisions; requires the secretary of state to prepare an extract of state election laws relating to election judge duties for distribution to county auditors and municipal clerks; requires a report to the legislature detailing all moneys used for special elections; provides for gray ballots and certain ballot headings; and requires certification of election hours by cities and towns to county auditor. HUGHES, WELLE

# Employment

**Chap. 432-S.F. 1477** Miscellaneous changes to the 1983 workers' compensation law; restricts elective workers' compensation coverage by employers for ride-sharing arrangements in commuter van pools by clarifying employer liability assumption and repealing primacy of no-fault insurance coverage provisions; modifies exclusion of certain domestic volunteers; provides for economic recovery, impairment, temporary total and monitoring compensation; provides for a vocational rehabilitation program for federal targeted jobs tax credit eligibility; establishes an advisory council; provides for reporting of death or injury and details report access; provides for compensation discontinuation appeals and intervention; and provides for payments to special compensation fund. CHMIELEWSKI, SIMONEAU

**Chap. 446-H.F. 1562** Requires and provides for prompt payment of earned and unpaid commissions to terminated and resigning salespersons; provides for payment of wages and commissions by mail; sets a penalty for nonprompt payment; and provides for payment of disputed amounts and commissions earned after last day of employment. BLATZ, FREEMAN

**Chap. 454-S.F. 1622** Increases the compensation for dependents of peace officers killed in the line of duty. JUDE, WENZEL

**Chap. 456-S.F. 1760** Requests the U of M to conduct an objective job evaluation study to determine the comparability of work value in the salaries of nonacademic employees and hospital employees; requires inclusion of an analysis of compensation comparability for male-dominated, female-dominated and balanced classes of employees; and requests the study results to be reported to the legislature by April 1, 1985. REICHGOTT, CARLSON L.

**Chap. 462-S.F. 1986** "1984 Public Employment Labor Relations Re-codification Act". NELSON, SIMONEAU

**Chap. 469-S.F. 1469** Provides workers' compensation coverage for certain U of M faculty members and for volunteer ambulance drivers and attendants. FREDERICK, BOO

**Chap. 481-H.F. 1264** Regulates pipefitters and pipefitting by the Dept. of Labor and Industry; sets permit application and inspection fees; changes the term steamfitter to pipefitter; provides for regulation by municipalities, a surcharge on certain fees, and a temporary license; and establishes an advisory council on code enforcement. RODRIGUEZ, F., POGEMILLER

**Chap. 501-H.F. 1839** Authorizes St. Louis County to establish an emergency employment program; provides for certain rules by the county board of commissioners; and exempts employment in the program for unemployment compensation purposes. BATTAGLIA, DICKLICH

**Chap. 608-S.F. 1563** Permits the practice of dentistry by persons with suspended licenses under supervision of licensed dentists for competency and reinstatement purposes; clarifies child labor penalties; removes the exemption relating to uniform age restrictions in certain apprenticeship programs from unfair discriminatory practices; extends the statute of limitations for actions to recover wages, overtime or damages under certain conditions; and removes food service workers from civil service in I.S.D.. 709, Duluth. Chmielewski, O'CONNOR

**Chap. 614-S.F. 1235** Provides an exemption from minimum wage and overtime premium requirements for individuals employed to provide certain companionship services during certain nighttime hours. ULLAND, BERKELMAN

**Chap. 627-S.F. 1441** Requires funding for sheltered workshops and work activity programs to be based on effectiveness as evaluated by the commissioner of economic security; provides for the commissioner to develop forms to assist workshops and programs in data collection; requires submission of data to commissioner for continued funding; requires submission of modified plans and budgets under certain circumstances; requires the establishment of evaluation criteria and technical assistance to workshops and programs; defines sheltered employee; and requires a report to the legislature. SPEAR, GREENFIELD

**Chap. 636-S.F. 433** Eliminates the employer entitlement to credit tips to the payment of minimum wage by reducing the credit in stages. VEGA, MURPHY

**Chap. 651-H.F. 1766** Requires every political subdivision to establish equitable compensation relationships between female-dominated, male-dominated and balanced classes of employees; provides for compensation relationships of positions; requires use of a job evaluation system to determine comparable work value, with results to be submitted to the bargaining unit exclusive representatives; requires that results be treated as private data on individuals; authorizes release to labor organizations; prohibits the human rights commissioner or state courts from using results in discrimination proceedings; requires political subdivisions to report implementation plans to commissioner of employee relations; requires the commissioner to report to the legislature; and permits the town of Windemere to exercise certain metro area town powers. RIVENESS, BERGLIN

# Energy and Housing

**Chap. 406-H.F. 1611** Clarifies provisions relating to manufactured home safety features, rental agreement notice and safety feature disclosure forms; and provides for nonimposition of liability on dealer or park owner for injuries resulting from the failure of the buyer to comply with home safety features. VOSS, NOVAK

**Chap. 443-H.F. 1781** Permits the filing of a certificate referring to tax-forfeited land conveyances by a housing and redevelopment authority to terminate the rights of reversion back to the state. COLEMAN, FRANK

**Chap. 444-H.F. 1656** Temporarily prohibits motor fuel franchisors from altering buildings of full service stations operated by fran-

chisees for the purpose of eliminating service bays and becoming "pumper stations" without franchisee consent and provides for enforcement. SOLBERG, DAHL

**Chap. 449-H.F. 996** Allows cities of more than 50,000 that are not cities of the first class to acquire and operate district heating systems without election; allows city port authorities to acquire and operate district heating systems and ancillary energy services; permits lease of the system for construction or maintenance purposes; permits cities to delegate heating system powers to the port authority; permits city contracts with a county to provide district heating services for all or part of the city. NORTON

**Chap. 459-S.F. 1813** Modifies the standards for gasoline, including aviation gasoline, and gasoline blended with an alcohol additive; requires tests to be made by the Dept. of Public Service, Division of Weights and Measures; requires distributors of gasoline containing alcohol to disclose alcohol content under certain conditions; and requires the labeling of dispensers of gasoline blends for use in motor vehicles. WEGSCHEID, PETERSON

**Chap. 474-S.F. 1776** Extends the real estate mortgage and contract for deed moratorium; requires notices of default to contain a statement of borrower eligibility for foreclosure extension; increases the time for notice of foreclosure sale to person in possession of mortgage premises; allows catastrophic medical expenses to be considered by the court in determining a delay in sale or contract termination; and allows equity in the property to be considered in determining amount of income or rental value to be paid. DICKLICH, ELIOFF

**Chap. 551-S.F. 1683** Prohibits cities, counties and towns from adopting ordinances to control rent on private residential property except by approval of a majority of a certain number of registered voters at a general or special election. WEGSCHEID, MCEACHERN

**Chap. 565-S.F. 1337** Increases the interest rate paid by landlords on rental deposits and increases the amount of interest excluded from interest provisions. BERGLIN, OTIS

**Chap. 578-H.F. 1878** Authorizes the commissioner of administration to establish or approve continuing education programs and requirements for municipal building officials dealing with building code administration, inspection and enforcement; requires state building officials to complete applicable education programs as a condition for certification; and repeals a certain provision relating to the granting of credit hours toward minimum continuing education requirements for insurance agents. ST. ONGE, LAIDIG

**Chap. 581-H.F. 1999** Authorizes the application of the municipal utility system home energy conservation program in Duluth to multifamily homes; requires separate bond or note issue for multifamily home improvements; provides that bonds or notes not be considered bonds issued to provide projects for residential rental property under a certain Internal Revenue Code section. MUNGER, SOLON

**Chap. 586-H.F. 1203** Requires certain owners of residential rental units to post notice of availability of a statement of tenants' rights and duties under state law; requires certain dwelling registrations issued by cities and towns to include a statement informing tenants of their right to contact the attorney general for certain information; and specifies that failure to post notice shall not prevent actions to recover rent or possession of premises. NORTON, POGEMILLER

**Chap. 595-H.F. 1974** Provides for energy efficiency standards for low rent housing owned by public housing authorities or HRA's to be established by the commissioner of energy and economic development based on audits in conformance with certain federal regulations; provides for third party or panel determination of conservation measures to be completed for compliance in cases of disagreement between the authority and the municipality or commissioner; sets enforcement after inspection through contested case proceedings for renter occupied residences; sets fines and excepts public housing; provides that certain enforcement provisions not apply to housing authority violations of certain energy standards; modifies building evaluator certification; and requests that the revenue commissioner provide the DEED commissioner with copies of filed certificates of rent constituting property taxes. PRICE, PETERSON, D.C.

## Finance

**Chap. 486-H.F. 1402** Provides for payment of various claims against the state. KALIS, DAHL

**Chap. 597-H.F. 2314** Omnibus capital improvements and bonding bill. RICE, WILLET

**Chap. 654-H.F. 2317** Omnibus supplemental appropriations bill. RICE, WILLET

## Governmental Operations

**Chap. 383-H.F. 1784** Provides for combined investment funds with accounts and retirement fund participation determined appropriate by the State Board of Investment; allows individual accounts to be completely invested in a single asset class; requires realized gains or losses incurred by a transferring fund to be recognized on the date of transfer; sets time of valuation of units for accounts; requires yearly distribution of net earnings; and provides for unamortized balances in certain retirement fund deferred yield adjustment accounts to be offset against earned income. LARSEN, WEGSCHEID

**Chap. 413-H.F. 2038** Clarifies procedures for certain contracts made upon quotation under the uniform municipal contracting law. CLAWSON, WEGSCHEID

**Chap. 425-S.F. 1891** Defines abuse for purposes of arbitration or hearing proceedings involving discipline of a state hospital or nursing home employee for alleged abuse of a resident. PETTY, GREENFIELD

**Chap. 426-S.F. 1867** Authorizes the State Board of Pharmacy to accept foreign pharmacy graduates for examination for licensure under certain conditions. DICKLICH, CLAWSON

**Chap. 485-H.F. 1371** Provides for a private day care center in the Capitol Complex for children of state employees; requires the commissioner of administration to provide rental space and to contract for the services; and requires a report to the legislature. HOKR, LAIDIG

**Chap. 531-H.F. 1946** Transfers the authority to make certain appointments to various commissions, councils, task forces and boards from the governor to certain commissioners; changes the Minnesota-Wisconsin boundary area technical advisory committee to a task force; and authorizes state departments to fill board membership vacancies reoccurring within a certain period of time from applications on hand. KNUTH, POGEMILLER

**Chap. 544-S.F. 1408** Makes miscellaneous changes to statutes pertaining to the Dept. of Administration; allows transfer to local government units of certain surplus supplies and equipment; allows cost recovery in selling copies of laws and resolutions; allows office space lease and supply purchase without gubernatorial approval; specifies the U.S. Labor Dept. as the entity which designates a labor surplus area for small business purposes; includes voluntary unpaid workers accepted by the commissioner in the definition of employee for workers' compensation purposes; provides that advisory task force compensation be according to LGER plan; and allows handicapped persons' work experiences to be used in lieu of examination for job application purposes. MOE, D.M., COLEMAN

**Chap. 553-S.F. 1790** Eliminates the duplicative land acquisition appraisal review by the commissioner of administration. PETERSON, R.W., NORTON

**Chap. 558-S.F. 1913** Provides for the statutory changes required by reorganization orders; transfers insurance gross premium tax collection duties and insurance division statistical-tax audit section to the Revenue Dept.; transfers EQB complement and budget to State Planning Agency; transfers certain Public Safety Dept. duties relating to trunk highway rights-of-way to Transportation Dept.; transfers Energy & Economic Development Dept. Indian business loans to Indian Affairs Council; establishes community development division in DEED for grant administration; requires department to supervise state plan for juvenile justice; provides for youth intervention grants under Public Safety Dept.; sets Transportation Dept. debt collection authority; and provides for agreements with the Public Safety Dept. FRANK, COLEMAN

**Chap. 564-S.F. 147** Omnibus public employees pension bill; establishes the "Rule of 85;" provides for miscellaneous benefits changes and addresses financing issues for public pension funds. PETERSON, C.C., SARNA

**Chap. 571-H.F. 950** Regulates compensation for members of advisory councils and committees and examining and licensing boards who are public or state employees; provides for compensation to state employees undertaking area vocational-technical school performance evaluations upon Education Dept. request; and provides for per diem compensation for attendance at meetings of commissioners of the Northwest Minnesota Multi-County Housing and Redevelopment Authority. WENZEL, SAMUELSON

**Chap. 574-H.F. 1427** Miscellaneous retirement provisions, including police and firefighters relief association investments; MSRS disability and retirement benefit accrual, public hospital employee PERA deferred annuity election, teacher variable annuity contributions, and benefit limits. SARNA, FRANK

**Chap. 618-S.F. 2016** Provides for the simplification, elimination or transfer of certain required filings with the secretary of state; eliminates certain filings with county recorders; provides for uniform filing standards for limited partnership, corporate and cooperative names and assumed names and marks; sets or increases certain fees; eliminates or modifies certain publication requirements; provides for filing and enforcement of certain security interests; provides for the determination of indemnification eligibility for certain persons; prohibits corporate by-law modification relating to voting power of shares; provides time limits on certain claims and complaints and for attorney general review of certain complaints; sets additional county auditor notice requirements relating to town formation or dissolution; and delays the effective date of a certain corporate registration requirement. WEGSCHEID, ELLINGSON

**Chap. 638-S.F. 2043** Authorizes the legislative auditor, at the direction of the Legislative Audit Commission, to evaluate programs of state departments, boards, commissions, or agencies and metropolitan agencies, boards and commissions and requires the auditor to conduct annual audits of the Metro Transit, Sports Facilities, Airports and Mosquito Control Commissions. MOE, D.M., WELCH

**Chap. 640-S.F. 1864** Provides for changes in administrative procedures; provides for social security disability determination program exemption from contested case procedures; provides for negotiated rulemaking; regulates certain incorporations by reference; e; sets proposed rule hearing procedures; provides for rule adoption and filing with secretary of state; provides for the content of notices for rule adoption without hearing, public hearing request changes, proposed rule modifications, and attorney general review; sets emergency rule adoption and expiration; provides for agency maintenance of official rulemaking records; sets legal status of exempt rules; sets judicial determination of rule validity with Court of Appeals and Supreme Court; provides temporary rule authority extension for certain departments; and provides for additional unclassified positions in the office of administrative hearings. DIESSNER, KNUTH

**Chap. 642-H.F. 1991** Miscellaneous provisions relating to employees of state government; modifies qualifications for handicapped persons eligible for work experience in lieu of competitive examination; authorizes the commissioner to negotiate insurance premium rates, coverage provisions and reasonable restrictions; places the job skills partnership executive director in the unclassified service; modifies procedures and requirements for review of court-martial proceedings; clarifies the period of time for issuance of search warrants by military judges; and limits state employee athletic leaves of absence to Olympic competition. KNUTH, JUDE

**Chap. 648-H.F. 533** Provides that the living expenses of legislators be set by the Senate committee on Rules and Administration for Senate members and the House committee on Rules and Legislative Administration for House members and repeals the daily per diem maximum and certain provisions relating to travel and lodging expenses. VANASEK, PURFEERST

**Chap. 649-H.F. 1961** Changes the composition of the Private Detectives and Protective Agent Services Board; authorizes rule adoption for agent selection, training and licensing; transfers license issuing duties from the commissioner of public safety to the board; changes certain licensing and application requirements; and sets surety bond approval by the attorney general. COLEMAN, POGEMILLER

**Chap. 656-H.F. 1587** Designates the third Monday in January as a holiday honoring Martin Luther King, Jr. SIMONEAU, NELSON (BERGLIN)

## Health and Human Services

**Chap. 378-S.F. 1453** Requires the county of residence to be responsible for detoxification services for residents of chemical dependency treatment centers. DIESSNER, GREENFIELD

**Chap. 391-S.F. 1757** Requires a water well contractor license to drill

or construct excavation for the purpose of installing and a permit from the commissioner of health to install vertical heat exchangers, with department inspection as a permit condition and allows heat exchangers to be constructed, maintained and abandoned in accordance with certain provisions. JUDE, WELCH

**Chap. 422-S.F. 1454** Provides for the development and negotiation of interstate adoption compacts by the commissioner of public welfare for the protection of children receiving adoption assistance and for interstate assistance payments, including medical payments for certain eligible children; sets commissioner's duties and rules relating to medical assistance; prohibits reimbursement for services covered by insurance or other third party medical contracts; sets penalties for false claims; and requires application for all relevant aid under state and federal law. DIESSNER, STATEN

**Chap. 431-S.F. 1495** Makes changes in the Employee Right To Know Act of 1983; excludes nonpublic schools and school districts prior to Jan. 1, 1985 from certain training and instruction requirements; authorizes technically qualified individuals to participate in training and update programs; and includes rickettsia and parasites in the definition of infectious agents for purposes of hospital or clinic training programs relating to occupational safety and health. DIESSNER, CLARK, K.

**Chap. 464-H.F. 1561** Provides for continued health maintenance organization benefits by multiple carriers upon plan replacement; requires coverage to include unmarried enrollee maternity and dependent child benefits, newborns, certain handicapped and disabled; provides conversion privileges; prohibits certain discrimination; defines participating entities; provides for grievance and rights statements; provides for open enrollment, application fee, second opinion for chemical dependency and mental health conditions; provides that the commerce and health commissioners coordinate enforcement; and requires a copayment restriction report. SWANSON, BERGLIN

**Chap. 491-H.F. 1533** Authorizes Board of Dentistry rules for training and educating dentists in administering anesthesia and intervenous conscious sedation. SKOGLUND, WEGSCHEID

**Chap. 516-H.F. 1620** Requires the commissioner of public welfare to adopt rules to set standards for the provision of rehabilitative services to blind and visually handicapped persons. RICE

**Chap. 526-H.F. 1853** Requires the commissioner of public welfare to establish, by rule, minimum administrative and service standards for community social services. CLAWSON, BERGLIN

**Chap. 528-H.F. 1875** Makes certain changes in the administration of county nursing homes; authorizing certain counties to establish and operate facilities for supportive services to elderly persons not requiring nursing home care; provides for the repayment of general obligation bond principal and interest; requires costs to be paid by each county to be agreed upon by the counties; provides for county board designation of a nursing home administrative board for supervisory and administrative purposes; sets procedures for care and custody of resident funds as prescribed by commissioners of health and public welfare; and provides for city fiscal year designation by commissioner of public welfare. GRABA, STUMPF

**Chap. 530-H.F. 1920** Requires the Dept. of Public Welfare to adopt rules to determine parental responsibility for the cost of care of mentally retarded, epileptic or physically or emotionally handicapped children including respite care; requires that room and board provided by parents of children receiving in-home services under a federal medical assistance waiver be considered in determining contribution; and limits the amount of parental contribution required for out-of-home placement of more than one child. BRANDL, PETTY

**Chap. 534-H.F. 1966** Miscellaneous health and welfare provisions; provides for Health Dept. collection of statistical data on dissolutions and annulments; "Health Care Cost Information Act of 1984" to provide information about outpatient surgical centers, price competition; requests recommendations from the health commissioner for acute care health services cost containment; sets relative responsibility for state hospital costs; provides for assistance appeals, payment limit for chemical dependency treatment; specifies that inpatient hospital reimbursement be based on a diagnostic classification system; defines medical assistance eligibility, homestead exclusion, HMO coverage, personal needs allowance; provides for recovery of supplemental aid; requires county investigation for prepaid burial contracts; and sets a cost of living adjustment for contributions of noninstitutionalized spouse; sets administrative aid to counties; and establishes a citizen review board pilot project for children in substitute care. GREENFIELD, BERGLIN

**Chap. 541-H.F. 2247** Exempts increases of less than five medicare

certified swing beds from the certificate of need requirements for health care facilities. BEGICH, JOHNSON, D.J.

**Chap. 542-S.F. 311** Requires licensure of adult day care facilities, including developmental achievement centers, and supportive living residences for functionally impaired adults; defines functionally impaired; requires certain standards for licensing supportive living residences; sets rulemaking authority; and requires commissioner of health to assist public welfare commissioner in determining license requirements. BERGLIN, BRANDL.

**Chap. 545-S.F. 1418** Authorizes the Alcohol and Drug Abuse section of DPW to collect and disseminate information relating to chemical dependency prevention, treatment, rehabilitation and research programs, diagnosis and referral services; provides for state agency drug dependency plans in accordance with state plan; creates an American Indian advisory council to assist the Alcohol and Drug Abuse section in proposals, policies and procedures relating to chemical dependency and alcohol and drug abuse by American Indians; establishes county board grants for local agency chemical dependency programs; and alters DPW commissioner comprehensive program evaluation and recommendation duties. BERGLIN, WELCH

**Chap. 554-S.F. 1815** Grants the powers of certain nonprofit corporations relative to delivery of health care services to governmental entities owning or operating certain hospitals, includes the authority to enter into shared service and other cooperative ventures and partnerships, incorporate other corporations, own shares of stock in business corporations and offer certain products and services to the public; limits certain hospital contributions; specifies that conversion of public funds for the benefit of individuals constitute grounds for review and action relating to embezzlement; and provides that governance be subject to certain public purchasing, open meeting and data practices requirements. STUMPF, CLAWSON

**Chap. 556-S.F. 1883** Restricts the Board of Medical Examiners and the Board of Psychology, or hearing examiners, from considering evidence of the previous sexual conduct of a patient or client in board proceedings concerning unethical or unprofessional conduct. PETERSON, D.C., GREENFIELD

**Chap. 579-H.F. 1886** Relates to the collection and dissemination of welfare data; clarifies persons having authorized access to private data; allows the release of data in emergencies under certain conditions; classifies investigative data not on individuals; modifies the classification of certain DPW family day care licensing data; and provides for the collection, maintenance, use or dissemination by agencies to the welfare system of private medical data on individuals. BRANDL, DIESSNER

**Chap. 580-H.F. 1977** Specifies the commissioner of DPW as the rulemaking authority for Aid to Families with Dependent Children; modifies the calculation of rates paid to HMO's under medical assistance and general assistance medical care; requires county agencies in counties having HMO's or other prepaid health plans under state contract to present health care options available to recipients through use of state provided audiovisual and written materials. BRANDL, BERGLIN

**Chap. 616-S.F. 1614** Authorizes the commissioner of DPW to establish a pilot demonstration project for the treatment of compulsive gamblers; sets services to be provided, including outpatient, consultation and educational services and preventive treatment or rehabilitation services; and requires a report to the legislature on certain issues, including the nature and extent of compulsive gambling, existing programs and annual cost. SPEAR, COLEMAN

**Chap. 617-S.F. 1628** Modifies planning and zoning provisions relating to licensed residential and day care facilities; allows certain day care facilities to be permitted multifamily uses; extends a certain exemption for residential facilities for the adult mentally ill; requires counties to submit to DPW plans to promote dispersal of group residential facilities; requires public participation and commissioner certification; authorizes grant reduction for noncompliance; and requires the commissioner to implement a policy preference for residential facilities serving fewer than a certain number of mentally retarded persons. BERGLIN, GREENFIELD

**Chap. 631-S.F. 1884** Requires the commissioner of corrections to appoint a task force on the problem of sexual exploitation by counselors and therapists; requires the task force to develop a statewide plan to educate the public, counselors and therapists, their employers, training institutions and clients relating to the scope and consequences of and remedies for sexual exploitation by counselors and therapists. PETERSON, D.C., GREENFIELD

**Chap. 632-S.F. 1455** Exempts schools from Health Dept. license fee requirements. JUDE, SCHEID

**Chap. 637-S.F. 2102** Authorizes the commissioner of health to promote programs and services available to parents and families of victims of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome and to collect and report current information on the frequency and cause of the syndrome to the legislature; requires prompt reporting of SIDS deaths to the registrar of vital statistics; and encourages autopsies on SIDS victims, with notice to parents of cause of death and of availability of counseling services. MCQUAID, VALEN

**Chap. 641-H.F. 2098** Revisions in public welfare law; requires financial statements to residents by continuing care facility providers; provides for resident associations, budget review; outlines the effect of Health Dept. policies and procedures; assesses care and services furnished to private pay nursing home residents; changes procedures for determining operating cost and per diem payment rates for medical assistance; sets temporary rules by Health and DPW commissioners in consultation with interagency board for quality assurance; prohibits discrimination in admissions or services based on public assistance status; requires DPW study of providers having potential to offer home and community based services under certain federal waivers; sets acquisition limit study; requires nursing home industry ownership concentration study; permits operating cost adjustment allowance; and establishes HMO provisions including coverage for mental and nervous disorder treatment and for second opinions relating to chemical dependency and mental health conditions. CLAWSON, BERGLIN

**Chap. 657-H.F. 229** Allows interested persons to seek enforcement of patient rights on behalf of health care facility patients or residents having guardians or conservators. CLARK, K.; SPEAR

**Chap. 658-S.F. 2030** Exempts licensed day care centers located in church buildings from certain state building code requirements; requires a report to the legislature on day care licensure and safety; prohibits the fire marshal from adopting or enforcing rules relating to staff ratios, age distribution, number limits and exits from family or group family day care homes; and authorizes DPW rules for inspection of day care homes to insure compliance with state or local fire codes. LUTHER, SIMONEAU

## Judiciary

**Chap. 379-S.F. 1350** Provides for Court of Appeals representation on the Judicial Board of Standards and certain advisory committees. SPEAR, VANASEK

**Chap. 381-S.F. 1832** Allows the scheduled release date of an inmate to be extended by the time required to be served in punitive segregation. SPEAR, CLARK, J.

**Chap. 387-H.F. 1486** Provides for the appeal of various matters to the Court of Appeals. CLAWSON, REICHGOTT

**Chap. 399-H.F. 559** Provides for the calculation of interest on certain court judgments from the time of the commencement of the action under certain circumstances and provides for exceptions. SCHOENFELD, LUTHER

**Chap. 401-H.F. 1325** Removes the requirement for inclusion of a judge as a member of county law library boards of trustees. ZAFFKE, ANDERSON

**Chap. 419-H.F. 1809** Authorizes aggregation of thefts and extends the statute of limitations in cases of medical assistance fraud and theft. WYNIA, MERRIAM

**Chap. 421-H.F. 1445** Modifies the definition of aggravated criminal damage to property to include damages reducing the property value by more than \$300, measured by the cost of repair and replacement. SEABERG, STORM

**Chap. 429-S.F. 1740** Provides immunity from civil liability for persons rendering care, assistance or advice in incidents creating danger as a result of spillage, seepage, fire, explosion or release of hazardous materials except in cases involving compensation for service rendered or willful and wanton or reckless acts. JOHNSON, D.J., BATTAGLIA

**Chap. 430-S.F. 1642** Provides for the use of infrared breath testing equipment to determine the presence of alcohol or controlled substances and provides for admission into evidence of the results in

civil and criminal hearings and trials. PETERSON, R.W., VELLENGA  
**Chap. 433-S.F. 1398** Provides for the arrest of persons charged with misdemeanors on Sundays or between 10:00 PM and 8:00 AM on other days if found on a public highway or street; provides for the arrest of persons charged with gross misdemeanors on any day at any time; and alters release and detention time limits in certain cases of domestic assault. BERTRAM

**Chap. 436-S.F. 989** Provides procedures for protection of mental health center data on individual clients or patients and allows access for lawful investigation and public health purposes; establishes responsible authorities for components of the welfare system for access purposes; authorizes fees for copies of certain data having commercial value; allows certification of access denial; provides for classification of data disseminated from one agency to another; establishes treatment of computer program patents or copyrights; provides for rejection and expiration of temporary classification; classifies certain data including mediation services data; allows applicants refused a financial transaction account to provide additional information; prohibits the release of certain information relating to dishonored checks; and prohibits the revealing of the identity of a person typed for human leukocyte antigens or antigen type without consent. PETERSON, R.W., ELLINGSON

**Chap. 438-S.F. 506** Changes the time for filing for the closing of estates by sworn statement of a personal representative. SIELOFF, DEMPSEY

**Chap. 445-H.F. 1651** Includes conservation officers as peace officers for purposes of enforcing laws relating to fleeing a peace officer and modifies the penalties for the crime of fleeing a peace officer. HOBERG, JUDE

**Chap. 448-H.F. 1058** Provides for withdrawals from future equity participation in limited partnerships by certain persons and provides for liabilities of general partners. BISHOP

**Chap. 458-S.F. 1807** Clarifies the right of persons or entities indirectly injured by a violation of the Minnesota Antitrust Law of 1971 to sue for damages and authorizes the court to take the necessary steps to avoid duplicative recovery against a defendant in subsequent actions arising from the same conduct. PETERSON, D.C., RODOSOVICH

**Chap. 460-S.F. 1973** Requires arresting officers to immediately obtain a qualified interpreter for arrested persons handicapped in communication, including persons having difficulty in speaking or understanding the English language. JUDE, CLARK, J.

**Chap. 466-S.F. 1365** Specifies the crime of theft of telephone and telegraph telecommunications services. FREEMAN, KELLY

**Chap. 472-S.F. 1575** Provides for the computation of interest on mechanics' lien claims. SIELOFF, ELLINGSON

**Chap. 475-S.F. 1849** Prohibits the purchase or sale of human organs. JUDE, CLAWSON

**Chap. 479-H.F. 1149** Provides for a nonpossessory lien on personal property, excluding motor vehicles and considers the lien to be a security interest under uniform commercial code. CLAWSON, PETERSON, R.W.

**Chap. 480-H.F. 1156** Recodifies the laws governing the office of the revisor of statutes, including powers, duties, prohibitions and limits; provides for the publication and distribution of Minnesota Statutes and Session Laws; and provides for the replacement of gender-specific references. COHEN, JUDE

**Chap. 483-H.F. 1304** Provides a penalty for theft of a firearm and for receiving, buying or concealing a stolen firearm. CLARK, J., POGEMILLER

**Chap. 484-H.F. 1347** Prohibits concealing, obtaining or retaining a child in violation of the parental, custodial or visitation rights of another; specifies defenses; imposes penalties; requires court notice of the prohibitions in custody or visitation orders; provides for county welfare agency counseling services for a returned child; provides for dismissal of charges under certain conditions; and includes violations as child abuse for purposes of the child abuse reporting law. SEGAL, POGEMILLER

**Chap. 493-H.F. 1659** Prohibits limited partnerships from interposing the defense of usury in any action. ELLINGSON, PETTY

**Chap. 494-H.F. 1695** Accelerates the effective date of the reorganization of the trial courts in the Third and Seventh Judicial Districts. VANASEK, PURFEERST

**Chap. 495-H.F. 1703** Grants full and complete authority to peace officers acting under a joint exercise of powers agreement under certain conditions relating to completion of certain peace officer pre-employment education, licensing or certification requirements. VALAN, LANGSETH

**Chap. 496-H.F. 1722** Extends the time limit from three to seven for indictments or complaints relating to certain criminal sexual conduct offenses involving victims under 18. WYNIA, PETTY

**Chap. 497-H.F. 1735** Reduces the required period of incarceration for a stay of execution of sentence as a condition of probation for offenders convicted of a first offense of burglary of a dwelling. DEMPSEY, FREDERICKSON

**Chap. 504-H.F. 756** Authorizes the appointment of out of state notaries from counties sharing a boundary with Minnesota; requires designation of the clerk of district court of the county in which the appointment is sought as agent for out of state notaries; reduces the term of office and increases the required bond amount for notaries public commissioned after Aug. 1, 1984; and provides for change of county of residency. NORTON, JUDE

**Chap. 510-H.F. 1428** "Minnesota Missing Children's Act"; requires the commissioner of public safety to establish and maintain a program to allow information about missing Minnesota children to be entered into a National Crime Information Center computer; provides for equipment and programs, including broadcasts of information; restricts access to information to law enforcement agencies; requires commissioner to issue an annual report; authorizes rule adoption; and provides procedures for investigation, entry of information and cancellation of entry upon location of child. BISHOP, MERRIAM

**Chap. 513-H.F. 1524** Provides for determination of claims arising out of the injury or death of inmates conditionally released from a state, regional or local correctional facility or county jail and ordered to perform certain uncompensated work including work for a private business or individual and claims for injury or death of persons performing court ordered work in restitution; requires state or local agency investigation of certain claims for validity and insurance purposes; requires that claims be submitted to Dept. of Corrections for payment of portions not covered by insurance; requires legislative reimbursement to the department; provides for legislative hearing of certain claims; and prohibits payment for pain and suffering. OGREN, PETTY

**Chap. 525-H.F. 1850** Miscellaneous changes in Minnesota Statutes; conforms certain laws relating to the sales tax on road building materials, criminal sexual conduct, Cable Communications Board cost allocation to franchised cable companies and notice of hearing date for teacher contract termination to comply with judicial decisions of unconstitutionality. BISHOP, JUDE

**Chap. 547-S.F. 1492** Marriage dissolution; provides for determination and modification of child support; changes laws relating to docketing of judgments for support and maintenance; provides court clerk liability; provides for withholding of support and maintenance from certain public retirement and annuity benefits; requires a court order for support below guidelines to include findings of fact relating to financial resources and needs of the child; permits the court to consider debts owed to private creditors under certain conditions; provides for vacating of liens of judgments for support and maintenance; and repeals local provisions exempting pension payments from legal process. BERGLIN, BRANDL

**Chap. 566-S.F. 1473** Allows certain instruments governing condominium, townhouse and other planned unit development homeowners associations to be recorded without the auditor's certificate of tax due; provides for service of summons upon certain dissolved domestic corporations; changes certain dates relating to abolition of dower and curtesy in certain conveyances of real property; clarifies tenant rights to recovery of possession after sale on execution or judgment, mortgage foreclosure or termination of contract; and requires abstracts of title to Minnesota real estate to be stored within the state. REICHGOTT, ELLINGSON

**Chap. 567-S.F. 1762** Relates to the Human Rights Dept.; prohibits legal waiver of certain human rights statutes; extends the time for filing a claim; requires immediate inquiry in cases alleging actual or threatened physical violence; requires the commissioner to set priorities for investigation of certain charges, with notice to charging parties; requires hearing examiner policies for sanctions for intentional delay of proceedings; permits hearing requests by charging party under certain conditions; changes certain damage awards; requires the attorney general to represent charging parties upon appeal under certain conditions; and provides for an additional circumstance relating to commencement of civil action. REICHGOTT, CLARK, K.

**Chap. 573-H.F. 1386** Authorizes juvenile court intervention on behalf of minor family or household members in cases of domestic child abuse; permits protection order petitions to be made by local welfare

agencies on behalf of the minors; provides for certain court orders upon finding the child to be in immediate danger of or to be a victim of domestic child abuse; sets a penalty for violation of orders; provides for peace officer arrest without warrant; and prohibits access to certain criminal sexual conduct and intrafamilial sexual abuse records; provides for metro area county attorney prosecution of gross misdemeanors relating to possession of obscene pictorial representations of minors; and clarifies definitions under the child abuse reporting law. CLARK, J., PETTY

**Chap. 575-H.F. 1466** Provides procedures for collection of conciliation court judgments; requires the county court to order the judgment debtor to mail certain asset and liability information to the judgment creditor under certain conditions; requires conciliation court clerks to explain court procedures to litigants and to assist them in filling out forms; and provides for recovery of cost for the prevailing party on removal to county or municipal court under certain conditions. CLAWSON, MERRIAM

**Chap. 577-H.F. 1806** Clarifies the role of local welfare agencies in the reporting of child abuse; requires assessments of certain reports; grants local welfare or law enforcement agencies exclusive authority to determine attendance at interviews on school property; authorizes the juvenile court to order schools to comply with certain provisions under certain conditions; requires incidents of abuse or suspected abuse in a licensed facility to be reported to the agency licensing the facility; clarifies language; and modifies the classification of reports maintained by police departments or county sheriff offices. ELIOFF, PETTY

**Chap. 588-H.F. 1279** Provides for the admissibility into evidence in proceedings for dependency, neglect or termination of parental rights of testimony of certain medical professionals and out of court statements by juvenile sexual abuse victims under age 10; includes certain offenses in the crime of contributing to neglect or delinquency of a child; modifies the definition of sexual contact and coercion; adds a circumstance relating to minor victims between certain ages under criminal sexual conduct provisions; defines the term offense for subsequent offense purposes; places certain restrictions on evidence in intrafamilial sexual abuse cases; modifies the definition of familial relationship; and provides for certain evidence under the child abuse reporting law. LEVI, PETTY

**Chap. 589-H.F. 1382** Clarifies the definitions of inmate and term of imprisonment for criminal sentence purposes; requires the Sentencing Guidelines Commission to adopt rules establishing procedures for adoption of the sentencing guidelines, with LCRAR review; requires modifications amending the grid or reducing sentences to be submitted to the legislature; and modifies retroactivity provisions. BISHOP, SPEAR

**Chap. 598-S.F. 1974** Clarifies the limitations on enforcement of indemnification agreements in building and construction contracts including deductible and waiver provisions. PETERSON, R.W., NORTON

**Chap. 603-S.F. 1821** Provides procedures for granting written, validly executed powers of attorney; provides for notary public acknowledgment in certain cases; provides for recording, certification, durability, termination and revocation; requires actions to be binding; sets liability provisions and duties; provides for statutory short form of general power of attorney; provides for the form, requirements, powers relating to real and personal property, commodity or instrument, banking, business, insurance, beneficiary, gift, fiduciary, claims and litigation, family maintenance and military service benefit transactions, and for records, reports and statements. PETERSON, R.W., DEMPSEY

**Chap. 606-S.F. 992** Requires juvenile courts to order parents of children on probation or parole to pay certain foster care costs according to ability to pay; provides for the court to order parents of children under 18 to use the total income and resources attributable to the child to reimburse the county for care, examination and treatment costs; and provides for income withholding and notice to county attorney for collection of unpaid sums. DIETERICH, NORTON

**Chap. 609-S.F. 1442** Specifies and clarifies the rights and responsibilities of resident aliens relating to veterans benefits, formation of certain associations, game and fishing privileges and licenses, loan eligibility, employment agency license applications, military enlistment, county social services eligibility, liquor licenses, notaries public and certain complaint actions; and prohibits discrimination in employment under public contracts against resident aliens based on race, creed or color. SPEAR, KAHN

**Chap. 610-S.F. 2138** Permits courts to utilize noninstitutional sanc-

tions including restitution, community work service and work in lieu of fines as a condition of a stayed sentence without placing on probation in certain cases and requires court preference for noninstitutional sanctions where practicable. PETTY, OGREN

**Chap. 612-S.F. 1330** Provides for the recovery by a tenant from a landlord of damages and attorney fees incurred for unlawful removal or exclusion from premises. BELANGER, OLSEN

**Chap. 615-S.F. 1562** Requires the secretary of state to transmit notice of informal probate, informal appointment proceedings and formal testacy proceedings to foreign consuls under certain conditions. SPEAR, COHEN

**Chap. 620-S.F. 120** Authorizes county boards and city councils to enact ordinances against trespassing under certain conditions relating to the consumption of alcohol or controlled substances and provides for a misdemeanor penalty. PEHLER, GRUENES

**Chap. 622-S.F. 1336** Miscellaneous changes in laws relating to driving while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substances. POGEMILLER, VELLENGA

**Chap. 623-S.F. 2108** Provides for a commitment status review of certain persons over a certain age involuntarily residing in a treatment facility pursuant to a guardianship order; provides for a hearing requirement; requires facility head to initiate commitment petition; requires person to be deemed committed to facility until committing court judgment; requires committing court notice to county welfare board for individuals not found by the court to satisfy commitment criteria; and allows an agency to locate appropriate community placement within a certain time period. SPEAR, CLAWSON

**Chap. 624-S.F. 1560** Subjects certain property to forfeiture upon exchange for or an association with controlled substances with knowledge of the owner and allows proceeds from sale of forfeited property to be shared by prosecuting and investigative agencies and licensed hospitals, drug treatment facilities and drug analysis centers involved in the forfeiture. WALDORF, BISHOP

**Chap. 625-S.F. 1561** Provides for forfeiture of conveyance devices, primary containers, weapons used and contraband property associated with or utilized in commission of certain crimes; allows seizure without process under certain conditions; and provides for disposition of property and proceeds from sale. WALDORF, BISHOP

**Chap. 628-S.F. 2046** Revises 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 affected and requires the revisor of statutes to editorially change criminal fines in a manner consistent with 1983 regular session changes made in maximum authorized fines. JUDE, ELLINGSON

**Chap. 630-S.F. 1905** Provides a penalty for falsely making an emergency telephone call for medical or ambulance service and prohibits interference with emergency communications over a citizens band radio channel. PETERSON, R.W., NELSON, D.

**Chap. 634-S.F. 1007** Permits the establishment of mandatory, non-binding arbitration in judicial districts to dispose of controversies in civil proceedings; provides exclusions; and requires the district court judges to adopt rules with Supreme Court approval. FREEMAN, ELLINGSON

**Chap. 635-S.F. 924** Relates to marriage dissolution; prohibits inclusion of mediator information in child custody proceedings without written consent of the parties; permits investigators to consult school personnel; requires investigators to maintain and supply certain reports and information upon request of counsel or a party not represented by counsel; and requires that the investigator and persons consulted be subject to pretrial discovery. REICHGOTT, COHEN

**Chap. 643-H.F. 1559** Proposes an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, Article XI, Section 10, to allow the exchange of state lands for any other public lands. MCEACHERN, WILLET

**Chap. 646-H.F. 994** "Minnesota Civil Mediation Act"; provides for the mediation of disputes; provides that the effect of mediated settlement agreements be determined under principles of law applicable to contract; allows agreement to be binding only under certain conditions; permits the court to set aside or reform a settlement agreement under certain conditions; requires a written statement of mediator qualifications prior to beginning mediation; provides for exceptions and penalties; permits time limit suspension; and provides for protection of witness communications. COLEMAN, LUTHER

**Chap. 655-H.F. 2207** Revisors Bill; corrects erroneous, ambiguous, omitted and obsolete references and text; eliminates certain redundant, conflicting and superseded provisions and reenacts certain laws. BISHOP, JUDE

# Local and Urban Government

**Chap. 377-S.F. 1475** Permits municipalities, towns and counties to be represented by designees on joint cable communications commissions. REICHGOTT, HOKR

**Chap. 380-S.F. 1127** Authorizes the Anoka County Board to issue general obligation bonds by resolution to acquire, improve and construct county library buildings and authorizes a tax levy on certain property to pay principal and interest on bonds. FRANK, SIMONEAU

**Chap. 384-H.F. 1503** Permits statutory cities to, by ordinance, delegate bookkeeping duties of the city clerk to another officer or employee; requires a surety bond; permits payment of the bond premium from city funds; and requires an annual audit if bookkeeping functions are delegated to the city treasurer. RODRIGUEZ, C., SCHMITZ

**Chap. 389-S.F. 2148** Authorizes Ramsey County to sell, lease or dispose of certain parks and recreation land to Shoreview for use as a city well. KNAAK, BENNETT

**Chap. 390-S.F. 1770** Changes the boundaries of the tracts of land administered by the Spirit Mountain Recreation Area Authority. SOLON, GUSTAFSON

**Chap. 392-S.F. 1396** Requires county boards of adjustment to take town board recommendations into consideration in decisions directly affecting town land. BERTRAM, WENZEL

**Chap. 393-S.F. 1139** Requires cities and towns to provide notice and hearing before increasing license fees for owning, operating or dispensing goods or services from a vending machine. SIELOFF, CLAWSON

**Chap. 395-S.F. 7** Provides for the tort liability of the St. Louis County Promotional Bureau. DICKLICH, BEGICH

**Chap. 397-S.F. 1041** Authorizes the city of Plymouth to exercise the powers of a port authority. RAMSTAD, HEINITZ

**Chap. 398-S.F. 1927** Establishes a legislative lobbyist/grant coordinator position, to be appointed by the county board, and a related clerk position in the St. Louis County unclassified civil service. SOLON, ELIOFF

**Chap. 402-H.F. 1381** Allows residents who live in the Caledonia library service area to be appointed to the Caledonia Library Board and permits members to serve more than three consecutive terms. JOHNSON, KRONEBUSCH

**Chap. 404-H.F. 1460** Provides for the conveyance of certain state land no longer needed for the operation of Rainy River Community College to the city of International Falls for student housing purposes. NEUENSCHWANDER, LESSARD

**Chap. 405-H.F. 1496** Provides for the lease of certain state land to the city of Pillager. WENZEL, SAMUELSON

**Chap. 409-H.F. 1706** Authorizes the governing body of St. Louis Park to establish ordinances requiring certain requests for city permits, zoning changes or other authorization to be submitted to the HRA for approval as conforming to the area redevelopment plan prior to consideration by the city. OLSEN, MCQUAID

**Chap. 424-S.F. 2145** Allows Olmsted County to enter into contracts for solid waste management property, facilities and services, with or without advertising for bids and requires the use of fair and open procedures in awarding contracts. BRATAAS, BISHOP

**Chap. 439-H.F. 2150** Allows temporary suspension of publication of legal newspapers due to financial difficulties. WALTMAN, MEHRKENS

**Chap. 478-H.F. 1032** Permits county assessment for certain highway improvements within city boundaries upon prior approval of the governing body of the city. HOFFMAN, DIESSNER

**Chap. 490-H.F. 1522** Permits the sale of certain tax-forfeited land in Mille Lacs County and modifies the waterfront length limitation on the sale of tax-forfeited land bordering or adjacent to certain waters. PETERSON, DAVIS

**Chap. 492-H.F. 1633** Allows the Metropolitan Mosquito Control Commission members, officers and employees to enter upon property outside the district for mosquito breeding determination purposes and to apply insecticides outside the district under certain conditions; and requires reasonable notice to local government units prior to application. SKOGLUND, PETTY

**Chap. 498-H.F. 1753** Grants the city of St. Cloud the powers of a port authority. MARSH, PEHLER

**Chap. 499-H.F. 1770** Provides per annum compensation for members of the Minneapolis Park and Recreation and Library Boards. SARNA, KROENING

**Chap. 503-H.F. 2081** Authorizes cities or counties to establish ordinances for the inspection or licensing of candy, soft drink or ice vending machines and repeals certain Health Dept. and town duties relating to vending machine inspections and licensing. SHEA, KNAAK

**Chap. 511-H.F. 1456** Authorizes the Otter Tail County Board to sell, without advertising for bids, the former county juvenile female group home and the tract of land where the home is located. ANDERSON, R., PETERSON, C.C.

**Chap. 518-H.F. 1760** Authorizes the private sale of certain state fisheries land in Otter Tail County. GRABA, ANDERSON

**Chap. 521-H.F. 1803** Permits Kandiyohi County to satisfy a percentage of certain drainage liens filed against land benefited by certain ditches. WELLE, JOHNSON, D.E.

**Chap. 529-H.F. 1911** Authorizes the sale of certain lakeshore property in Kandiyohi County to the adjoining property owners and the sale of certain forest land in Fillmore County to a certain person. WELLE, JOHNSON, D.E.

**Chap. 536-H.F. 1982** Authorizes towns to contract with nonprofit organizations for health, social or recreational services, with certain limitations. CLAWSON, PETERSON, R.W.

**Chap. 540-H.F. 2238** Authorizes the sale of certain state land in Koochiching County on which a cabin was inadvertently built and provides for purchaser payment for land improvements to the cabin owner if that person is not the purchaser. ELIOFF, JOHNSON, D.J.

**Chap. 543-S.F. 1298** Establishes procedures and requirements for publication of legal notices by the state and certain local units, corporations and associations; provides for publication of certain summaries; defines qualified newspapers; provides for designation of official newspapers; sets the form, time and frequency of public notice; sets fees for and affidavit of publication; removes or changes various publication requirements; and requires publication of county and municipal summary budget statements. FREEMAN, CLAWSON

**Chap. 559-S.F. 1931** Permits the city of St. Paul to adopt ordinances establishing rules and regulations more restrictive than state standards for the installation of smoke detectors in single family homes and provides for enforcement. LANTRY, COHEN

**Chap. 561-S.F. 1978** Specifies the relationship of the Metropolitan Airports Commission to the legislature and to the Metropolitan Council; requires certain long term comprehensive plans for airport improvements to be consistent with the Council development guide; requires Council review of certain airport capital improvement projects; and requires the state planning agency director to prepare and submit a report recommending specific definitions of certain terms relating to Commission operation to the legislature. PURFEERST, ANDERSON, G.

**Chap. 562-S.F. 2072** Township recodification; provides for the conduct of town business by revising various laws relating to elections, roads, powers of electors and of town boards, ordinance enactment, contracts, officer and employee duties and compensation, licensing and legal notice requirements; provides for debt authority to purchase fire, police, ambulance and road construction and maintenance equipment. SCHMITZ, SCHOENFELD

**Chap. 563-S.F. 2165** Authorizes certain additional investment alternatives by certain counties, cities and metropolitan commissions, including sale of certain futures contracts, relating to certain owned securities; provides for delivery of municipal obligations in certificated or uncertificated form; removes a certain interest limit on municipal obligations; provides for designation of a corporate registrar to perform duties relating to investment securities under the uniform commercial code; sets registration data classification as nonpublic or private; provides alternative notification procedures for public sale of municipal obligations; provides for contracts for future purchases of certain securities; and repeals certain reverse, repurchase limits. WEGSCHEID, SHEA

**Chap. 570-H.F. 560** Authorizes Cook County to sell certain land in accordance with tax-forfeited land sale provisions and without regard to certain restrictions imposed on land adjacent to meandered lakes and other public waters. BATTAGLIA, JOHNSON, D.J.

**Chap. 582-H.F. 2186** Provides for allocation of federal authority to issue certain state and local obligations by the commissioner of energy and economic development; requires review of applications and rules for allocating authority to state agencies, political subdivisions

and other authorities authorized to issue bonds subject to certain federal limitation acts; requires certain percentages of issuance authority to be allocated among entitlement issuers, allocation procedures; requires a letter of intent to issue obligations and a deposit to retain allocation after a certain date; authorizes certain joint powers between local and entitlement issuers; provides for pool amounts to be allocated to local issuers not qualifying as entitlement issuers; sets additional conditions relating to municipal industrial development; and provides for fire protection and pedestrian skyway systems in buildings. SCHEID, POGEMILLER

**Chap. 585-H.F. 322** Permits cities and counties to impose an area or response time residency requirement under certain conditions; excepts a certain portion of the metro area; and permits the city of Hermantown to defer special assessment payments for homestead property in cases of hardship. PIEPHO, TAYLOR

**Chap. 591-H.F. 1516** Authorizes fire protection system construction, alteration, maintenance and promotion in existing buildings in certain cities and towns upon petition; authorizes special assessments and service charges; provides that a petition contain the provision to grant the city access to enter the property and building for construction or maintenance purposes; and modifies certain bonding provisions. OTIS, POGEMILLER

**Chap. 607-S.F. 1976** Prohibits home National Football League games from being televised locally unless 100 percent of the tickets have been sold 72 hours before the game. NOVAK, JACOBS

**Chap. 629-S.F. 1702** County recodification; changes and clarifies certain county and county board powers and related language; deletes obsolete provisions; increases expenditure authority for certain county activities; and requires county board approval for appointment or discontinuance by the county auditor or other county officers as deputy motor vehicle registrars. SCHMITZ, ANDERSON, G.

**Chap. 633-S.F. 1880** Provides relocation benefits for persons displaced by acquisitions under eminent domain during lack of federal funding; authorizes certain cities and towns to construct and maintain fire protection and pedestrian skyway systems upon petition; increases the amount requiring a contract under bid for construction work and equipment purchased under the Municipal Housing and Redevelopment Act; provides for mortgage revenue bond allocation; and provides for agreements with county housing and redevelopment authorities for certain jails. WEGSCHEID, ELLINGSON

**Chap. 639-S.F. 1914** Requires the Metropolitan Airports Commission to include certain goals and documentation of changes in the annual noise abatement plan for the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport; allows the Pollution Control Agency to participate in selection and review of monitoring of residential areas representing the noise-impact region of the metro area; requires an annual report to the legislature and the PCA on goal accomplishment and an annual report to the legislature; and extends the time period for the plan and reports. PETTY, SKOGLUND

**Chap. 650-H.F. 1903** Clarifies the authority of municipalities to sell air rights over public buildings; validates prior actions, obligations and contracts; permits municipalities to issue bonds to refund the principal and interest on certain bonds to relieve restrictions on the application of tax increments; and provides for county or city reimbursement to officers or employees for costs and attorneys' fees incurred in defending criminal charges arising from reasonable and lawful performance of duties. RICE, PETTY

## Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries

**Chap. 400-H.F. 977** Authorizes the city of Farmington to issue a club on-sale intoxicating liquor license and a bingo and gambling license to an Eagles Club location within the city. RODRIGUEZ, C., WEGSCHEID

**Chap. 428-S.F. 1768** Excludes retail sellers purchasing compressed natural gas used as a vehicular fuel from a public utility from the definition of public utility. FREEMAN, KELLY

**Chap. 451-H.F. 523** Broadens the definition of independent telephone companies organized and operating as development or business corporations and provides for the effect of the change on certain rate change applications pending before the Public Utilities Commission. JACOBS, PETERSON, C.C.

**Chap. 557-S.F. 1903** Excludes radio common carriers from the definition of telephone company for regulation purposes; defines radio common carrier as a person, firm, association or corporation furnishing mobile telecommunications services to the public through radio signals and connection to a telephone network; and temporarily excludes services using cellular radio technology. DIETERICH, JACOBS

**Chap. 611-S.F. 1559** Permits the Public Utilities Commission to order telephone companies to reimburse intervenors for costs accrued in telephone general rate cases; limits the amount of reimbursement; and prohibits reimbursement to entities providing telephone services. DIETERICH, OTIS

**Chap. 626-S.F. 1349** Omnibus liquor bill; adds certain liquor and food to Occupational Health and Safety hazardous substance exemption list; sets restaurant seating requirements in St. Louis, Cook and Lake counties for licensing purposes; exempts certain intoxicating liquor from equal sale requirements; permits catalog wine advertising; permits a moratorium on certain metro area town licenses; permits additional licenses for Roseville, West St. Paul, St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center in Duluth, Greenwood township and the Ordway Music Theatre and Minnesota Museum of Art in St. Paul; repeals the St. Paul liquor patrol limits and allows additional on-sale liquor licenses subject to city council approval; and removes the prohibition on furnishing liquor to certain persons and the provision and penalty for the exclusion of certain persons from liquor establishments after notice. SPEAR, JACOBS

## Resolutions

**Res. 12-S.F. 1243** Requests the U.S. Congress to establish a national academy of peace and conflict resolution to provide research, training and information services on international peace and peace making. PETERSON, D.C., GREENFIELD

**Res. 13-H.F. 2180** Requests the president, the U.S. secretary of transportation, the National Transportation Safety Board and the Minnesota congressional delegation to implement a program for the reflectorization of railroad rolling stock. ELIOFF, DICKLICH

**Res. 14-S.F. 531** Requests the president and U.S. Congress to direct revision of veterans administration regulations to provide medical care for former members of the military forces exposed to atomic radiation in the course of their duties; requests an investigation of the health and genetic complaints of exposed veterans; and requests an investigation of the apparent loss of records pertaining to exposure. LANTRY, KNUTH

**Res. 15-S.F. 751** Commends the Commission on Wartime Relocation and Internment of Civilians on its investigations of the events leading to the consequences of a certain executive order on Japanese-Americans and urging it to recommend to the Congress to provide adequate compensation to the individuals who suffered the injustices and hardships resulting from the government's actions in 1942. KNAAK, REIF

**Res. 16-S.F. 2083** Notifies the U.S. Administrator of General Services of the development by the Dept. of Administration of a permanent operation plan for the distribution of federal surplus property. WEGSCHEID, KNUTH

**Res. 17-S.F. 2109** Requests the International Joint Commission, the president and Congress to take immediate action to reach an agreement between Minnesota and Ontario on border waters management. STUMPF, TUNHEIM

**Res. 18-H.F. 2134** Declares the Land of Bayern, known as Bavaria, in the federal republic of Germany as the sister state of Minnesota; invites the people and government of Bayern to establish mutually beneficial programs to bring our respective citizens closer together and strengthen international understanding and good will. BRINKMAN, WEGSCHEID

**Res. 19-H.F. 1800** Urges Congress and the president to continue efforts to halt the persecution of the Baha'i community in Iran. HEAP, RAMSTAD

**Res. 20-S.F. 2164** Requests Congress to promptly enact H.R. 5081, the Fair Trade in Steel Act of 1984, temporarily limiting steel and iron ore imports; and requests the resulting monetary gain to be primarily used to modernize the steel industry. DICKLICH, MINNE

**Res. 21-H.F. 2021** Requests the Environmental Protection Agency to adopt rules banning leaded gasoline and, in the alternative, requests Congress to amend the federal Clean Air Act to either prohibit leaded gasoline or to permit states to ban the gasoline. WYNIA, PETTY

**Res. 22-Conc. Res. 17** Proclaiming Bud Grant Day in Minnesota and encouraging public recognition of Bud Grant's contribution to Minnesota. WEGSCHEID

# Taxes and Tax Laws

**Chap. 434-S.F. 1196** Provides a retroactive sales tax exemption for sales of meals and certain tangible personal property by nonprofit community service associations; provides for payment of refunds; and requires refunds to be paid to customers. BERTRAM, KRUEGER

**Chap. 437-S.F. 746** Permits counties to issue notes without referendum to finance the purchase of certain capital equipment and requires a tax levy to pay the principal and interest. RENNEKE, SCHAFER

**Chap. 502-H.F. 2016** Omnibus tax bill. TOMLINSON, JOHNSON, D.J.

**Chap. 514-H.F. 1528** Updates references to the Internal Revenue Code; simplifies certain income tax and property tax refund provisions; makes technical corrections and administrative changes; includes changes in withholding, accelerated cost recovery, estate or trust income allocations to the state, government pension plan deductions, qualified gasoline use, standard deduction inflation adjustment, minimum tax on preference items and homemaker and dependent care credits; states that federal adjusted gross income will not include certain social security and railroad retirement and sick pay benefits; changes certain disclosure provisions; abolishes certain personal representative duties relating to estate tax; and provides for child support withholding to be permanent and to include certain attorney's fees and costs. TOMLINSON, PETERSON, C.C.

**Chap. 522-H.F. 1814** Departmental property tax bill; makes technical changes in property tax laws and makes additional changes in laws dealing with taconite tax and the cigarette and tobacco tax. OSTHOFF, JOHNSON, D.J.

**Chap. 524-H.F. 1846** Authorizes proceeds from the taconite occupation tax to be used to provide economic development loans to businesses in certain counties and requires county board recommendations to the Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board (IRRRB) regarding the loans. NEUENSCHWANDER, LESSARD

**Chap. 548-S.F. 1511** Extends the time limit and modifies provisions relating to the property tax exemption for property held by a political subdivision for economic development or housing purposes; provides property and sales tax exemptions for certain hot water production facilities and sales; authorizes and provides for city construction and maintenance of pedestrian skyways and fire protection systems in existing buildings upon petition; authorizes bond issue and special assessments or charges; and exempts property conveyed to Bloomington port authority by Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission from the property tax. PETTY, SCHEID

**Chap. 590-H.F. 1507** Exempts deeds to or from co-owners partitioning undivided interests in the same piece of property from the deed tax. DEN OUDEN, BERNHAGEN

**Chap. 593-H.F. 1815** Makes technical changes and repeals obsolete language relating to the property tax. OSTHOFF, MERRIAM

**Chap. 652-H.F. 1761** Releases certain counties from the requirement of imposing an aggregate removal tax; permits Sibley County to impose the tax; and provides exception to the aggregate removal taxes imposed by Benton and Stearns counties. BRINKMAN, PETERSON, C.C.

poses; defines school bus for drivers license purposes; extends the time for peace officer arrest of persons violating certain school bus provisions; changes a certain driver responsibility relating to children alighting from a bus; defines non-school bus color; and adds a gross vehicle weight rating to type three school buses. SOLBERG, PEHLER

**Chap. 408-H.F. 1670** Expands the scope of the state commuter van transportation program. VOSS, NOVAK

**Chap. 410-H.F. 1774** Modifies the time for the distribution of town road funds by the county treasurer. TUNHEIM, LANGSETH

**Chap. 412-H.F. 2047** Authorizes the expenditure of state transportation bond funds and county turnback account funds for bridges required to be over 10 feet following replacement and designates the bridge over the Minnesota River between Mankato and North Mankato as the Veterans Memorial Bridge. ANDERSON, B., DECRAMER

**Chap. 416-H.F. 1835** Allows prepayment to local government units under agreements with the commissioner of transportation for payment of state contractual obligations relating to construction, improvement or maintenance of trunk highways. BLATZ, BELANGER

**Chap. 417-H.F. 1824** Makes miscellaneous transportation changes; permits vending machines in rest areas, tourist information centers or weigh stations; sets conditions for installing drain tile along highway right-of-way; permits counties to erect resort information signs; includes restaurants in specific service sign provisions; directs the transportation commissioner to establish a sign franchise information program on certain highway rights-of-way, including an advisory committee; sets collection of money owed for licenses, fines, penalties and permit fees; permits agreement with public safety commissioner under certain conditions; establishes city, county and town road authority assistance to one another; directs commissioner to develop uniform standards for directional signs; reduces penalty for nonrenewal of advertising device permits; authorizes fund expenditure to acquire or condemn advertising devices; permits farm commodity sale advertising; and sets alley speed limits. NEUENSCHWANDER, SCHMITZ

**Chap. 465-S.F. 887** Requires former municipal state aid streets in certain cities whose populations fell below 5,000 under the federal census to be included in the county state aid highway system subject to city and county approval and includes under county approval a resolution taking over a street as a county highway. DECRAMER, BATTAGLIA

**Chap. 477-S.F. 2076** Provides for the extension of the interstate route I-35 in Duluth. SOLON, MUNGER

**Chap. 489-H.F. 1509** Prohibits fees for the return of motor vehicle number plates. KALIS, PURFEERST

**Chap. 520-H.F. 1801** Miscellaneous motor vehicle carrier provisions; sets rules including driver qualifications; increases gross weight of carriers required to comply with certain rules; requires vehicle identification rule compliance; provides for hazardous materials transportation and requires a report to Public Safety Dept. Emergency Services Division of certain incidents including hazardous waste discharge; requires compliance with transportation regulation board orders granting permits or certificates; sets suspension period reduction, requirements, board review, petition for new permit; provides for cartage carrier bonding or insurance requirements; defines building mover; and defines explosives as classified by U.S. Dept. of Transportation. JENSEN, NOVAK

**Chap. 523-H.F. 1831** Imposes additional special permit fees for motor vehicles exceeding certain highway weight and width limits. KALIS, LANGSETH

**Chap. 535-H.F. 1975** Allows entire portions of temporary trunk highways having a portion lying partly within a city under a certain population to revert to the county under certain conditions; provides for alternative disposition upon agreement; removes Route #236 from the trunk highway system; and permits the use of town road account funds for gravel maintenance of town roads. MANN, DECRAMER

# Transportation

**Chap. 385-H.F. 1491** Authorizes an increase in driver improvement clinic fees. PETERSON, SCHMITZ

**Chap. 403-H.F. 1408** Redefines school bus for traffic regulation pur-

**Chap. 546-S.F. 1435** Authorizes the operation of farm trucks by employees with Class C drivers licenses during harvest for the first, continuous transportation of agricultural products from the place of production or on farm storage site to any other location within 50 miles. MOE, R.D., SPARBY

**Chap. 549-S.F. 1520** Miscellaneous motor vehicle law changes; modifies definitions; sets a gross weight tax increase on certain vehicles; requires repair and servicing permits for commercial zone trucks; sets application time for farm truck registration; prescribes fee increases; allows display and use of drive away in-transit plates; prohibits transfer of number plates and tabs; sets transfer of amateur radio and citizen band plates; sets uniform duplicate plate fee, minimum tax qualifying for installment payments, due date, penalty increases; sets deputy registrar reporting duties; requires registration tax payment before certificate of title issuance; requires protective motorcycle headgear compliance with public safety standards; and repeals presale requirement for commissioner approval of brake fluid; describes provisions relating to handicapped driver distress flags; extends certain payment time and license display periods; changes broker license requirement; provides for bumper height and bug deflector changes; and abolishes certain penalties. PURFEERST, KALIS

**Chap. 572-H.F. 1315** Increases the bicycle registration fee; allows bicycle registrants to pay an amount in excess of the registration fee to pay for Dept. of Public Safety costs of administering and publicizing the bicycle registration program, developing bicycle education programs and transportation and for recreational facilities including bicycle lanes, trails and mapping; requires consideration of local unit and public program participation in allocating funds; provides for appointment of agents or employees of certain nonprofit organizations as deputy registrars; and continues the bicycle study review committee as an advisory committee. KAHN, PURFEERST

**Chap. 647-H.F. 820** Requires registration of three-wheel vehicles with the commissioners of natural resources or public safety; provides for exemptions, fees, registration card and number, transfer of ownership, and manufacturer identification number; requires the DNR commissioner to establish an environmental and safety education and training program; sets age restrictions; prescribes penalties; describes vehicle use on state trails; permits use of fees and unrefunded gas tax for education and training program and development of use areas; provides for joint determination by commissioners of DNR, Revenue and Transportation of amount of unrefunded gas tax attributable to vehicle use; prohibits vehicle operation on highways; sets procedures for crossing streets or highways; and requires a report to the legislature. WELCH, MERRIAM

## Veterans and General Legislation

**Chap. 441-H.F. 1912** Removes a provision relating to state agricultural society contracts with entertainers during the State Fair. KOSTOHRYZ, CHMIELEWSKI

**Chap. 442-H.F. 1786** Modifies the qualifications of the adjutant general based on certain federal regulations; changes the service of assistant adjutants general; mandates termination of service of certain officers and enlisted personnel upon withdrawal of federal recognition; allows adjutant general to designate an assistant adjutant

general as deputy adjutant general; expands the power of the adjutant general to sell an armory; and describes the authorized uses of the proceeds from the sale of an armory. PIPER, DECRAMER

**Chap. 468-S.F. 1466** Changes the eligibility requirements for veterans preference for state government civil service employment by deleting the requirement for entrance into the military service by a certain date. LESSARD, NEUENSCHWANDER

**Chap. 470-S.F. 1498** Provides a temporary exemption from licensing by the Board of Electricity for persons installing certain power limited signaling circuits or outside wiring for certain alarm systems under certain bond and insurance requirements; provides that the exemption does not include installation of wiring in certain hazardous locations; and requires installations to be subject to certain inspections. WALDORF, ANDERSON, G.

**Chap. 505-H.F. 1107** Requires that work therapy program earnings of Minnesota Veterans Home residents not be considered a means of support for maintenance charge calculation purposes. RIVENESS, DECRAMER

**Chap. 507-H.F. 1405** Adds the Monument to the Living, a statue on the State Capitol grounds in St. Paul, serving as a memento to living Minnesota veterans, to the list of state monuments and requires the monument to be permanently located within the Capitol grounds in a place of visual prominence and honor. BLATZ, BELANGER

**Chap. 527-H.F. 1856** Requires professional fund raisers soliciting contributions to disclose the percentage of the total amount solicited from each person to be received by the charitable agency for charitable purposes. KNUTH, WEGSCHEID

**Chap. 539-H.F. 2188** Authorizes the attorney general to enter into an agreement with the federal government as part of a settlement of Indian land claims on the White Earth Indian Reservation following certain federal action; requires the agreement to transfer ownership of certain state land within the reservation to the federal government, including mineral interests; and provides for the land to be held in trust for the White Earth Band of Chippewa Indians. EKEN, MOE, R.D.

## Vetoes

**S.F. 1572** Would have provided for ante-mortem probate of wills, findings of validity and proceedings after death and would have adopted provisions of the uniform probate code relating to intestate succession, elective share of surviving spouse and spouses and children omitted from wills. SIELOFF, NORTON

**S.F. 1842** Would have preempted all authority of cities, counties, towns or other political subdivisions to regulate firearms, ammunition or respective components to the complete exclusion of any order, ordinance or regulation; exceptions would have included the regulation of the discharge of firearms and the adoption of regulations identical to state law. LESSARD, VANASEK

**H.F. 1010** Would have exempted certain land in the city of Thief River Falls from the restrictions on the filing and recording of conveyances of land subject to subdivision regulations. SPARBY, STUMPF

**H.F. 1216** Would have provided a sales tax exemption for petroleum products used in the improvement of agricultural land by constructing, maintaining and repairing drainage ditches, tile drainage systems, grass waterways, water impoundment and other erosion control structures; and would have prohibited certain retroactive assessment or collection of the tax, penalty or interest. KALIS, BERTRAM

**H.F. 1985** Would have provided for the operation of salons by licensed estheticians. HOKR, KRONEBUSCH

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