

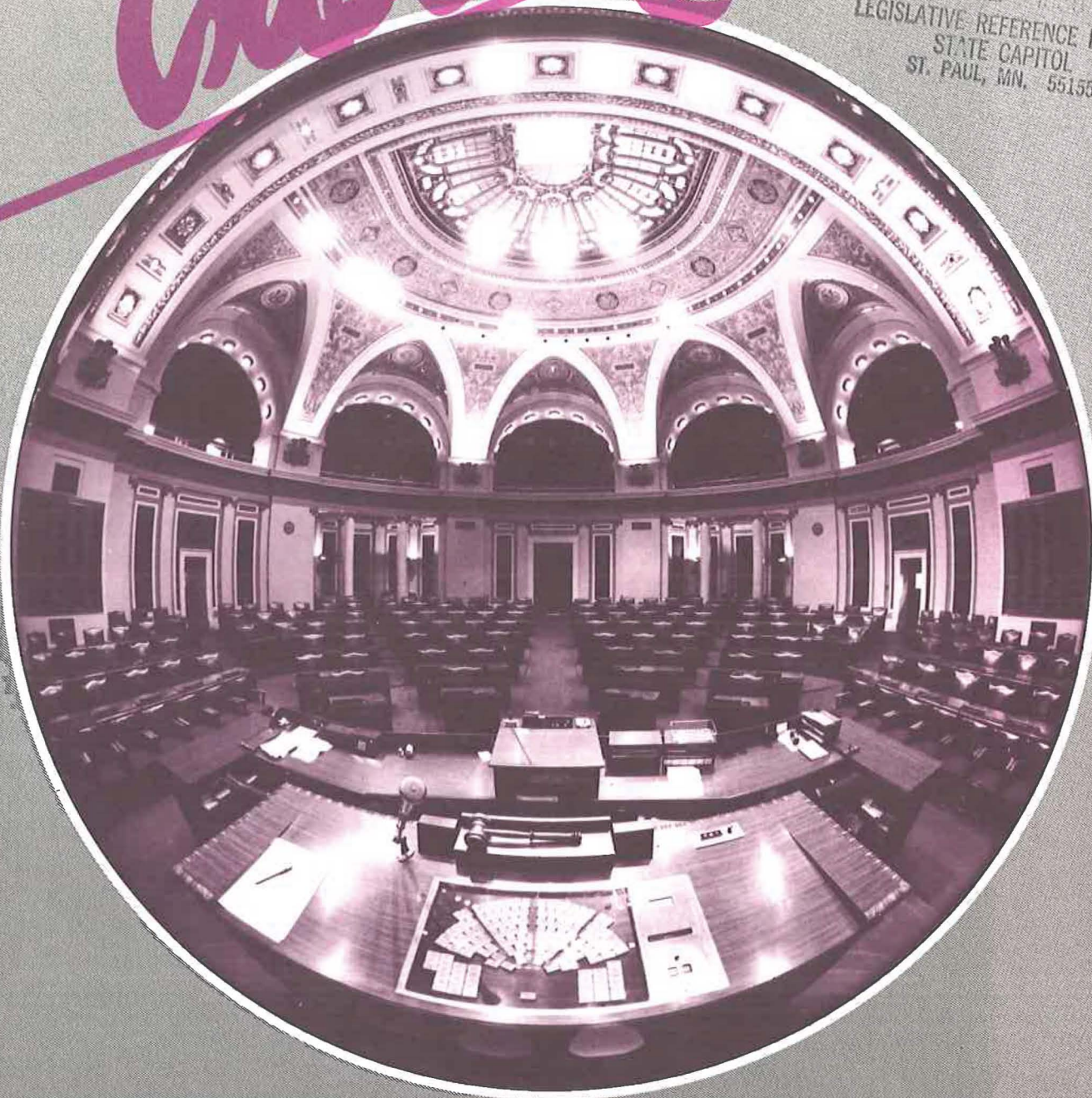
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MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES



Mann: 1918-1984

(far right) Hoberg: 1925-1984

The Minnesota House pays tribute

Although this issue of Interim introduces the 1985 Minnesota House, it begins with a tribute to two members who served in the 1983-84 session that is now history.

With admiration, gratitude, and a sense of great loss, staff and members of the Minnesota House dedicate the magazine to the memory of the late Representatives George Mann of Windom and Dwaine Hoberg of Moorhead.

A newly elected George Mann came to the Minnesota House in 1958, but he was destined to return, term after term, for a period of 24 years. And service through those years would earn him the chair positions on the House Transportation and Agriculture Committees and his title as Assistant DFL Caucus Leader.

As a spokesman for greater Minnesota, he worked through legislation to improve highways and highway safety, to secure farms, and to provide catastrophic health care. At times that wasn't easy, and someone once asked him how he managed to stay so calm when under attack on some of those issues.

Mann's reply was typical. With the tongue-in-cheek humor his colleagues miss, in his matter-of-fact manner, he said, "You can't get a hog through the fence by pulling his tail. Besides, some day I'm gonna need his vote."

Independent Republican Dwaine Hoberg was a fighter on the football field, in the political arena, and against the disease that took his life. He gave 20 years to public service and wasn't about to give up until he had to—in the 1984 session—after a two-year bout with cancer.

A one-time Minnesota Gopher football star, Hoberg coached football at high school and college levels early in his career and became athletic director for Moorhead State University.

He won election to the Moorhead City Council in 1963. Nine years later he moved on to become the city's mayor. His party elected him chairman of its seventh district organization, and in 1974, he tried unsuccessfully for the office of lieutenant governor.

In 1978, after losing the '77 mayoral race, he ran for, and won, the District 9A seat in the Minnesota House where he served three terms. Hoberg was in his sixth year in office when he lost his fight against cancer, ending the public service career of a spirited, courageous man. ■

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Interim is part of the non-partisan public information service of the Minnesota House of Representatives. This issue reviews activities that involve your elected representatives during the interim (the time between the end of the 1984 session to the beginning of the 1985 session). *Interim* also introduces the organization of the House for 1985-86, its leaders, members, and committees.

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On the cover:

View of the Minnesota House of Representatives Chamber from the Front Desk on the second floor of the State Capitol.



Feathered hats to gavels

Women in the Minnesota Legislature



Rep. Hannah Kempfer, left, a pioneer among woman legislators, created the Department of Conservation during her 18 years in the House. Rep. Mabeth Paige, right, chaired the House Public Welfare and Education Committee for 12 of the 22 years she served in the House.

Courtesy of Minnesota Historical Society. Photo: St. Paul Pioneer Press and Dispatch

by Lisa Lissimore

"Four Feathered Hats Draw All Eyes as Legislature Convenes. Millinery Creations of Velvet, Ribbons and Plumes Indicate to Curious Throng Where Newly Elected Incumbents Sit in State House," the *Minneapolis Tribune* headlines read Jan. 3, 1923 when the Legislature convened.

"It wasn't so much the hats, although they doubtless helped make for the self-assuredness of the wearers," said the newspaper, "but the fact that they were on the heads of four women legislators—Hannah Kempfer, Myrtle Cain, Sue Dickey Hough, and Mabeth Paige, the first women to sit in the state House—that made the difference."

Right to vote brings women into politics

Since that historic occasion, some 50 women have served as state legislators, 41 in the House of Representatives and 13 in the state Senate. After passage of the women's suffrage amendment in 1920, Minnesota women made a strong political showing (seven winning elections in one decade) refuting the "women don't enter politics" argument that had surfaced over the decades.

Of seven women legislators in the 1920s, four—Kempfer, Paige, Cain, and Hough—won their seats in 1922. In 1927, Laura Naplin, following the death of her husband, Senator Oscar Naplin, became the state's first woman senator, and Rosanna Payne began serving in the House. Two years later Harriet Weeks joined this team of women legislators.

All issues became women's issues

Once in office these women stayed clear of the rumor that, with women in the House and Senate for the first time, legislation for women's rights or related issues would be in the forefront. Each had separate legislative interests from old age pensions to anti-Klan laws to wildlife protection. When Cain introduced the first equal rights bill in 1923, the proposal split the four women in office.

Like their interests, their backgrounds, occupations, and political affiliations varied. Three of them were from Minneapolis and the others from Otter Tail County, Deer River, Becker County, and Thief River Falls. Occupations ranged from housewives and educators to lawyers and real estate dealers.

Legislators were political activists

Most of these early legislators got their political training in community and organization work, campaign work, and often through lobbying at the Capitol for issues of concern to women. Almost all were active in their political parties. Three claimed to be Republicans, three Farmer-Laborites, and Kempfer ran as an Independent.

Five of these seven women served into the '30s. Bertha Lee Hanson was the only newly elected female member in 1930. Two of them, Kempfer and Paige, continued service into the '40s.

Fewer women follow the lead of the '20s

Little by little the political gains in the '20s eroded. During the post-'40s women's representation in the House and Senate was down. Kempfer, who was responsible for creation of the Department of Conservation and who had served in the House 18 years, retired in 1941. Paige served 22 years, and for 12 years, chaired the House Public Welfare and Education Committee. She decided not to seek reelection in 1944.

Naplin chose not to run for the Senate seat after serving two four-year terms, and 20 years would pass before another woman, Senator Nancy Brataas, would take her place in the Senate chamber in 1975. Naplin ran for Congress in 1940, but was unsuccessful in her bid. For nine years thereafter, men dominated the Minnesota Legislature.

In the '50s women again take up the challenge

Political organizations, reapportionment of some legislative districts, and the stepped-up efforts of women's groups encouraged women to seek public office in the '50s. Women began to again take on the political challenge. Three won legislative elections in 1950. One, Sally Luther, carried on the tradition of female representation in Minneapolis District 30 (now District 56) which has elected women representatives for 40 of the 64 years since women's suffrage.

The '50s also saw the state's first woman in Congress, Coya Knutson. She won a seat in the Minnesota Legislature in 1951 and served one term in the U.S. House in 1954. Muriel Humphrey, who completed Senator Hubert

Humphrey's term after his death, is the only other woman in Minnesota to have held a national office.

Six women won elections in the '60s, and a high total of 22 in the '70s ended a three-decade lull for women in politics.

The '70s bring on the "new breed"

Some say Minnesota got its "new breed" of women legislators during this era. They called themselves "equalists" rather than feminists. Almost all generally supported equality of opportunity and often voted with women's rights advocates. It was this group of lawmakers who invited Cain back to the House chamber in 1973 to witness ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

photo by Tom Olmscheid



During the 1983-84 session, Rep. Ann Wynia (DFL-St. Paul) became the first woman speaker pro tem in the history of the Legislature.

These women broadened the definition of women's issues and concerned themselves with tax policies, educational and divorce reform, the environment, and consumer and economic issues. Like the pioneers of the '20s, their occupations varied from graphic design to physical science. All of them were members of a political party and were active in public and community affairs.

Seventy-fourth session attracts largest group

Totals after the 1980 elections held firm into 1985 as the 74th legislative session opened with 29 female members, the largest group of women legislators to serve at any one time.

The greatest political gains in leadership achievement for women also occurred during this time. Women officeholders began to serve more often in lead positions on committees, divisions, and subcommittees, and as

photo by Paul Battaglia



Rep. Mary Forsythe (IR-Edina), left, Appropriations Committee chair, begins her seventh consecutive term in the House. Here, she attends a meeting with Rep. Kathleen Blatz (IR-Bloomington).

assistant majority and minority leaders. Ann Wynia was the first woman speaker pro tem, occasionally taking over for the speaker of the House in the 1983-84 session. And Connie Levi will lead Independent-Republican members in the 1985 session as House majority leader, the first woman in the history of the state to hold that title.

Some sought higher offices as in the case of Secretary of State Joan Anderson Growe. Growe, a former representative from Minnetonka, is one of 12 women in the nation serving as a secretary of state and she was a 1984 candidate for the United States Senate. (Nationally, Lieutenant Governor Marlene Johnson is one of only four women serving as lieutenant governor).

What about women in the '80s?

Overall, women in 1984 made up 13 percent of state legislators in the country, up from 4 percent in 1969, and just over 4 percent of members of Congress. In these rankings, Minnesota is about average in its representation of female members although progress has not been steady until recent years.

But as more women run for office, and win, many believe the race is set for them to move onto the Washington scene and other high-level positions in state government. ■

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Rep. Connie Levi (IR-Dellwood) is the first woman in Minnesota's history to become House majority leader.

Sources: Minnesota Women's Consortium, Legislative Commission on the Economic Status of Women, and Women of Minnesota Selected Biographical Essays.



Remedial instruction

The "Report and Recommendations on Remedial Skills Development Instruction in Minnesota Post-Secondary Education" asks the State Board of Education, the Department of Education, school districts, post-secondary education, the Legislature, and the governor to cooperate in developing standards and instruction to ensure high-school graduates are ready for post-secondary education. May 17, the Higher Education Coordinating Board presented the report at a House Education Committee.

Set-aside procurement programs

Are deceptive business practices abusing state and federal set-aside programs which assist

minority and female-owned businesses or businesses with 20 or fewer full-time employees? The answer's "yes," for some programs, according to a WCCO television series on "Minority Contractors." In response to the series, the House subcommittee on Economic Development met June 27 to review Minnesota's set-aside program.

Jobs creation

June 28 the House subcommittee on Jobs Creation & Unemployment Issues heard an overview of programs designed to put people to work. Much of the testimony focused on successes and shortfalls of the Minnesota Emergency Employment Development (MEED) Program and problems of the hard-core unemployed.

Sheltered workshops

The House Health, Welfare, and Corrections Division and Senate Health and Human Services subcommittee members are looking for ways to improve the effectiveness of sheltered workshops. Aug. 21 members heard Legislative Auditor and Department of Economic Security reports on sheltered workshops that employ the disabled.

Community Services Block Grant

Plans for the 1985 federal block grant for community services were on the Aug. 22 agenda of a joint meeting of the House Health, Welfare, and Corrections Division and the Senate Health and Human Services subcommittee. Barbara Beerhalter, Department of Economic Security commissioner, reviewed block grant plans she says resulted from a joint summer planning conference with community agencies.

Plea bargaining

Aug. 28 House Judiciary Committee members heard testimony on improving public understanding of plea bargaining and on possible changes to the practice of charging crimes.

Community Corrections Act

Minnesota's 1973 Community Corrections Act (CAA) to help counties handle offenders within community-based correction programs is good public policy according to testimony from a number of courts and corrections officials. They cited successes of the program Sept. 17 at a joint meeting of the House Health, Welfare, and Corrections Division and the Senate subcommittee on Health and Human Services. Twenty-seven counties are currently under CCA.



Alcohol, Drug, and Mental Health Block Grant

Spending plans for the Alcohol, Drug Abuse, and Mental Health Block Grant programs for 1985 had the attention of the Health and Welfare Committee Sept. 18. Cynthia Turnure, from the Department of Human Services, reviewed spending plans for the Alcohol-Drug Abuse Block Grant. Terry Serazin, also from the department, discussed proposed funding for counties under the Mental Health Services portion of the federal block grant.

Minnesota Racing Commission

Sept. 28 the Gaming Division of the House Committee on General Legislation and Veterans Affairs heard an update on activities of the Minnesota Racing Commission and its progress on plans for the track's June 29, 1985 opening. The committee also heard from commission members on legislation they'll support in the '85 session to fine tune current racing laws.

Minneapolis bond proposal

Oct. 8 the subcommittee on Tax Increment Refunding Review went over a Minneapolis proposal to allow the city to sell revenue bonds to refund general obligation tax increment bonds. Minneapolis could then combine its individual tax increment financing districts to repay bonds, instead of each district paying for individual bond issues that funded improvements in their individual districts. ■

Other Meetings

- **Word processing and data processing systems** for the Minnesota House of Representatives, their history and development. House Information Systems Task Force June 18, Mechanic Arts Building.
- **Ag land preservation and conservation laws.** Review of 1984 laws and concerns for upcoming legislative session. Joint Legislative Committee on Agricultural Land Preservation and Conservation Aug. 21, State Capitol.
- **Grant agreement for forestry assistance in St. Louis County.** Presentation of proposed tax law changes relating to forestry. Joint Select Legislative Committee on Forestry Sept. 10, State Capitol.
- **University of Minnesota Natural Resources funding requests.** Special committee of the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources, the House Appropriations Committee, and the Senate Finance Committee Sept. 10, State Capitol.
- **Report and forestry taxation recommendations** from Advisory Task Force on Forest Taxation. Subcommittee on Forestry Taxes Oct. 4, State Capitol. ■

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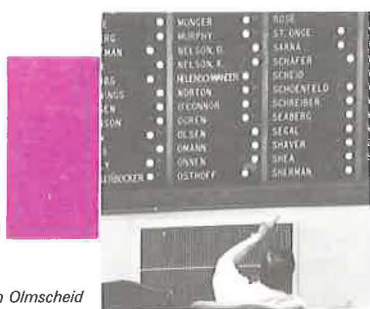


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1985-1986 House Leadership

Speaker of the House David Jennings

David Jennings, the newly elected speaker of the House, is a 36-year-old legislator from Truman who was the Independent-Republican minority leader from 1982 through 1984. Outside of the Capitol he's a carpenter. He and his wife Lea have one child, and he holds a B.S. degree in political science from Mankato State University. Jennings is serving his fourth legislative term in the House.

House Majority Leader Connie Levi

In a contested race that went nine ballots, House IRs elected a woman to the post of majority leader. It's the first time in Minnesota history that a woman has held that leadership position. The fourth-term legislator is a 45-year-old homemaker from Dellwood who will now head the Rules Committee and act as floor leader for the IR majority caucus.

In the time she's been in the House, Levi's been active in education and criminal justice legislation. Her formal education includes a B.S. in business administration. She and her husband Arlo have two children.

Minority Leader Fred C. Norton

The 1980 speaker of the House, Rep. Fred C. Norton, takes on the role of minority leader in the upcoming session. The 56-year-old attorney, a 10-term veteran of the House, has chaired the House Appropriations Committee, and for the past four years, has headed the Governmental Operations Committee. He's the father of three children. His wife's name is Marvel.



David Jennings (IR-Truman)

photo by Tom Olmscheid



Connie Levi (IR-Dellwood)

photo by Tom Olmscheid



Fred C. Norton (DFL-St. Paul)

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and Committee Chairs

Speaker Pro tem

Charles C. Halberg

Assistant Minority Leaders

Bob McEachern, Tom Osthoff,
Jerry Schoenfeld, Ann Wynia

Assistant Majority Leaders

Don Frerichs, John Himle,
Gerald C. Knickerbocker,
Steve Sviggum, Paul M. Thiede

Committee Chairs and Vice Chairs

Agriculture

Chair-K. J. McDonald
Vice Chair-Sylvester Uphus

Appropriations

Chair-Mary M. Forsythe
Vice Chair-Don Frerichs

State Departments

Division/Appropriations

Chair-Gaylin Den Ouden
Vice Chair-David T. Bishop

Health and

Human Services

Division/Appropriations

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Vice Chair-Maurice Zaffke

Education Division/ Appropriations

Chair-Bob Haukoos
Vice Chair-Ben Boo

Agriculture, Transportation, Semi-State Division/ Appropriations

Chair-Merlyn Valan
Vice Chair-Art Seaberg

Budget Committee

Chair-David Jennings

Commerce and Economic Development

Chair-Tony Bennett
Vice Chair-John Himle

Crime and Family Law

Chair-Kathleen Blatz
Vice Chair-Marcus Marsh

Education

Chair-Wendell O. Erickson
Vice Chair-Dave Gruenes

Education Finance Division/Education

Chair-Sally Olsen
Vice Chair-Gary L. Schafer

Higher Education Division/Education

Chair-Mark Piepho
Vice Chair-Tim Sherman

Environment and Natural Resources

Chair-John Rose
Vice Chair-Paul M. Thiede

Financial Institutions and Insurance

Chair-Adolph L. Kvam
Vice Chair-Tom Rees

General Legislation and Veterans Affairs

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Vice Chair-Craig Shaver

Governmental Operations

Chair-G. C. Knickerbocker
Vice Chair-Bob Waltman

Health and Human Services

Chair-Tony Onnen
Vice Chair-Allen Quist

Judiciary

Chair-Charles C. Halberg
Vice Chair-Bert McKasy

Labor-Management

Chair-Jim Heap
Vice Chair-John Burger

Workers' Compensation/ Unemployment Compensation Division/ Labor-Management

Chair-Steve Sviggum
Vice Chair-Gil Gutknecht

Local and Urban Affairs

Chair-Don Valento
Vice Chair-Lynn H. Becklin

Regulated Industries and Energy

Chair-Elton R. Redalen
Vice Chair-Ben Omann

Rules and Legislative Administration

Chair-Connie Levi

Taxes

Chair-William Schreiber
Vice Chair-Sidney Pauly

Local Government Finance Division/ Taxes

Chair-Terry Dempsey
Vice Chair-Chuck Dimler

Transportation

Chair-Douglas W. Carlson
Vice Chair-V. J. Johnson

All committee chairs and vice chairs are members of the majority party (Independent-Republican).

Profile of the House

The 1985 Minnesota House has 134 members, 20 women and 114 men. Their ages range from 24 to 73. They come from all areas of the state, and each represents about 30,500 people.

More members in 1985 list their outside jobs as businesspeople and lawyers than in 1983. Fewer of them are farmers. The number of women representatives increased by one and the majority party changed from Democratic-Farmer-Labor (DFL) to Independent-Republican (IR).

Facts about the 1985-86 House

134 members

Men: 114

Women: 20

IR: 69

DFL: 65

Elected: even-numbered
years

Term: two years

District population: 30,500

Age

average _____ 45

range _____ 24-73

Education

high school _____ 10

college work/vo-tech _____ 33

college degree _____ 43

graduate work _____ 13

graduate degree _____ 35

Government Service

military _____ 51

peace corps _____ 2

Seniority Range

1st Term

DFL _____ 7

IR _____ 19

2nd Term

DFL _____ 16

IR _____ 16

3rd Term

DFL _____ 8

IR _____ 8

4th Term

DFL _____ 6

IR _____ 13

5th Term

DFL _____ 6

IR _____ 6

6th Term

DFL _____ 6

IR _____ 1

7th Term

DFL _____ 12

IR _____ 4

8th Term

DFL _____ 1

10th Term

DFL _____ 1

IR _____ 1

11th Term

DFL _____ 1

IR _____ 1

15th Term

DFL _____ 1

Birthplace*

Minnesota _____ 109

surrounding four states _____ 8

other _____ 17

*The House has one German-born member.

Occupations**

business _____ 21

consulting _____ 11

education _____ 20

farming _____ 21

finance/insurance _____ 7

full-time legislator _____ 19

homemaking _____ 5

labor/trades _____ 8

law _____ 11

real estate _____ 5

other professions _____ 26

**Total may not be 134 because some legislators have more than one occupation.

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the people side of politics

Newly elected representatives for 1985 tell their stories.

- Who are these people who ran for office?
- Why did they accept the challenge?
- What did they experience on the campaign trail?
- Where do they stand as they take on the job?

Who They Are

*Business Owner • Accountant • Farmer • Consultant • Teacher
Homemaker • Realtor • Auctioneer • Pharmacist • Engineer*

Chris Tjornhom

"Work hard, put rubber on the road, and follow through on my campaign promises," is what Chris Tjornhom (IR-Richfield) says is his political plan.

"I want to be a direct part of changing some of the problems we have. I enjoy leadership. I feel I have the ability to help other people, and I'm willing to get involved," says Tjornhom (pronounced churn-home).

An area resident all his life, he says he's a working person like his constituents. "We're all working people."

"I'm a small business owner and operator. I understand that in a competitive marketplace we have to prioritize our spending. As a person who has been in the work force, I understand what everyone's thinking here."

Besides owning a small business, the first-term lawmaker says his experience includes working on past political campaigns and with an organization that helps junior high and high school students.

He says he hopes to bring a perspective of unity with him and give "200 percent" to the job.

Ann Rest

Minnesota government impresses Ann Rest (DFL-New Hope).

"There always seems to be the long-standing invitation for people to become involved, to have some sort of influence at the grass roots level. That's refreshing, and a really attractive quality about Minnesota government life," she says.

Originally from Norfolk, Virginia, Rest is a certified public accountant. She's 42 years old, married to James Rest, and has a 19-year-old daughter. When you ask her about legislative priorities and concerns she shares with constituents, she'll tell you "education and taxes."

"I have professional backgrounds in both those areas, being a former teacher and a CPA. I thought I'd combine the two backgrounds with my interest in public service and run," she says.

"I think the things people are interested in are the things I know about. My daughter went through our school system. We own a home. We pay taxes. We're a suburban family and our communities are very definitely suburban."

Rest has a B.A. from Northwestern University, M.A. from University of Chicago, M.A.T. from Harvard, and her M.B.T. from the University of Minnesota. She will serve legislative District 46A.

Don Richter

Don Richter (IR-Wadena) and his wife Margaret have 9 children, ages 15 to 31. And Richter talks about the budgeting and conservative buying that sustained the family and farm through the years—the kind of budgeting he wants to bring to the Legislature as a representative of District 12A.

Richter sees an imbalance between the economics of private and public sectors and says it's one of the reasons he ran for office.

"New wealth is produced in the private sector—in agriculture, timber, mineral resources, and such. Incentives and tax freedom have to be available to us so we can flourish," he says.

The Richters bought their farm near Wadena in 1957. Two sons handle the production end of things now. Richter keeps the books.

The 54-year-old legislator sees life as an adventure. He says, "Life is an adventure to be lived, and not just a problem to be solved. I'd like to see that enthusiasm and excitement and optimism reach back into the philosophy of the American way."

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Loren Jennings

"You have to have very thick skin, because you're not going to please everybody. You open up your whole life, literally, to be examined. Every place you go, you'll be tugged at a little bit because people want to talk to you. But it's a wonderful experience," says Loren Jennings (DFL-Rush City) about running for office.

Jennings is 33 years old and single. He just wrapped up his term as county commissioner. Because of that experience, Jennings says legislative priorities for him are local government operations in townships, cities, and counties. He'll represent District 19B.

"I've worked from this side with legislation coming down. I experienced a lot of frustration at times and good feelings as well. I want to be able to contribute when decisions are made, saying 'Here's what the impact is. This is what local government units will experience from our actions.'"

Jennings says his background as a business owner should be a big plus during his legislative term. His only regret is the change in the majority party.

"I hate to come in serving as a minority. But that's the way life goes."

Lynn Becklin

Lynn Becklin (pronounced Beckleen) (IR-Cambridge) has served as mayor of that city. He's returning to the House for his second term after an absence of about 10 years.

"I was involved once before and when I did quit, it was because of family reasons. But I stayed interested and served in other areas. The opportunity arose this time, so I saw fit to come back to the Legislature.

"You always have to take a positive outlook," says Becklin about his impressions of the Minnesota House. "If you take a negative outlook, you're never going to get anywhere."

What are his long-range political goals? "That's a pretty tough question," Becklin says. "I'm dedicated to serving the area and the state of Minnesota. Now if the need be for further advancement, that may be another thought."

Right now, his concerns are economic development in his area, the plight of a state hospital, and additional programs for a community college.

Becklin represents District 19A. He's the father of seven children. His wife's name is Lois. His degree in management is from the University of Minnesota, and he has 20 years of experience with the Air Force.

Harriet McPherson

Women running for public office has never seemed unusual enough to be an issue with Harriet McPherson (IR-Stillwater). "I grew up on a family farm with my sister and two boys and we all were equal from the time we were born," she says.

"I never heard of, or thought of, such a thing as women's lib or anything like that. I think women holding office is no different from men holding office. The most qualified person should have it, and it shouldn't depend on whether that person's a man or woman."

McPherson, one of 20 women in the Minnesota House, lists her occupation as "dairy farmer."

"My husband and I have had our own business for 35 years, and it's very successful. I think we have to look at state government like it was a business. You have to try to keep the books in the black."

McPherson is a former school teacher with a long list of community activities that include the local school board, County Welfare Board, Red Cross Board, County Extension Committee, church and volunteer work. Her husband's name is John and she has two children.

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Peter McLaughlin (DFL-Mpls):
"We got an architect in there
... and now 45 families are
living in a building that would
have been demolished."

the people side of politics

Charles Brown

Charles Brown (DFL-Appleton) is happy about the way the election turned out for him, because it gives him a chance to speak for the folks from west central Minnesota, where, he says, "our life-line is agriculture."

"Every dollar spent in our rural community comes from agriculture, and it travels through several hands before it leaves the community."

"I've lived with the problems of agriculture and I've gone through the pain and frustrations of farm foreclosures and subsequent auctions because of them."

"I want to try to help agriculture and small business out in our rural area. And that's the bottom reason why I sought the position."

Brown, whom most people call "Chuck," is 33. He's been an auctioneer all his adult life, studied psychology at Southwest State University at Marshall, is a member of the Appleton Sportsman Club, the Jaycees, and the Midwest Cattleman's Association. He and his wife Rebecca have two children. He represents District 11A.

Carol Dyke

The first woman to win election to the Worthington City Council is excited about representing District 28A. She's Carol Dyke (IR-Worthington).

Her government interest and involvement began through the League of Women Voters. And she'll tell you, "I think women have a lot to offer in public office. They need to become a little more aware that they can become involved and can take part."

Dyke's a 20-year resident of Worthington, and she's interested in issues of business climate and rural economy.

"Living in a rural outstate city close to South Dakota and Iowa, we see the competition from those states," she says.

The 46-year-old legislator sees her campaign experience as beneficial. "You learn a lot and meet a lot of people. Before the campaign, my focus was pretty much here in Worthington, but now it has expanded over the whole district. As small as the districts are, our attitudes vary from one end to the other. It's good to get out and see those kinds of perspectives."

"People see me on the street and say, 'gotta get the taxes down; gotta do something for business out here.' So that's my focus right now."

Dyke works part time in advertising and holds a degree in psychology from the University of Minnesota. She and her husband Dave have two children.

Peter McLaughlin

"My district is one of the most heterogeneous in the state, small in size but very diverse in population," says Peter McLaughlin (DFL-Mpls). His district is 60B, and his campaign focus was on community building.

"That came from a lot of work that I'd done prior to this—building the strength, ability, and capacity of the community to deal with its own problems of employment and housing opportunities for people."

As an example, he tells about the saving of a Minneapolis public school building from destruction: "The neighborhood was interested in saving that building, thinking it would be helpful as a housing resource. We got an architect in there to redesign it, and now 45 families are living in a building that would otherwise have been demolished."

So, McLaughlin sees his new position as a continuation of what he has been doing. "It just means working on behalf of the community in a different capacity," he says.

McLaughlin attended the Humphrey Institute and the University of Minnesota. He has a master's degree in public affairs and is married to Sara Meyer McLaughlin.



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Why They Ran

Concern • Issues • Interest • Service • Involvement

Brad Stanius

"I ran because of my involvement in local government," says Brad Stanius (IR-White Bear Lake), former mayor and city council member. "I found that the things we do, and decisions we make, can make a difference in the way life is."

Stanius, a St. Paul pharmacy owner, describes himself as a businessman who ran on a campaign slogan of improving Minnesota's business climate.

"I don't have any burning ambition to be the one to make the big difference; let's be realistic about that. But I have the ability to work with others, to work together to achieve things. I think I can help to bring different opinions together on some kind of common ground."

Stanius's community involvements include such service organizations as the Lions, Optimists, Historical Society, Arts Council, and more. However, now and then, he likes to go fishing. And he's good at it.

"I'm a tournament fisherman. I've won every major walleye tournament in this state at least once."

Stanius, 38, and wife Randa are parents of five children, ages 3 to 18. He has a B.S. in pharmacy from the University of Minnesota. He'll serve District 53B.

Ted Thorson

"There was no candidate coming forward at the time of the county convention. People were talking to me, and I got thinking about it. What a wonderful experience it would be to change careers at this stage, I thought. I was 61 at the time, and just decided I'll go a shot at it."

Ted Thorson (IR-Bemidji) is a retired music professor from Bemidji State University (BSU). There he served as chair of the music department and administrator of the BSU summer music camp.

His eight years experience on the Bemidji School Board helped him decide to run for the House.

Other personal assets for the legislative post, Thorson says, are "health and a good mind."

How does he see himself as representative of the area? "I've been all through the district, meeting a lot of people you normally don't meet. I feel I can very easily represent all the people, not just the college-professor type.

"I know some people are scared of that. But I basically understand problems the loggers are having, the farmers, rural people. I think I can be a good, fair representative for all," he says.

The District 4A representative did both undergraduate and graduate work at the Universities of North Dakota and Minnesota. He holds a Ph.D. from Northwestern University. Thorson and his wife Margaret have seven children.



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Howard Miller

Howard Miller (IR-Redwood Falls) gave up his position as director of the local Chamber of Commerce to run for public office.

"I had a desire to see things change. I'm concerned about the future as I have two very young children. And I've always been interested in politics.

"I think the things that would qualify anybody for political office are the desire to see things better than what they are, and to attempt to accomplish that through whatever philosophy they have concerning government."

Campaign advice? "Be sure of your convictions," Miller says. "First and foremost, really know what you believe so that when you get there you won't compromise yourself or your constituents."

Miller, 29, represents District 20B and puts education and the business climate at the top of his legislative priorities. He has a degree in business administration and management. Hobbies include hunting, archery, photography, and carpentry. His wife's name is Margie.

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Bernie Lieder (DFL-Crookston): "A lot of elderly people are kind of locked in. Many are on fixed incomes. Some can't get the amenities they should have in small communities where businesses are leaving."

Bernie Lieder

"I've worked with or for the public all my life and I'd like to continue," says Bernie Lieder (DFL-Crookston).

Lieder served as county engineer for many years. He's served on the board of directors for the Association of Minnesota Counties, the National Association of County Officials, and the National Association of County Engineers, and was an adviser to the federal Highway Department.

Topping Lieder's list of concerns for the '85 legislative session are transportation, roads for rural and agricultural communities, the tax structure, education, and the elderly.

"A lot of elderly people are kind of locked in. Many are on fixed incomes. Some can't get the amenities they should have in small communities where businesses are leaving. If they want to move, they can't get the equity out of their homes. Some don't want to move, but they do want to live in a viable community."

With 69 IRs and 65 DFLers in the House, Lieder thinks there's some good in the closeness in numbers. "I think it's going to make a situation where we have to work together and be bipartisan in our efforts to work differences out."

Lieder's district is 2A. He's 61 years old and has resigned his position as highway engineer to serve in the Legislature. Lieder and wife Shirley are parents of three.

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Dennis Frederickson

"I would be very happy and consider myself successful if the people in my district say it's the best representation they've ever had," says Dennis Frederickson (IR-Windom).

A former two-term mayor of Windom, a real estate broker, and a cooperative farm credit consultant, Frederickson's agriculture credit consulting work has taken him overseas for many years—Ethiopia, Kenya, the Dominican Republic, Uganda, the Arab Republic of Egypt, Botswana, and Pakistan.

He hopes to tie some of his past experiences to his interests at the Legislature. "Out in this part of the state I think our priorities have to be agriculture, and the tax situation as it affects agriculture in Southwestern Minnesota."

Frederickson says agriculture, small business, and small cities were running themes in his campaign, in terms of his own interests and of what's important to district residents.

Frederickson is 53 years old. Windom's his birthplace, and he and a son run a real estate office there. He's studied education at Macalester College and served in the military. He has four children. His wife's name is Mary.

Dean Hartle

The role of lawmaker isn't new to Dean Hartle (IR-Owatonna). Hartle says his long-term interest in government goes back to about 1948 when he was a representative in the YMCA "Youth in Government" program.

Hartle's the nephew of John A. Hartle who served in the Legislature for 32 years, six of those years as speaker of the House (1949 to 1954). Hartle says, "We didn't run on that basis, but I am proud of his accomplishments."

As to his own assets, Hartle says he's served on the county planning commission and a number of community organizations and has experience in working with people through the insurance business.

"I've been in a position where I had to sit in the middle, you might say, and keep people negotiating," Hartle says he's farmed and is currently involved in a golf course business.

"I'm going to have to learn the ropes as a freshman, but if I can make a difference in a specific way, I'll be willing to do that."

Hartle is an independent insurance agent with a degree in farm management and agriculture economics. He's 53 years old and has six children. His wife's name is Marsha.

Joel Carlson

"Buy lots of shoes if you ever run for office," advises Joel Carlson (IR-Moorhead). "I decided to run because I was concerned about what has happened to our state and what will happen if our people's voices are not heard."

Although the 24-year-old bachelor is the youngest member of the House, he's not exactly a newcomer to the process. Carlson acted as a liaison between the city of Moorhead and the Legislature for three sessions.

"I'm impressed with the talent of all the people working in the Minnesota Legislature and I'm looking forward to working with them," he says.

Carlson, who studied political science at the University of Minnesota, will represent District 9A where he works in construction. He is also involved with the American Cancer Society, Ducks Unlimited, and the Moorhead Athletic Association.

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Dean Hartle (IR-Owatonna): "I'm going to have to learn the ropes as a freshman . . ."

What They Experienced

Support • Friendliness • Hard Work • Exhaustion • Rewards

Tom Rees

"The most special experience I had this past campaign was a thank you card from a gentleman who lives in a Belle Plaine nursing home," says returning legislator Tom Rees (IR-Lakeville).

"It talked about how I had stopped there two years before and we had an opportunity to chat about how he was impressed with me and wanted me to succeed. Enclosed was a dollar.

"Although it takes a lot of dollars to run a campaign, that's the kind of thing that brings a tear to your eye, because you know he didn't have an extra dollar. It was something very important. It meant very much to me."

Rees is returning for a third term in District 36B after two years absence. He says he's bringing to the House assets from community involvements in church and civic organizations and service on the Waste Management Board's special advisory task force. That task force helped put together the waste management plan the Legislature adopted in 1984.

Rees, 37, currently works as a crew-training controller for Northwest airlines. His three children are 8, 5, and 3. His wife's name is Marie Patricia (Patty).

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Jim Boerboom

One campaign experience Jim Boerboom (IR-Cottonwood) remembers more than any other happened at Tracy, Minnesota during Tracy Box Car Days.

"We were driving a pickup that had two fuel tanks, one supposedly full, the other almost empty," Boerboom says. "During the parade, my wife, who was driving, switched the fuel gauge from the near-empty tank to the tank that was supposed to have fuel in it. It was totally empty.

"So we ran out of fuel in the parade. It caused some confusion but we sure got a lot of attention. People kept coming up to me and saying, 'Oh, you're the one . . .'" Boerboom says he was overwhelmed by the number of people who turned out to campaign and work hard for him and by the time it involves.

"I would say you've got to make the campaign and your commitment to office the absolute and only priority. Your family must be totally committed to that process; you've got to enjoy it."

Boerboom has a degree in agricultural education, a master's in education, and experience in teaching, farming, and business. He's 33 and is an agriculture loan officer. He and his wife Mary Jo have three children.

Edgar Olson

"You can almost peg it to an age group," Edgar Olson (DFL-Fosston) says about the differences of opinion people have about government. "Senior citizens are very interested in government. Then you come to an age group in the 45 to 60 range that isn't quite as interested, but still concerned.

"As we go from about age 25 to 40, I noticed there was a lot of disinterest in government, a feeling that 'however we vote isn't going to make a difference.'

"I think that's probably a throwback to the 1960s and '70s when they felt concerns weren't being heard. As we're coming down to the college and high school students, I'm happy to see there is a turnaround."

Olson says he's worked on campaigns other than his own and sees personal contact with people as the key to success. But he says, in large districts such as his, where you can't do door to door in many cases, much depends on the farm organization or cooperative meetings and events like county fairs.

Olson's farmed all his life and has worked with numerous farm organizations. "I think I share the concerns of rural America and the small businessman. My everyday contacts with them, and the people I get to see and visit in my own area—I think are my assets," he says.

Olson, 47, has two children. His wife's name is Phyllis.

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Dennis Poppenhagen

"I've been in sales for several years and I know what it's like to have somebody say 'no' to you," says Dennis Poppenhagen (IR-Detroit Lakes) as he leads into a campaign story about one of his very few unfriendly encounters.

"After one man (of the opposing party) in a small town slammed the door in my face, I knocked again. He opened the door a little and I said, 'Sir, just let me visit with you a moment.' And I told him if only Democrats voted for me, I would lose the election. If only Republicans voted for me, I would lose, and the same for Independents.

"I said, 'I would like everybody to vote for me. I realize not everybody's going to. However, I need support from all factions and intend to represent all the people in this district just as fairly and honestly as I can.'

"Well, he shut the door again, but at least, this time, he didn't slam it," chuckled Poppenhagen.

Poppenhagen says that he's not carrying a banner for reform. "I just feel very strongly that we need good common sense decisions in government. As a businessman, and having spent 23 years in insurance, I believe I can lend some assistance to a good working team."

Poppenhagen is an independent insurance agent. He and wife Barb have three children.

Gordon Backlund

A pleasant part of all the hard work in running a campaign, says Gordon Backlund (IR-Fridley), is going door to door. "I think that going around and visiting every home in the district was very rewarding, because you pick up a lot of information by talking to people."

Backlund says he ran two years ago, but didn't win. This time he ran on a campaign slogan of "Common Sense for Uncommon Times" and feels his varied experience in business and his travels are assets he brings to the Legislature.

"I've lived in three different states other than Minnesota, so I've seen firsthand the performance of other state governments. I've lived in Iowa, Texas, and California and traveled to almost every state in the union in a business capacity."

His two number-one priorities are education and good business policy and posture. He lists his job outside the Legislature as sales. He's also a part-time musician. Forty-four years old, Backlund's married, has two children, and his wife's name is Linda. He represents District 51A.



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Dale Clausnitzer

"Campaigning is an awful lot of work," says Dale Clausnitzer (IR-Maple Grove). "I'd been involved in a number of campaigns so I knew ahead of time that it was a lot of work, but I don't think you know the commitment it takes until you get involved yourself."

"I had a bit of a benefit because I'm self-employed. I could more or less set my own hours, but what really ended up happening is I almost had to completely forget about my business and spend almost all my time campaigning."

"You think you can plan the number of hours you'll work at it, but in the end, it takes up 100 percent of your time if you're going to succeed. I expect the session to be the same when it meets January through May—a really total commitment."

Clausnitzer, 33, is the father of two. He's an accountant who ran on the issues of taxes, education, and the business climate. He studied economics at the University of Minnesota and has been involved in politics for the last 16 years.

He believes skills he developed in his business-management consultant work—and his Legislative Affairs Committee service at Twin-West Chamber of Commerce—will benefit him in representing District 48A.

"Gordon Backlund (IR-Fridley): I think that going around and visiting every home in the district was very rewarding."

Where They Stand

Ambitious • Hopeful • Ready

Sandra Pappas

When 35-year-old Sandra Pappas (DFL-St. Paul) first considered running for public office, she says she didn't feel she was experienced enough nor had the right background. But the mother of three young daughters says she had a change of heart.

"I looked at the Legislative Directory and saw the variety of people's backgrounds. Actually the only requirement for being a legislator is the ability to get elected.

"It's very much a people's legislature. And it's real important, if we represent a wide variety of people, that we not all be lawyers or political science teachers, but that we are housewives, community organizers, mechanics, farmers, and just a whole variety of people."

Besides her political activities, Pappas is involved in the community with the district planning council, held board membership on the neighborhood newspaper, founded a neighborhood arts group, and worked as a community arts organizer.

Born in Hibbing, Minnesota, Pappas will now serve St. Paul's District 65B. She has studied public policy at Metropolitan State University and the University of Minnesota. Her interests include the theater and futures. She's married to Neal Gosman.

Dennis Ozment

"I believe in the philosophy of Abraham Lincoln," says Dennis Ozment (IR-Rosemount), District 37B. "He said that the legitimate role of government is to do for us only what we cannot do for ourselves. When we can control our own lives or make it happen within our own communities, without government involvement, then that's what should happen."

Running for office isn't new to 39-year-old Ozment. He ran for a Senate seat in 1980 and challenged House Speaker Harry Sieben in '82. This time he won the retiring speaker's seat.

Ozment is fire captain of the Minneapolis Fire Department and says his dealings with bureaucracies over the past years will be of great help to him.

"Understanding bureaucracies and how they work will be a big plus for me. It's one thing to pass a law, it's another to pass one that's workable."

Ozment and his wife Gayle are parents of two children, Wendy and Denny. Because of his promotion of fire safety throughout the state, he won the "Minnesota Fire Instructor of the Year" award in 1982 and WCCO's "Good Neighbor Award" in 1984.

Eileen Tompkins

"Awe and some reservation" is the way Eileen Tompkins (IR-Apple Valley) describes her feelings as she takes on the job of representing District 37A.

"I'm not impressed with the title or any of those things," she says. "What I'm really impressed with is the tremendous opportunity we have to make a better life for ourselves and the young people coming up."

Tompkins says she has been a Republican for 10 years, but before that "a cradle Democrat." She says she's been heavily involved in politics in her community and calls her run for public office, "just a natural progression."

At first, Tompkins looked for another candidate. "I tried to find someone else to do this. But as I asked others, they told me to look within myself—that I was the person who should be doing this. It took a lot of thought; I didn't just jump into it."

Tompkins and husband Patrick are parents of 9 children, and grandparents of 10. A homemaker, she says her legislative priorities are the Minnesota business climate and education.

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Sandra Pappas (DFL-St. Paul): "It's very much a people's legislature."

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John Hartinger

"I guess there are two types of people in the world: spectators and participants," says John Hartinger (IR-Coon Rapids), District 50A. "I'm a participant, and feel one of my assets is my ability to communicate."

"The importance of being a representative is to be a representative to the people, and that means speaking out and being a person who can communicate the message."

Hartinger is a pastor and a former teacher. He says the two things he loves in life are politics and religion. In his opinion, those people who say the two can't mix or there is a conflict of interest, are mistaken.

"If you look at the founding fathers of our country, they were never concerned with the church getting into the state. They were more concerned about the state getting into the church."

Hartinger says he's strongly conservative. "I'm not a moderate. I'm not a liberal. I'm a conservative," he says. "There's been a shift. People are more conservative now. And that's where I stand."

Hartinger, 29, is a pastor at Victory Baptist Church in Pine City. He lives in Coon Rapids with wife Nancy and two children. Hartinger has his doctorate in counseling, and a master's of divinity. He enjoys golf, tennis, and fishing.

Mike Jaros

"I missed the Legislature. I haven't had a job I enjoy as much," says Mike Jaros (DFL-Duluth).

Jaros is one of three members returning to the House, which he left in 1980 after serving four terms, to pursue an interest in the foreign service.

He says his job in Washington wasn't what he expected. So he returned home to take on his own business, and then, a position as governmental liaison for the University of Minnesota-Duluth.

About his earlier days in the Legislature, Jaros says, "I was more idealistic, less experienced. I think I've seen some of the things that were done, some of the mistakes made."

"The problem is that the legislative body doesn't have enough experience in all fields, and you can never gain that if legislators don't know or have never worked in the state system, state bureaucracy, or university or educational systems. It's really difficult; they have to rely on what other people tell them."

But Jaros says he has seen some of the business side, and has worked as a state employee, which he says is an advantage in making an impression in the House.

Jaros, 40, has three children. His wife's name is Annette. He says he would encourage more people to get involved and run for office—but that no job is as important as principle, and no one should compromise their convictions for the sake of a job.



John Hartinger (IR-Coon Rapids): "There's been a shift. People are more conservative now. And that's where I stand."



Ralph Kiffmeyer (IR-Big Lake): "It's challenging, exciting, and worth it."

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Ralph Kiffmeyer

"I personally feel that representatives should not be professional politicians," says Ralph Kiffmeyer (IR-Big Lake). I hope to maintain my working position here but would like the session to be short enough, and less frequent enough, so working people would be able to anticipate running for the House."

Kiffmeyer is a nurse anesthetist and heads the Department of Anesthesia at the Monticello-Big Lake Community Hospital. He says he plans to continue his career in anesthesia, and his business in anesthesia services.

This is Kiffmeyer's first try for public office and he's thrilled about the campaign outcome. He says he would tell anyone who wants to run for office, "It's challenging, exciting, and worth it."

"If your heart is in it—go for it. But if it isn't, forget it. You'll get washed up in a hurry. Also, it's important that your family is with you in it." The 39-year-old legislator says his four children influenced his decision to run.

Kiffmeyer represents District 18B. His wife's name is Mary. The legislator has studied at the St. Cloud School of Nursing, and the Anesthesia School of St. Cloud Hospital. He enjoys biking, fishing, and is a beekeeper.

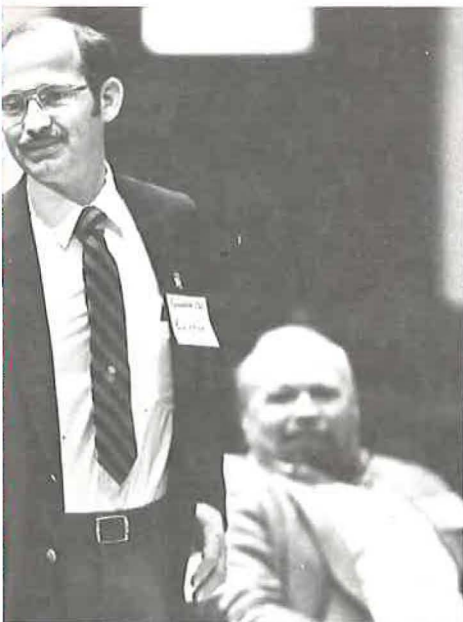


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Marcel Frederick

"Building one brick at a time, following through on all commitments, and listening to people" is the approach Marcel (Sal) Frederick (IR-Mankato) plans to take to the job of representing District 24B.

"My wife Rose and I both love people. That's our strong point. And we like doing things for people. So this is just a natural extension of what I've been doing all my life, really."

"The people I've talked to in the Legislature so far seem to have the same goals in mind . . . I think I'm going to fit — mellow right in — and just work toward the goals that we've been preaching about throughout the campaign," says Frederick.

Frederick's a consultant, recently retired from the Happy Chef Restaurant system. He's the father of six children, grandfather of eight. The 58-year-old Army Air Force veteran has held offices in many organizations. ■



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Marcel (Sal) Frederick (IR-Coon Rapids): "I think I'm going to fit—mellow right in—and just work toward the goals that we've been preaching about throughout the campaign."

STATE FAIR

Did we meet you at the fair?

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Fair visitors locate their legislative district on a wall map.

About 550,000 people visited the Education Building during the 1984 State Fair. A good share of those visitors stopped at the Minnesota House of Representatives' display.

They tested their government I.Q.s on the computer quiz. They looked up "home" on legislative district maps, and they talked over concerns about state government with House members.

Over a thousand voted on selected issues in the House unofficial State Fair Opinion Poll.

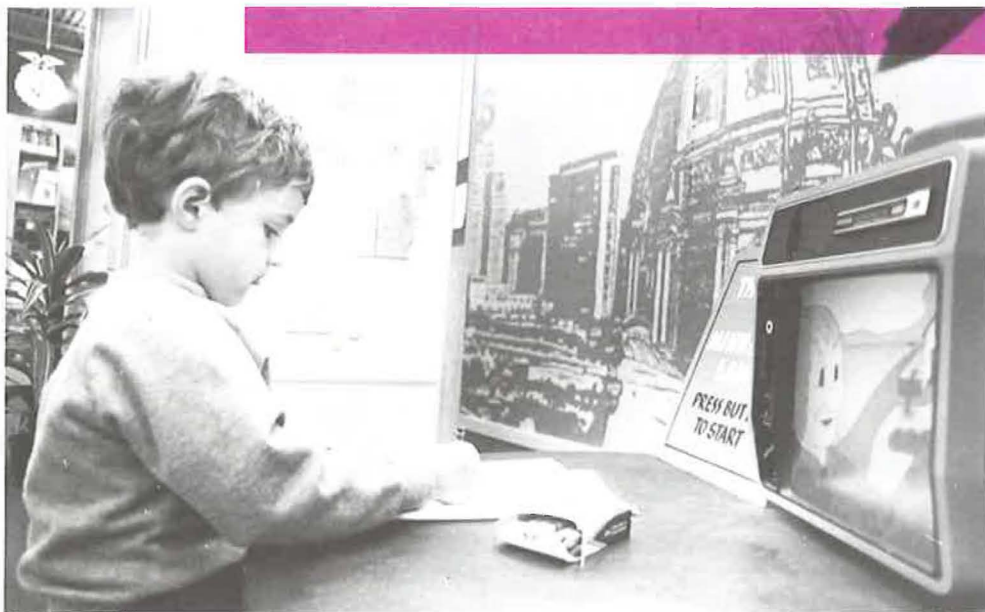
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Children could watch a slide show, "The Road to Minnesota Laws," or color in a special "Joey's Visit" coloring book.



Fairgoers take a computer quiz to get their government I.Q.s. They also took the opportunity to step into the



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promoting education and educational exhibits.



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voting booth (background) to vote in the House Information State Fair Poll.

STATE FAIR OPINION POLL — RESULTS

Question	Total votes cast on question	% of votes cast on question
Should Minnesota allow a state run lottery?	1509 Yes: 971 No: 538	Yes: 64% No: 36%
Should Minnesota adopt a mandatory seat belt law?	1502 Yes: 917 No: 585	Yes: 61% No: 39%
Should Minnesota allow tax credits for parents with children in private schools?	1496 Yes: 699 No: 797	Yes: 47% No: 53%
Should Minnesota establish a high school for the arts?	1498 Yes: 924 No: 574	Yes: 62% No: 38%
Should Minnesota raise tax revenue by extending the sales tax to food or clothing?	1508 Yes: 172 No: 1336	Yes: 11% No: 89%

Total number of people who voted: 1581

House members who were at the fair to meet you

John Burger (IR) - Long Lake
Doug Carlson (IR) - Sandstone
John Clawson (DFL) - Lindstrom
Sharon Coleman (DFL) - Spring Lake Park
Terry Dempsey (IR) - New Ulm
Chuck Dimler (IR) - Chanhassen
Wendell Erickson (IR) - Hills
Dave Fjoslien (IR) - Brandon
Don Frerichs (IR) - Rochester
Bob Haukoos (IR) - Albert Lea
Jim Heap (IR) - Plymouth
Dorothy Hokr (IR) - New Hope
Virgil Johnson (IR) - Caledonia
Rick Krueger (DFL) - Staples
Ernest Larsen (DFL) - Anoka
Connie Levi (IR) - Dellwood

Todd Otis (DFL) - Minneapolis
Mark Piepho (IR) - Mankato
Leonard Price (DFL) - Woodbury
Robert Reif (IR) - White Bear Lake
James Rice (DFL) - Minneapolis
Peter Rodosovich (DFL) - Faribault
John Rose (IR) - Roseville
Gary Schafer (IR) - Gibbon
Art Seaberg (IR) - Mendota Heights
Tim Sherman (IR) - Winona
Wayne Simoneau (DFL) - Fridley
Wally Sparby (DFL) - Thief River Falls
Sylvester Uphus (IR) - Sauk Centre
Gordon Voss (DFL) - Blaine
Maurice Zaffke (IR) - Backus ■

COMMISSIONS

Highway Study Commission May 11 heard Citizens League report on road use and revenues . . . discussed trunk highway system's future . . . heard comments on turning certain roads back to local jurisdiction.

Legislative Commission on Economic Status of Women May 31 reviewed staff activities . . . heard reports on Education K-12 Task Force and on Task Force on Midlife Women . . . adopted motion endorsing the Women's Consortium conference on "Women, the Economy, and Public Policy." **Oct. 1** heard testimony on health issues affecting economic status of women . . . **Nov. 15** approved topic areas for 1985 legislative proposals.

Legislative Commission on Employee Relations July 17 adopted annual salary increase proposal for state agency heads . . . heard review of the state's Career Executive Service (CES) and membership criteria . . . reviewed possible study projects for '84 interim.

Legislative Commission on Energy Aug. 28 discussed '85 energy assistance plan. **Sept. 6** Task Force on Hydropower and Cogeneration heard testimony on alternative energy technologies. **Sept. 14** full commission heard a task force report on Minnesota's energy future. **Oct. 23** heard testimony on "State Plan for Low Income Energy Assistance for 1985." **Nov. 8** continued to review energy plan.

Legislative Commission on Long Term Health Care June 19 reviewed state hospital study plan, case mix reimbursement project, DPW Rule 50, pre-admission screening, and alternative care grant program. **July 18** reviewed hospital study and nursing home litigation . . . discussed industrial revenue bond use for nursing home projects. **Aug. 30** heard testimony on Aging Strategy Task Force, Case Mix Study, and rules relating to nursing home reimbursement and care facilities for the mentally retarded reimbursement. **Oct. 17** heard updates on projects reviewed June 19 . . . heard reviews of facilities for the mentally retarded and state-run nursing homes. **Nov. 14** heard testimony on task force report . . . reviewed nursing home moratorium and status of Rule 50 and rate equalization issues.

Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources (LCMR) Recreation Committee May 17 heard recommendations of Metropolitan Parks and Open Space commissioner . . . approved local park grant projects . . . approved plan for regional park projects . . . heard DNR park planning report. **May 29 to June 1** full commission held issues seminar at Itasca State Park. **July 9-10** reviewed project proposals for '85 funding.

July 16-17 continued to review '85 project proposals. Minerals Committee **July 30** reviewed '85 proposed funding projects. Full commission **July 31** and **Aug. 1** reviewed water and minerals projects for '85 funding. **Aug. 14-15** tentatively approved program requests for the 1985-87 biennium in areas of water, minerals, fish and wildlife, land, recreation, forestry, energy, and others. **Aug. 31** gave final approval to program requests totaling \$22 million. **Nov. 14** Land and Water Committee heard update of water programs and proposals . . . Recreation Committee approved requests of the federal government for land and water conservation funding. Full commission heard Mineral Resources Plan for Minnesota . . . heard testimony on funds for improving Lake Harriet.

Legislative Commission on Pensions & Retirement June 14 heard memorandum on "Commission Expanded Duties After 'Rule of '85 Bill" . . . discussed procedures for two-percent refund to various pension fund members. **Sept. 23-25** heard changes in public pensions and commission duties . . . testimony on retiree health care benefits . . . results of '82 and '83 actuarial valuations for local police and salaried firefighters' associations . . . reviewed court decisions involving Red Wing police association . . . interpretations of local police and fire capped escalator. **Nov. 19** adopted recommendation on hiring actuarial services.

Legislative Commission on Public Education June 8 reviewed reports on individual student performance, curriculum, professional educational staff, and delivery system on certain study topics. **Aug. 9** reviewed reports on teacher retention and teacher burnout. **Aug. 23** looked at proposed curriculum rules and reform, course offerings, and assessment testing. **Sept. 6** heard update on school district textbook selection and purchase. **Oct. 11** heard testimony on teaching math and sciences and on problems within the teacher work force. **Nov. 15** heard recommendations on changing methods of delivering education. **Nov. 30** heard recommendations of a Higher Education Coordinating Board study.

Legislative Commission on Waste Management July 2 heard a final report on sludge composting and co-composting potential and on superfund law progress. **Sept. 7** heard about progress on waste reduction programs, update on Household Hazardous Waste Task Force, and progress of grants for a processing facility study, waste transportation and collection . . . heard testimony on Victims' Compensation Study and incineration proposal. **Sept. 12** heard testimony on a resource recovery program . . . reviewed report on the Victims' Compensation Study. **Oct. 16** heard testimony on the draft Victims' Compensation Study . . . **Nov. 27** considered compensation study.

Legislative Commission to Review Administrative Rules June 13 adopted recommendations to study 1984 Model Energy Code complaint and rules governing eligibility of blind persons for Metro Mobility bus service. **Aug. 2** heard and acted on preliminary assessments on rules regarding highway signs for colleges, ventilation in beauty salons, and swine pseudorabies virus (PRV) . . . adopted recommendations to study PRV issues. **Aug. 28** heard testimony on 1984 Model Energy Code. **Oct. 10** adopted recommendations on rules governing control of (PRV) . . . heard report on rules regulating gasoline pump inspection fees. **Nov. 27** heard testimony on emergency rule-making, rules on aid to families with dependent children, and county board responsibilities to the mentally retarded.

Legislative Coordinating Commission (LCC) subcommittee on Flexible Benefits Study May 16 heard presentation on cafeteria-style benefits and recommendations to develop alternative benefit packages for legislative employees . . . reviewed issues concerning flexible benefits. The subcommittee **May 30** heard about current legislative employee benefits, the state's contribution, and benefit options to consider in a cafeteria-style plan. The subcommittee **Nov. 26** heard testimony on public employee benefit issues.

Full LCC Sept. 13 heard status of resolution on affirmative action . . . adopted subcommittee on Salaries and Budgets report on certain salary adjustments and setting merit pay range . . . reviewed report on changes in responsibility levels for legislative library employees . . . approved guidelines for legislative commission budgets . . . decided LCC would carry out job audit through an outside evaluator.

Study Commission on Local Government Aids July 9 considered areas of study and topics for future consideration. **Oct. 4** heard testimony on local government aid programs in other states. ■

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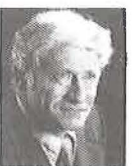
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