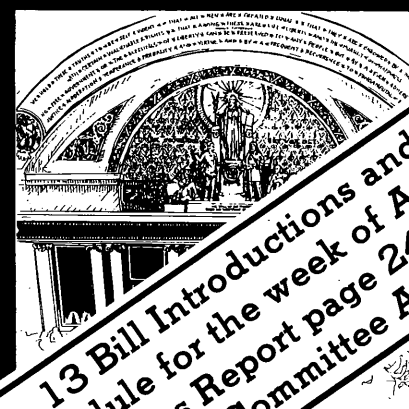
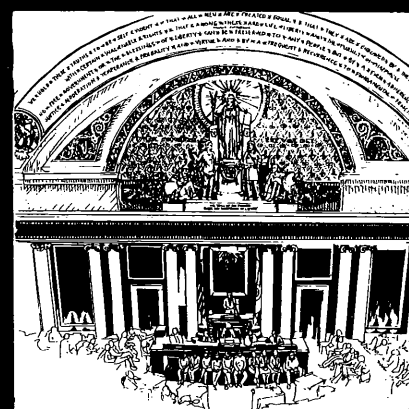
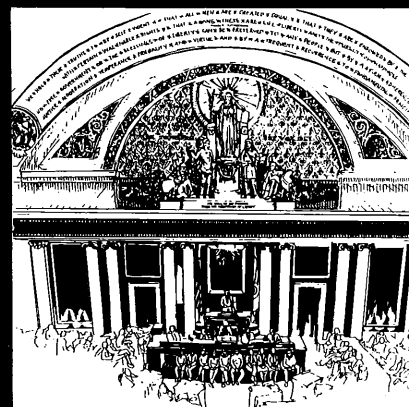
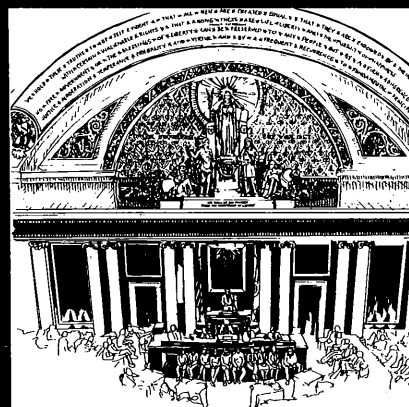
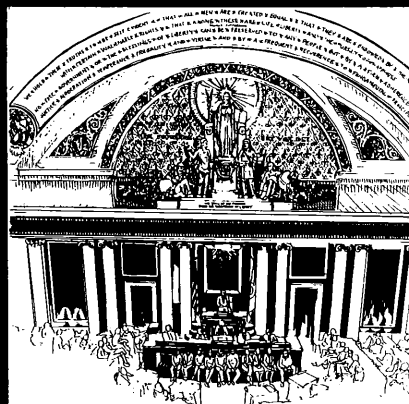
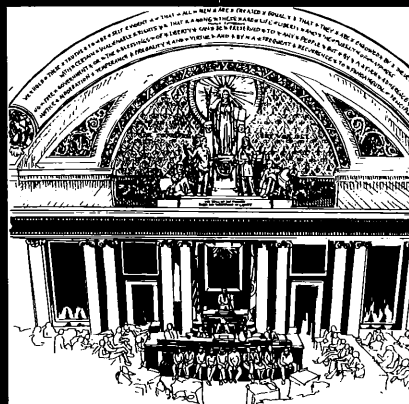
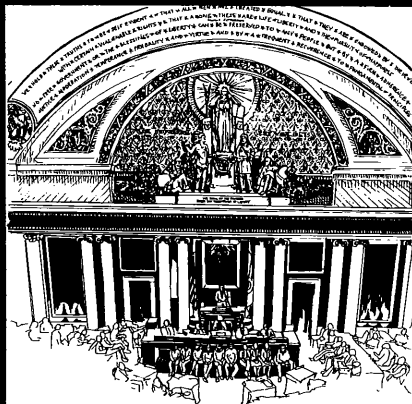




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Agriculture

Grade B milk standards

The Milk Quality Standards Bill is moving through the Legislature and at a March 29 meeting got the approval of the Agriculture Committee.

The bill would have producers of grade B milk in Minnesota comply with USDA standards that require annual on-farm inspections, separate milk rooms or houses, and equipment that meets certain sanitary conditions.

North Dakota and New York have called for a boycott of Minnesota Grade B products unless the state passes the legislation, according to William Coleman, director of dairy industries for the Minnesota Department of Agriculture.

Vern Ingvalson, Minnesota Farm Bureau, told committee members that passage of HF481 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin) was top priority.

"If it's not passed we could find additional states refusing to accept our dry milk, butter and cheese," he said.

Spokesmen from the Minnesota Association of Cooperatives and the Minnesota Department of Agriculture said common belief is that farmers who use milk cans will have to revert to bulk cooling tanks. However, they said, federal standards don't ban the use of cans for storing, cooling, or transporting milk if they meet prescribed conditions.□

Grain buyer regulations

Minnesota's Grain Buyers' Act doesn't give enough protection to grain producers, Rep. Tom Shea (DFL-Owatanna) told an Agriculture subcommittee March 29. Shea sponsors HF424, a bill that would amend and extend the act, due to expire this year. The act protects farmers who sell grain to elevators or independent truck grain buyers but don't get payment right away.

Shea originally proposed a Grain Buyers Trust Fund that would allow farmers who lose money because of the buyer's breach of contract to recover up to 90 percent of their losses. Buyers, such as elevators and independent truck grain buyers, would finance the trust fund through a three-mill assessment on grain sales.

But after working on a compromise with interested parties, Shea now proposes that a joint legislative committee hold hearings throughout rural Minnesota this summer to find out if grain producers want the fund. If not, he said, he'll take out the provision in his bill that would establish the trust fund Aug. 1, 1984. Shea's amended bill calls for a one-mill assessment rather than a three-mill assessment to finance the fund.

Shea said the trust fund's necessary because bonds grain buyers must have to purchase grain cover bad checks but give no protection to the farmer who sells on credit and the buyer doesn't pay.

Several previous opponents of the trust fund said they'd support a farmer referendum on the issue. But independent truck grain buyers are still against the bill because it increases the bonding they must have to obtain a grain buyer's license.□

Farm product promotion

Minnesota may spend \$3.2 million to develop and promote markets for farm products in the next two years.

The money would go to advertise farm products, host foreign trade teams, develop new processing and marketing activities, and enable the state to make grants to commodity organizations to help promote their products.

The Agriculture Committee recommended HF555 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca) to pass on March 23—a bill that would appropriate the \$3.2 million. Supporters quote a 1982 Chase Econometric study that shows farmers get \$57 in gross income for every dollar they invest in market development.□

Barley in PIK

The House Agriculture Committee recommended passage of a resolution March 2 that asks Congress to include barley producers in its new Payment in Kind program.

As an incentive to cut crop production, the federal government will pay farmers surplus grain in exchange for idling part of their farm land. The government hopes that decreased supply will bring grain prices up and save billions of dollars in surplus commodity purchases and farm loans.

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The program includes grains, such as corn and wheat, but not barley. Bill author, Rep. Wallace Sparby, says people who grow barley are as entitled to the benefits of PIK as corn producers.

UPDATE: House passed HF398 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls) March 14.□



Appropriations

Education Division

Technology education

Minnesota will be short 7,600 engineers and scientists between 1981 and 1984, reports the Minnesota High Technology Council.

The Council laid down goals for solving the problem at a meeting of the Education Division March 17.

Chuck Denney, Jr., council member, described a proposed \$18 million program for the state's post-secondary schools that would.

- upgrade facilities, increase faculty and teacher aides at the University of Minnesota's Institute of Technology;
- make funds available to retain the Institute's best teachers;
- establish a computer science engineering program at St. Cloud State University;
- develop an electrical engineering major at Mankato State University; and
- create a Biotechnology Center on the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities campus.

The Council has yet to make a recommendation for the University of Minnesota at Duluth.

The Education Division will consider the governor's recommendations for high technology education before making a decision on funding.□

Tuition hikes

The governor's higher education proposals, that would up tuition at the University of Minnesota 28 percent over the next two years,

got negative reaction from students at the Capitol March 4.

Wally Hilke, Minnesota Student Association, testifying before the Education Division, said that high tuition will force some students to drop out of school. Many others will have to interrupt studies to work for awhile so they can afford tuition.

Since 1977, tuition at the University has gone up 96 percent, but state scholarships and grants increased only 51 percent and minimum wage rose just 46 percent. Tuition has increased substantially while student ability to earn money to pay tuition hasn't kept pace, he said.

Hilke said that University of Minnesota students have helped the University overcome severe budget problems in the past few years by paying tuition surcharges of 10 percent, 3 percent, and 15 percent.

The Minnesota Student Association recommends that any increases the state makes in tuition should use the original tuition levels as a base, not the inflated surcharge levels.□

Health, Welfare, Corrections Division

Welfare costs

The State Public Welfare Bureau of Income Maintenance wants \$544 million more in state funding over the next two years for programs like AFDC, Medical Assistance, and General Assistance for the needy.

Charles Poe, assistant commissioner for the bureau, presented the department's request to the Health, Welfare and Corrections Division March 23. Poe says the department needs more money partly because the stricter eligibility requirements for General Assistance benefits and General Assistance Medical Care, that exclude most people with marketable skills, are due to expire this year.

If the Legislature adopts the governor's proposal to continue those limitations for two more years, the agency's requested increase for General Assistance and Medical Care would go instead for

the governor's proposed jobs program to employ people who lost General Assistance benefits because of stricter eligibility rules, according to Poe.

The House committee is also studying the \$14.5 million increase in AFDC the governor wants for a five percent cost of living adjustment—and his recommendation to limit state increases in nursing home payments for Medical Assistance patients to eight percent annually—an estimated savings of \$30 million over the next two years.□

Women's prison

Opponents of the governor's proposal to close the aging Shakopee Women's Prison and move inmates to the Sauk Centre juvenile facility testified at a March 7 Health, Welfare and Corrections Division meeting.

People from the Minnesota League of Women Voters, DFL Feminist Caucus, Sauk Centre officials, Twin Cities businesses, and others told legislators the women's prison belongs in the metropolitan area.

Jean Tews of the League of Women Voters, said the League favors a new women's prison in Shakopee instead of moving inmates 120 miles from homes and children.

She said about 80 percent of inmates come from the Twin Cities, and Sauk Centre couldn't provide the abundance of work training opportunities that Twin Cities industry can.

If the state moves the women from Shakopee to Sauk Centre, it would transfer Sauk Centre juvenile male offenders to Red Wing. Sauk Centre officials said that move would be a blow to the city's economy, because many residents who work with male juvenile offenders would lose their jobs.

State Departments Division

Attracting tourists

If we say Minnesota's a great vacation spot, we'll have to deliver a quality vacation experience for tourists, Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) told officials at a March 16 meeting.

The State Tourism Division of the Department of Energy, Planning and Development is asking for an \$8 million increase in funding over the next two years. Hank Todd, assistant commissioner, says the department wants to pump more money into high quality advertising to market Minnesota nationally on TV and in films as Michigan does with its "Say Yes to Michigan" campaign.

The money would also go for financial support to Minnesota cities through their Chambers of Commerce, local historical societies, and arts groups.

Legislators said some tourism funds should target the small resort owners in Greater Minnesota who have fallen on hard times.□

Catching tax cheaters

Project Fair Share, a program the 1981 Legislature enacted to recover overdue state tax payments isn't meeting its goal.

Revenue Commissioner Arthur Roemer brought that news to the State Departments Division March 10.

Under Project Fair Share, the state expected to assess and collect \$38 million in additional state taxes by June 30 of this year. But, so far, the Revenue Department estimates they've assessed only about \$6 to \$8 million and collected \$1.1 to \$1.4 million.

"Our goal of \$38 million was optimistic," said Roemer. He said the state appropriated about \$900,000 for the two-year project, and the program attempted, among other things, to find people and

corporations who underreport or don't report their income at all.

The most successful method was matching federal and state tax information which uncovered many taxpayers who had filed federal returns but not state returns, Roemer said.

Legislative Auditor John Asmussen recommended the Revenue Department develop a system to track Fair Share collections through to the State Treasury. Asmussen said, because they had no tracking system, they can report those collections only in terms of estimates and ranges, not exact dollar amounts.□

Semi-States Division

Metro transit funding

Members of the Semi-States Division studied the Department of Transportation budget in March. March 17, division members took up one portion of that budget—the Metropolitan Transit Commission. Although MTC requested the state kick in more dollars next biennium, the governor is recommending no increase over the state's 1981-83 allocation of \$20 million.

With no state increases, the commission figures it will need two bus fare increases during the upcoming biennium. MTC riders would pay 85 cents for a ride by January 1985 to help MTC keep a balanced budget. Base fare would increase 15 cents January 1984 and go up another 10 cents January 1985. Peak hour fares would increase 10 cents over the two-year period.

MTC statistics show that while state and federal subsidies have declined over the past several years, property tax and farebox revenue sources have been increasing. The state's share of MTC revenues decreased from 25 percent in 1978 to 8 percent in 1982.

The governor's budget recommendation also gives no increase in funding to Metro Mobility, the special transportation service for disabled persons in the metropolitan area. While transportation officials predict a significant reduction of trip availability if the state doesn't increase funding, the governor is recommending the depart-

ment seek competitive bids from transport services to see if the state could provide the same service for less money.□



Commerce/Economic Development

Small business boost

The governor's small business financing proposal got a recommendation to pass from the Commerce and Economic Development Committee March 29.

Members approved HF788 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin), a bill that would appropriate \$30 million in the next biennium to set up a Minnesota Enterprise Fund. The fund is a cornerstone of the governor's economic development package, according to Tom Triplett, a Perpich aide.

The money would give small businesses financial help such as loans, loan guarantees, and money to guarantee bonds from the Small Business Finance Agency. Preference would go to businesses meeting certain conditions, for example those in high unemployment areas and ones that are likely to expand and create more permanent jobs.□

Office of tourism

Minnesota's tourism division lacks visibility and places like Wisconsin, Michigan, and Ontario outspend it, according to Al Brodie, vice-president of the Minnesota Motel Association.

The Commerce and Economic Development Committee recommended passage March 24 of HF572 (Berkelman, DFL-Duluth), the governor's proposal for a separate office of tourism. The bill appropriates \$11.8 million to advertise the state and promote tourism for the 1983-85 biennium, a substantial increase over current funding.

Hank Todd, assistant commissioner of tourism in the Department of Energy, Planning and Development, told the committee the increased funding would support a high quality advertising program similar to Michigan's "Say Yes to Michigan" campaign.

It would also support advertising for six state tourism regions and assist local, non-profit organizations, such as Chambers of Commerce and historical societies in their promotional efforts.

The tourism division has put in a special request to the Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources to start a computerized tourism data base that would provide visitors with up-to-date information on the state's resorts, and entertainment and recreational opportunities.

UPDATE: The Governmental Operations Committee gave approval to HF572 March 30.□

Foreign trade agency

The Commerce and Economic Development Committee took the first step, March 17, in getting underway part of the governor's proposal to develop foreign markets for Minnesota products.

The committee recommended passage of HF397 (Eken, DFL-Twin Valley), a bill that would create a state foreign trade agency in the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

The agency would cater to small and medium-sized export companies, according to Rep. Willis Eken, author of the bill. Eken says small manufacturers tell him their main problem is a lack of information about markets overseas.

The agency would give them marketing information and create a world-wide network of foreign communication offices to coordinate trade activities. It would also create an export finance authority to aid businesses in exporting goods and services through insurance and loan guarantees.

UPDATE: Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee, March 25, also recommended HF397 to pass; sent to Governmental Operations.□

The towing bill

The author of the towing bill withdrew his proposal at a meeting of the Commerce and Economic Development Committee March 15, because amendments to the bill would restrict it to towing companies in St. Paul and Minneapolis.

Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls) said he didn't think the bill, HF164, was worth passing if it applied only to the Twin Cities, especially because a change in the City of Minneapolis' towing contract will soon enable people to pay by check. The bill would then apply just to St. Paul.

HF164 would have required towing companies to accept credit cards or checks on impounded vehicles in most instances. Many companies presently accept only cash.□

Debt collection

A bill relating to debt collection practices got a recommendation to pass from the Commerce and Economic Development Committee March 15. Sponsors of HF123 (Staten, DFL-Mpls) modeled it after federal debt law, which prohibits collectors from using certain abusive and misleading practices to collect alleged debts from consumers.

Under the bill, individuals who collect debts for retailers and collection agencies could be liable for certain actions, such as harassing consumers over the phone, or contacting friends or relatives about a consumer's debt.

Staten's proposal would close a loophole in federal debt collection law, which currently doesn't apply to individual retailers who regularly collect consumer debts. Staten said individual creditors collect the majority of debts in Minnesota. His bill would cover those collectors.

UPDATE: HF123 is awaiting action on the House floor.□

Commerce reorganization

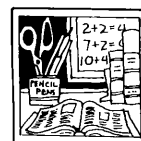
Members of the Commerce and Job Creation subcommittee met March 3 to hear from supporters of HF455 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls), a bill that would reorganize the Minnesota Department of Commerce.

The bill proposes to rename the agency the Department of Business and Commerce and would consolidate the agencies that work with businesses into one department, according to Mike Hatch, commissioner of real estate and securities.

It would also consolidate those state agencies that are involved with consumer services by transferring the Division of Consumer Services to the Attorney General's Office which handles consumer complaints.

Hatch said business people need to have a one-stop center where they can get answers about regulation and assistance in starting businesses. Hatch believes the one-stop center will help encourage more businesses to come to Minnesota and the existing ones to stay.

UPDATE: March 24 House Governmental Operations Committee recommended HF455 to pass.□



Education

Student discipline

Teachers would get clear rules on removing disruptive students from class, under a bill the Education Committee approved March 28.

The bill requires each school district to adopt policy for disciplining students and lists issues the policy has to cover.

Teachers could remove students from class for up to three class periods if their actions endanger other pupils or property, disrupt the rights of others, or violate school district regulations.

School boards could add reasons for removal, decide how a teacher removes a student, who's responsible for student supervision after removal, how many class periods the student would miss, how to notify parents, and how to encourage early detection of behavior problems.

Education lobbyists support the bill, HF159 (Clark, J., DFL-Mpls), saying it gives direction and guides, yet allows local boards to have some say about discipline.□

Higher education admissions

Students need to have clear goals to meet when they set their high school class plans, says Rep. Buzz Anderson (DFL-Slayton). So Anderson has introduced a bill that would require public colleges and universities to give high school students a better idea of what they expect of people who want to attend college.

The Education Committee approved Anderson's bill, HF412, on March 28, and if the bill becomes law, the State University System, Community Colleges, University of Minnesota, and post-secondary Vocational Technical System would have to write down their admission requirements, and submit them to the Higher Education Coordinating Board for review.

Anderson says he hopes the exercise will clarify what students need to do to get ready for college, raise standards for college education, clarify and separate the missions of Minnesota's post-secondary systems, and cut down on the number of remedial courses colleges have to offer for classes and skills students should have gotten before they came to college.□

Classes schools offer

Should the Legislature or local school districts decide what classes schools offer? What should the State Board of Education do when districts can't offer state mandated courses?

HF401 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls), a bill that would answer those questions, was before the Education Committee on March 25. The bill would direct schools to require certain courses and would require the State Board of Education to cut aid to districts that don't comply.

HF401 would increase the number of classes a secondary school would have to offer in the fields of communication skills and social studies, and would specify minimum offerings in science, math, music, industrial arts, foreign languages, art, and vocational classes.

The bill doesn't require students to take a certain number of courses, said bill author Rep. Ken Nelson. It says only that schools must make those classes available.

Gene Mammenga, Minnesota Education Association, praised the bill's concept, saying we can't say we have equal opportunity in schools around the state unless all kids, in districts small and large, have the same access to educational programs.

After hearing testimony for and against the bill, the committee sent it to the Education Finance Division where, with further study, the proposal could become part of the comprehensive school finance package.□

Targeting financial aid

State financial aid dollars can't keep up with increasing needs of Minnesotans who want to go to college, so the fairest thing to do is target the money to those who need it most, says Rep. John Brandl (DFL-Mpls).

Brandl is author of HF716, a bill that incorporates the changes in the financial aid formula that the Higher Education Coordinating Board and the governor propose. The bill sets a higher student contribution than the current formula, but compensates for that by promising a level of state aid for poor students also higher than the current level.

"We start from the expectation that 50 percent of room, board, and tuition is the responsibility of the student, the main beneficiary of the education," said Brandl. "After that, we calculate how much we can expect from the parent, how much the federal government will pick up, and then the state will pick up the rest."

Currently, the aid calculation calls for a lower student contribution, but after figuring parental and federal contributions, the state can cover no more than \$1050 of the remaining need, which for students whose parents have little money, leaves a large amount of unmet need. Under the shared responsibility plan, lower-income students would get more help.

Many students won't get extra help under the bill, Brandl says, but the old aid system wasn't any better, and in many cases, worse.

The Education Committee approved HF716 and sent it to the Appropriations Committee on March 23. Some Education Committee members said they supported the idea of the bill, but didn't like the fact that the proposal doesn't help the increasing numbers of part-time and non-traditional students, who don't qualify for aid under HF716.□

Higher education boards

Post-secondary and adult segments of Minnesota's 33 vocational technical schools would get a governing board similar to state university and community college boards, and all higher education boards would get more power if HF334 (Welch, DFL-Cambridge) becomes law.

The Education Committee amended and approved HF334 (Welch, DFL-Cambridge) on March 16, and sent it to the Committee on Governmental Operations.

Under the bill, state university and community college boards could set tuition levels, close campuses, search out and keep money from private sources without losing state aid, and carry savings over from year to year.

Rep. Jim Heap (IR-Golden Valley), a co-author of the bill, told legislators times have changed, and the college and university boards need flexibility and power to make adjustments to declining dollar resources and fewer students.

Change in AVTI governance caused most committee debate. Currently, the Board of Education regulates all AVTI programs: secondary, post-secondary, adult AVTI and non-AVTI programs. Rep. Welch said he proposed a separate board to govern post-secondary vocational programs and adult programs in AVTIs so they would be on equal ground with other post-secondary systems for planning programs and budgets and setting tuition.

The Board of Education and the Board for Vocational Technical Education would jointly make rules for secondary vocational programs. According to Welch, local school districts would keep most of the powers they have, including personnel hiring.

The Governmental Operations Committee approved the bill March 30, with an amendment changing the hearing procedures if a board decides to close a campus.□

Provisional licenses

A bill that would prohibit teachers who get provisional licenses in a subject area from bumping a teacher who is fully licensed in that teaching area, but has less seniority, got a recommendation to pass in the Education Committee March 9. This has been a problem recently because of the large number of cutbacks and layoffs in school districts.

Education Committee Chairman Rep. Bob McEachern (DFL-St. Michael) brought HF643 to the committee after the Legislative Commission to Review Administrative Rules (LCRAR) suggested a change in law.

Commission members and other legislators expressed concern about the required training, consistency, and effectiveness of provisional licensing.

The bill went to the House floor for action by the full House in March, but McEachern asked for the bill to go back to committee for further work.□

Average cost funding

Average cost funding is one of the governor's answers to continuing quality higher education in Minnesota's public colleges and universities as they face declines in enrollment and money.

Finance Commissioner Gus Donhowe told the Education Committee on March 7 that the cost averaging formula allows dollars to follow students, because each of the four higher education systems—University of Minnesota, State Universities, Community Colleges, and AVTI's—would get lump sum appropriations on the basis of enrollment and cost of programs. The board that governs the system would distribute the money to each institution.

Donhowe says the procedure would give school systems incentive to attract as many students as possible. Because governing boards would have more control over who gets money in the individual systems, they could offer incentives for efficient, quality programs.

According to Donhowe, the cost-averaging formula is an important step in the governor's proposal for higher education.

"No claim is made that we have fixed any inequities, or excesses currently in the system, those are beyond our ken," he says. "Average cost funding does one thing: it

matches dollars with students and focuses attention on cost accounting by program, and we believe those are two very healthy linkages."

The Appropriations Committee will decide whether to use the average cost funding formula.□

Voc-tech evaluation

On March 2, the legislative auditor's office reported to the Education Committee some of the weak points they found in their audit of state vocational-technical schools.

Project manager John Yunker said most AVTI programs do a good job, but the audit did uncover some problems. "We found that low student teacher ratios and program duplication affects up to one-fourth of the AVTI's programs. Low placement rates, that is, 50 percent placement, or less, in related jobs, affects between 10 percent and 28 percent of AVTI programs—depending on how one defines what a related placement is.

"High dropout rates, that is, 50 percent dropout rate, or more, affect nearly one-fifth of the AVTI programs. And we also found some programs whose graduates earn wages similar to those earned by high school graduates with similar jobs, that is high school graduates who haven't had any post-secondary education."

The auditor's office recommended higher student-teacher ratios, faster action on complying with those ratios, elimination of unnecessary program duplication, and better definition of program effectiveness and efficiency to guide future decisions.□

Education Finance Division

School funding bill

The Education Finance Division has worked out most of the funding for 1983-84 and 1984-85 school years in HF92 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls), an omnibus bill incorporating a number of articles that contain the specifics for funding elementary, secondary and AVTI education.

The formula that sets the level of transportation aid would include

only three factors rather than 10. A district's density and percent of service that contractors, rather than the district itself, provide will play the largest roles in deciding how much money districts will get.

The average post-secondary vocational class size would go up, and community education programs may have to rely more on fees from participants than before, even though the division decided to provide some community education funding against the governor's recommendations.

Special education programs would get more money than last year, and districts could raise more money through local levies to clean up asbestos and PCB contamination. School districts would get financial incentives to cooperate and share resources.

Article eight, the school improvement article in the bill would require districts to hold school 180 days a year beginning July 1, 1984 (current school year is 175 days). The article also encourages teachers to learn about and use computers in the classroom, and provides for awards of excellence for students, teachers, and administrators.

The division sent the bill to the full Education Committee.□

CPR training

The Education Finance Division March 28 added into HF92 a bill that would allow secondary school students to take CPR, cardiopulmonary resuscitation, as part of their regular school curriculum.

Rep. Bob Anderson (IR-Ottertail) says school's the place to learn CPR, and more people need to know this life-saving skill:

"We have now about 15 percent of the population that know cardiopulmonary resuscitation in Minnesota. We feel that we need about 25 percent in order to be effective. This bill aims at achieving that 25 percent."

The bill calls for \$34,000 for equipment but encourages school districts to share the equipment through Educational Cooperative Service Units.□

Computers in class

Minnesota leads the nation in numbers of computers per student in public schools, but students and teachers aren't using them as well as they could, says Gil Valdez, supervisor of curriculum development, Department of Education.

At a March 14 meeting, Valdez outlined the governor's proposal for an Educational Technology Demonstration Project to teach teachers about computers.

On March 24, division members discussed Rep. Ken Nelson's technology proposals, which later became article eight of HF92, the omnibus school aids bill.

Article eight adopted the governor's concept of training/demonstration projects, but cut the number from 20 to 10 statewide. Under the proposal, school districts would get money to form technology utilization plans; to buy, lease or develop courseware; and to train teachers to use computers in the classroom.

Districts would get help from the Department of Education, which would test courseware, and help a state computing consortium develop and supply courseware that school districts need and can't get elsewhere.□

Community education

Keep community education alive and funded, was the message division members got from community education directors across the state at a March 11 budget meeting.

Rep. Ken Nelson, (DFL-Mpls) chairman of the committee, cautioned community education proponents that the governor has set no funds for community ed and expects the programs to continue on a participant-fee basis. Nelson said the Legislature would have to cut other programs to come up with funding to help community education survive.

"Many programs will not survive if fees go up," said Minnesota Community Education President Martha Stanley.

"Community education programs exist in 360 of 436 school districts in Minnesota and provide classes such as parenting, compu-

ters, or job skill training that affect people of all ages in communities.

"We are no longer the 'knitting class at the high school'. We are a community service and provide an answer for today and point the way to the future," Stanley said.□



Energy

Energy department, partnership

The Energy Committee March 29 approved the governor's idea to give Minnesota a new State Department of Energy, and to set up an "energy partnership."

The energy partnership would establish state energy efficiency goals and campaign for energy efficiency, operate loan guarantee and revenue bonding programs for commercial energy ventures, and run a program of energy improvement loans to cities, schools, and counties.

Administration of federal weatherization and fuel assistance programs would transfer to the new department from the Department of Economic Security. That transfer idea drew criticism from Community Action Program directors, who administer the programs at local levels.

Steve Watson, executive director of the CAP Directors' Association, says Minnesota's weatherization program is a model for the country because of the association's good relationship with the Department of Economic Security. According to Watson, CAP has a commitment to the poor from Economic Security that it doesn't have from the proposed Energy Department.

Rep. Todd Otis (DFL-Mpls), sponsor of HF300, the bill that would create the new department, said it will efficiently organize and coordinate state energy conservation and alternative energy resource initiatives.□

Utility conservation efforts

Minnesota's at the end of the pipeline in energy supply. We're going to have to fight back through

energy conservation, says Rep. Todd Otis (DFL-Mpls).

Otis is sponsor of HF189, a bill the Energy Committee recommended to pass on March 15. As the Energy Committee approved it, the bill would have ordered the state's large regulated gas and electric companies to invest at least one percent of their operating revenues in an energy conservation program and target at least half the money to low-income homes and multi-family dwellings.

But amendments the Regulated Industries Committee made changed the bill. Instead of mandating the one percent investment, HF189 would now encourage utilities to set up energy conservation investment programs and give special consideration to renters and low-income families. The bill would allow the energy commissioner to order more effective energy conservation investments as he sees fit.

UPDATE: HF189 is awaiting House floor action.□

Landlords and conservation

The Energy and Society subcommittee heard two bills March 8 that would give landlords in the state good reason to make energy conservation improvements in their residential rental buildings.

Rep. Randy Staten, (DFL-Mpls) has introduced HF288, a bill that would require landlords of buildings that date back further than 1976 to obtain and file a certificate to prove they have met existing state energy efficiency standards.

Another bill, HF258 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls) would allow tenants in buildings, with construction dates since 1976, to weatherize their apartments and deduct the cost from rent, up to a maximum of two month's rent.

The two authors later combined their two bills into HF288. Renters who wanted to "weatherize and deduct" would have to notify the owner in writing at least 30 days before spending the money.

Renters could also file a civil action and recover \$200 if the owner fails to file the compliance certificate by the due date, unless the owner files within 60 days of the initiation of the civil action.

UPDATE: The subcommittee on Energy and Society recommended passage of HF288 March 22.□



Environment & Natural Resources

Government reorganization

Reorganizing state water agencies would help simplify and streamline state government, according to Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth), author of HF819, a bill to abolish the Water Planning, Southern Minnesota Rivers Basin and the Water Resources Boards and transfer their duties to the Environmental Quality Board.

Tom Kalitowski, chairman of the Water Planning Board, at a March 29 hearing told the committee of the governor's support. "The primary reason I think the governor is supporting this is to simplify state government. He feels that the water planning and coordination and management functions contained in this bill, can be carried out more effectively— not only more efficiently, but more effectively— within a single state agency."

Committee action: HF819 recommended to pass. Sent to Governmental Operations Committee.□

Pheasant hunters' license

If you're going pheasant hunting this fall, and you're between ages 18 and 65, you'll have to buy a \$5 pheasant stamp and a Minnesota small game license under SF47.

Proceeds of the stamp would go to develop, restore, maintain, and preserve pheasant habitats on public and private land, and pay landowners to set aside pheasant nesting lands.

According to House author of the bill, Rep. David Battaglia (DFL-Two Harbors), SF47 would bring in about \$600,000 for pheasant habitats, a stable pheasant population, and good hunting.

Committee action: SF47 recommended to pass March 15. Sent to Appropriations Committee.□

Low-level radioactive waste options

Minnesota has two options under the 1980 Federal Low-Level Radioactive Waste Policy Act. Richard Paton of the Environmental Qual-

ity Board, told the Environment subcommittee, March 10, that Minnesota can develop its own site for low-level radioactive waste disposal, or enter into a compact with other states to establish regional sites.

Favoring the compact option, Paton supports HF524 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls), a bill that would make Minnesota an eligible voting member of the Midwest Interstate Low-Level Radioactive Waste Compact.

Paton said the compact would make a disposal facility more cost effective, limit the number of disposal sites in a region, prevent states outside the compact from bringing in waste, and allow for safer and more effective regional management.

The go-it-alone option may not allow Minnesota to exclude waste from other states because of a Constitutional interstate commerce clause, said Paton, and it may not be economically sound, because Minnesota doesn't produce enough waste to cover cost of a site.

As a member of the possible 17-member compact, Rep. Phyllis Kahn told subcommittee members, Minnesota could become a host state, but would have the option of withdrawing from the compact.

Committee Action: HF524 recommended to pass by full Environment Committee March 30. Sent to Governmental Operations Committee.□



Financial Institutions & Insurance

Arson, false fire losses

Insurance companies might be able to get at arson and fraud and pay valid fire loss claims faster if HF419 (Berkelman, DFL-Duluth) becomes law.

The bill would allow insurance companies, when they suspect ar-

son or false statements about a claim, to question the insured under oath. Currently, when companies have doubts, they can get information from people under oath only by refusing to pay claims. The insured then has to take the company to court.

Rep. Tom Berkelman, author of HF419, said the examination under oath would allow an insurance company to more quickly separate out arson and fraudulent claims and pay faster for valid fire losses.

Committee action: The committee amended the bill to require that people undergoing questioning know that they have the right to legal counsel and that their answers could become evidence in later civil or criminal investigations of the fire. Recommended to pass as amended March 16.□

Insurance sales fraud

An elderly woman told members of the House Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee March 9 that she bought 21 insurance policies over a two-year period because agents kept coming to her house telling her she needed the added coverage.

The committee later approved HF314 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul), a bill that would target overselling, overcharging, forgery, and misrepresentation that some insurance agents use.

The bill prohibits an agent from selling a medicare supplement insurance policy to a senior citizen who already has two such policies. Insurance companies could get a \$10,000 fine or lose their licenses to sell insurance for repeated violation.

Agents would have to identify themselves to prospective clients and give applications to senior citizens, before selling them life or medicare supplement insurance, to help prevent selling over the phone, forging of signatures, and overcharging.□



Governmental Operations

Taconite taxes and jobs

The year 2002 is here for Minnesota's Iron Range, Rep. Joe Begich (DFL-Eveleth) told the House in his March 30 plea for financial aid from the "2002 fund."

The 2002 is a fund of dollars from the taconite tax, which the Legislature dedicated for use in the year 2002 for diversification of business to protect the Iron Range from total dependency on the mining industry and from future hard economic times.

Because the Iron Range has hit hard times and suffers high unemployment now, Begich asked the House to approve SF96, which he says would allow use of \$10 million of the fund to help put people back to work. He urged legislators to release some of the fund's principal, totaling almost \$35 million, for projects and programs to diversify the economy of Northeastern Minnesota and modernize its businesses now.

The bill would abolish the Trust Board the Legislature created last year to supervise use of interest from the fund for work projects and diversification on the range. And the longer-standing Iron Range Resources and Rehabilitation Board would take over allocation of funds and approval of projects.

UPDATE: Governmental Operations Committee recommended to pass March 17. Full House gave preliminary approval March 30. Awaiting final action.□

The jobs bill

The jobs bill, HF243 (Norton, DFL-St. Paul), would form a small business job creation incentive program, a public service jobs program, and grants for people unable to work.

Under the small business program, businesses which meet certain eligibility standards can apply for funds to hire eligible people for up to six months. Businesses would eventually repay half of the amount they borrow, without interest, if they keep employees for a year. Otherwise they repay 100 percent.

Horse racing commission

Horse racing and pari-mutuel betting moved one step closer to becoming Minnesota's newest form of recreation on March 9 when the General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee approved the pari-mutuel bill, HF77 (Kostohryz, DFL-No. St. Paul).

Changes from the original version of HF77 are in the amount of tax the state takes out of initial earnings, and an increase in the penalty for off-track betting from a misdemeanor to a felony.

The Gaming Division that formed the bill heard over 30 amendments and adopted 3 major ones. One would limit the number of metro-area race tracks to one and another would change the number of racing commissioners to five, despite the governor's recommendation of nine.

A third amendment would provide for a 10-member joint House and Senate legislative racing commission to handle racing problems during interim periods when the Legislature is not in session.

UPDATE: During March, the Governmental Operations Committee removed the legislative study commission and the provision limiting the metro area to a single track, and increased the racing commission to nine members before recommending the bill to pass. The bill went next to the Taxes Committee, which made no changes. Appropriations hears the bill next.□

Gaming Division

Bingo prizes

The American Legion, VFW, and other community service groups want to change state laws so they can compete with a large bingo operation at the Prior Lake-Shakopee Sioux Indian reservation. The larger prizes the reservation can offer, because it is exempt from state bingo laws, have enticed bingo players away from community bingo games where profits go to charities and community service, says Rep. Jim Swanson (DFL-Richfield), sponsor of a bill to raise the state's prize limit.

The Gaming Division of the Minnesota House heard arguments on Swanson's bill March 23 and laid HF664 over for interim study.□



General Legislation & Veterans Affairs

Homes for veterans

A \$4 million program to help Vietnam era veterans make downpayments on homes got unanimous approval of the General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee on March 24.

HF86 (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul) would allow veterans to get interest-free loans for 10 percent of the cost of a house, to a maximum of \$4,000. Veterans would have to repay the loan after 30 years or when they sell the house, and a veteran's spouse would pay the debt if the veteran dies.□

Veterans' home residents

Complaints from residents over conditions at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Minneapolis, and fear of eviction for speaking out may add up to denial of residents' constitutional rights, according to Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls).

Skoglund is author of two bills the committee recommended for passage. The bills aim to reaffirm resident rights. Residents of the home told the Committee on March 10 of actions they felt violated search and seizure laws.

They said the home has rules that forbid common living practices, such as keeping snack foods in rooms. Violations often result in eviction from the home.

Clark Isaacs from the Minnesota Veterans Advisory Committee said the rules are to protect residents and that state health regulations prohibit many common living practices.

UPDATE: The House approved HF30 and HF31 March 24.□

Under the public service program, government and non-profit sponsors would provide jobs for up to six months. Both public and private sector jobs would pay a maximum \$5 per hour.

Rep. Fred Norton, author of the bill, says the state would pay out about \$209 million, but would get back \$20 to 30 million in taxes the new jobs would generate.

Committee action: HF243 recommended to pass March 22. Sent to Appropriations Committee. □



Health & Welfare

Nursing home rates

"Medical assistance costs for long-term care have soared wildly, and we just can't allow that to continue," says Rep. John Clawson (DFL-Center City). "We don't have the money."

Clawson is author of a bill that tries to control the rising costs by changing the way the state pays nursing homes for caring for Medicaid recipients.

Medicaid pays the bills for the majority of Minnesota's nursing home residents, and over half of the state's welfare budget goes for Medicaid payments. Minnesota spends the second highest total amount for Medicaid in the nation.

Clawson's bill, HF670, would prohibit huge profits from over-payments, set different levels of reimbursement for nursing homes on the basis of a home's location and level of care, and provide a financial incentive for more efficient home management.

Currently, the state's investment plan allows nursing home owners to profit each time they sell a home. Clawson's bill would include incentives for renting equipment and facilities, rather than buying and building new ones, and would impose a moratorium on the building of new homes.

Clawson proposes to raise fines for non-compliance with state regulations from \$250 per day to \$500, and to create a seven-member Inter-agency Board for Quality Assurance to develop and enforce proper nursing home care.

After two subcommittee hearings, and approval in the full Health/Welfare Committee on March 29, the bill goes to the Appropriations Committee. □

Child care funds

Child care funds for low-income parents may share one Community Social Service Agency block grant with other aid programs if the Legislature passes HF685 (Clawson, DFL-Center City).

The bill would ease administration of programs and keep them flexible in financial crises, according to Hennepin County Commissioner Jeff Spartz.

Opponents of HF685 say putting day-care aid into one block grant fund will hurt the program financially and may eventually cause counties to cut it altogether. Such cuts would force single working mothers to either quit their jobs or use unsuitable, less-expensive day care.

The House Departmental Affairs subcommittee approved the bill March 29 and sent it on to the full Health/Welfare Committee. □

Foster children

Most children in the foster care system stay in temporary homes too long, waiting for adoption, according to testimony at a March 24 meeting of a Health and Welfare subcommittee.

Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls) is author of HF471, a bill that would create a Foster Care Advisory Council of concerned citizens to supplement government agency placement efforts for foster children.

The Foster Care Advisory Council would work with courts and social service agencies and set up local boards to work with children individually.

The local boards would counsel people on their rights, would review situations of all children in foster homes for more than six months, and make efforts to get them into permanent homes. □

Welfare error penalties

Mistakes in Minnesota's welfare assistance program may cost the state money in federal government penalties.

Rep. Lee Greenfield, (DFL-Minneapolis) says if that happens, the state shouldn't have to bear the whole burden of the errors and come up with all the additional dollars, so he has proposed a 50-50 sharing plan with counties, who administer the programs.

Minnesota has had a top-notch record for accurate delivery of welfare assistance. But Bev Driscoll, from the Minnesota Association of Counties, told the Health/Welfare Committee March 17, that more errors occur because state cuts in county administration budgets don't allow for funds to properly train workers in program eligibility requirements.

The committee recommended passage of bill HF496 and referred it to the Appropriations Committee. □

Child abuse outside home

Child abuse too often goes unreported in our schools, according to Rep. Bob Ellingson (DFL-Brooklyn Center) author of a bill that would call for stricter reporting requirements.

"The reporting law has been interpreted to relate only to instances of abuse in the home. But we've been made aware of instances where sexual abuse, specifically in the schools, were never reported to the police or local welfare agency. Those instances of abuse ought to be reported as well because it is a criminal offense to commit this abuse against children," says Ellingson.

Ellingson made his remarks before the Health/Welfare Committee March 15. The committee gave HF315 unanimous approval. It goes next to the Judiciary Committee. □

Abortion notification

Also on March 15, the Health Care subcommittee met to approve a bill that would repeal the requirement that courts notify parents of minor girls seeking abortions, even if the parent is not legally responsible for the girl.

Hennepin County Judge Alan Oleisky testified in support of HF303 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul),



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Committee Schedule for the Week of April 11 - 15, 1983

Monday, April 11

8:00 a.m. AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: Allocations: Historical Society.

EDUCATION DIVISION/ Appropriations, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Allocations: University of Minnesota.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/ Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: To be announced. Also, afternoon and evening sessions to be announced.

10:00 a.m. JUDICIARY, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Bob Vanasek. Agenda: HF668/SF529 (Greenfield) Prohibiting discrimination because of disability. HF800 (Segal) A resolution memorializing the President and Secretary of State of the United States to protest discrimination against Soviet Jews and seek an end to restrictions on their emigration. HF109/SF83 (K. Clark) Prohibiting unfair discriminatory practices on the basis of affectional or sexual orientation.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs. Agenda: To be announced.

2:00 p.m. The House will meet in Session.

After Session AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: Allocations: Historical Society, continued.

Tuesday, April 12

8:00 a.m. AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: Allocations: Dept. of Transportation.

EDUCATION DIVISION/ Appropriations, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Allocations: University of Minnesota.

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STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/ Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: To be announced. Also, afternoon and evening sessions to be announced.

8:15 a.m. TAXES, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. John Tomlinson. Agenda: HF771 (Tomlinson) Cash flow bill. HF680 (Himle) Hotel/motel/tax. HF— (Otis) Memphis bank case bill.

10:00 a.m. ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE/ Environment & Natural Resources, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Willard Munger. Agenda: HF174 (DenOuden) Prohibiting waste disposal on certain agricultural land. HF188 (McDonald) Suspending site selection procedures of the Waste Management Board. HF200 (D. Nelson) Prohibiting waste disposal in certain locations. HF1074 (Long) Omnibus Waste Management Act amendments.

GAME & FISH SUBCOMMITTEE/ Environment & Natural Resources, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Dave Battaglia. Agenda: HF809 (Ogren) Authorizing the marking of canoe and boating routes on the Pine River. HF1100 (Graba) Eliminating obsolete material and undating certain provisions relating to decorative trees. HF1101 (Graba) Authorizing the commissioner to sell to or exchange surplus tree planting stock with other states and the federal government under certain circumstances. HF170 (Neuenschwander) Authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to extend timber permits. HF1065 (Neuenschwander) Penalty for taking or illegally possessing big game during the closed season; shining of wild animals. HF786 (Sarna) Omnibus fishing bill.

HEALTH & WELFARE, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. James Swanson. Agenda: SF254/HF484 (Scheid) Relating to public welfare; providing for medical assistance payment for nutritional supplements; requiring temporary rules for prospective hospital payment.

12:00 noon LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Glen Anderson. Agenda: To be announced.

2:00 p.m. AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: Allocations: Dept. of Transportation, continued.

EDUCATION DIVISION/ Appropriations, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: HF92 (K. Nelson) Education finance bill (school aids).

7:00 p.m. TAX LAWS DIVISION/ Taxes, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff. Agenda: Informational hearing on bills for possible incorporation in Division Omnibus Property Tax bill: HF146 (Kvam) Extending homestead classification to non-contiguous property. HF22 (Welker) Sale before classification by county auditor: tax forfeited land. HF442 (Forsythe) Homestead credit and deduction: jointly-owned property. HF690 (Otis) Property tax treatment of certain cable communications property. HF718 (Brandl) Declining maximum homestead credit. HF750 (Scheid) Authorizing county levy for certain purposes.

Wednesday, April 13

8:00 a.m. AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/ Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: Allocations: Dept. of Transportation, continued.

EDUCATION DIVISION/ Appropriations, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Allocations: Dept. of Education (final items) and Educational Computing.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/ Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: To be announced. Also, check later schedules for afternoon and evening meetings.

10:00 a.m. AGRICULTURE, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel. Agenda: Presentation by Don Ferran, Soil Conservation Service, U.S. Dept. of Agriculture.

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz. Agenda: Senate Files referred to committee.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION/ Judiciary, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Janet Clark. Agenda: To be announced.

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION SUBCOMMITTEE/ Judiciary, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Ben Gustafson. Agenda: To be announced.

LAW REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE/Judiciary, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Bob Ellingson. Agenda: To be announced.

12:00 noon FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Bernard Brinkman. Agenda: To be announced.

2:00 p.m. AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: Allocations: Dept. of Transportation, continued.

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: To be announced.

STATE-LOCAL FISCAL AFFAIRS DIVISION/Local & Urban Affairs, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. John Clawson. Agenda: Local government aids formula.

Thursday, April 14

8:00 a.m. APPROPRIATIONS, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: To be announced.

8:15 a.m. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 95. Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly. Agenda: HF696 (Kelly) Relating to taxation; income; exempting certain capital gain income from taxation; providing small business investment credits. HF191 (Eken) Relating to cities; directing the department of energy, planning and development to identify border city equalization zones; providing disparity relief measures.

TAX LAWS DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff. Agenda: Continuation of hearing on items for HF937 (Osthoff) Omnibus Division Property Tax Bill, including: recommendation of the State/Local Fiscal Relationships Task Force (Rep. Ben Gustafson); local government aids; levy limits; attached machinery aids.

10:00 a.m. ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE/Environment & Natural Resources, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Willard Munger. Agenda: Continuation of HF1074 (Long) Omnibus Waste Management Act amendments. HF957 (Knuth) Authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to convey to private persons, under certain circumstances, road easements across railroad rights-of-way acquired for trail purposes. HF796 (Voss) Parks bonding bill. SF322/HF172 (Erickson) Relating to soil and water conservation districts; authorizing annual audits by certified public accountants. HF571 (D. Nelson) Relating to waters; imposing a restriction on diversion to designations outside the state. HF1051 (Battaglia) Authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to sell certain lands in St. Louis County.

GAME & FISH SUBCOMMITTEE/Environment & Natural Resources, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Dave Battaglia. Agenda: Continue Tuesday, April 12 schedule.

12:00 noon GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz. Agenda: Senate Files referred to committee.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Glen Anderson. Agenda: To be announced.

2:00 p.m. The House will meet in session.

After Session AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: Allocations: Dept. of Transportation, continued.

Friday, April 15

8:00 a.m. AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: Allocations: MN Arts Board; Dept. of Commerce.

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Technology initiatives; miscellaneous.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: To be announced. Check for afternoon and evening sessions.

8:15 a.m. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 95. Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly. Agenda: HF191 (Eken) Relating to cities; directing the department of energy, planning and development to identify border city equalization zones; providing disparity relief measures. TIME PERMITTING: HF660 (Kelly) Reducing the rate of tax on corporation income; elimination of certain corporation deductions.

Bill Introductions

Monday, Apr 4

HF1075—Voss (DFL)—Judiciary

Occupations and professions; providing a contingency fee recovery scale for attorneys; proposing new law.

HF1076—Berkelman (DFL)—Judiciary

Insurance; no-fault automobile; clarifying legislative intent concerning stacking of insurance policies; coordinating the priority of applicability of security for payment of certain benefits; modifying the limitation of damages for noneconomic detriment; amending statutes.

HF1077—Schafer (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Wild animals; fur buyers licensing; amending statutes.

HF1078—Simoneau (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Legislature; regulating associations which may lobby the legislature; proposing new law.

HF1079—Gustafson (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Social and charitable organizations; including planning and developing costs as fundraising costs; amending statutes.

HF1080—Simoneau (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State government; making technical changes relating to insurance benefits to recognize the existence of the court of appeals; providing time limitations on the rights of former members of the legislature to purchase certain insurance; amending statutes.

HF1081—Quinn (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to provide service-connected disability compensation for former members of the military forces who were exposed in Vietnam to toxic herbicides, chemicals, medications, and other environmental hazards and conditions.

HF1082—Scheld (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; modifying the procedure by which a vendor of care in the medical assistance program may seek review of proposed action on the part of the commissioner to make monetary recoveries or impose sanctions; providing for the establishment of a rate schedule for inpatient and outpatient hospital services reimbursement under the medical assistance program; permitting the commissioner to limit or suspend the eligibility of persons for medical assistance upon conviction of a criminal offense; allowing the commissioner access to medical records of medical assistance recipients without written authorization; amending statutes.

HF1083—Simoneau (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Investment of retirement funds; clarifying the appointing authority of the investment advisory council; creating a state board of pension investment; prescribing its powers and duties; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF1084—Hoffman (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Occupations and professions; establishing licensing, bonding, and insurance requirements for tow truck operators; requiring the commissioner of transportation to adopt rules; providing for the revocation, suspension, and denial of a license; prohibiting local regulation; proposing new law.

HF1085—Vanasek (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Legislature; providing for expanded authority of the legislative coordinating commission; amending statutes.

HF1086—Rose (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

City of Roseville; providing an exception from the Roseville police civil service system for the chief and deputy of police.

HF1087—Nelson, K. (DFL)—Judiciary

Cremation; providing for the right to have one's own body cremated upon death; proposing new law.

HF1088—Simoneau (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations

Workers' compensation; creating a competitive state workers' compensation insurance fund; changing benefits; requiring notices of injury; providing for rules related to excessive health care services; providing for the release of medical data; providing for a panel to review clinical health care services provided to injured workers; regulating supplemental benefits; providing for benefit adjustments; providing for interest on delayed benefit payments; providing for a legislative commission to study various aspects of workers' compensation; defining terms; providing for continuance of certain insurance coverages; providing for deductible workers' compensation insurance policies; clarifying the responsibilities of governmental licensing and contracting agencies regarding workers' compensation insurance; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1089—Anderson, G. (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Economic development; creating the world trade center commission; appropriating money.

HF1090—Anderson, G. (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Employment; exempting search firms from employment agency licensing; amending statutes.

HF1091—Knickerbocker (IR)—Appropriations

State government; changing the budget from a biennial to an annual basis; changing certain other fiscal activities from a biennial to an annual basis to coincide with the budget; amending statutes.

HF1092—Norton (DFL)—Transportation

Motor vehicles; allowing the holder of personalized license plates to retain the same number after the personalized plates have been damaged, lost, or stolen; amending statutes.

HF1093—Stadum (IR)—Agriculture

Agriculture; providing for exclusive use of certain livestock brands; imposing a penalty; amending statutes.

HF1094—Welch (DFL)—Health/Welfare

State hospitals; authorizing limited shared services agreements; providing for retention of receipts by the state hospital; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF1095—Munger (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

Memorializing the President and Congress to adopt the song "America the Beautiful" as a new anthem.

HF1096—Stadum (IR)—Governmental Operations

Unemployment compensation; requiring work search documentation; amending statutes.

HF1097—Simoneau (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations

Labor; requiring the commissioner of labor and industry to promulgate standards prohibiting employees from operating certain heavy machinery for more than 16 hours in a 24-hour period; amending statutes.

HF1098—Simoneau (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations

Labor; requiring the commissioner of labor and industry to promulgate standards prohibiting employees from working alone at dangerous jobs; amending statutes.

HF1099—Dempsey (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

City of New Ulm; permitting the establishment of special service districts; providing taxing and other financial authority for New Ulm.

HF1100—Graba (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources; eliminating obsolete material and updating certain provisions relating to decorative trees; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1101—Graba (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources; authorizing the commissioner sell to or exchange surplus tree planting stock with other states and the federal government under certain circumstances; amending statutes.

HF1102—Haukoos (IR)—Transportation

Transportation; authorizing placement of vending machines in highway rest areas, tourist information centers, and weigh stations; amending statutes.

HF1103—Vanasek (DFL)—Judiciary

Highway traffic regulations; authorizing admission into evidence of a defendant's refusal to submit to chemical testing; amending statutes.

HF1104—Fjoslien (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Environment; requiring the pollution control agency to establish a small air ion emission standard for high voltage transmission lines; proposing new law.

HF1105—Staten (DFL)—Judiciary

Crimes; prohibiting fingerprinting or thumbprinting as a condition of negotiation of a check; providing penalties; proposing new law.

HF1106—Brinkman (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; correcting certain errors; removing certain deficiencies and ambiguities correcting certain omissions; expanding certain insurers' investment authority; providing standards for application or reporting requirements; authorizing the commissioner to adopt rules; providing for miscellaneous changes and clarifications; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1107—Riveness (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Minnesota veterans home; clarifying the treatment of assets for purposes of calculating maintenance charges; amending statutes.

HF1108—Welle (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Drainage; permitting certain towns to appeal from certain orders of county boards assessing damages or benefits in ditch proceedings.

HF1109—Evans (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; providing an income tax credit for persons who are mentally retarded; amending statutes.

HF1110—Jensen (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Elections; authorizing the use of electronic voting systems for absentee voting under certain circumstances; authorizing the secretary of state to promulgate rules; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1111—Thiede (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

Local government; regulating town levies in Crow Wing County; repealing laws.

HF1112—Dimler (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Counties; providing for the publication and other distribution of county accounts; amending statutes.

HF1113—Neuenschwander (DFL)—Transportation

Highway traffic regulations; regulating the use of materials on the windshields, side windows, and rear windows of motor vehicles; amending statutes.

HF1114—Ellhoff (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; altering eligibility standards, payment rates, and other provisions of the programs for medical assistance and general assistance medical care; repealing eligibility for unemployment compensation for personal care attendants and homeworkers; eliminating certain state administration aid to counties; amending statutes.

HF1115—Wenzel (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Public employees; prohibiting salary increases based solely on percentages of base salary; proposing new law.

HF1116—Berkelman (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; health and accident; regulating benefits for treatment of alcoholism and drug addiction; amending statutes.

HF1117—Metzen (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Occupations and professions; providing changes in real estate salespersons education requirements; amending statutes.

HF1118—Minne (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Unemployment compensation; including backpay for wrongful discharge as wages; allowing employees to collect unemployment compensation when they may have a claim for backpay for wrongful discharge; allowing employers to repay and withdraw the unemployment compensation claims of employees who have been wrongfully discharged; amending statutes.

HF1119—Neuenschwander (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; requiring nonresident bear hunters to be accompanied by a licensed guide; amending statutes.

HF1120—Norton (DFL)—Judiciary

Mechanics liens; permitting an award of attorney fees to a party who successfully defends a lien foreclosure; amending statutes.

HF1121—Vanasek (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Administration procedures; providing procedures for the adoption of administrative rules and the determination of administrative disputes; providing for publication of administrative rules and disposition of administrative procedure act; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF1122—Valan (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

Town of Flowing; permitting the town to conduct town business in a nearby city.

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HF1123—Rose (IR)—Judiciary

Crimes; including conservation officers as peace officers authorized to enforce the crime of fleeing a peace officer and related officers; amending statutes.

HF1124—Cohen (DFL)—Judiciary

Minnesota statutes; correcting erroneous, ambiguous, omitted, and obsolete references and text; eliminating certain redundant, conflicting, and superseded provisions; providing instructions to the revisor; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1125—Osthoff (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; adopting certain federal changes in the dependent care credit; amending statutes.

HF1126—Knuth (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; authorizing the purchase of allowable service credit in the Minnesota state retirement system by a certain member.

HF1127—Brinkman (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; income; repealing the unitary method of apportioning the income of multistate business; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1128—O'Connor (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Operation of state government; establishing a division of legal services for the University of Minnesota in the office of the attorney general; proposing new law.

HF1129—Gustafson (DFL)—Judiciary

Commerce; providing for the filing and recording of mortgages and deeds of trust of pipeline companies; amending statutes.

HF1130—Jacobs (DFL)—Transportation

Motor vehicles; clarifying requirements for issuance of a Minnesota identification card; amending statutes.

HF1131—Olsen (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Environment; establishing an environmental response, compensation, and compliance fund to pay for removal and remedial action associated with certain hazardous substances released into the environment and for other purposes; providing for liability for cleanup costs, personal injury, and economic loss resulting from releases of hazardous substances; imposing taxes, fees, and penalties; establishing a hazardous substance compensation trust account; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF1132—Gustafson (DFL)—Judiciary

Peace officers; restricting the use of sirens, red lights, uniforms of certain colors, and the term "police"; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF1133—Brinkman (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations

Labor; providing for occupational health and safety; providing for an employee right to know; protecting trade secrets; providing penalties; amending statutes.

HF1134—Segal (DFL)—Education

Education; requiring multi-cultural and sex equity education programs in all school districts; creating an advisory committee; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF1135—Schafer (IR)—Education

Education; authorizing the establishment of associated school districts; providing for transition relative to school board members and outstanding indebtedness; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1136—Marsh (IR)—Judiciary

Crimes; exempting participants in supervised research programs from arrest for certain driving violations; amending statutes.

HF1137—Otis (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; providing an income tax credit for employers who create new permanent jobs; proposing new law.

HF1138—Riveness (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Local government; permitting certain land transfers by the metropolitan sports facilities commission; amending statutes.

HF1139—Blatz (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; authorizing reciprocity with Wisconsin in the purchase and sale of annual fishing licenses; proposing new law.

HF1140—Rodosovich (DFL)—Transportation

Traffic regulations; regulating school buses; amending statutes.

HF1141—Berkelman (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Cities of Duluth and Hermantown; providing for joint determination of the need for ambulance service.

HF1142—Minne (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Elections; providing for school district elections to be held at the same time as municipal elections; providing for municipal clerks to administer school district elections; providing for school district elections to be conducted according to the Minnesota election law; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1143—Battaglia (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources; strengthening certain laws regarding the transportation of wild animals; amending statutes.

HF1144—Simoneau (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations

Workers' compensation; regulating elections of coverage; amending statutes.

HF1145—Elloff (DFL)—Judiciary

Firearms; extending the length of time a permit to carry is valid; amending statutes.

HF1146—Battaglia (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Forestry; formulating a state forest land preservation and conservation policy; imposing duties on state agencies in actions adversely affecting forest lands; removing dollar and term limits on state timber permits; extending certain timber permits; authorizing limited excess weights for timber transport vehicles; removing the exclusive use requirement from timber lands for property taxation purposes; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1147—Riveness (DFL)—Energy

Local government; permitting the cities of Richfield and Bloomington to implement an energy conservation program; authorizing the financing of a residential energy conservation program; authorizing the issuance of qualified mortgage bonds; requiring a report to the legislature.

HF1148—Sparby (DFL)—Transportation

Motor vehicles; establishing special license plates for personal vehicles of emergency personnel; amending statutes.

HF1149—Clawson (DFL)—Judiciary

Liens; right of possession and liens on fabricating molds and patterns; amending statutes.

HF1150—Sherman (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

State seal; providing a description of the official state seal; proposing new law.

HF1151—Quist (IR)—Governmental Operations

State lands; providing for the conveyance of certain state land to the city of St. Peter for use as a roadway.

HF1152—Wynia (DFL)—Appropriations

Insurance; providing the right to convert from group dental insurance to individual dental insurance under certain circumstances; proposing new law.

HF1153—Simoneau (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Anoka County; authorizing the issuance of bonds for the construction of library buildings and an annual levy for debt retirement.

HF1154—Piper (DFL)—Energy

Energy; data reporting; definition of "earth sheltered"; biennial energy reports; certificate of need fees; amending statutes.

HF1155—Brinkman (DFL)—Energy

Commerce; providing for the testing of the ambient air level of formaldehyde in housing; providing approved testing methods; establishing the limits of liability for builders; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1156—Cohen (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

Revisor of statutes; recodifying the laws governing the office of the revisor of statutes and the publication of Minnesota Statutes; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF1157—Carlson, D. (IR)—Taxes

City of McGrath; permitting the city to make an additional property tax levy.

HF1158—Wenzel (DFL)—Education

Memorializing the President, Congress, and certain executive agencies to distribute federal education grants and aids on the basis of population.

HF1159—Murphy (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Counties; providing conditions for the publication of county accounts; amending statutes.

HF1160—Bergstrom (DFL)—Energy

Homesteads; creating an extended forbearance loan guarantee program; authorizing the state to guarantee loans to forestall foreclosures of mortgages and terminations of contracts for deed on certain residential and agricultural homesteads; giving certain powers and duties to the department of agriculture and the Minnesota housing finance agency; creating extended forbearance loan guarantee funds; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF1161—Nelson, D. (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Metropolitan government; providing for the term of the chairman of the metropolitan airports commission; amending statutes.

HF1162—Norton (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Local government; providing for the development of University Avenue in the cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul; creating a commission to develop and implement transit, housing, and economic development projects; appropriating money.

HF1163—Gustafson (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; excluding pipeline companies from certain restrictions on acquisition of agricultural land; amending statutes.

HF1164—Sarna (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Employee relations; requiring the commissioner to allow the donation of vacation time by highway patrol employees; amending statutes.

HF1165—Hoberg (IR)—Taxes

Local government; authorizing the city of Moorhead to impose a tax on the gross receipts from the furnishing of certain lodging.

HF1166—Valan (IR)—Education

Independent School District No. 147; authorizing a transfer of money to the district's general fund from other district funds.

HF1167—Anderson, Buzz (DFL)—Judiciary

Highway traffic regulations; prohibiting the sale, possession, installation, or operation of radar jamming devices with certain exceptions; providing for seizure by peace officers; prescribing a penalty; proposing new law.

HF1168—Bergstrom (DFL)—Appropriations

Public welfare; increasing the maximum licensing fee that may be charged under the public welfare licensing act; exempting the department of public welfare from the definition of a "business license"; amending statutes.

HF1169—Schreiber (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; property; changing the meeting dates for local boards of review and the state board of equalization; changing other miscellaneous dates; modifying the appeal process in certain situations; suspending the yearly assessment requirement for one year; amending statutes.

HF1170—Clark, K. (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

Memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to reduce defense spending.

HF1171—Otis (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; clarifying the income tax treatment of certain debt obligations of state and local governments; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1172—Bishop (IR)—Judiciary

Statutes; conforming certain laws to judicial decisions of unconstitutionality; amending statutes.

HF1173—Anderson, Buzz (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; providing for the prevention of economic waste in the marketing of certain agricultural crops produced in Minnesota by establishing minimum prices; providing for supply management and orderly marketing, administration, and enforcement; imposing a penalty; proposing new law.

First Readings of Senate Bills

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SF87—Petty (DFL)—Judiciary

Public welfare; requiring reporting of abuse or neglect of children; exempting determinations of eligibility for day care and foster care licenses from application of the Minnesota criminal offenders rehabilitation law; requiring arrest information and reports to be made available to the commissioner of public welfare for the purpose of investigating applicants for a day care or residential facility license; establishing the burden of proof in certain appeals; providing for appointment of guardianship of children whose parents are deceased; clarifying investigative authority of welfare agencies in making mandated investigations of physical or sexual abuse and neglect; amending statutes.

SF356—Jude (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Driver's licenses; requiring examination of applicants' knowledge of the effects of alcohol and drugs on drivers; amending statutes.

SF369—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to Chief Clerk for comparison

Local government; providing for the investment of debt service funds; amending statutes.

SF854—Solon (DFL)—Judiciary

Commerce; providing for the filing and recording of mortgages and deeds of trust of pipeline companies; amending statutes.

SF708—Peterson, R. (DFL)—Referred to Chief Clerk for comparison

Court system; removing obsolete references to justice of the peace and magistrate; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF246—Bernhagen (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Elections; reducing the filing fee for candidates for soil and water conservation supervisor; amending statutes.

SF218—Freeman (DFL)—Judiciary

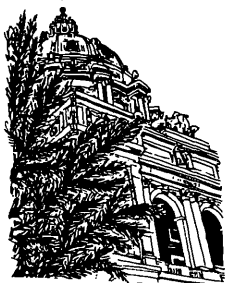
Commitment of persons who are mentally ill, mentally retarded, or mentally ill and dangerous; requiring mental commitment proceedings for persons acquitted of a criminal charge pursuant to a verdict of not guilty by reason of mental illness or not guilty by reason of mental deficiency to be held in the court in which acquittal took place; modifying the burden of going forward with the evidence on the issues of mental illness, mental retardation, and mental illness and dangerousness in certain cases; amending statutes.

House Advisories

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HA9—Stadum (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

A proposal to study interest rates on open-end credit sales in Minnesota.



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saying most such cases involve single-parent families where the non-custodial parent is often difficult to locate, or has little involvement with the family. Oleisky said, in some cases, the non-legal parent may cause hardship and embarrassment for the teen-ager. □

HMO participation

Health Maintenance Organizations (HMOs) were the focus of a March 9 meeting when the Health/Welfare Committee recommended to pass two bills on HMO funding.

Under current law, the state pays HMO costs for AFDC (Aid to Families with Dependent Children), GA (General Assistance), and GAMC (General Assistance Medical Care) recipients who qualify as members.

The HMO payment system, says Rep. Randy Staten (DFL-Mpls), author of one of the bills, is much more cost-effective than traditional reimbursement procedures for fee-for-service payments.

Rep. Staten's bill, HF290, would allow local governments to operate HMOs in their communities, such as the Pilot City project in Minneapolis. Staten says the government-run HMOs would be less expensive for the state, and would remain competitive with other HMOs by offering membership to anyone, not just aid recipients. The bill would also establish an advisory board to regulate the HMOs.

Rep. James Swanson (DFL-Richfield) is author of the second bill, HF335, which would retroactively exempt HMOs under contract with the Department of Welfare from four-percent budget cuts of the 1982 Third Special Session.

UPDATE: House passed HF290 March 28; committee sent HF335 to Appropriations. □

Child abuse reports

Legislators on the Social Services subcommittee approved a bill March 1 that would strengthen the child abuse and reporting laws of the Minnesota Child Protection Act.

The bill would give welfare officials access to criminal records of day care license applicants without their approval. The interests of the child would prevail over interests of parents or guardians, under the bill, and in cases where someone has filed a report of abuse or neglect with the local welfare agency, officials could interview children without parental notification, consent, or presence.

Committee action: full Health/Welfare Committee amended and recommended to pass HF107 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul) March 8. □



Judiciary

New women's prison

A new women's correctional facility in Shakopee would cost \$15.8 million, according to Rep. Janet Clark (DFL-Mpls), sponsor of HF740, a bill that would authorize bond sales for the prison.

Clark prefers the new prison at Shakopee over options to move women offenders to Sauk Centre or Rochester State Hospital. On March 28 she told Judiciary Committee members about the need to replace the 60-year-old women's facility at Shakopee.

"Health and safety hazards, overcrowding, lack of space for programming have been concerns of this policy committee for many years. There's a need for a new facility for security reasons, also," Clark said.

"More women are committing more serious crimes, and some of these women are potentially a danger to society. Shakopee is not a maximum security facility and there are very few cells available for lock up. Male and female correctional institutions will face overcrowding in the very near future, so this is a serious problem that won't disappear."

Committee action: HF740 recommended to pass. Sent to Appropriations Committee. □

Child pornography controls

Child pornography haunts its victims all their lives says Rep. Connie Levi (IR-Dellwood), author of an anti-child pornography bill.

"It is not just the act of creating the pornography that is the victimization. It is the recording of the act and the possession and distribution of it that contributes to that ongoing victimization.

"We heard a year ago for example, that people were being treated who were in their middle 40s who had been victims of child pornography as youngsters, and who even today are fearful that one of those representations is going to show up and that their spouse, or their children, or grandchildren will see them."

Levi says putting a halt to child pornography may also help get rid of some forms of child abuse. According to Levi, most pedophiles, or people who prefer children as sexual objects, who get involved in child abuse, start with pictures.

Levi's bill, HF114, calls for stiffer penalties against people who make, distribute, or possess child pornography.

Action on HF114: Judiciary Committee recommended to pass March 21. Full House gave final approval March 30. □

Crime victim rights

"Crime victims are the orphans of the criminal justice system," Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul) told the Judiciary Committee March 14.

"Victims have long been the overlooked party, void of rights, while defendants have an array of constitutionally guaranteed rights. Indeed the only person with a major interest in the outcome of a specific criminal matter who has no guaranteed place in the system, is the victim," says Kelly.

Kelly is sponsor of HF218, a bill that would put a new law on Minnesota's books to recognize the role of witnesses and victims in catching and prosecuting offenders, and to give victims better access to information about sentencing of offenders and more say in their punishment.

Provisions in the bill would call for a plan to let victims know about types and locations of victim services in their area; give them the right to sue offenders for three times the amount of actual dam-

ages, or \$500, whichever is more, plus punitive or compensatory damages, court costs, and attorney fees.

The bill would also require that victims get more information about the sentencing and release of offenders, and would allow them to attend sentencing hearings, submit written objections to plea agreements, offer written sentencing recommendations, and request monetary restitution as part of a sentence.

Action on HF218: Final passage in House March 24.□

Criminal Justice Division

Home burglary penalties

Legislative efforts to get tough with burglars continue under HF435 (Clark, J., DFL-Mpls). The bill would make burglary crimes more serious offenses than they are now.

Rep. Janet Clark is sponsor of the bill to establish four degrees of burglary, with the highest penalties for entering an occupied home without consent.

A burglar who enters a home with a dangerous weapon, or who enters when someone is in the home, or who assaults a person in the home, would be committing first degree burglary, which would carry up to 20 years in prison and/or a fine up to \$20,000.

Second degree burglary would have a penalty of up to 10 years and/or \$10,000 for entering an unoccupied home without consent, or a bank, to commit a crime. Third degree burglary would mean up to five years and/or \$5000 for forcefully entering a building without consent, to commit any felony or gross misdemeanor.

Entering a building without consent to commit a misdemeanor, such as disorderly conduct or minor property damage, would be a fourth degree burglary, punishable by up to one year and/or \$1000.

The bill had carried a mandatory minimum prison term for second-time offenders. However, legislators took out the section because they agreed with people who testified that imprisonment is costly and ties up court resources, and mandatory prison terms prohibit probation alternatives.

Also, burglary penalties would be heavier than those for more serious crimes, and that could set a precedent for mandating prison in other criminal cases, which would overload prisons.

The division approved another penalty increase in HF782, a bill to up the maximum amount courts can fine violators for crimes and petty misdemeanors. According to Rep. Bob Vanasek, the bill's author, the fine increase will adjust penalty fines to inflation.

Division action: HF435 and HF782 recommended to pass. Sent to Judiciary Committee March 30.□

Bus fare cheaters

People who cheat on bus fares could be out more than the amount of the fare, if HF540 (Clark, J., DFL-Mpls) becomes law. The bill would penalize people who commit crimes against regular route transportation services, such as the MTC, and their drivers.

Anyone who doesn't pay the fare, or interferes with the driver's job, would be subject to a fine of up to \$100. If force or violence accompanies the act, the violator could face a penalty of up to one year imprisonment and/or a \$1000 fine.

The legislation also prohibits, with a petty misdemeanor penalty, smoking, eating, drinking, littering, listening to a radio or tape player without headphones, or otherwise disturbing people on a bus.

Committee action: Full Judiciary Committee recommended to pass March 28.□

Criminal child abuse

"It is difficult to overstate the tragic consequences of child abuse. We can only be a truly human society when we treat our most vulnerable people, our children, with compassion and dignity," says Bill Nieman from the Hennepin County Attorney's Office.

Nieman spoke for SF50 (Clark, J., DFL-Mpls) at a March 16 meeting. The bill would put penalties for certain kinds of child abuse—such as unreasonable restraint, malicious punishment, and neglect—into the lawbooks.

Penalties would be up to three years in prison and/or \$3000 if substantial bodily harm results to

the child, and up to one year and/or \$1000, if physical or emotional harm result.

"When children are abused, they are horribly scarred for life. Four of five convicted felons were abused as children. Minnesota has accomplished much, but in several areas we have not criminalized certain types of child abuse. These bad situations involve unreasonable restraint, malicious punishment, and criminal neglect," says Nieman.

"Parents who use and abuse children in these ways do so without fear of criminal sanctions in Minnesota. I must emphasize that these types of child abuse may be no less destructive to the child than the more well-known physical and sexual abuse."

Action on SF50: Full Judiciary Committee recommended to pass. Full House gave final approval March 30.□

Student initiations

"Twenty-three students have died over the last five years, and dozens more were seriously injured, as a result of hazing activities," testified University of Minnesota students on March 2.

University students attended the division's meeting in support of HF226 (Larsen, DFL-Anoka), a bill that would allow pledges or members of any student organizations to bring action against the organization for physical injury, and, or, mental pain and suffering resulting from initiation hazing activities.

William Meyer, a member of the Minnesota Student Association, talked about his concerns: "Throughout the country, persons who agree to join student organizations are subjected to acts and incidences that are meant to demoralize, ridicule, and dehumanize."

"Incidents of hazing are not limited to sororities and fraternities, however. Athletic teams, school bands, and other student clubs subject their prospective members to personal harassment and abuse."

Action on HF226: Full House approved March 24.□



Labor-Management Relations

Workers' right to know

"The Employees Right to Know Act of 1983," HF242 (Clark, K., DFL-Mpls) would require employers to give workers information about toxic substances they routinely work with, such as the level of hazardous exposure, the symptoms and effects of exposure, proper procedures for use and cleanup of spills, and emergency treatment.

Workers could refuse to work under conditions they believe seriously violate state OSHA law (Occupational Safety and Health Act) under HF242. Employers couldn't withhold pay or other benefits from employees who refuse to work with certain substances.

Action: General Labor Legislation subcommittee March 29 recommended HF242 to pass. Sent to full Labor-Management Relations Committee.□

Picket line crossing

Non-striking public employees should have the right to honor their co-workers' picket lines, according to Bernie Brommer, Minnesota AFL-CIO vice-president.

Brommer testified before the Labor-Management Relations Committee March 24 in support of HF748 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth), a bill that amends labor laws governing Minnesota's public employees. The bill makes it clear that nothing in the law prohibits non-essential public employees from refusing to cross a picket line of their fellow workers who are in a different bargaining unit.

Along with insuring the right to honor picket lines, supporters said the bill would encourage management and workers to settle strikes more quickly.

But Robbinsdale City Manager Walter Fehst told committee members that fast settlements aren't always in the public interest, be-

cause cities might then have to accept labor contracts at rates too high for taxpayers to bear.

The division took no action on the bill March 24.□

Farm worker wages

Some migrant workers don't come under Minnesota's state minimum wage law. Most of those people work on small farms.

On March 10, the General Labor Legislation subcommittee recommended passage of HF459 (F. Rodriguez, DFL-St. Paul), a bill that would include, in the state minimum wage and overtime law, the employees of small farmers—those who employ the equivalent of less than two full-time workers, and, on any given day, employ no more than four workers.

The bill gives both large and small farms the right to exclude two specified salaried employees from minimum wage and overtime law and excludes from the state's overtime provisions adult migrant farm workers who make more than \$246.22 a week.

UPDATE: The House passed HF459 March 30.□

Workers' Compensation Division

Workers' compensation

A workers' comp proposal that Labor Commissioner Steve Keefe would like to see become law got hearings in the Division during March.

The proposal calls for the commissioner of Labor and Industry to rate injuries by degree of physical impairment. This would cut a large part of the 40 percent of workers' comp litigation that occurs when insurance companies, doctors, employers, and employees don't agree on levels of disability, according to Keefe. Fewer law cases could mean lower employer insurance premiums, and faster benefits for injured workers, he says.

The proposal would make benefit changes that Keefe says would be fair to injured workers, and give them incentives to return to work; create a state fund to cover workers' compensation, and a board to review doctor perform-

Violence, terroristic threats

"The State of Minnesota will not tolerate acts of violence or terroristic threats against members of vulnerable groups," says Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls), author of HF89.

Greenfield says the bill attempts to get at individuals or organizations who commit, or threaten to commit, crimes against certain members of society with the intention of frightening those people.

"In section 1, we add to the list of aggravated criminal damage to property, damage that was inflicted with the intent to cause fear in the owner or another person, because of the owner's or other person's race, color, religion, age, political persuasion, sex, sexual orientation, physical or mental handicap, or national origin. It is the intent in that list, to include all those groups that are vulnerable to such hate attacks."

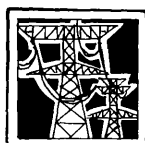
Greenfield's bill carried penalties of five years imprisonment and/or a \$5000 fine, until the full House on March 17 returned it to the Judiciary Committee. The committee reduced penalties for threats to injure with intent to cause fear, to up to one year and/or \$1000, kept the five year/\$5000 penalty for causing damage with intent to cause fear, and recommended the bill to pass as amended.

The bill again awaits action by the full House.□

ance and cost; and would call for better training on workers' comp for lawyers, employers, and insurance claims examiners.

Keefe also wants to beef up the Department of Labor and Industry to educate people about workers' comp law and answer questions, speed processing of problems, and monitor compliance with the laws.

The committee put the language of Keefe's proposal into HF24, which Workers' Compensation Division Chairman Wayne Simoneau (DFL-Fridley) authors. Keefe commented that the proposal doesn't have the blessing of labor and industry, but he hopes to use the bill as a starting point for negotiations. □



Regulated Industries

Cable TV access

Cable TV should be a service all people can enjoy, according to people who live in trailer homes and apartment buildings and who often can't get cable TV because landlords won't let cable installers onto the property.

The Regulated Industries Committee March 28 took up HF722 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids) a bill that would require owners of apartment buildings, condominiums, and mobile home parks to let franchised cable companies install equipment.

Supporters of the bill say cable stations offer more than entertainment, such as local safety warnings and local government information, and have an obligation, because of their franchise agreements, to provide service to multi-family units and mobile homes.

Apartment building owners say the cost of maintaining the service, even though the cable companies pay for all installation and service calls, is too high, and satellite companies offer service of the same type without cable installation. □

Meter reading changes

Utility customers won't have to take time off from work because utility companies will have to offer home utility meter readings on evenings and weekends, under a bill Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls) is sponsoring.

Under the bill, HF140, readers would check meters every 18 months rather than once a year as they do now.

The Regulated Industries Committee recommended the bill to pass at a March 21 hearing. The full House passed the bill March 28. □

Beer keg registration

Teen-age beer parties and illegal liquor profits are out of hand, according to Rep. Joe Begich (DFL-Eveleth), author of a bill the Regulated Industries Committee recommended to pass March 14.

The bill, HF138, would require breweries to indelibly mark all kegs holding at least seven gallons of beer, ale, or malt liquor that retail off-sale liquor stores sell.

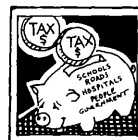
Retailers would have to register the kegs with buyers and keep records for local law-enforcement officials to use in investigating and prosecuting illegal beer sales to minors or sales for illegal profits.

Although several towns and counties in Minnesota have adopted beer keg registration policies, a statewide law is necessary to keep buyers from driving outside of their jurisdiction to avoid registration, said Begich.

Opponents of the bill said the law could cause problems for border communities where neighboring state laws are not so strict. And they said the cost of marking the kegs may drive the already shaky brewery business out of Minnesota.

If the bill becomes law, the registration wouldn't begin until Jan. 1, 1984, to give retailers and manufacturers time to develop marking and registration procedures.

UPDATE: HF138 waits for action on the House floor. □



Taxes

Tax breaks

Tax expenditures—credits, deductions, and exemptions—in some way affect almost all taxpayers, and Minnesota law could include as many as 300 of them.

The Taxes Committee on March 15 heard HF542 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin), a bill that attempts to get a handle on what they are, what they cost the state in lost revenue, and whether they're serving the purposes they should.

Common Cause of Minnesota supports the bill, not because they're against certain tax exemptions, but because of the general effect of all tax expenditures.

"We are concerned that while tax expenditures represent public policy decisions which have a substantial economic impact on the state, there exists no comprehensive information about them," according to Common Cause Executive Director Joyce Williams.

"Tax expenditures are indirect appropriations which have three economic impacts. One, they reduce the level of resources available to state programs. Two, they have an impact on the fairness and equity of the distribution of the tax burden. And, three, since they are not subject to systematic review, they may exist long after their goals have been accomplished and/or their encouraged behavior is no longer appropriate."

Committee action: Recommended to pass. Sent to the Appropriations Committee for a look at cost of a Revenue Department analysis of tax expenditures. □

Gas tax hike

Despite the warning of the gas tax bill's author that a tax hike of less than five cents won't do the job for Minnesota's highways, the Taxes Committee voted late Tuesday, March 8 to approve a three-cent gas tax rather than the five-cent hike in the bill.

Rep. Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park), offering the amendment, said that a five-cent hike would give Minnesota the highest gas tax in the country. A three-cent hike—two now and one later—will reduce the difference, he said, and give other states a chance to catch up.

The committee also took out a list of projects the commissioner of transportation was to give priority over the next 10 years.

Committee Chairman Rep. John Tomlinson's (DFL-St. Paul) amendment limited the amount of motor vehicle excise taxes that would go from the general fund into highway and transit funds next biennium.

Tomlinson says the state is serious about moving the taxes into dedicated transportation funds, but the general fund can't afford to give up as much money right now as current statute or the proposed tax bill call for.

After passing the full House with a three-cent tax, HF371 (Jensen, DFL-Farmington) went to a Conference Committee with the Senate, and returned to the House with a four-cent tax figure. The gas tax will go up three cents around May 1, and another penny Jan. 1, 1984.□

Economic Development Division/Taxes

Hotel/motel tax

Cities could impose a three percent tax on hotel and motel room stays, and use the money to promote tourism, under a bill the Division heard March 22.

Those that choose to impose the tax under the provisions of HF680 (Himle, IR-Bloomington) would have to use 95 percent of the collections to support a tourism or convention bureau. Six cities that have permission to collect the tax already would have to devote a smaller percent to tourism.

Division action: Recommended to pass. Sent to full Taxes Committee.□

Business investment incentives

The Division is also working on a bill that aims to encourage people to invest in small businesses by giving tax breaks for contributions of money or know-how.

HF696 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul) would give corporations a tax credit for contributing money to a small business assistance office or for transferring technology they have developed to a small business.

The bill would eliminate capital gains taxes for individuals or corporations that buy stock in Minnesota small businesses. The bill is similar to the governor's proposal for small business development.

Tax Laws Division

Definition of a farm

Farm property tax relief may be going to the wrong people under some Minnesota laws according to Assistant Revenue Commissioner Dennis Erno. Testifying before a Tax Division on March 10, Erno explained, "We have a lot of property tax relief geared toward preserv-

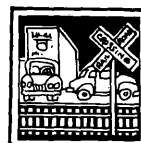
ing farms, but I don't think it's reaching the people we intend it to, and I think we can do a better job by defining a farm, and in doing so, better direct the relief to people we feel are legitimately in the business of operating a farm."

In other testimony, Ray Albrecht, Brownston, Minnesota, a former state representative, said the way the law operates now, a person can buy a house from a farmer and 10 acres of marshland, start a big vegetable garden, and qualify for a number of tax credits due people who farm for a living.

Albrecht says that shifts tax burdens to other farms and homes in the taxing district.

The Division had on the agenda HF217 (Redalen, IR-Fountain), a bill that would adopt the state and U.S. Agriculture Department's definition of a farm. It would require that individuals earn \$1000 from the sale of farm goods before they could get a farm classification.

With that definition, and going by last year's figures, 21,000 fewer people would get tax breaks according to the bill's author, Rep. Elton Redalen. The division took no action on the bill.□



Transportation

Driver licenses, railroads

Stricter identification procedures on drivers' licenses got unanimous approval from the Transportation Committee March 30, when the committee recommended HF389 (Shea, DFL-Owatonna) to pass.

Shea's bill would require driver license applicants to write out their birthdates next to their signatures for reproduction on driver's license cards. Printed numbers are not tamperproof, and the signature would be one more step in insuring the license provides accurate identification information.

At the same meeting, Rep. Glen Anderson (DFL-Bellingham) outlined measures in his bill, HF687, to rehabilitate Minnesota's railway system. The bill specifies requirements for spending money from the sale of railroad improve-

ment bonds voters authorized through a constitutional amendment in last November's general election.□

Personalized plates: motorcycles, National Guard

Motorcyclists could get personalized license plates for their bikes and members of the National Guard could buy plates that designate them as guard members under two bills the Transportation Committee approved March 23.

Guard members would pay a \$10 added license fee for the special plates, and they would have to turn in the plates if they were no longer with the Guard. They could, however, transfer plates to another Guard member for a \$5 fee.

Rep. Sharon Coleman (DFL-Spring Lake Park) authors the motorcycle bill and Rep. Bob Anderson (IR-Ottertail) sponsors the National Guard bill.□

Traffic safety education

Drivers license fees may increase one dollar to pay for a Traffic Safety Education Program that the federal government once funded. Rep. Jerome Peterson (DFL-Princeton) is author of HF361, a bill that would re-establish the program and require the commissioner of education, rather than public safety, to administer it.

The collections, up to \$750,000, would go to pay for instructor training, equipment, instructional material development, and traffic safety promotion. The program is not just for auto drivers, but also for pedestrian and bicycle safety, said Peterson.

The Highway Safety subcommittee approved the bill March 14, and sent it to the full Transportation Committee March 23. But controversy over the administration of the program by the education commissioner put the bill back in subcommittee for further study March 30.

Opponents say administering the program under the Education Department will create an unfair advantage for public school driver education programs over private services who should receive materials and instruction equally.□

Handicap parking spots

Drivers who illegally park in handicap parking spots will pay bigger fines if a bill the Transportation Committee recommended March 9 becomes law.

The current minimum fine for illegal handicap parking is \$15, and under HF341 (Berkelman, DFL-Duluth), the rate would go up to \$25.

The bill calls for three other changes in the handicap law that make it illegal to block handicap parking places or to move signs designating handicap parking spots. And the bill clarifies what authority local police have in enforcing the law on private property.

The full House gave the bill preliminary approval March 21. It's now awaiting final action.□

Child car seats

Parents and guardians who live in Minnesota will suffer penalties if they don't have, and use, approved child restraint devices, or car seats, in their vehicles when children under age four ride with them if HF90 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls) passes.

Under the bill, violators would get a petty misdemeanor ticket for not having a child safety seat but could opt out of the fine or punishment by buying or renting one. Persons not using the safety seats could also be guilty of a petty misdemeanor. The new law would call for stricter penalties for repeat offenders.

The House amended and approved the bill March 21. It's waiting for final action.□

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Bill Status Report

as of March 31, 1983

Explanation of bill status report

The Bill Status Report (see graph on opposite page) will list every bill that gets a hearing in a House committee or subcommittee or that gets action on the House floor. Once a bill appears on the graph, it will remain there each month, with a report of all legislative action on that bill, until the bill gets the governor's signature or veto. Check the list of bills the governor signed/vetoed for the governor's action on the bill.

The process of how a bill becomes a law is complicated. A graph can't tell you everything you want to know, but we hope it will help you understand the process, and inform you of bills that may become law during this legislative session.

The status graph includes action on the bill up to the last day of the month. For more information, call House Information at (612) 296-2146.

How to read the bill status entries

Each entry contains the House File (HF) number, the committee that considers the bill (see key for committee abbreviations), and a brief title.

When a committee hears a bill and decides to rerefer it (send it to another committee), the graph will list the original committee, action codes for that committee, and a note to see the next entry. The entry below the original bill will tell what happens to the bill in the second committee, and after it leaves that committee.

If the entry lists both a House File (HF) and a Senate File (SF), and the SF has an

asterisk after it, that means the Senate has passed the bill, and the House has decided to work on the Senate's version of the bill, and has set aside the House File.

If the House File has an asterisk after it, that means the House has approved the bill and the Senate has voted to work on the House version of the bill and has set aside the Senate File.

Reading across the columns, you can see committee and floor action for each bill. The codes in the columns, along with the code key, explain the action.

KEY

Committee Names

AG Agriculture
AP Appropriations
CO Commerce/Economic Development
ED Education
EN Energy
EV Environment/Natural Resources
FI Financial Institutions/Insurance
GL General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

GO Governmental Operations
HW Health/Welfare
JU Judiciary
LM Labor-Management Relations
LU Local/Urban Affairs
RI Regulated Industries
RU Rules/Legislative Administration
TX Taxes
TR Transportation

Column codes

AC: both House and Senate accepted version of bill
CC: Conference Committee approved
CR: concurrence and repassage: House or Senate voted to repass the bill with the other body's amendment
Hd: heard, tabled, laid over
In: House voted to send bill to conference committee
NP: not passed

NR: not recommended to pass
PA: passed as amended
PC: committee placed bill on consent calendar
Ps: passed
RA: recommended to pass as amended
RP: recommended to pass
WA: waiting floor action on General Orders

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HF1—JU (see next entry) Equal rights amendment		RP										
HF1—RU rereferred from JU												
HF22/SF15*—GL Metro district chalges	RA	RP	RA	PA								AC
HF24—LM Workers' comp. reform	Hd											
HF25—LU Lake Park: bond authorization		RP	RP	Ps			RP					
HF26*—CO Defective vehicles	RA	RP	RP	PS			RA					
HF30*—GL VA residents' rights to complain	RP	RP	RP	PS			RA					
HF31—GL VA residents' rights: searches	RP	RP	RP	PS								
HF32—JU Burglary—establishing degrees	Hd											
HF33—HW Elderly home care credit	RA											
HF45/SF78—FI (see next entry) Bad checks bill		RA										
HF45/SF78—JU rereferred from FI												
HF56—LU Annexation procedures		RP	RP	PS			RA		Ps			CR
HF60—TR Gas tax, highway bonds		Hd										
HF63—LU Trespassing ordinances: counties	RA											
HF64/SF61*—JU Hit and run—increasing penalties		RA	RP	Ps								
HF68*—LU Bid requirements—local government		RA	RP	Ps			RA	RA		Ps		CR
HF70—JU Estate representative: compensation	Hd											
HF73/SF107*—AG Apiary law		RA	RA	Ps								
HF74—GL Notary fee increase	RP	RP			Ps							
HF75/SF47*—EV (see next entry) Pheasant stamp	RA	RP										
HF75/SF47*—AP rereferred from EV												
HF76—EV (see next entry) "Super Fund" bill	RA	RA										
HF76—JU (see next entry) rereferred from EV		RA										
HF76—TX (see next entry) rereferred from JU		RA										
HF76—AP rereferred from TX												
HF77—GL (see next entry) Pari-mutuel betting/horse racing	RA	RA										
HF77—JU (see next entry) rereferred from GL		RA										
HF77—TX (see next entry) rereferred from JU		RP										
HF77—AP rereferred from TX												
HF79*—JU Juvenile referral to adult court	RA	RA	RP	Ps			RA	RA	PS			CR
HF80—LU Town electors: powers	RA	Hd										

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HF86—GL (see next entry) Veterans' down payment plan	RP	RP										
HF86—AP referred from GL												
HF88/SF81*—GO Obsolete investment language—repealed	RP			Ps								
HF89—JU Crimes aganst vulnerable groups	RA	RA	A									
HF90—TR Child restraint requirement	RA	RP	RA	Ps								
HF91—RI Co-op bill of rights		RA										
HF92—ED School aids	Hd											
HF93/SF50*—JU Child abuse—crimes	RA	RA	RA	Ps								
HF93/SF50*—Senate JU referred from House JU												
HF95/SF96*—GO Northeast Econ. Protection Trust Fund	RP	RA										
HF100—HW (see next entry) Catastrophic health plan	RP	RP										
HF100—AP referred from HW												
HF102—JU Farm foreclosure	RA											
HF107—HW (see next entry) Child abuse,neglect reporting	RA	RA										
HF107—JU referred from HW												
HF108—ED Legislative commission on education	Hd											
HF110—GO Historic site—Longfellow House	Hd											
HF111—LM Collective bargaining agreements	RA											
HF112/SF128*—GO Floyd B. Olson—state monument		RP		Ps								
HF114—JU Child pornography prohibited	RA	RA	RP	Ps								
HF120/SF31*—TR Amateur radio plates	RA	RA		Ps								
HF121—GO State historic sites		RA		Ps		RP	RP	Ps				
HF123—CO Debt collection	RA	RA	WA									
HF124—LM Plant closure	RA											
HF131/SF73*—GO Dakota County—land tranfers		RP		Ps								
HF132—GO Sherburne County—land conveyance	RA			Ps								
HF134—TX New business tax abatement	Hd											
HF138—RI Beer keg registration	RA	RA	WA									
HF140—RI Meter reading hours		RA		Ps								
HF145—ED Debt service levy	Hd											
HF148—HW Board for blind persons	Hd											

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HF149—EV Hunting with dogs—license	RA	RA	RP	Ps							
HF154—TR Small airport improvements	Hd										
HF156—AG (see next entry) Gasohol tax reduction		RA									
HF156—TX rereferred from AG											
HF157—ED Early retirement: service years		RA	RA	Ps							
HF159—ED Student discipline		RA									
HF161—FI Premium finance company charges		RP									
HF162—ED Public education commission	Hd										
HF163—ED Insurance: capital expenditure	Hd										
HF164—CO Towing company payment	RP										
HF166—JU County attorneys—prosecution	RP	RA	RP	Ps							
HF167—RI Dilworth Eagles Club license	RA	RA			Ps						
HF171—LU Cemetery plots—reinvestment		RA	RP	Ps		RP					
HF176—FI Public deposits collateral		RA	RP	Ps		RA					
HF177—HW Catastrophic health plan	Hd										
HF180—TR Electrical co-ops: PUC regulation	Hd										
HF189—EN (see next entry) Energy conservation investment	RA	RA									
HF189—RI rereferred from EN		RA									
HF190—JU Court commissioner—appointment	RA	RP	RP	Ps							
HF191—TX Border city tax breaks	Hd										
HF192—HW Animal experimentation repeal	Hd										
HF194—LM County live-in child care: wages		RP			Ps						
HF210—TX Historical society tax	RP	RP									
HF211/SF267*—TX Property taxes: department bill	RA	RA	RA	Ps							
HF212/SF233*—JU Wards/conservatees—annual reports	RP	RP									
HF213/SF101*—GO Pension fund benefits—reinstated		RA									
HF217—TX Farm: definition for taxes	Hd										
HF218—JU Crime victims bill of right	RA	RA	RP	Ps							
HF223*—TX Compliance tax laws		RA	RA	Ps							
HF226—JU Student groups—hazing activities	RA	RA	RP	Ps							
HF230—FI State health insurance rates		RA									
HF231—TR Vehicle transfer—extended time	RP	RA			Ps						

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HF232—ED Arts in education	Hd										
HF233—GO (see next entry) Benefit increases—pre 1973		RA									
HF233—AP rereferred from GO											
HF235—TX Hotel/motel tax: Winona	Hd										
HF236—HW Physician education regulation		RA	RP	Ps		RA			Ps		
HF239—FI Dram shop delay	RA	RA									
HF241—RI Electric co-op regulation	Hd										
HF242—LM Toxic substances—employee rights	RA										
HF243—GO (see next entry) Jobs creation: incentive program		RA									
HF243—AP rereferred from GO											
HF245/LM Duluth workers' insurance pool	Hd										
HF250—FI Insurance loans: varied interest rates	RA										
HF251—GO Governance—phased out associations	RA										
HF252*—HW Dentistry regulation		RA		PS		RA			Ps		CR
HF254—GL Precinct caucus date	RA										
HF257—TR (see next entry) National Guard license plates	RA	RA									
HF257—AP rereferred from TR											
HF258—EN Weatherization: tenants	Hd										
HF260/SF152*—JU Conciliation courts	RA	RA		Ps							
HF263—GO (see next entry) Chiropractor—civil service position	RP										
HF263—AP rereferred from GO											
HF268*—FI Credit union regulations		RA	RP	Ps		RA	RP	Ps			CR
HF270—AG Farms: nuisance		RA									
HF274—GO Legislative commission: changes		RP		Ps							
HF277—GO Virginia firefighters—benefit increase	RP			Ps							
HF280—ED Delayed interest payments	Hd										
HF282/SF207*—ED Cokato: land conveyance		RP									
HF283/SF221*—GO Tracy: land transfer		RP		Ps							
HF287/SF240*—JU Domestic abuse—protection	RA	RP									
HF288—EN Weatherization: rental housing	RA										
HF289—RI Club house licenses		RP		PA							

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HF290—HW (see next entry) Health maintenance organizations	RP	RP									
HF290—LU rereferred from HW		RA	RP	Pa							
HF291—ED School finance education commission	Hd										
HF294—EN Manufactured home sales	RP										
HF298*—LU St. Paul: civil rights hearings		RP		PS		RP		PS			
HF300—EN (see next entry) Energy reorganization	RA	RA									
HF300—GO rereferred from EN											
HF303—HW Noncustodial parent notification	RP										
HF311/SF269*—JU Employee trusts—interest rates	RA	RP	RP	Pa							
HF312/SF186*—RI (see next entry) Natural gas deregulation		RP									
HF312/SF186*—RU rereferred from RI		RP									
HF313/SF325*—GO Bear Island: land sale		RA	RP	PS		RA		PS			
HF314—FI (see next entry) Insurance sales regulation		RA									
HF314—JU rereferred from FI		RA	RP	Pa							
HF315—HW (see next entry) Child abuse reporting away from home	RA	RA									
HF315—JU rereferred from JU											
HF 316—FI Health coverage: terminated employees	RP	RP	Pa								
HF318—LU Storm sewer maintenance fees		RP	RA	Pa							
HF325—JU Real property—registration	RP	RP	RP	Pa							
HF330—JU Court of appeals procedures	RA	RA	RP	PS		RA					
HF332—JU Financial info. release	RA										
HF334—ED (see next entry) Higher ed. governance board		RA									
HF334—GO (see next entry) rereferred from ED		RA									
HF334—AP rereferred from GO											
HF335—HW (see next entry) HMO exemption, MA cuts	RA	RP									
HF335—AP rereferred from HW											
HF340—HW Chemical abuse by minors reporting	Hd										
HF341/SF421*—TR Handicapped parking		RA	RP	Pa							
HF342—GO Board of dentistry—disciplinary actions	RA	RP	PS		RA						
HF344—TR Alcohol knowledge test	RP										
HF358—GO Jobs creation: incentive program	Hd										

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HF359/SF164*—GO Senate confirmation—agencies and boards		RA	RA								
HF361—TR Traffic safety program	RP	Hd									
HF364*—GO St. Cloud—State lands		RP		Pa		RA	RP	PS			CR
HF365—HW Health care residents' rights	RA	RA	RP	PS							
HF367/SF327*—ED St. Cloud-Sartell school boundaries		RA	RP	Pa							
HF371*—TR (see next entry) Gas tax, highway bonds, new projects	RA										
HF371*—TX (see next entry) rereferred from TR		RA									
HF371*—AP rereferred from TX		RA			PA	RA			Pa		AC
HF375—HW Community work programs	RA										
HF378—ED School board authority	Hd										
HF380—JU Good samaritans-liability	RA										
HF381*—TX Federal income tax update		RA	RA	PS							
HF384—GO Local police and firefighters' relief act	RA										
HF388—TR (see next entry) Highway bond interest cap removal		RP									
HF388—AP rereferred from TR											
HF389—TR Date signature on driver's license	RP										
HF390—HW Asset limits: prepaid funerals	RP										
HF396—GO Eveleth police and fire fund		RP		Pa							
HF397—CO Foreign trade agency		RA									
HF397—FI (see next entry) rereferred from CO		RA									
HF397—GO rereferred from FI											
HF398—AG PIK program; barley		RP	RP	PS							
HF401—ED Curriculum requirements											
HF403—TX County jail: special levy	RP	RP		PC							
HF405—HW Semi-independent living services	RA										
HF406—JU Process servers—payments recovered	RA	RP		PC							
HF407—ED Debt service levy	Hd										
HF409—RI Liquor: large purchases		RA		PC							
HF412—ED Admissions requirements: higher ed	RA										
HF413—LU Edina: special assessments		RA	RP	PS		RP					
HF417—TR Farm product signs	RP	RP	RP	PS							

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HF419—FI Fire insurance: exam under oath		RA	RA	PS								
HF422—JU (see next entry) Judicial salaries—increase		RA										
HF422—GO rereferred from JU												
HF424—AG Grain buyers' bill	RA											
HF427—GL Goodhue County: election hours	Hd											
HF428—ED Asbestos removal in schools	HD											
HF430—GO Tracy volunteer firefighters		RP			PC							
HF435—JU Burglary—establishing degrees	RA											
HF438—HW Hospital trusts—beneficiaries	HD											
HF439—JU Fireworks—prohibited	RA											
HF441—EN Housing finance agency	RA	RA	RP	PS								
HF444—JU Child support—older children	RP											
HF445—LU St. Paul: bonding authorization		RA	RP	PS								
HF451—RI Long Prairie Moose Lodge license	RA	RA			PS							
HF454—EV Hunting—firing prohibited	RA											
HF455—CO (see next entry) Commerce Dept. reorganization	RA	RA										
HF455—GO (see next entry) rereferred from CO		RA										
HF455—AP rereferred from GO												
HF457—JU Equal access to justice act	RA											
HF458—HW (see next entry) Health occupation credentialing	RA	RA										
HF458—AP rereferred from HW												
HF459—LM Minimum wage—farm laborers	RA	RA	RA	PS								
HF460/SF589*—LM Backwages—farm laborers	RA	RA	RP									
HF462—LU St. Louis County: officers' pay		RA	RP	PS								
HF463—LU Zoning ordinance filing: towns		RP	RP	PS								
HF468—ED Part-time teaching list		RP			PS		RP			PC		
HF471—HW Foster care advisory council	RA											
HF474—GO Civil defense		RA										
HF475—ED Cardiopulmonary resuscitation program	Hd											
HF478—AG (see next entry) Barley check-off		RP										
HF478—AP rereferred from AG												
HF481—AG (see next entry) Milk quality bill	RA	RA										

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HF481—AP rereferred from AP												
HF482—GO Open meetings—public material		RA										
HF484/SF254*—HW Nutrition supplements: MA payments	RA	Hd										
HF488/SF428*—GO Advisory committees/councils repealed	RA	RP										
HF488/SF428*—AP rereferred from GO												
HF490—HW County medical responsibilities	RA											
HF491—GO Administrative rulemaking—impact		RA										
HF496—HW (see next entry) Sanctions: programs with errors	RP	RP										
HF496—AP rereferred from HW												
HF497—HW (see next entry) County GA/GAMC advances	RA	RA										
HF497—AP rereferred from HW												
HF501—ED Petition signature requirements	RA											
HF506—HW Chiropractic services: GAMC aid	RA											
HF508—FI Readability: insurance cancellations	RA											
HF511—LM Silo builders: overtime		RA										
HF512—AG Pseudorabies testing	RA											
HF513—GL Voter registration and facilities	RA											
HF519—HW Facility priorities abolished	RP											
HF520—LU Port authorities: bonds	RP											
HF521—FI Banking law: changes		RA										
HF523—RI Telephone company regulation		RA	RP	PS								
HF524—EV (see next entry) Low level radioactive waste	RA	RP										
HF524—GO rereferred from EV												
HF528/SF224*—LU Big Falls: hospital district		RA		PS								
HF529—JU Kidnapping—conviction of other crimes	RA	RA	RP	PS								
HF530—JU Criminal prosecution—jurisdictions	RA	RA	RP	PS								
HF531—TR (see next entry) Motorcycles—personal plates	RA	RA										
HF531—AP rereferred from TR												
HF532—JU Domestic abuse arrests	RA											
HF535—AG (see next entry) Corn check-off	RA	RP										
HF535—AP rereferred from AG												

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HF536—JU Retaliation prohibited	RA	Hd									
HF538—ED (see next entry) HECB membership		RP									
HF538—GO rereferred from ED											
HF540—JU Transit service: crimes against	RA	RP									
HF541—GO (see next entry) POST board—support services		RP									
HF541—JU (see next entry) rereferred from GO		RA									
HF541—AP (see next entry) rereferred from JU											
HF542—TX (see next entry) Tax break analysis		RA									
HF542—AP rereferred from TX											
HF544—JU (see next entry) Medical records—storage and disposal	RP	RP									
HF544—HW rereferred from JU											
HF552—GL Municipal elections laws—reorganization	RP	RP		Ps							
HF553—GL Election procedure changes	RA	RA									
HF555—AG (see next entry) Farm products promotion		RA									
HF555—AP rereferred from AG											
HF558—FI Co-op apartment loan rate		RA									
HF561*—LU MTC suburban opt-out changes		RP	RP	PA							
HF564—GO Investment changes—SBI		RA									
HF567—LU St. Louis County: fees		RA									
HF569/SF270*—LU Hennepin County: jail improvement bonding	RP	RP	PS								
HF572—CO (see next entry) Office of tourism	RA	RA									
HF572—GO (see next entry) rereferred from CO		RA									
HF572—AP rereferred from GO											
HF573—GO Brooklyn Park: firefighters relief law		RA			PC						
HF576—FI Health coverage: adopted children		RA	RP	PS							
HF577—GL Veterans emergency shelter	RP										
HF578—JU Clerk of court—duties	RP	RA			PC						
HF581—TR Abandoned highways	RA	RA									
HF582—JU Commissioner of corrections—powers											
HF584—CO Art consignment		Hd									
HF585—CO Fine art prints		Hd									

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HF588—LU Hospital board elections		RP	WA								
HF597—GO MSRS—board of trustees changes		RP			PS						
HF598—HW Temporary confinement responsibilities		RP									
HF599—LM Wage records: delivery to department		RA	RP	PS							
HF601—GO PERA—administrative changes		RA	RP								
HF602—JU Mechanics lien—non possessory		RA	RA		PC						
HF603—LU Municipal investments		RP			PC						
HF605—ED Credit transfer facilitation		RA									
HF606—JU Civil commitment		RA									
HF608—LM Health benefit amnistrators: exemption		RA			PS						
HF609—CO Car franchises		RP			PS						
HF610—FI Industrial loan and thrift powers		RA									
HF611—TR Traffic and parking fine sanctions		HD									
HF613—EN (see next entry) Mortgage bonds		RP									
HF613—RU rereferred from EN											
HF617—EV PCA: fees, powers		RA	RA	RP	PS						
HF624—GO Highway patrols: salaries		RP			PS						
HF631—GO Hennepin County Fund—withdrawal		RA									
HF633—CO Security interests: filing time		RP			PC						
HF634—ED St. Cloud lab school		Hd									
HF636—LU Rural water systems		RA									
HF637—LU MTC contracts, taxes		RA									
HF638—GO Hibbing police—benefit increases		RP			PS						
HF643—ED (see next entry) Provisional licensing: seniority		RA	RA								
HF643—ED rereferred from House floor											
HF644—ED Unlicensed teacher penalty		HD									
HF645—ED School district financial statement dateHD											
HF646—ED School associations—financial statementsRP											
HF647—ED Commissioner approval: aid payments		RP									
HF652—GO (see next entry) Pension plans—benefit of members		RA									

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HF652—AP rereferred from GO											
HF653—GL Election laws: procedural changes	RA	RA			PS						
HF654—EV Cross country skier licensing	HD										
HF655—JU Court unification	RA										
HF656—RI Marble: on-sale license		RP			PS						
HF657—TR Abandoned railroads, airport zoningRA											
HF662/SF351*—GO Handicapped: civil service eligibility		RP			PS						
HF663—HW General Assistance requirements	HD										
HF664—GL Bingo prize limits	Hd										
HF666—LM (see next entry) Jobs training: St. Paul Urban League	RP										
HF666—AP rereferred from LM											
HF667—LM Maternity/paternity leave: adoption		RA									
HF670—HW Nursing home rates	RA	RA									
HF670—AP rereferred from HW											
HF672—TX Sales tax: department bill		Hd									
HF673—GL Election judge eligibility/compensation	RP	RP									
HF680—TX Hotel/motel tax: tourism promotion	RA										
HF684—EV Commissioner orders, rules		RP			Pa						
HF685—HW CSSA fold-in	RA										
HF694—LU Ramsey County medical center		RA	RP	Pa							
HF696—TX Small business investments: taxes	Hd										
HF697—LU St. Paul port authority: powers		RA									
HF706—GO Pera—funds after layoff		RP			PC						
HF707—JU Burglary—establishing degrees	Hd										
HF711—LU (see next entry) Bonds, debt certificate issuing		RA									
HF711—GO rereferred from LU											
HF712—ED Pairing districts		Hd									
HF715—ED (see next entry) Student loans, supplemental		RA									
HF715—AP rereferred from ED											
HF716—ED (see next entry) Financial aid: shared responsibility plan	RA										
HF716—AP rereferred from ED											

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HF721—FI Babbit: detached bank facility		RA									
HF722—RI Cable TV access		Hd									
HF727—GL Atomic exposure resolution	RP										
HF730—JU Driving privileges—reinstatement	RP										
HF733—EV Peat mining permits, reclamation		RA		Wa							
HF740—JU (see next entry) Shakopee women's prison: new facility	RP	RP									
HF740—AP rereferred from JU											
HF743—JU Age info—prohibiting dissemination	Hd										
HF745—GO Administrative procedure act—changes	RA										
HF747—LU (see next entry) Moorhead: fund transfer		RA									
HF747—AP rereferred from LU.											
HF748—LM PELRA changes		Hd									
HF749—LU Fergus Falls: waste disposal	RA										
HF751—EN (see next entry) Hydropower development incentives	RA										
HF751—TX rereferred from EN											
HF753—ED Cooperating districts aid and levy	Hd										
HF758—EV Mine pit fences		RP			Pa						
HF760—GO MSRS administrative bill		RP									
HF766—ED Adult vocational funding	Hd										
HF769—LU Aircraft noise reduction equipment		RA			PC						
HF770—ED Cooperation among districts	Hd										
HF772—ED English proficiency aid dates	Hd										
HF777—LU Carver, Washington: bonds	RA										
HF778—ED Summer school hours	Hd										
HF782—JU Crimes—fines increased	RA										
HF785—GO Pension funds—interest rates		RA									
HF787—LU Mosquito control district changes		RA									
HF788—CO (see next entry) Minnesota Enterprise Fund		RA									
HF788—GO rereferred from CO											
HF794—GL Apportionment into statute	RP										
HF796—LU Parks, open space bonding		Hd									

Bills the Governor signed

Chapter 3

Townships—audit report posting

HF55* (McEachern)—requires township clerks to post audit reports at the annual meeting location one-half hour before the annual meeting begins

Chapter 4

Bond requirements, towns

HF57* (Clawson)—allows towns to use a self-insurance fund to meet the bonding requirements for town clerks and treasurers.

Chapter 5

Northeast Economic Protection Trust Fund

HF103/SF118* (Battaglia)—allows funds the Legislature released in 1982 from the Minnesota Economic Protection Trust Fund to finance job retraining programs.

Chapter 6

Motor vehicles-uninsured

HF85/SF26* (Long)—provides a criminal penalty for any motor vehicle owner who falsely claims to have insurance at the time of motor vehicle licensure or registration.

Chapter 7

Obsolete statutory references to children

HF94/SF71* (Vellenga)—deletes certain obsolete references to children in Minnesota statutes.

Chapter 8

Product tampering—penalties

HF48/SF25* (Staten)—prohibits anyone from adding a harmful substance to another product or substance, or distributing the adulterated product, with the intention of causing death, bodily harm or illness; sets penalties.

Chapter 9

Improvement petitions—townships

HF67/SF65* (Berkelman)—requires local improvement petitions to have signatures of 75 percent of landowners rather than the current 100 percent, before the township board would consider the petition.

Chapter 10

"Epileptic" removed from statute

HF150/SF24* (Reif)—removes the term "epileptic" from statute and replaces it with the words "persons having epilepsy."

Chapter 11

Estimated tax penalties prohibited

HF339/SF113* (O'Connor)—prohibits the Department of Revenue from imposing penalties on senior citizens or disabled persons who underpaid estimated taxes for 1982, if the tax owed is not greater than the amount of the property tax or renter's refund the state owes.

Chapter 12

Drunk drivers—prosecution

HF113/SF121* (Nelson, K.)—creates a new criminal felony offense for drunk drivers who injure other persons; makes it easier to prosecute a drunk driver who kills another person.

Chapter 13

Witness fees-increase

HF96/SF195* (Long)—increases the mileage fees to people who attend civil and criminal court as witnesses from 12 cents to 24 cents per mile.

Chapter 14

Rochester: flood control projects

HF215* (Frerichs)—allows Olmsted County, Olmsted County Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and the city of Rochester to enter a joint powers agreement to sponsor flood control projects.

Chapter 15

Technical changes: tax law

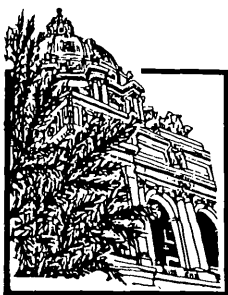
HF201 (O'Connor)—makes technical changes to state income tax law.

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HF804—JU Transcript fees: second district	RA										
HF806—HW Vulnerable adults reporting	RP										
HF807—AG (see next entry) Seed law		RA									
HF807—AP referred from AG											
HF816—JU Mental health center data—protection	Hd										
HF819—EV (see next entry) Water agencies—merged	RA	RP									
HF819—GO referred from EV											
HF828—EN Omnibus energy policy	Hd										
HF830—EN Manufactured housing law corrections	RA	RA									
HF840—ED Capital property lease-purchase	Hd										
HF851—AG (see next entry) Family farm security loan program		RA									
HF851—AP referred from AG											
HF858—GL Eligibility and grants for veterans	RA										
HF859—GL Military affairs dept. bill	RP										
HF872—AG (see next entry) Fertilizer inspection		RA									
HF872—AP referred from AG											
HF874—ED (see next entry) Public library misuse	RA	RA									
HF874—JU referred from ED											
HF892—GL Veterans affairs dept. bill	RA										
HF894—JU Government data practices act	Hd										
HF898—JU Court referees; appointees	RP										
HF899—JU Arbitration civil procedure	Hd										
HF904—TR Rate making procedures		RA			PC						
HF946—EN (see next entry) Soil and water conservation board		RP									
HF946—GO referred from EN											

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