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March 5

- Judiciary Committee members took unofficial action on a sentencing guidelines bill that would make the Sentencing Guidelines Commission more accountable to the Legislature. HF1382 (Bishop, IR-Rochester) would modify the sentencing guidelines law to require annual reports from the commission on proposed changes and make the Legislative Commission to Review Administrative Rules (LCRAR) the official guardian of sentencing guideline rulemaking. The committee also took unofficial action on two court of appeals bills and a bill allowing for claims against the state for prisoners hurt or killed while in a conditionally released status. Next week the committee will hear a bill it laid over on patients' rights and take up a bill on missing children.
- The landfill abatement bill should help landfill operators clean up their sites instead of taxing them for abatement plans, opponents to a landfill-fee proposal testified at an Environment and Natural Resources Committee hearing March 5.

"We need a no-fault remedial action fund for past sins," said James Morgan of Waste Management of Minnesota, Inc. In previous years, everyone believed landfills were the solution to trash disposal, he said. "Garbage was buried, and mother nature, like a septic tank, would clean it up."

The committee heard HF1361 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin), a bill that would levy a 90-cents-per-cubic-yard fee on trash going into landfills. Counties may charge an additional tax of up to 60 cents per cubic yard at the approval of the

Legislative Commission on Waste Management, cities or towns with landfills may impose an additional charge of up to one-third of the 90-cent fee on waste brought to their sites.

Two-thirds of the revenue would go toward landfill abatement plans, and one-third for cleanup where the operator is either unwilling or unable to pay for it.

The Pollution Control Agency and representatives from several government groups voiced their support at the hearing. Morgan, along with a trash hauler group and the Minnesota Association of Commerce and Industry, are opposing it.

Barbara Kelley, director of Minnesota Waste Association, said members would accept a lower fee to solve landfill problems, but the cost to set up recycling programs should come from the state general fund.

TUE

MARCH 6

- Debate over repeal of the 10 percent surtax opened the '84 legislative session in the House, March 6.

"Given the economic problems facing Minnesota, and given concerns we have in light of the recent 3M announcement, I believe this is an emergency," said Rep. Dave Jennings (R-Truman) when he requested immediate consideration of HF1591 (Krueger, DFL-Staples). The bill repeals the surtax retroactively to Jan. 1, 1984.

Answering arguments that the legislation should go through the regular committee hearing process, Jennings said he wanted to take immediate action to prevent opponents from attaching other provisions

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March 12

● A bill that would prohibit investment of state employee pension funds in certain companies doing business in South Africa and Namibia was before the Governmental Operations Committee March 12.

Rep. Randy Staten (DFL-Mpls) is author of HF1220, a bill supporters say wouldn't necessarily hurt returns on investment to pensioners, and could result in gains. Their reason for opposing future investments is to make a statement against the practice of racial discrimination in those countries.

"The state board doesn't invest in tobacco, alcohol, cocaine, or pornography," said Dumisani Kumalo, from the American Committee on Africa, "so why invest in apartheid?"

The committee will take up the issue again March 13, this time hearing from opponents of HF1220.

● **Minnesota Supreme Court justices are working under a health risk**, says David Bishop (IR-Rochester). In a March 12 meeting of the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee, Bishop said more than one justice has complained of lung problems. Some justices suspect air-borne pollutants in the State Capitol court chambers as the cause.

Air quality tests by the State Administration Department last year failed to find traces of carbon dioxide, carbon monoxide, or asbestos. The State of Minnesota and City of St. Paul Health Departments have yet to complete their joint study of the mysterious situation.

Bishop's recent statement comes on the heels of the governor's capital budget request of an initial \$1.8 million for removal and replacement of PCB transformer equipment and removal or containment of asbestos in state-owned buildings.

● **Should Minnesota have a lottery?** The Gaming Division considered the question at a March 12 meeting and gave preliminary approval to a bill that would ask voters to decide when they go to the polls next November.

Opponents testified that lotteries encourage compulsive gambling, prey upon the poor, and follow hand-in-hand with prostitution and drug use. But the bill's author, Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul), says polls show the people want a lottery. A poll of his district, he said, tallied a vote of 70 percent for a lottery, and a newspaper poll totaled 65 percent "yes" votes, more than pari-mutuel betting received in the same poll.

General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee hears the bill next.

● **A bill that would require school districts to publish** how much they pay labor negotiators for services and expenses came up at a March 12 meeting of the Education Committee.

"I'm not trying to take anyone's right to bargain away. What I'm trying to find out is how monies are spent in negotiations so we can better understand what's happening to those monies," said Rep. Len Price (DFL-Woodbury), author of HF1380. He says the public has a right to know how much the school board spends on contract negotiations, especially in crisis situations such as teacher strikes.

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Several committee members objected to the proposal saying it puts districts at a disadvantage because other groups negotiating with districts aren't required to reveal their negotiating expenditures.

Committee Chairman Bob McEachern (DFL-St. Michael) said he would like to see an amendment to the bill requiring districts to publish such information in the newspaper with the largest circulation in each district, to make sure everyone has access to the information. The bill goes next to the Teaching and Learning subcommittee.

● **Talent agents or agencies will come under licensing regulations** if HF1257 (Rice, DFL-Mpls) becomes law. The Regulated Industries Committee heard testimony on the bill March 12 and recommended it to pass as amended.

HF1257 proposes new legislation to license and regulate entertainment talent agents or agencies. It would also impose a misdemeanor penalty upon any person who violates its provisions and a fine of \$500 to \$1,000, or up to a year imprisonment, for anyone serving as an artist's agent who splits fees with employers or artists.

The bill, similar to legislation in California and Michigan, would establish minimum standards to license and regulate entertainment agent or agency operations, including them among other employment agencies the Department of Labor now licenses and regulates.

TUE

March 13

● **"Do banks and other financial institutions need a broker-dealer license?"** was the question on the Commerce and Economic Development Committee agenda March 13.

Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park) presented HF1632 a bill that would amend the definition of broker-dealer to cover current securities activities of financial institutions.

"In past history, banks did not deal directly in gold and silver stocks, bonds, and so forth. And when they did, it was through other registered broker-dealer investment houses," Segal says.

"Banks have since gotten into this business themselves, in fact a number of banks are already registered as broker-dealers. What HF1632 requires is that banks conform to existing broker-dealer and securities licensing provisions. They would go through a broker-dealer program—which they're no longer exempted from doing—so that they are licensed as broker-dealers in order to provide this service."

The Committee also heard HF1635 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton) a bill that would make changes to a 10-year-old law to regulate subdivided lands.

● **At the author's request, March 13,** the House Governmental Operations Committee laid over HF1220 (Staten, DFL-Mpls) for consideration at a later date.

HF1220 would prohibit future investment of state employee pension funds in companies and financial institutions who do business in South Africa and Namibia to make a statement against the prejudicial practice of apartheid in those countries. At the March 13 meeting, the committee heard testimony from opponents of the bill, among them, Howard Bicker, director of the State Investment Board.

Bicker said the bill represents a projected \$400 million loss over 10 years, inability to invest in about 229 corporations, including Honeywell, 3M, and IBM, and a challenge to the board's investment policy of maximizing benefits at low risk.

● **Where to put the new judiciary building** remains a question before legislative committees. The State Departments Division of the Ap-

propriations Committee heard three views on the subject March 13. Representing the judiciary, Justices Lawrence Yetka and Peter Popovich announced that the Cass Gilbert Memorial Park northeast of the State Capitol has emerged as the best site.

Rep. David Bishop (IR-Rochester) presented a different idea. He wants the present Historical Society building to become the judiciary building. Bishop said using the Historical Society building fits the Capitol's architect, Cass Gilbert's original intention to create a complex of legislative, executive, and judiciary buildings at the end of the Capitol mall.

The justices agreed that the Historical Society building was also an appropriate site, but they want the new building up in four years—because current leases on office space outside the Capitol complex will then expire. They said, even if the Historical Society would be willing to move, they doubted the building could be ready for the judiciary by then. They commented that no one wants to run "rough shod" over the Historical Society.

The Historical Society doesn't want to move said Russell Fridley, its chief executive. Speculation arose earlier in the week that the Historical Society might be willing to move to downtown St. Paul or to Fort Snelling, but Fridley squashed those rumors.

● **A Revenue Department Income Tax bill** got a recommendation to pass as amended from the Taxes Committee March 13. The proposal would change tax reporting for some Minnesotans and bring the state \$4.2 million in added revenue in the next three years.

The intent is to simplify tax reporting and conform some state tax laws to federal law, Dale Busacker, an attorney with the State Revenue Department, told committee members.

The members, however, opted to adopt an amendment that did away with the federal definition of dependents, which would have eliminated about 60,000 Minnesotans from that category.

Some of the other proposals in the bill include exempting railroad retirement benefits and sick pay from income tax, requiring nonresidents and part-time residents to figure their taxes as if they were full-time residents, and limiting special fuel tax refunds to farm or business off-highway use of fuels.

The bill also includes a proposal to increase the current six-percent interest rate the state pays on tax refunds to 80 percent of the interest rate on money owed to the state.

● **Problems with placing over 6,000 Minnesota children in foster homes** and institutions may find solutions if a bill the Minnesota House Departmental Affairs subcommittee recommended to pass becomes law.

The bill's author, Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls), says children who courts remove from their families need better procedures to determine foster care and adoption policies so fewer children remain in substitute care.

The bill would establish a state foster care advisory board and local review boards under the jurisdiction of juvenile judges. Such review boards operate in Arizona, where the state's placed ten percent fewer children in institutions than before the state adopted the review board procedure.

Next the bill goes to the full Health and Welfare Committee.

● **Nearly all of the Area Vocational Technical Institutes' \$11 million capital budget request** got tentative approval from the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee March 13, including more than \$3.5 million the governor did not recommend.

The largest project the committee recommended to pass, as amended, over the governor's recommendation was to include \$1.7 million for the aviation center at Minneapolis. The amendment specified that renovation or expansion of the present center could proceed only if the technical institute buys it. It also required the institute to show an increase in student placement in asking for any future expansion.

Also against the governor's recommendations, the committee approved \$124,000 for an addition to the auto body program at Brainerd, \$303,900 for air conditioning improvements at Moorhead; \$782,000 to remodel the pool at St. Paul; and \$680,000 to improve the agriculture shop and classrooms at Willmar.

Two items that did not get approval were: \$595,000 for classrooms at Alexandria and \$158,100 for a bookstore and classrooms at Dakota County, which the governor recommended.

Committee members agreed with the governor's recommendations on all utilities repair and maintenance projects, totaling about \$2.2 million, the money to come from the state's General Fund. They added \$150,000 to the \$120,600 asbestos removal project on the St. Paul campus to meet new safety requirements.

Some of the other major projects approved include more than \$2.1 million to build classrooms and labs at Duluth and more than \$1 million to remodel the warehouse for electronics at Anoka.

● **Minnegasco came out against district heating and energy audit programs** as they appear in a draft of the Omnibus Energy Bill (Voss, DFL-Blaine). During testimony before the House Energy Committee March 13, citing that federal law will no longer require the residen-

tial energy conservation program, Gail Van Brundt from Minnegasco said it shouldn't continue at the state level as the bill draft would require.

Minnegasco, a supporter and participant in the federal program that provided for home energy audits, has learned a great deal about costs associated with and effectiveness of the audits, according to Van Brundt. "These audits do not reduce energy consumption," she said, and Minnegasco has no proof that people implement conservation measures.

In 1983, the audit program cost Minnegasco rate payers over \$1.1 million, an average of \$2.62 per customer. The proposed extension of the program could cost an additional \$1.65 million, Van Brundt said. Minnegasco believes that the money that would go into the program would be more effective in programs that help low-income homeowners and renters.

Minnegasco also objects to a part of the draft bill concerning district heating and energy project loans because references in the bill say a purpose for project funding is to reduce the consumption of natural gas. Natural gas is environmentally clean, plentiful in supply, and competitively priced, Van Brundt said. She also said that an efficient gas distribution system already exists and, in comparison, there are few cases when constructing a district steam heating system is economically feasible.

The Committee recommended to pass as amended and re-referred HF1775 (Otis, DFL-Mpls) to the Commerce and Economic Development Committee. The bill relates to energy and economic development allowing the renaming of the Small Business Finance

Agency to Minnesota Energy and Economic Development Authority and allowing certain loan authority for energy efficient business programs.

In other action, HF1611 (Voss, DFL-Blaine), got a recommendation to pass as amended. The amendment clarified language in the bill dealing with mobile home parks.

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March 14

● **A bill that would speed up the motor vehicle excise tax transfer** from the general revenue fund to the highway construction fund won the approval of the Transportation Committee March 14. Under HF1730 (Anderson, G., DFL-Bellingham) the fund transfer would begin July 1, 1984 rather than July 1, 1986 as current law states.

"There is need for additional funding for roads in Minnesota," said Rep. Glen Anderson, sponsor of the bill. "Rather than increase fuel taxes why not transfer the motor vehicle excise tax over a number of years? It would benefit local units of government, transit providers and users, and generally all people in the state."

Anderson said the bill, which the committee recommended to pass, received statewide support. It goes next to the Appropriations Committee.

In other action the committee recommended passage of HF1801 (Jensen, DFL-Farmington) and HF1607 (Metzen, DFL-South St. Paul).

● **Two bills were before the Criminal Justice Division** of the Judiciary Committee March 14, which the division heard and hopes to take action on at a future meeting.

HF63 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud) would authorize cities and counties to enact ordinances against trespassing for people who, uninvited, enter another's premises to participate or socialize with others who are drinking or taking drugs. Rep. Gruenes said, with this bill, he hopes to get at the problem of large kegger parties in his district.

HF1772 (Clark, J., DFL-Mpls) would clarify that inmates who violate disciplinary offense rules and have to spend time in segregation confinement, would get a postponed release date. The extra prison time would equal the amount of time they spent in confinement.

A bill the division recommended for passage, HF1722 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul), would extend from three to seven years, the amount of time someone has to press charges against another for criminal sexual offenses.

● **Drivers may pay two dollars more to renew their licenses** if HF361 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton) a bill the Minnesota House Education Committee approved March 14 becomes law.

The extra fee would bring in an estimated \$1.2 million a year, to fund traffic safety programs the federal government used to fund. Programs include safety training for school bus drivers and passengers, pedestrians, and bicyclers. The money would also go to lowering fees parents and students must pay to learn to drive by subsidizing driver training courses in the schools.

"This bill is addressing the number one health issue in Minnesota, and that is the problems of teen-age death and injuries on the highway. But also it doesn't stop with teen-agers. It involves all of us because we all use the transportation system. We are no safer than the worst driver we meet on the highway," said Rep. Jerome Peterson.

Fees would also fund the Control Factor Program, a workshop approach to responsible drinking and driving that teen-agers conduct in schools.

● **Businesspeople in math and science fields may get a chance to step into the classroom** under HF1419 (Forsythe, IR-Edina), a bill proposing two-year provisional teaching licenses for persons in industry who hold four-year math and science degrees. Applicants for the licenses would have to complete a year's training in education courses, and colleges would then grant them masters degrees.

The Education Committee debated the bill March 14 with proponents saying severe shortages of math and science teachers, especially outside of metropolitan areas of the state, present a burden to local school districts.

Opponents argued that statistics show there's presently not a shortage, and most industries with prospective candidates are in large, urban areas. They fear persons in industry at the mid-management level, who the bill aims at recruiting, may be out-of-touch with students and teaching methods. Teaching in the classroom requires more training than the bill allows for, they say.

The committee amended the bill but made no recommendation on passage.

● **For handicapped access construction on state-owned buildings**, the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee recommended \$3 million on March 14. The figure is down from the original \$5.8 million in the governor's request. However, the committee recommended additional money in a separate fund for providing access in buildings when handicapped employees join the staff.

The Minnesota Zoo will get \$450,000 for a new caribou and



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Committee Schedule for the Week of March 19 - 23, 1984

Monday, Mar 19 & Tuesday, Mar 20
No scheduled meetings.

Wednesday, Mar 21

8:00 a.m. STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Supplemental budget requests for DOER; Veterans Affairs; Labor and Industry; Indian Affairs.

EDUCATION, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern. Agenda: HF1436 (Bergstrom) Deleting the prohibition against rules requiring secondary vocational programs. Report on the MN Dept. of Finance pension bill from Rep. John Clawson. HF1642 (C. Rodriguez) Extending services to handicapped children from birth.

8:30 a.m. HEALTH, WELFARE & CORRECTIONS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: Review of the Legislative Auditor's report on the Administration of Minnesota's Medical Assistance. Testimony from James Nobles, Legislative Auditor; Elliot Long, Project Manager, Legislative Auditor's Office; and Bob Baird, Dept. of Public Welfare.

10:00 a.m. AGRICULTURE, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Stephen Wenzel. Agenda: HF1376 (Bergstrom) Agricultural processing. HF1532 (Krueger) Designating milk as the state drink. HF1603 (Waltman) Grape Research Fund. HF975 (Waltman) Tax incentives for landowners who sell to beginning farmers. HF1663 (Fjoslien) Changes in apiary law. HF1425 (Krueger) Milk component pricing. HF1601 (Buzz Anderson) Lien on agricultural production inputs.

GAMING DIVISION/General Legislation & Veterans Affairs, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Jim Metzen. Agenda: HF— (Metzen) Regulating the sale and operation of video gambling devices.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION/Judiciary, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Janet Clark. Agenda: HF— (Ogren) Providing a preference for restitution in sentencing for certain crimes. HF— (J. Clark) Requiring interpreters for the hearing impaired in criminal cases. HF1386 (J. Clark) Authorizing intervention by the juvenile court to protect children from domestic abuse. HF1556 (Olsen) Permitting misdemeanor arrests to be made at night in public places. HF1465 (Kelly) Requiring basic skills training for peace officers in community crime prevention techniques. HF— (Bishop) Authorizing peace officers to impound firearms in certain cases.

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION SUBCOMMITTEE/Judiciary, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Ben Gustafson. Agenda: HF899 (Ellingson) Permitting the establishment of compulsory nonbinding arbitration programs for use in civil proceedings. HF1554 (Brandl) Relating to marriage dissolution.

LAW REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE/Judiciary, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Bob Ellingson. Agenda: HF1502 (K. Clark) Providing special foster care and adoption procedures for Indian children. HF— (Ellingson) Data privacy. HF1536 (Minne) Prohibiting the dissemination of data regarding a person's age or birthdate for use in mailing lists. HF— (Ellingson) Torrens bill. HF1850 (Bishop) Relating to statutes; conforming various laws to judicial decisions of unconstitutionality. HF1440 (C. Rodriguez) Requiring contractors and subcontractors to provide owners with lien notices prior to beginning work.

10:30 a.m. VETERANS AFFAIRS & MISCELLANEOUS LEGISLATION SUBCOMMITTEE/General Legislation & Veterans Affairs, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield. Agenda: To be announced.

12:00 noon LICENSE & REGULATION SUBCOMMITTEE/Commerce & Economic Development, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Ernest Larsen. Agenda: HF1656 (Solberg) Motor fuel franchises.

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

TRANSPORTATION, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. George Mann. Agenda: HF1509 (Kalis) Prohibiting fees for the return of number plates. HF1824 (Neuenschwander) Allowing vending machines in rest areas; tourist information centers; and weigh stations; providing for installation of drain tile along or across highways; delineating debt collection authority of Mn/DOT; authorizing road authorities to assist each other; reducing a fee; authorizing the commissioner to spend money to acquire or condemn certain outdoor advertising devices. HF1345 (O'Connor) Providing for collection of a surcharge on leases for traffic fine reimbursement. HF1449 (Solberg) Authorizing operation of farm truck with class C drivers' license by employee operating truck during harvest.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS & RETIREMENT, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. John Sarna. Agenda: HF1549 (F. Rodriguez)/SF1783 (Pehler) Police state aid for University of Minnesota police; clarification of St. Cloud Police expenses; escalator for Crookston police. HF912 (Sarna)/SF882 (Waldorf) Pay Medicare B expenses for MSRS retirees. SF1684 (Ulland) Purchase of TRA service credit by PERA member. HF1494 (Wenzel) Purchase of military service. HF1682 (Sarna)/SF1672 (C. Peterson) TRA; increasing employer additional contributions. SF1434 (C. Peterson) Conformance with child support attachment laws. HF— (Clawson)/SF— (R. Peterson) Dept. of Finance bill.

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

After Session

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: Capital budget presentations for MN Historical Society and MN Dept. of Transportation rest areas.

GAME & FISH SUBCOMMITTEE/Environment & Natural Resources, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Dave Battaglia. Agenda: HF207 (D. Carlson) Relating to hunting bear with dogs. HF1077 (Schafer) Relating to fur buyers licenses. HF1630 (Neuenschwander) Relating to blaze orange camouflage. HF1538 (Sarna) Relating to the trout stamp. HF1541 (Sarna) Relating to spearing. HF1749 (Solberg) Relating to certain pheasant stamp exemptions.

ELECTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE/General Legislation & Veterans Affairs, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff. Agenda: HF1618 (Minne) Handicapped voters election bill. HF— (Welle) Secretary of State's housekeeping bill. HF1338 (Osthoff) Voting machine provisions: recodifications and reorganization. HF1606 (Shea) Prohibits certain inquiries of voters near the polls. HF427 (Sviggum) Townships.

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson. Agenda: Project LEAD proposals including: HF— (K. Nelson) Summer school instructional and educational improvement; HF— (K. Nelson) Instructional effectiveness; HF928 (Buzz Anderson) Study of teacher training programs and alternative teacher certification programs; HF— (Price) Shared facilities study; Research and development; Subject area inservice; Math and science summer institutes; Principal's assessment and inservice; HF1640 (McEachern) PER and assessment.

4:00 p.m.

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: State University System capital allocations.

7:30 p.m.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs. Agenda: HF1530 (Simoneau) Relating to athletics; changing the name of the board of boxing; regulating professional wrestling exhibitions; imposing a gross receipts tax on professional wrestling exhibitions; providing funding for high school extracurricular activities. HF499 (Quinn) Providing residential telephone subscribers protection from unwanted commercial solicitation. HF1750 (Kahn) Allowing licensed premises to remain open after the hour sales of alcoholic beverages must cease.

Thursday, Mar 22

8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: Capital budget presentations for MN Historical Society and MN Dept. of Transportation rest areas.

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Complete University of Minnesota and other miscellaneous capital request items.

HEALTH, WELFARE & CORRECTIONS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: Operating budget.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Capital budget bill wrap-up. Supplemental budget requests for Dept. of Administration and Cable Board.

JOBS CREATION & UNEMPLOYMENT ISSUES SUBCOMMITTEE/Governmental Operations, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Karen Clark. Agenda: HF1571 (K. Clark) Creating an office of economic conversion.

8:15 a.m.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. to be announced. Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly. Agenda: HF— (Kelly) Enterprise zone technical amendments. HF— (Kelly) Small business investment credits technical amendments. HF— (McKasy) Deduction for certain foreign taxes. HF— (Kelly) Business revitalization package. HF1779 (Wenzel) Reducing the corporate tax rate.

TAX LAWS DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff. Agenda: To be announced.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. John Sarna. Agenda: HF— (Beard) Buy Minnesota. HF— (Rodosovich) Transient merchants. HF1843 (Rodosovich) Indirect purchasers. HF1632 (Segal) Housekeeping bill for Dept. of Commerce. HF1635 (Peterson) Subdivided land.

ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE/Environment & Natural Resources, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Willard Munger. Agenda: HF— (Solberg) Relating to Mississippi Headwaters Board. HF— (Welle) Relating to certain land on Lake Norway. HF1865 (Battaglia) Relating to forestry. SF881 (D. Nelson) Relating to aggregate deposits. SF1114 (Knuth) Relating to state park boundaries. HF1791 (Tunheim) Relating to diversion of water. HF1778 (Munger) Relating to acid rain. HF1769 (Munger) Relating to sewage treatment bonding. HF1849 (Munger) Relating to peatland protection. HF688 (Larsen) Relating to waste tires.

HEALTH CARE SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Welfare, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Dick Welch. Agenda: HF1561 (Swanson) HMO reform.

SOCIAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Welfare, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield. Agenda: HF1787 (Eken) Formula change for allocating federal title XX funds. HF1708 (Coleman) Demonstration project for treatment of compulsive gamblers. HF1578 (Solberg) Community Work Experience Program.

DEPARTMENTAL AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Welfare, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Dominic Elio. Agenda: HF— (Brandl) Data privacy. HF1806 (Elio) Maltreatment of minors act.

12:00 noon

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz. Agenda: HF1707 (Kostohryz) Charitable gaming bill. Public testimony. Other bills reported out of subcommittee.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich. Agenda: HF1527 (K. Clark) Providing for occupational safety and health; regulating infectious agents. HF1420 (Simoneau) Public employment; regulating grievances. HF1421 (Simoneau) Relating to labor; authorizing certain payroll deductions. HF732 (Ludeman) relating to labor; freedom to work; regulating public employee labor relations.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS & RETIREMENT, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. John Sarna. Agenda: Continued from Wednesday's meeting.

2:00 p.m.

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS & MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE/Agriculture, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Tom Shea. Agenda: Discussion of minimum pricing.

HEALTH, WELFARE & CORRECTIONS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: Operating budget.

ENERGY, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss. Agenda: Bills passed out of Housing Subcommittee; Omnibus Energy bill; HF— (Riveness) District heating bill; HF288 (Staten) Establishing a residential rental property weatherization disclosure program.

WORKERS' COMPENSATION DIVISION/Labor-Management Relations, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: HF1401 (Clawson) Coverage for ambulance drivers and attendants. HF1679 (Boo) Coverage for certain employees of the University of Minnesota. HF1767 (Simoneau) Clarifying law concerning ridesharing; providing for miscellaneous changes in the workers' compensation process.

4:00 p.m.

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Dick Kostohryz. Agenda: HF1707 (Kostohryz) Charitable gaming bill. Public testimony. Other bills reported out of subcommittee.

6:30 p.m.

HEALTH & WELFARE, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. James Swanson. Agenda: Bills passed out of subcommittee.

Friday, Mar 23

8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/Appropriations. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: Tour International Falls rest area-Information Center; MN Dept. of Transportation maintenance garage; Split Rock Lighthouse site; Baptism River rest stop site.

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

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Supplemental budget requests for Finance (Tax Study Commission). Final action on capital budget bill.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Fred Norton. Agenda: HF1678 (Skoglund) Various provisions relating to insurance regulation. HF1671 (Kahn) Creating the Minnesota telecommunications council. HF1376 (Bergstrom) Agricultural processing bill.

8:15 a.m.

TAXES, Rm. 81. HF1814 (Osthoff) Dept. of Revenue property tax bill. HF1815 (Osthoff) Property tax clean-up bill. HF— (Kelly) Small business investment credits clean-up bill. HF— (McKasy) Deduction for foreign taxes paid.

8:30 a.m.

HEALTH, WELFARE & CORRECTIONS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: Operating budget.

10:00 a.m.

JUDICIARY, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Bob Vanasek. Agenda: HF1466 (Clawson) Providing procedures for collection of conciliation court judgments; requiring conciliation court clerks to explain procedures of court to litigants and to

assist them in filling out forms. HF1651 (Hoberg) Setting penalties for flight from a peace officer under certain conditions. HF1722 (Wynia) Changing the limitation period for certain criminal sexual conduct offenses. HF1535 (Clawson) Court unification. HF1817 (Cohen) Court unification. HF1817 (Cohen) Court unification. HF1568 (Kelly) Providing for enhanced penalties for juveniles adjudicated for driving while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance. HF1445 (Seaberg) Defining aggravated criminal damage to property. HF1363 (Vanasek) Providing that a municipality or county shall not ban the ownership of guns. —Possible bills from Division and Subcommittees.

AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS & MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE/Agriculture, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Tom Shea. Agenda: Discussion of minimum pricing.

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson. Agenda: Continuation of discussion of Project LEAD proposals; HF1827 (Otis) Site-based management; Governor's arts school proposal; Revenue equity repeal bills including: HF1426 (Kalis), HF1573 (Quist), HF1614 (Schafer); other items may be added.

12:00 noon HEALTH CARE SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Welfare, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Dick Welch. Agenda: HF— (Greenfield) Omnibus Health Care Programs. HF— (Swanson) Certificate of Need. HF1813 (Tunheim) Relating to hospital districts; providing for loans to students in health-related educational programs.

SOCIAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Welfare, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield. Agenda: HF— (Reif) Recovery of general assistance overpayments. HF— (Greenfield) Mental health zoning limitations. HF— (Welch) Title 19 waiver repeal (with author amendments.) HF— (Greenfield) Detox; county of financial responsibility.

DEPARTMENTAL AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Welfare, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Dominic Elioff. Agenda: HF— (Norton) Eligibility requirements for CSSA.

Bill introductions

Monday, Mar 12

HF1798—Vellenga (DFL)—Energy

Housing; creating a demonstration program for temporary housing in the department of economic security; limiting the scope of the temporary housing program in the housing finance agency; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1799—Zaffke (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

Hubbard County; authorizing a special levy for park and recreation purposes.

HF1800—Heap (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing Congress and the President to continue their efforts to halt the persecution of the Baha'i minority in Iran.

HF1801—Jensen (DFL)—Transportation

Transportation; defining terms; regulating carriers; providing for the classification of explosives; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF1802—Gutknecht (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; prohibiting the taking of northern pike or pickerel by spearing; amending statutes.

HF1803—Welle (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Kandiyohi county; permitting the county to use city outlet payments to reduce assessments for benefits from county ditches 10 and 46.

HF1804—Redalen (IR)—Appropriations

Appropriations; appropriating money to the soil and water conservation board for soil conservation cost sharing and public assistance; increasing the complement of the board.

HF1805—Elioff (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Public welfare; providing for reimbursement under the general assistance medical care program for medical supplies for diabetics; amending statutes.

HF1806—Elioff (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; amending the reporting of maltreatment of minors act; clarifying the roles of law enforcement and local welfare agencies; clarifying language; amending statutes.

HF1807—Waltman (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; repealing the suspension of inflation adjustments; repealing statutes.

HF1808—Johnson (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

Public safety; authorizing a county referendum on withdrawing from the 911 emergency phone system; proposing new law.

HF1809—Wynia (DFL)—Judiciary

Crimes; authorizing aggregation of thefts in medicaid fraud cases; extending the statute of limitations in medicaid fraud cases; amending statutes.

HF1810—Ogren (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; resident owners or lessees to take one deer without a license; amending statutes.

HF1811—Otis (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Public utilities; telephone companies; requiring public utility commission review and approval of transactions involving a transfer of assets between a regulated utility and a corporation or person having an affiliated interest in the utility; proposing new law.

HF1812—Carlson, L. (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Health; health maintenance organizations; providing for disclosure of the limitations and exclusions of services; amending statutes.

HF1813—Tunheim (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Hospital districts; providing for loans to students in health-related educational programs; amending statutes.

HF1814—Osthoff (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; providing for the determination of EARC adjusted assessed value; clarifying certain property tax credit provisions; simplifying iron ore valuation hearing requirements; modifying assessment procedures of certain class 3 property; altering the process for determining flexible homestead brackets; allowing for the rounding of amounts of special assessments on tax statements; changing the date for the issuance of warrants for delinquent personal property taxes; providing for additional administrative procedures for cigarette tax collection; requiring annual payment of occupation taxes; changing payment method for production taxes; adopting certain procedures relating to liquortax collections; authorizing county treasurers to charge for dishonored checks; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1815—Osthoff (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; property; eliminating obsolete language; making technical changes; and repealing obsolete provisions; amending statutes.

HF1816—Anderson, Buzz (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; instructing the revisor to update language concerning persons with developmental disabilities.

HF1817—Cohen (DFL)—Judiciary

Courts; establishing a unified trial court with two divisions; abolishing county, county municipal, and conciliation courts; conferring certain powers, and duties on the unified trial court; transferring pending cases, records, functions, and personnel of the abolished courts to the district court; providing for election of judges and selection of a chief and assistant chief judge for each judicial district; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF1818—Rose (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; eliminating the income tax surtax; repealing statutes.

HF1819—Segal (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Health; requiring that hearing aid sellers give buyers a right to cancel their purchase; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1820—Quinn (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Commerce; requiring insurance for motor vehicle service contracts; requiring motor vehicle service contract providers to file certain forms; prohibiting the issuance of motor vehicle service contracts in certain circumstances; authorizing the commissioner of commerce to adopt rules; proposing new law.

HF1821—Kelly (DFL)—Judiciary

Juveniles; transferring jurisdiction for juvenile traffic offenses to municipal and county court; amending statutes.

HF1822—Carlson, D. (IR)—Health/Welfare

Veterinarians; permitting certain University of Minnesota employees to perform certain duties; amending statutes.

HF1823—Kelly (DFL)—Judiciary

Juveniles; providing for an enhanced penalty for adults convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance when they have been adjudicated for the same offense as juveniles; amending statutes.

HF1824—Neuenschwander (DFL)—Transportation

Transportation; allowing vending machines in rest areas, tourist information centers, and weigh stations; providing for installation of drain tile along or across highways; delineating debt collection authority of the department of transportation; authorizing the commissioner to spend money to acquire or condemn certain outdoor advertising devices; amending statutes.

HF1825—Levi (IR)—Education

Education; creating the initiatives for excellence grant program; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF1826—Cohen (DFL)—Education

Education; directing the designation of independent school district number 625, Saint Paul, as an additional technology demonstration site; appropriating money.

HF1827—Otis (DFL)—Education

Education; school-based management; establishing a pilot program; authorizing the council on quality education to award grants for six school-based management pilot sites; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF1828—Vanasek (DFL)—Judiciary

Local government; setting authority to regulate firearms and related matters; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing law; repealing statutes.

HF1829—Schreiber (IR)—Judiciary

Juvenile alcohol offenses; requiring driver license revocation if a juvenile attempts to purchase alcohol or drives after drinking; amending statutes.

HF1830—Welch (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Water well contractors; licensing and regulating use of vertical heat exchangers; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1831—Kalis (DFL)—Transportation

Transportation; increasing special permit fee for vehicles exceeding weight limitations; amending statutes.

HF1832—Hoffman (DFL)—Education

Education; declaring legislative policy on class size; encouraging a limit on the number of pupils in each classroom; proposing new law.

HF1833—Simoneau (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; sales and use; providing an exemption for capital equipment; amending statutes.

HF1834—Ogren (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; property; providing for homestead treatment of certain property used for both homestead and other purposes; amending statutes.

HF1835—Blatz (IR)—Transportation

Transportation; allowing prepayment of state contractual obligations to governmental subdivisions under agreements for the construction, improvement, or maintenance of trunk highways; amending statutes.

HF1836—Olsen (IR)—Judiciary

Forcible entry and unlawful detainer; providing for the assessment of punitive damages and attorney's fees against a landlord for bad faith commencement of an action for recovery of possession; proposing new law.

HF1837—Olsen (IR)—Judiciary

Landlords and tenants; providing for recovery by the tenant from the landlord of damages and attorney's fees for unlawful ouster or exclusion; proposing new law.

HF1838—Ogren (DFL)—Education

Education; inspection of school buildings by state fire marshal; amending statutes.

HF1839—Battaglia (DFL)—Governmental Operations

St. Louis County; permitting the county to establish an emergency jobs program.

HF1840—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources; imposing a penalty on the owner or keeper of a dog that kills or harasses a domestic animal; authorizing peace officers to kill dogs endangering big game; prohibiting damages against a peace officer or conservation officer who kills a dog; amending statutes.

HF1841—Scheid (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Commerce; regulating going out of business sales and certain other sales; establishing licensing and bonding requirements; prescribing a penalty; providing a remedy; proposing new law.

HF1842—Riveness (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Economic development; creating the Minnesota Growth Council; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF1843—Rodosovich (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Commerce; clarifying the right of indirect purchasers to sue for damages under the Minnesota Antitrust Law of 1971; amending statutes.

HF1844—Ogren (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Nonprofit corporations; providing for the recording of board votes; amending statutes.

HF1845—Kalis (DFL)—Transportation

Motor vehicles; defining terms; increasing certain gross vehicle weight tax to comply with international registration plan; authorizing repair and servicing permit for commercial zone trucks; providing time limitation for applying for quarterly registration of farm trucks; reducing 2,000-pound limitation to three-fourths ton for motor vehicles in certain situations; increasing certain fees; clarifying requirements to submit forms to registrar of motor vehicles; prohibiting transfer of amateur radio and citizen band plates; prescribing uniform fee for issuance of duplicate plates except for exempt vehicles; increasing minimum tax requirements for qualification for installment payments and prescribing a fee; requiring a bond in the amount of tax to be paid in installments; increasing penalty fees for late installment payments; clarifying certain duties of deputy registrars relating to reports and deposits of taxes and fees; requiring payment of one month's registration tax before issuance of certification of title; amending statutes.

HF1846—Neuenschwander (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; authorizing use of proceeds of the taconite occupation tax for economic development grants and loans to local units of government; amending statutes.

HF1847—Neuenschwander (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Veterans; changing the eligibility for veteran's preference for civil service employment; amending statutes.

HF1848—Welch (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; authorizing the alcohol and drug abuse section of the department of public welfare to collect certain information; establishing an American Indian advisory council relating to chemical dependency policies; clarifying the evaluation functions of the commissioner of public welfare with respect to chemical dependency policies; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1849—Munger (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources; providing for peatland designation; creating peatland protection areas in the outdoor recreation system; providing for acquisition of certain peatlands from the bureau of land management; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1850—Bishop (IR)—Judiciary

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

HF1851—Cohen (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Occupations and professions; changing the name of the private detective and protective agent services board; clarifying its powers and duties; authorizing licensing of alarm system businesses; specifying qualifications; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF1852—Segal (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State departments and agencies; providing for a study of expanding long-term care ombudsman responsibilities to include community-based care for persons 65 years or older.

HF1853—Clawson (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; providing for rulemaking authority for the Community Social Services Act; amending statutes.

HF1854—Segal (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Occupations and professions; providing licensing requirements for closing agents; providing penalties; proposing new law.

HF1855—Segal (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Health; requiring the commissioner to study and report to the legislature on wellness promotional efforts; amending statutes.

HH1856—Knuth (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Charities; requiring disclosure from professional fund raisers; amending statutes.

HF1857—Gutknecht (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Veterans; clarifying certain veteran benefit definitions to include veterans who have served in Grenada or with the peacekeeping forces in Lebanon; amending statutes.

HF1858—Welker (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

Local government; providing that orderly annexations be subject to elections under certain circumstances; amending statutes.

HF1859—Riveness (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; homeowner's; providing certain notice requirements upon policy nonrenewal, reduction in the limits of coverage, or elimination of coverage; authorizing the commissioner to adopt rules; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1860—Blatz (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Horse racing; providing for the distribution of proceeds from the Minnesota Breeders Fund; amending statutes.

HF1861—Blatz (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; health and accident; providing for the designation of primary coverage in cases where more than one policy provides coverage; proposing new law.

HF1862—Battaglia (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

St. Louis County; establishing a land investment office; appropriating money.

HF1863—Staten (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Affirmative action; providing for affirmative action review in state government; providing penalties; proposing new law.

HF1864—Battaglia (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Intoxicating liquor; authorizing the town of Greenwood in St. Louis County to issue one off-sale liquor license.

HF1865—Battaglia (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources; making changes in certain forestry laws; amending statutes.

HF1866—Price (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Local government; providing for supplemental local government aid payments to certain cities and towns; appropriating money.

HF1867—Gutknecht (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States and the Secretary of Labor to rescind the ban industrial homework.

HF1868—Gutknecht (IR)—Labor/Management Relations

Labor; eliminating the fair share fee; providing for the nonrepresentation of certain employees; amending statutes; proposing new law.

Thursday, Mar 15

HF1869—Olsen (IR)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; retirement coverage for certain employees of the city of St. Louis Park; amending laws.

HF1870—Schafer (IR)—Education

Education; increasing the weight of kindergarten pupil units for those attending full day programs; amending statutes.

HF1871—Welle (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Elections; making procedural changes; correcting erroneous and obsolete provisions; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1872—Clawson (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Occupations and professions; authorizing the board to accept foreign pharmacy graduates for examination as pharmacists; amending statutes.

HF1873—Knickerbocker (IR)—Governmental Operations

State government; providing expiration dates for legislative commissions; proposing new law.

HF1874—Staten (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Child abuse; clarifying the authority of law enforcement agencies in investigating child abuse; requiring law enforcement to follow certain procedures when interviewing minors on school property; amending statutes.

HF1875—Graba (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Certain counties; providing for changes in the administration of county nursing homes; authorizing the establishment of facilities for the provision of supportive services; amending statutes.

HF1876—Norton (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Historical properties; authorizing restrictions in conveyances to preserve historical resources; amending statutes.

HF1877—Kelly (DFL)—Taxes

Enterprise zones; expanding the definition of areas eligible for designation as zones; limiting the designation of border city enterprise zones; clarifying tax incentives available in enterprise zones; amending statutes.

HF1878—St. Onge (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Building officials; providing for continuing education; amending statutes.

HF1879—Otis (DFL)—Appropriations

Health; appropriating money for personnel and materials for the Environmental Pathology Laboratory of the University of Minnesota.

HF1880—Zaffke (IR)—Transportation

Transportation; empowering the department of transportation to promulgate rules regulating insurance requirements of building movers; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1881—Zaffke (IR)—Transportation

Towns; changing provisions for the use of certain state-aid road funds; amending statutes.

HF1882—Schreiber (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

Metropolitan government; providing for public consultation on appointments; amending statutes.

HF1883—Jacobs (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Liquor; abolishing prohibition on furnishing liquor to certain persons and exclusion of certain persons from liquor establishments after notice; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1884—Graba (DFL)—Judiciary

Commerce; providing an alternative distribution of assets following voluntary dissolution of a cooperative association; amending statutes.

HF1885—Ellingson (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; property; providing that certain instruments may be recorded without an auditor's certificate; amending statutes.

HF1886—Brandl (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Dissemination and collection of data; welfare data; providing for the release of information in emergencies; classifying investigative data not on individuals; classifying certain licensing data; establishing procedures for the handling of medical data; amending statutes.

HF1887—Norton (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Minnesota emergency employment development program; appropriating additional money for the program; delaying its termination; amending statutes.

HF1888—O'Connor (DFL)—Judiciary

Drivers licenses; requiring certain notice on uniform traffic ticket; providing penalty for failure to respond to summons and complaint on uniform traffic ticket; prohibiting issuance of warrants on persons failing to pay fines for parking violations; establishing system for collecting unpaid fines; allocating driver's license reinstatement fees; amending statutes.

HF1889—Erickson (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; township mutual companies; removing the restriction preventing members from acting as examining accountants, auditors, or certified financial examiners; amending statutes.

HF1890—DenOuden (IR)—Appropriations

Education; requiring the state university board, the state board for community colleges, the state board of vocational technical education, and the board of regents to grant refunds of activity fees used for student publications; amending statutes.

HF1891—Norton (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; setting eligibility criteria for community social services; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF1892—Clawson (DFL)—Judiciary

Hospitals; giving various public hospitals authorities the powers of nonprofit corporations; proposing new law.

HF1893—Metzen (DFL)—General Legislation

Commerce; regulating the sale and operation of video gambling devices; defining terms; providing for the licensing of distributors and operators; requiring location agreements; establishing certain fees; providing for record keeping; prescribing penalties; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF1894—Clawson (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Occupations and professions; empowering the board of pharmacy to assess legal costs and fees; amending statutes.

HF1895—Gustafson (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

State departments and agencies; creating a consumer protection board; amending statutes.

HF1896—Vanasek (DFL)—Judiciary

Insurance; regulating insurance claims settlement; defining terms; prescribing penalties; providing for the venue for certain injunction proceedings; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1897—Tunheim (DFL)—Taxes

Local government; changing the computation of payments-in-lieu; amending statutes.

HF1898—Vanasek (DFL)—Judiciary

Insurance; authorizing the adoption of temporary rules relating to the regulation of trade practices; specifying a certain unfair and deceptive act or practice; providing for the venue of injunction proceedings; amending statutes.

HF1899—Wenzel (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; authorizing the airtight packaging of smoked fish; proposing new law.

HF1900—Ellingson (DFL)—Judiciary

Collection and dissemination of data; classifying government data as public, and nonpublic; clarifying issues relating to classifications of data, access to data, the effect of death of individuals on classifications, and the temporary classification of data; refining provisions of the Data Practices Act; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1901—Wenzel (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; exempting certain persons from rules governing processing, labeling, distribution, and handling of certain smoked fish; proposing new law.

HF1902—Ellingson (DFL)—Judiciary

Real property; allowing service of summons upon dissolved domestic corporations; amending statutes.

HF1903—Rice (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Local government; clarifying powers of municipalities with respect to sale of air rights; amending statutes.

HF1904—Gutknecht (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; eliminating the income tax surtax; repealing statutes.

HF1905—Otis (DFL)—Energy

Energy; cogeneration; providing that certain qualifying power facility property is exempt from taxation; providing a small power production and cogeneration equipment tax credit; amending statutes.

HF1906—Coleman (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Unemployment compensation; providing for noncharging of certain volunteer firefighter benefits; amending statutes.

HF1907—Metzen (DFL)—Transportation

Traffic regulations; allowing certain recreational vehicle combinations to tow a boat; amending statutes.

HF1908—Piepho (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing Congress to call a constitutional convention to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution to require a balanced federal budget.

HF1909—Solberg (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Mississippi River headwaters area; requiring other governmental units to follow the land use plan adopted by the board; proposing new law.

HF1910—Nelson, K. (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; regulating the bulk sale of food; proposing new law.

HF1911—Welle (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

State lands; authorizing the sale of a certain lakeshore property in Kandiyohi County.

HF1912—Kostohryz (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

State agricultural society; changing the authority to make certain contracts; amending statutes.

HF1913—Elioff (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

St. Louis County; establishing positions in the unclassified civil service; amending laws.

HF1914—Brandl (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; clarifying the commissioner's rulemaking authority; amending statutes.

HF1915—Rodosovich (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Commerce; providing for the licensing of transient merchants by local units of governments; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1916—Wenzel (DFL)—Agriculture

A resolution memorializing the President, Congress, and the United States Department of Agriculture to take speedy action

to insure that frozen pizzas are wholesome, nutritious, flavorful, truthfully labeled, and entirely healthful by approving proposed standards for real cheese content on frozen meat pizzas and affirming that all meat on frozen pizzas should be cooked.

HF1917—Omamn (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Elections; limiting membership on a county canvassing board; amending statutes.

HF1918—Omamn (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Elections; restricting the eligibility for appointment as election judge; amending statutes.

HF1919—Segal (DFL)—Education

Education; repealing revenue equity aid subtraction; repealing statutes.

HF1920—Brandl (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; establishing payments for respite care of mentally retarded, epileptic, or emotionally handicapped children; establishing a statewide fee schedule for parental cost of care; amending statutes.

HF1921—Dimler (IR)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; granting a joint and survivor's disability option benefit to the surviving spouse of a certain deceased member of the Minnesota state retirement system.

HF1922—St. Onge (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; exempting hunters on private shooting preserves from the requirement of a pheasant stamp; amending statutes.

HF1923—Quinn (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurances

Financial institutions; authorizing industrial loan and thrift companies to act as trustees or custodians of certain retirement accounts; authorizing the removal of the bond requirement on the advertisement and sale of certain evidences of indebtedness; allowing special powers without inclusion in articles of incorporation; providing certain conventional loans on the same terms as other lenders; authorizing open-end loans; providing an alternative to filing fee charges; authorizing the deposit of real estate broker and salesperson trust funds in industrial loan and thrifts; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1924—St. Onge (DFL)—Transportation

Transportation; providing for location of nine district headquarters; proposing new law.

HF1925—Nelson, K. (DFL)—Education

Education; extending the instructional effectiveness pilot program; providing regional services for instructional effectiveness training; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF1926—Sviggum (IR)—Education

School districts; reducing the basic maintenance mill rate; amending statutes.

HF1927—Redalen (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; property; changing the maximum school agricultural credit; amending statutes.

HF1928—Price (DFL)—Education

Education; requiring the commissioner of education to study methods for sharing public school facilities; appropriating money.

HF1929—Shea (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; changing procedures for weighing livestock; imposing a penalty; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1930—Carlson, D. (IR)—Agriculture

Agriculture; providing for an additional extension agent; proposing new law.

HF1931—Anderson, G. (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; property; changing computation of the school agricultural credit; amending statutes.

HF1932—Brandl (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; income; allowing individuals who do not itemize deductions a deduction for charitable contributions; amending statutes.

HF1933—Redalen (IR)—Education

School districts; reducing the basic maintenance mill rate; amending statutes.

HF1934—Nelson, K. (DFL)—Education

Education; authorizing an equalized summer school aid and levy; authorizing uses of the aid and levy; amending statutes.

HF1935—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary

Powers of attorney; providing procedures for granting powers of attorney; construing various specific powers; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF1936—Olsen (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Elections; changing the time for filing for school district offices; amending statutes.

HF1937—Voss (DFL)—Energy

Energy; directing the legislative commission on energy to prepare a policy statement on the expenditure of federal money for energy programs; requiring review of state plans to spend federal energy money; amending statutes.

HF1938—Piepho (IR)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; Mankato firefighters employee contributions; amending laws.

HF1939—Beard (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Commerce; removing preference for Minnesota made materials in state purchasing; clarifying definition of public contract for resident preference; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1940—Battaglia (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; abolishing the native prairie credit; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1941—Marsh (IR)—Judiciary

Corrections; requiring inmates to satisfactorily participate in rehabilitative programs as a condition of accruing good time reduction in their sentences; requiring the sentencing guidelines commission to amend the dispositional line on the sentencing guidelines grid; authorizing bonds to be issued for increasing the cell capacity of correctional facilities; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF1942—Jacobs (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Unemployment compensation; exempting certain employing units from the transfer of the predecessor employing unit's experience rate; amending statutes.

HF1943—Welle (DFL)—Transportation

Transportation; requiring the rear car of trains to be an occupied caboose car; requiring caboose cars to be equipped with a short-wave radio; imposing a penalty; amending statutes.

HF1944—Metzen (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Financial institutions; qualifying obligations of the African Development Bank for public and private investment; amending statutes.

HF1945—Skoglund (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Airports; metropolitan government; requiring reports to pollution control agency concerning noise abatement for the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport; amending statutes.

HF1946—Knuth (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Governor; transferring the authority to make certain appointments to various commissioners; providing for filling memberships vacancy on a board reoccurring within three months after the vacancy has been filled; amending statutes.

HF1947—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; directing the commissioner of public welfare to assess the need for home and community-based services for disabled persons under the age of 65 and apply for a waiver under the federal medicaid program; proposing new law.

HF1948—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; making county of residence financially responsible for detoxification services provided to chemical dependency facility clients; amending statutes.

HF1949—Olsen (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; automobile; requiring a premium reduction for certain persons who complete an accident prevention course; proposing new law.

HF1950—Forsythe (IR)—Judiciary

Marriage; authorizing a married woman to use her former surname; proposing new law.

HF1951—Anderson, G. (DFL)—Transportation

Town roads; providing conditions for their construction or maintenance by counties; amending statutes.

HF1952—Cohen (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

St. Paul; permitting the city to adopt certain regulations for smoke detection devices.

HF1953—Vanasek (DFL)—Education

Education; adding two outstate members to the Minnesota higher education facilities authority; creating an advisory position on the authority; amending statutes.

HF1954—Kostohryz (DFL)—Education

Education; providing for employment rights in certain school district supervisory and administrative positions; amending statutes.

HF1955—Fjoslien (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; property; changing the wetlands credit; amending statutes.

HF1956—Kvam (IR)—Education

Independent School District Number 465, Litchfield; use of proceeds of sale of a school building for capital outlay projects; requiring local approval.

HF1957—Jacobs (DFL)—Judiciary

Intoxicating liquor; permitting exclusive sale by Minnesota wholesalers, distillers, rectifiers or bottlers of brands they own; amending statutes.

HF1958—Minne (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; teachers; adopting a rule of 90 for unreduced annuities; lowering the reduction factor for early retirement; amending statutes.

HF1959—Minne (DFL)—Judiciary

Crimes; barring perpetrators of crimes from bringing civil actions to recover for injuries suffered during the course of criminal conduct; amending statutes.

HF1960—Ellingson (DFL)—Judiciary

Courts; simplifying the definition of contemptuous acts and updating provisions of law relating to contempt; prescribing penalties; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1961—Coleman (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State departments and agencies; changing the composition and powers of the board of private detective and protective agent services; changing requirements for obtaining a license; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1962—Quinn (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Uninsured motor vehicles; requiring an insurance certificate to be kept in vehicles and displayed on demand; allocating liability for damages upon transfer of ownership of a motor vehicle; providing a penalty; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1963—Ellingson (DFL)—Judiciary

Trusts; eliminating procedures for confirming appointment of trustees; repealing statutes.

HF1964—Ellingson (DFL)—Judiciary

Trusts; eliminating procedures for confirming appointment of trustees; repealing statutes.

HF1965—Ellingson (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Notarial acts; providing for various notarial acts; enacting the Uniform Law on Notarial Acts; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF1966—Ellingson (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; limiting medical assistance and general assistance reimbursements for chemical dependency treatment; extending temporary rulemaking authority for prospective payments for inpatient hospital services; expanding medical assistance eligibility for certain persons; eliminating the requirement that the commissioner seek a co-payment waiver for HMO enrollees under medical assistance; clarifying existing language; amending statutes.

HF1967—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; setting licensing, planning and zoning provisions with respect to licensed residential and day care facilities; providing that certain facilities are permitted multi-family uses; allowing municipalities to require conditional use permits for certain other facilities; requiring counties to engage in planning to promote dispersal of residential facilities; providing that certain facilities are permitted single family uses; amending statutes.

HF1968—Kelly (DFL)—Judiciary

Crimes; authorizing the governor to appoint a victim of a crime to the sentencing guidelines commission; amending statutes.

HF1969—Carlson, D. (IR)—Education

Independent School District No. 573, Hinckley; authorizing the transfer of up to \$900,000 from the general fund to the capital expenditure fund for certain purposes; requiring local approval.

HF1970—Osthoff (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; mandating a refund of certain contributions; appropriating money; amending laws.

HF1971—Welch (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Health; removing the requirement of application for a federal waiver for services for the mentally retarded; repealing statutes.

HF1972—Schreiber (IR)—Transportation

Drivers licenses; raising fees for instruction permits; charging a fee to use a lower class license as an instruction permit; amending statutes.

HF1973—Wenzel (DFL)—Judiciary

Crimes; increasing the membership of the sentencing guidelines commission; eliminating the commission's authority to establish sentencing guidelines for certain violent crimes or to consider current correctional resources in establishing guidelines; providing a mandatory minimum sentence for certain crimes; increasing certain penalties; amending statutes.

HF1974—Price (DFL)—Energy

Energy; defining residence; establishing energy efficiency standards for public housing; amending statutes.

HF1975—Mann (DFL)—Transportation

Transportation; allowing entire portions of former trunk highways to revert to counties under certain circumstances; amending statutes.

HF1976—Wenzel (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; requiring agricultural land preservation planning and official controls outside of the metropolitan area; establishing agricultural land preservation and conservation awareness and assistance programs; allowing valuation of agricultural land on the basis of productivity and net earning capacity; creating a legislative commission on agricultural land preservation and conservation; authorizing a special levy; creating a cost-sharing account in the state treasury; imposing a penalty; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF1977—Brandl (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; clarifying the calculation of rates paid to health maintenance organizations; requiring the use of certain presentation materials; amending statutes.

HF1978—Segal (DFL)—Transportation

Transportation; exempting certain local motor carriers from compliance with the vehicle identification rule; amending statutes.

HF1979—Knuth (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Unemployment compensation; providing for noncharging of certain volunteer firefighter benefits; amending statutes.

HF1980—Ogren (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Health; repealing waived services for the mentally retarded; allowing for state hospital and nursing home closings; amending laws; proposing new law.

HF1981—Riveness (DFL)—Energy

Energy; allowing port authorities to own and operate district heating systems; proposing new law.

HF1982—Clawson (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Towns; permitting towns to make charitable contributions; amending statutes.

HF1983—Ellingson (DFL)—Judiciary

Probate; providing a procedure for succession without administration; enacting additions to the Uniform Probate Code; proposing new law.

HF1984—Ellingson (DFL)—Judiciary

Probate; adopting provisions of the uniform probate code relating to intestate succession, spouse's elective share, omitted spouses and children, and certain allowances and exempt property; proposing new law.

HF1985—Hokr (IR)—Governmental Operations

Occupations and professions; regulating the licensing of salons for estheticians; amending statutes.

HF1986—Jennings (IR)—Transportation

Claims; appropriating money to pay for damages to town roads in the town of Antrim in Watonwan County.

HF1987—Greenfield (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Public employees; providing standards for certain disciplinary actions; amending statutes.

HF1988—Price (DFL)—Education

Independent School District Number 833, South Washington County; authorizing the transfer of \$500,000 from the capital outlay fund to the general fund; requiring local approval.

HF1989—Anderson, G. (DFL)—Judiciary

Marriage dissolution; regulating child support payments; amending statutes.

HF1990—Clawson (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; changing the early retirement reduction factor for judges; amending statutes.

HF1991—Knuth (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Government operations; regulating public employee leave of absences; providing for task force member's compensation; providing for civil service exams for handicapped persons; authorizing the commissioner of employee relations to negotiate insurance premium rates; providing for appeals of disciplinary actions; providing for unclassified positions; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1992—Rice (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Economic development; establishing a Minnesota convention facility commission; requiring the commission to report to the governor and legislature a proposal for the construction, operation, promotion, and financing of a Minnesota convention facility; appropriating money.

HF1993—Clawson (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; including county attorneys and unclassified appointed employees in the state unclassified employees plan; transferring contributions; amending statutes.

HF1994—Kelly (DFL)—Judiciary

Judges; providing for the manner of filling vacancies in the office of judge; proposing new law.

HF1995—Metzen (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; public employees retirement association; increasing annuity formulas for members not receiving joint and survivor annuities; instituting a rule of 85; amending statutes.

HF1996—Gustafson (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Medical assistance program; increasing the personal needs allowance; amending statutes.

HF1997—Gruenes (IR)—Labor-Management Relations

Public employees; defining the term "public employee" for purposes of the public employee labor relations act; amending statutes.

HF1998—Gustafson (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Commerce; excluding certain securities and commodities agreements from plain language contract regulation; amending statutes.

HF1999—Munger (DFL)—Energy

City of Duluth; authorizing the establishment of an energy conservation program for dwellings as a part of its municipal utility system and the issuance of municipal revenue bonds for that purpose; amending laws.

HF2000—Gustafson (DFL)—Regulated Industries

City of Duluth; authorizing the Duluth city council to permit the on-sale of liquor at the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center by on-sale licensees in the city of Duluth.

HF2001—Swanson (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; sales; exempting sales of certain adaptive equipment for the deaf; amending statutes.

HF2002—Kelly (DFL)—Taxes

Mortgages; clarifying mortgage registry tax provisions on mortgages securing lines of credit; providing for priority of recording certain mortgages; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2003—Kelly (DFL)—Judiciary

Crimes; appropriating money to the commissioner of public safety for the purpose of making grants to local officials for the investigation of cross-jurisdictional criminal activity.

HF2004—Price (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Health; requiring the commissioner of health to publish information about hazardous substances; proposing new law.

HF2005—Schafer (IR)—Labor-Management Relations

Public employees; regulating teacher labor relations; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2006—Kelly (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

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

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HF51—Simoneau (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

A proposal for a reinsurance fund to cover large claims arising under the Superfund Act.

HA52—Clark, K. (DFL)—Energy

A proposal to study potential state strategies to preserve affordable low income housing.

wolf exhibit if the division's recommendation makes it through the law-making process. The exhibit will complement other outdoor exhibits at the Zoo, some representatives said the Senate may cut the request down to a lower figure.

● **Allocation of funds began** in the Health, Welfare and Corrections Division of Appropriations on March 14, and the committee recommended some changes to what the governor recommends.

Recommendations were for cuts in allocations for replacing windows and installing a sprinkler system in the chapel at Red Wing. The committee recommended only maintenance repairs to the chapel until determination of what its future uses will be. Other cuts were for architect fees, where the committee felt such services weren't necessary, and for some tuckpointing at Stillwater.

The committee recommended bonding funds instead of general funds for replacement of plumbing at Stillwater and locks at St. Cloud and Stillwater.

The committee took no action on funding for replacement of the sprayed-on ceiling at St. Cloud and enclosing a stairwell at Red Wing, but will be looking at allocations in other meetings during the week.

● **You'll find a new holiday on the calendar beginning in 1986**, if HF49 (Staten, DFL-Mpls) gets into Minnesota law.

In a March 14 meeting, the Minnesota House Governmental Operations Committee approved HF49, a bill designating Martin Luther King's birthday as an official holiday. Students, businesses, and government employees could observe the holiday every third Monday in January.

The bill goes next to the Appropriations Committee where members will consider the proposed \$61,000 cost of the legislation.

● **A bounced check could again cost its writer \$15** under HF1655 (Brinkman, DFL-Richmond), a bill that the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee recommended to pass as amended on March 14.

The proposal would reinstate the \$15 fee, which was accidentally deleted from state statutes last year, and merchants would continue to be able to add up to \$15 on amounts due if a check bounces.

The bill contains numerous technical changes affecting financial institutions, including clarification of financial institution application and filing requirements, and conforming state law to federal regulation on bank lending limits, loan approval procedures, and deregulation of deposit interest rates.

It also would extend the removal of usury limits on home mortgages for another three years, to Aug. 1, 1987, and allow Wisconsin residents to open checking accounts in Minnesota without a picture identification. A Wisconsin driver's license has no photo of the driver.

● **The state needs a telecommunications council** says Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls). Kahn's author of HF1671, a bill the Regulated Industries Committee recommended to pass March 14 that would set up a 21-member council to bring business, education, judicial, and state government leaders together to discuss the future of telecommunications in Minnesota. Cost of the council is \$250,000 for the rest of the year.

HF1671 spells out the duties of the council, including recommending telecommunications network development, serving as a clearinghouse of information for the public and businesses, and stimulating telecommunications growth.

Tom Triplett, State Planning Agency director, says the governor backs the bill because it will promote economic development and jobs, and be a central place for telecommunications leaders to talk over issues and concerns.

"By and large the Governor thinks this is a very important piece of legislation and will provide any fund-

ing support that's needed," said Triplett.

The Governmental Operations Committee hears HF1671 next.

● **March 14, the State-Local Fiscal Affairs Division** got a review of what some local officials think of the current state-local intergovernment system. Tom Peek from CURA (Center for Urban and Regional Affairs) said that interviews and workshops with local officials revealed that officials feel the state-local system, the "Minnesota Miracle," no longer exists. Officials feel that more than a decade of modifications by the Legislature, and financial constraints of the last several years, have undermined the system's goal and structure.

"Many local officials are now calling for system-wide intergovernmental reform," Peek told division members. "But local officials make it clear that before fiscal reform occurs, there should be a re-examination of the function of local governments."

In other action, the division recommended to pass as amended HF1302 (Clawson, DFL-Lindstrom) a bill that would require counties and cities to send agendas of local government meetings to local newspapers.

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● **Putting the question of a state-run lottery** before the people of Minnesota next November advanced another step March 15 in the House General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee.

The committee voted 13 to 9 to recommend the bill to pass, but voted down an amendment the bill's au-

thor, Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul) said the governor wants. The amendment would have put lottery money into a newly created dedicated fund for economic development.

Bi-partisan opposition to the amendment voiced concern over putting language in the state constitution that voters may have to repeal every few years as priorities for lottery funds change.

"I believe that as times change, the economy changes, the needs of the state change, the assets of the state change, the intentions of the Legislature and the Legislature itself changes," said Rep. Joe Quinn (DFL-Blaine), who voted in favor of the lottery bill.

Quinn said he felt the amendment would lock in a favorite issue now that may be less than desirable to future citizens and legislators. And, he said, it's difficult to change the constitution.

"I'm not arguing against allocating money to economic development. But right now we're talking about money that doesn't yet exist, on a bill that isn't passed, on the constitution that isn't changed, and voters that haven't acted. Let's not lock ourselves into a constitutional consideration that we may ultimately regret," said Quinn.

● **Use of the Historical Society building as a judiciary building gained support** on March 15 when members of the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee gave unanimous approval to Rep. David Bishop's (IR-Rochester) plan. Bishop wants the Historical Society building to house the judiciary and have the state build a new building for the Historical Society on a different site.

Division members also agreed that the Cass Gilbert Memorial Park, with its high location and magnificent views, should remain an open space. Previously, a Chicago archi-

tectural consulting firm and members of the Minnesota Supreme Court recommended the Gilbert site for the judiciary building if the Historical Society site was unavailable.

Russell Fridley, director of the Historical Society, earlier in the week, told the division that the Historical Society doesn't want to move off the site. The Society wants to continue with a design competition for a new building on the site of Mechanic Arts High School. The competition is presently down to six finalists who will receive specifications in the next couple of weeks.

Gordon Voss (DFL-Blaine) recommended a three-part plan that met with approval from other division members. Voss wants a design competition for a judiciary building and an addition to the Historical Society building. He also wants to postpone the Historical Society design competition and wants a commission to study new site locations for the Historical Society, basing their recommendations on the Society's needs.

● **Employers won't be able to dismiss, demote, or otherwise penalize** volunteer firefighters who leave their jobs to fight a fire if HF1577 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael) a bill that got the approval of the Minnesota House Labor and Management Relations Committee March 15, becomes law.

Rep. Bob McEachern said he authored the bill after two Rockford, Minnesota volunteer firefighters lost their jobs for leaving to fight a fire.

"What we're trying to do with this bill is say that a man cannot lose his job because he went to fight a fire and probably save a life, that somebody's house was burning down, or that somebody was caught inside the house or whatever," said McEachern.

The bill goes next to the full House.

● **Anoka-Ramsey Community College's \$4.3 million allocation** topped the initial allocations of capital budget requests for community colleges at the March 15

meeting of the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee. The \$4.3 million includes \$1.5 million to buy and expand the Cambridge Center and to buy a church adjacent to the college.

The Anoka-Ramsey projects were part of more than \$26.5 million the division tentatively approved, as amended, going over what the governor recommended by more than \$7.6 million. The Cambridge Center and church purchase requests came after the governor made his recommendations.

Rep. Dick Welch (DFL-Cambridge) said, in an earlier meeting, that Cambridge and its surrounding region is one of the fastest growing areas in the state. Expectations are that the region's present population of almost 100,000 will soar to nearly 150,000 by year 2000, Welch said. The college is asking for "basic educational needs," he said, "lights and floors and heat."

Anoka-Ramsey also received \$2.8 million to remodel its library, build a college center, classrooms and physical education facilities, and do general repairs.

The division adopted an amendment that would give more than \$2.8 million to build a "two-plus-two" center at Rochester that Winona State University and Rochester Community College would share. The division specified that the chancellor at both campuses would oversee the design and construction of the building, with Winona State University responsible for course scheduling. Rochester Community College would operate and maintain the center and charge Winona for its share of utilities and maintenance.

Other allocations included more than \$4 million to build a business

building and remodel the physical education facilities at North Hennepin campus and nearly \$2.2 million for maintenance and safety improvements at all campuses.

The division also voted to suggest to the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee that it consider allocating more than \$1 million to correct PCB transformers and for the removal and containment of asbestos in state buildings.

● **Money for the Department of Corrections** was on the agenda again March 15 when the Health, Welfare and Corrections Division recommended allocations for the Department. In most cases the division followed the governor's recommendations, but did request cuts in funds for replacing plumbing at St. Cloud and took no action on installing a standby power generator at Sauk Center. The committee recommended allocating funds from bonding, rather than from the General Fund, for renovating the steam and return lines at Stillwater.

In looking at allocations for the Department of Public Welfare (DPW), the division recommended to cut the governor's block request for carpeting and furniture for the various institutions, other recommendations were to increase funds for road construction at Faribault to include sealcoating of existing roads. The division took no action on funding for air-conditioning at St. Peter, and recommended bonding funds for the ventilation system at Moose Lake.

● **A Regional Transit Board is a possibility** under a proposal Minnesota legislators are considering to revamp the governing of mass transit in the metropolitan area.

The metropolitan transit bill proposes to set up a board to take over some of the responsibilities from the Metropolitan Transit Commission. The proposal would have the new board take over policy-making and planning of bus service and leave the MTC to handle the operation of buses, said Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul), author of the bill.

The Minnesota House Local and Urban Affairs Committee heard testimony on the proposal March 15, and metropolitan representatives and the governor have voiced their support.

Commissioners on the Metropolitan Transit Commission apparently aren't in agreement. Two commissioners urged passage, while MTC Chairman Peter Stumpf said the solution to transit problems is more money, not another governing body.

"How much are you willing to pay for transit service? In other words, what is the level of subsidy you're willing to fork in to provide a given level of service. Someone in the Legislature should look at this question before a new, costly layer of government is added to the metropolitan area," said Stumpf.

The committee has scheduled a vote on the bill, HF1797, for next week.

● **A bill that says state agencies are going to have to pay their bills on time** or pay interest penalties when they're overdue, moved a step closer to becoming law in the Minnesota House Commerce and Economic Development Committee, March 15.

The committee recommended to pass HF1373 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin) which would require state agencies to pay for goods and services within 30 days of getting an invoice, or pay an interest penalty equal to one percent per month on the overdue balance.

Rep. Paul Ogren, sponsor of the bill, said Minnesota tends to pay its bills when due, but some agencies fail to get billings into the state's Department of Finance on time, and we need something to get them to speed up payment practices.

Earlier, the bill did face some opposition from the Department of Finance in a House subcommittee because of the administrative and fiscal burden Finance Department officials said it could have on the state. But after committee amendments, the Department now approves of the bill in its present form. It goes next to the House Taxes Committee.

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● "Thirty-five thousand people die every year in cars," Rep. Carolyn Rodriguez (DFL-Apple Valley) told House members. "But, seat belts could have saved about half."

Rodriguez is author of mandatory seat-belt legislation that was up for debate in the House March 15. When the legislators first took up the bill, it allowed for penalties for people with conditional or limited licenses who don't wear belts. The version the House later agreed to makes seat belts mandatory, but carries no penalties.

The legislation got preliminary approval in the House on a 61 to 60 vote and needs seven more votes for final passage.

● **The debate on the income tax surcharge continued** March 15 as House Minority Leader David Jennings tried unsuccessfully again to change the regular procedures of House business to get a preliminary vote on the surcharge bill.

DFLers say they prefer holding off on a vote until April revenue forecasts are in. To avoid tabling his vote request, Jennings called for a point of order and a parliamentary ruling Speaker of the House Harry Seiben will make when the House next convenes.

On Majority Leader Willis Eken's motion, the House recessed until Wednesday, March 21 so members could go home for precinct caucuses March 20.

FRI

March 16

● **Suspected drunken drivers will no longer have the right to refuse** a blood alcohol concentration test under a bill the Criminal Justice Division recommended to pass March 16.

"Being stopped by the police and being suspected of driving under the influence is the only crime that allows withholding of evidence," testified Tinka Bloedow on behalf of Mothers Against Drunk Drivers and Parents of Murdered Children in support of HF1400.

"It's like saying if someone is suspected of stabbing another, and they've got a knife in their pocket, that they can refuse to allow you to look into their pocket."

According to the bill's author, Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul), refusal rates are up and this bill would attempt to crack down on that problem by giving drivers, who refuse the test, the choice of taking the test, or losing their licenses for one year.

The bill goes next to the full Judiciary Committee.

● **Receipts from the cross-country ski licensing program** could be between \$150,000 and \$175,000 this winter, according to the Department of Natural Resources. The DNR released their estimates at a March 16 meeting of the State Departments Division of the House Appropriations Committee. Most division members expressed surprise at the figures, which they thought would be lower, because of lack of enforcement during the program's first year.

DNR officials said they're pleased with public reception. They said an informal DNR survey showed

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compliance with the licensing program exceeded 80 per cent, and judging from mail the Department received, only 10 percent were in favor of repealing the legislation.

Ninety percent of the skiers in the survey said they didn't like wearing the licenses and 75 percent didn't think they should need them on public trails that don't get state funds. Current law says skiers need a license on any public pathway "designated and promoted" for cross-country skiing.

With a good snow season next year, the DNR anticipates collecting revenues of between \$200,000 and \$225,000.

● **The gravel tax would not apply in seven central Minnesota counties** under HF1761 (Brinkman, DFL-Richmond) which the Taxes Committee recommended to pass, as amended, March 16th.

Under the bill Stearns, Benton, Wright, Traverse, Stevens, Pope, and Anoka counties would no longer have the option to charge a tax on mining such materials as sand, gravel, limestone and granite. However, an amendment to the bill kept the tax in Becker County.

The committee also recommended to pass HF1459 (Schafer, IR-Gibbon), which would allow Sibley County to have the option of charging the tax.

The gravel tax has undergone several changes since its inception in 1978, when two gravel-producing counties asked for a local tax. Several years later the Legislature passed a statewide bill, which it repealed in 1982. Last year, 26 of Minnesota's 87 counties had an option to levy the 10-cents-per-cubic-yard tax.

Author of the bill, Rep. Bernard Brinkman, said the gravel tax was like deerflies. "Irritating . . . because they're (deerflies) constantly flying around, and that's about the same thing with this gravel tax."

County and township officials con-

stantly complain, he said, and "little gravel haulers and people in the gravel business are constantly irritating and nagging to get out."

The tax brings revenue on ties get 60 percent, and townships 30 percent, with the remaining 10 percent going toward restoration of mines.

● **The Minnesota Zoo's surplus Siberian tiger will find a new home in China.** Word came from the Zoo last week after hundreds of people phoned the governor and legislators objected to the Zoo's plan to destroy the animal.

Steve Iserman, the Zoo's general director, explained the situation to the State Departments Division of the House Appropriations Committee on March 16.

"Where you run into a problems is with the animals. For instance, like the Siberian tiger. It's endangered in the wild, but there's a glut of them in captivity because they breed so well. There's no market for them," said Iserman.

According to Iserman, a reason for the recent strong public reaction is lack of public education. The Zoo didn't get information out, and the public had questions.

"How can you kill an endangered species? That seems to be contradictory. So we've got a big education program to go ahead on to explain the realities of the zoo. Its thought of as the fuzzy protectorate of every animal in the world, and while it is a protector of animals, its primary purpose is the preservation of species of animals and that some times doesn't bode well for individuals," Iserman said.

WED

March 21

● **The "Report on the Administration of Minnesota's Medical Assistance"** by the legislative auditor was before the Health, Welfare and Corrections Division of Appropriations March 21.

Elliot Long, project manager from the Legislative Auditor's Office, reported good administration of the

Medicaid program in Minnesota. The state, he said, has one of the lowest error rates in the nation. But he cited some problems that need correction. Recommendations included update of the computer software system the Department of Public Welfare (DPW) uses in prepayment of claims, reevaluating the cost effectiveness of the Provider Surveillance and Support Services Sections, and an expansion of the Recipient Surveillance Unit.

Assistant Commissioner Charles Poe, from the Income Maintenance Bureau of DPW, responded to the auditor's report, saying his department agreed with many of the recommendations and is already attempting to take care of these problems. However, he said the Department doesn't have the resources to use many of the recommendations. Poe said DPW is administering Medicaid benefits quite efficiently, but as with any program of its size, room for improvement is bound to exist.

● **Insurance companies would have to give a 60-day notice** stating their reasons not to renew insurance for a home or a rented property under a bill the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee recommended to pass, as amended, March 21.

HF1859 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington) was one of four bills to get a favorable recommendation. The proposal is to protect the homeowner against refusals to renew policies for improper reasons, according to the bill's author.

HF1859 would give the commerce commissioner authority to adopt renewal rules and to overturn an insurance company's decision not to renew. The committee adopted

an amendment to the bill that would apply to commercial dwellings, including apartments and rented houses.

Also recommended to pass were:

- HF1700 (Coleman, DFL-Spring Lake Park): would raise, from \$105 to \$200, the amount per week a homemaker could receive in replacement service loss benefits under no-fault auto insurance. The benefits would be to cover the cost of hiring someone to do the work a homemaker usually would do but can't because of injuries;
- HF1652 (Jensen, DFL-Farmington): would require no-fault insurance to pay in an accident instead of Medicare, if both payments are available;
- HF1944 (Metzen, DFL-South St. Paul): would qualify African Development Bank for public and private investments.

● **A bill that would make changes to laws relating to sexual misconduct** and crimes against children, and make it easier to prosecute people who sexually abuse children, got preliminary House approval March 21.

The bill, HF1279 (Levi, IR-Dellwood) would:

- clarify that contributing to a child's status as a habitual truant, runaway, or petty offender is a misdemeanor offense.
- extend current law to allow any out-of-court statement children under 10 years old make about any sexual contact someone performs on or with them admissible evidence in court if: the court finds the statement reliable; the child testifies at the proceedings, or is legally unavailable as a witness and other evidence of abuse is available; and if the other party gets advance notice of the statement and its contents. Testimony from the child, or other evidence to support the statement, would not be a requirement in juvenile court cases of dependency, neglect, or termination of parental rights.

- make it a crime for adults to engage in sexual penetration or contact with 16 to 18-year-old youths, with or without their consent. Current law pertains to those under 16.
- clarify some definitions and penalties, and extend certain provisions in current law relating to sexual abuse of children.

The legislation goes up for final approval in the House the week of March 26.

● **If the police have a warrant out for the arrest of someone** because of a misdemeanor offense, they could arrest the person anytime during the night in a public place or on a public street or highway under a bill the Minnesota House Criminal Justice Division looked at March 21. Current law provides that police cannot, in most cases, during the hours of 9 p.m. and 9 a.m., arrest people who are under warrant for misdemeanors.

"It's a money issue," said Ovide LaBerge, speaking on behalf of various law enforcement organizations at the March 21 meeting.

"In the month of December alone, in Hennepin County," said LaBerge, "peace officers made contact with 818 persons who had 1,482 warrants on them that could not be executed even though they had the person right in front of them. Every month we lose about 1,000 warrants that drop off the three-year statute of limitations. That represents about \$35,000 a month."

Some division members opposed the bill, because it would allow police to pick people up in the middle of the night for not paying a parking fine. However, the bill, HF1556 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park), got a recommendation to pass, and goes next to the full Judiciary Committee.

● **A bill that, according to its author, would offer a new approach** to help for battered children had a hearing March 21 before the House Criminal Justice Division.

Rep. Janet Clark, chief author, testified for her proposal, HF1386, which would allow the juvenile court to get involved in domestic

abuse and order the abusing party out of the home under certain circumstances. Clark says the bill would work to protect the child and preserve the family.

"Under the bill," she said, "the court could issue a temporary order restraining further acts of abuse or order the abuser out of the home. However, before it may order an abuser out of the home the court must find that the order is in the best interest of the child or children; that remaining household or family members are able to care adequately for the child in the absence of the excluded party; and that the local welfare agency has developed a plan to provide appropriate social services to the remaining family or household members."

Though the bill isn't an answer to child abuse, and many times would not apply, Clark said, it would be a useful tool in some abuse cases. HF1386 got the division's approval and goes next to the full Judiciary Committee.

● **HF1587 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley) a bill that includes setting salary increases** for governor-appointed commissioners got preliminary approval on the House floor March 21.

House members voted to amend the bill to restrict certain commissioner pay increases that the Legislative Commission on Employee Relations approved last spring. The amendment would slow down the pay increases for inexperienced commissioners, allow moderate increases for those with experience, and guarantee that all commissioners will get at least a four-percent increase. State employees agreed to a four-percent increase last bargaining session.

Next the House will vote on final passage of the bill.

● **The bill to ban use of decompression chambers to kill animals**, HF1654 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul) advanced in the House when members voted, March 21, to give it preliminary approval.

The bill would affect at least three humane societies in the state, including Hennepin and Ramsey counties and St. Cloud, all of which use the chamber as one way to destroy animals.

Rep. Randy Kelly said the chamber, in 60 seconds, creates an environment similar to being about 55,000 feet in the air. A vacuum extracts air from the chamber, and the animal dies.

Rep. Doug Carlson (IR-Sandstone), a veterinarian, said veterinarians disagree on the humanness of the chamber, but even those who use it won't put young animals, or those with respiratory problems, inside.

The bill waits now for a final vote by the House.

● **A bill that proposed vending machines in rest areas**, would make changes to state highway signing programs, and would install drain tile along or across highways was the topic of discussion in the Transportation Committee March 21.

The committee recommended to pass HF1824 (Neuenschwander, DFL-Int'l Falls), as amended, after removing the provision that would have permitted vending machines in rest areas.

The bill, as amended, would expand the state's directional signing to allow organizations, groups, or entities that fall under federal guidelines to have directional signs. It would permit, on highway right-of-ways, logo signs that would inform motorists about gas, food, camping, and lodging.

The bill would also include restaurants under "specific-services" sign

programs. And would increase, from 10 to 15 miles, the maximum distance specific-service signs can be from the activity they advertise.

Also, the committee recommended to pass HF1345 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul), a bill that would require a surcharge on lease, or rental lease, motor vehicles and HF1509 (Kalis, DFL-Walters), a bill prohibiting fees for the return of number plates.

● **Speaker of the House Harry Sieben, Jr. announced his ruling**, during the House session, March 21, on a pending parliamentary question as to whether the House would take up the surtax bill, HF1593 (Graba, DFL-Sebekka). The speaker said, under parliamentary rules, the House could act on the bill as Minority Leader David Jennings had requested. However, Rep. Jerry Graba, the bill's chief author had recalled HF1593, eliminating the possibility of further action by the House on HF1593, at this time.

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March 22 (meetings before noon)

● **Because of changes in committee and House schedules** during the past week, this issue of *Session Weekly* covers action up until noon on Thursday, March 22. Reports on committee and House action afternoon Thursday will appear in next week's *Session Weekly*.

● **A break for Minnesota taxpayers** who shop in foreign countries may be on its way under HF2025 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights), a bill the Economic Development Division of the Taxes Committee approved March 22.

Currently, Minnesotans can deduct taxes they pay the federal government and other states on their Minnesota tax returns. HF2025 would add a deduction for taxes state residents pay on goods they buy in foreign countries.

The bill's author, Rep. Bert McKasy, says people who live in Minnesota but shop and work in Canada will be able to use the deduction. Businesspeople and armed forces personnel could also

take advantage of the tax break. Cost to the state would be \$370,000 a year.

● **Public television requested \$2.1 million dollars** at the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee meeting March 22. The money would go to replace old and failing electronic equipment at KTCA-TV in St. Paul and Minneapolis, and KAUT-TV in Austin.

Bill Strusinski, representing public television, said, "In several instances, we are now operating our systems with a rapidly aging and deteriorating physical plant at a time when the federal equipment support has dramatically been reduced."

"In fact, in 1980 there was \$200 million available from the federal government for public broadcasting in general. Today that appropriation is less than \$130 million," said Strusinski.

Since 1977, the Legislature has taken an active role in appropriating money for public television stations around the state. In 1981, for example, it appropriated \$1.4 million to KWCM-TV in Appleton and \$1.6 million to WDSE-TV in Duluth. However, last year the only funding of public radio by the Legislature was \$120,000—an emergency request to keep the Austin television station on the air.

Public television bases its current request of \$2.1 million on a 50 cents per capita figure using a state population base of 4.2 million

● **Minnesota's state universities would get nearly \$17 million** for capital improvements under an initial allocation plan that came out of the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee March 22. The \$17 million is less than half of the governor's recommendation.



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Advance committee schedule & bill introductions

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Committee Schedule for the Week of March 26 - 30, 1984

Monday, Mar 26

8:00 a.m. AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: Finalize capital budget allocations.

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Review draft bonding bill; Dept. of Finance report on Average Cost Funding Task Force, proposed language changes.

HEALTH, WELFARE & CORRECTIONS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: Review draft of health, welfare & corrections portion of capital bill; operating budget, Dept. of Public Welfare.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Supplemental budget request for Dept. of Energy & Economic Development.

EDUCATION, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern. Agenda: HF1436 (Bergstrom) Secondary vocational education programs. HF1643 (Hoffman) Assessment of pupils vision and hearing. HF1399 (Segal) Requiring welfare agencies to consult local school boards.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Fred Norton. Agenda: HF1673 (Kahn) Computer purchase by state employees. HF1668 (Kahn) Minnesota Educational Computing Consortium (MECC).

10:00 a.m. JUDICIARY, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Bob Vanasek. Agenda: Bills remaining from Friday, March 23 agenda. HF1896 (Vanasek) Regulating insurance claims settlement; defining terms; prescribing penalties. HF1898 (Vanasek) Relating to insurance; authorizing the adoption of temporary rules relating to the regulation of trade practices; specifying a certain unfair and deceptive act or practice. HF1330 (DenOuden) Reducing the bond required for appeal of benefits or damages in a drainage assessment proceeding. HF229 (K. Clark) Relating to health; allowing any interested person to seek enforcement of certain patient rights. HF1602 (K. Clark) Relating to human rights dept.; prohibiting waiver of legal rights; changing the statute of limitations; providing a sanction for intentional delays; changing damage awards. HF1452 (Quinn) Protecting individuals' expectations of privacy regarding financial records. HF994 (Coleman) Providing for mediation of disputes. HF1407 (Voss) Establishing community dispute resolution centers; creating a board of community dispute resolution to disburse funds to centers; providing for referral of funds to centers; providing for referral of civil, juvenile, and criminal matters to centers. HF1994 (Kelly) Providing for the manner of filling vacancies in the office of judge. HF63 (Gruenes) Authorizing counties or cities to enact ordinances against trespassing under certain conditions.

SPECIAL PROJECTS SUBCOMMITTEE/Regulated Industries, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Rich O'Connor. Agenda: HF1499 (Otis) Permitting the public utilities commission to order reimbursement payments to intervenors in telephone rate proceedings. HF1811 (Otis) Telephone companies; requiring public utility commission review and approval of transactions involving a transfer of assets between a regulated utility and a corporation or person having an affiliated interest in the utility. HF1337 (Cohen) Establishing the metropolitan channel 6 board.

BEVERAGE SUBCOMMITTEE/Regulated Industries, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs. Agenda: HF1883 (Jacobs) Abolishing prohibition on furnishing liquor to certain persons and exclusion of certain persons from liquor establishments after notice. HF1626 (Rose) Authorizing additional on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses (Roseville). HF2000 (Gustafson) Authorizing the Duluth city council to permit the on-sale of liquor at the St. Louis City Heritage and Arts Center by on-sale licensees in the city of Duluth. HF1434 (Osthoff) St. Paul; territorial restrictions on locations for the sale of alcoholic beverages. HF1750 (Kahn) Allow licensed premises to remain open after the hour sales of alcoholic beverages must cease.

12:00 noon EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson. Agenda: Discussion of 1985-86 Foundation Aid proposal; remainder of agenda to be announced.

GOVERNMENTAL ADMINISTRATION & STRUCTURES SUBCOMMITTEE/Local & Urban Affairs, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Jerry Schoenfeld. Agenda: HF322 (Piepho) Regulating residence of city employees. HF1406 (Pauly) Permitting cities to reimburse officers or employees for certain legal expenses. HF1418 (Bergstrom) Blue Hill; allowing the town to exercise certain powers.

COMMERCIAL & PASSENGER TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE/Transportation, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Jim Tunheim. Agenda: HF1943 (Welle) Requiring the rear car of trains to be an occupied caboose car; requiring caboose cars to be equipped with a shortwave radio; imposing a penalty.

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

After Session

TELECOMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION SYSTEMS SUBCOMMITTEE/Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Supplemental request for regional computing centers.

STATE-LOCAL FISCAL AFFAIRS DIVISION/Local & Urban Affairs, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. John Clawson. Agenda: HF1704 (Riveness) Local government aids; amending the distribution formula. HF1982 (Clawson) Permitting towns to make charitable contributions. HF2038 (Clawson) Local government; providing procedures for making certain contracts. **SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE.**

4:00 p.m. STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Supplemental budget request for Dept. of Energy & Economic Development.

LEGISLATIVE COORDINATING COMMISSION, Rm. 21 Capitol. Chr. Sen. Jerome Hughes. Agenda: Proposed budget, Legislative Commission on Energy; Legislative Reference Library, supplemental appropriation; setting salary for two persons in the Office of Legislative Auditor; access to the LCC Contingency Fund for purpose of moving commissions to a remodeled State Office Building.

5:00 p.m. JOINT SENATE-HOUSE CLAIMS SUBCOMMITTEE/Senate Finance & House Appropriations, Rm. 78. Chr. Sen. Greg Dahl & Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: HF1524 (Ogren) Claims; restitution payment change. HF1402 (Kalis) Claims bill. Hear testimony on various claims.

6:00 p.m. LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS & RETIREMENT, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. John Sarna. Agenda: HF1682 (Sarna)/SF1672 (C.C. Peterson) Increasing TRA employer contribution rate. Additional agenda items to be announced.

6:30 p.m. EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson. Agenda: Continue agenda from Monday, 12:00 noon meeting.

Tuesday, Mar 27

8:00 a.m. APPROPRIATIONS, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: Governor's capital budget.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Fred Norton. Agenda: HF— (Norton) Finance Dept. changes. HF1946 (Knuth) Boards and commissions. HF1797 (Vellenga) Transit bill. HF1878 (St. Onge) Building inspectors continuing education.

8:15 a.m. TAXES, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. John Tomlinson. Agenda: HF600 (Clawson) Notice of collecting debts by taking tax refunds. HF965 (Krueger) Sales tax on previous sales by service organizations. HF1814 (Osthoff) Dept. of Revenue property tax bill. HF1815 (Osthoff) Property tax cleanup bill. HF2016 (Tomlinson) Omnibus tax bill: Article I, repeal surtax Jan. 1, 1984; Article II, \$375 million reserve.

10:00 a.m. COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. John Sarna. Agenda: HF1264 (F. Rodriguez) Regulating pipefitters and pipefitting. HF1841 (Scheid) Regulating Going Out of Business sales. HF1743 (Sparby) Removing auctioneer's exemption from real estate licensing. HF1446 (Seaberg) Requiring repair, refund, or replacement of new motorcycles. HF2059 (Begich) Vehicle manufacturers to reimburse vehicle owners for rental car expenses. HF1422 (Simoneau) Corporate Take Over. HF1775 (Otis) Dept. of Energy and Economic Development omnibus bill. HF2023 (Ellingson) Secretary of State omnibus bill. HF585 (Murphy) Fine prints. HF1482 (Riveness) Creating a Minnesota Manufacturers Growth Council. HF2084 (Riveness) Dept. of Energy & Economic Development grants to local governments. HF1819 (Segal) Hearing aid buyers right to cancel purchase. HF1765 (Segal) Establishing a Minnesota Business Assistance Advisory Task Force. HF1709 (Peterson) Dept. of Energy & Economic Development; providing service for small business. HF1844 (Ogren) Non-profit corporation recording of board votes. HF1656 (Solberg) Service station prohibition. HF1998 (Gustafson) Plain language contract exemption. HF1895 (Gustafson) Consumer Protection Board. HF— Modifying definition of franchise.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Willard Munger. Agenda: HF820 (Welch) Relating to off-road vehicles. HF1292 (K. Clark) Relating to high level radioactive waste. HF1909 (Solberg) Relating to Mississippi Headwaters Board. HF1911 (Welle) Relating to certain land on Lake Norway. HF1769 (Munger) Relating to sewage treatment bonding. HF1778 (Munger) Relating to acid rain. HF1865 (Battaglia) Relating to forestry. HF1791 (Tunheim) Relating to diversion of water. HF— (Tunheim) Memorializing Congress and the President regarding border lakes problems. HF1630 (Neuenschwander) Relating to blaze orange camouflage. HF1538 (Sarna) Relating to trout stamp. HF1541 (Sarna) Relating to spearing. HF1749 (Solberg) Relating to certain pheasant stamp exemptions. HF2006 (Kelly) Relating to license reciprocity. HF207 (D. Carlson) Relating to hunting bear with dogs.

HEALTH & WELFARE, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. James Swanson. Agenda: Bills that have passed subcommittee.

11:00 a.m. HEALTH CARE SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Welfare, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Dick Welch. Agenda: HF1813 (Tunheim) Relating to hospital districts; loans to students in health-related educational programs. HF1977 (Brandl)

Calculation of rates paid to HMOs. HF1687 (Jennings) Withdrawal of life-sustaining procedures.

SOCIAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Welfare, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield. Agenda: HF1971 (Welch) Title 19 waiver repeal (with author amendments.) HF1967 (Greenfield) Mental health zoning limitations. HF1948 (Greenfield) Detox; county of financial responsibility. HF2052 (Reif) recovery of general assistance overpayment.

DEPARTMENTAL AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Welfare, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Dominic Elioff. HF1894 (Clawson) Empowering Board of Pharmacy to assess legal costs. HF1872 (Clawson) Permitting Board of Pharmacy to examine foreign graduates.

12:00 noon ENERGY, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss. Agenda: To be announced.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Glen Anderson. Agenda: HF2063 (G. Anderson) Metropolitan airports; defining relationship to legislature and Metropolitan Council. HF1418 (Bergstrom) Blue Hill; allowing the town to exercise certain powers. HF2012 (Ellingson) Financing of county and county regional jails. HF1325 (Zaffke) County law libraries; permitting appointment of non-lawyer to library board. HF1952 (Cohen) St. Paul; permitting city to adopt certain regulations for smoke detection devices. HF1913 (Elioff) St. Louis County; establishing positions in unclassified civil service. HF1404 (Onnen) Drainage; correction of certain errors in county or judicial ditch benefits.

HIGHWAY & MOTOR VEHICLES SUBCOMMITTEE/Transportation, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Bob Jensen. Agenda: HF1951 (G. Anderson) Relating to town roads; providing conditions for their construction or maintenance by counties. HF1793 (Dimler) Changing display period for license plates on certain motor vehicles; changing period of time when registration tax is payable for certain motor vehicles; abolishing the penalty for late or delayed registration or payment of the registration tax. HF1583 (Piepho) Designating a bridge as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge." HF1675 (Gruenes) Relating to traffic regulations; defining term; setting speed limit for alleyway.

2:00 p.m. AGRICULTURAL EXPORTS AND MARKETING SUBCOMMITTEE/Agriculture, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Tom Shea. Agenda: HF1910 (K. Nelson) Bulk sale of food.

DAIRY & LIVESTOCK SUBCOMMITTEE/Agriculture, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Rick Krueger. Agenda: HF1929 (Shea) Livestock weighing.

FARM POLICIES & PROGRAMS SUBCOMMITTEE/Agriculture, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Buzz Anderson. Agenda: HF1226 (Sparby) Payment of federal crop insurance premiums.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. John Sarna. Agenda: Continue hearing bills from agenda of Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. meeting.

4:00 p.m. EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Complete Average Cost Funding Task Force language changes; U of MN supplemental budget requests: International School of Business, Super Computer Institute, Faculty Retirement, Environmental Pathology Lab.

6:00 p.m. LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS & RETIREMENT, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. John Sarna. Agenda: To be announced.

7:00 p.m. EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Ken Nelson. Agenda: Continue agenda from Monday, 12:00 noon meeting (if needed).

Wednesday, Mar 28

8:00 a.m. AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: Allocate operating budget requests.

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Dept. of Education, regional computing subsidies; State University System, International School of Business; miscellaneous supplemental bill items.

HEALTH, WELFARE & CORRECTIONS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: Operating budget.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Supplemental allocations.

EDUCATION, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern. Agenda: To be announced.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Fred Norton. Agenda: HF1887 (Norton) Jobs bill. HF1839 (Battaglia) St. Louis County jobs bill. HF2022 (Greenfield) Clarifying definitions in the jobs bill. HF1987 (Greenfield) Definition of abuse.

10:00 a.m. AGRICULTURE, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel. Agenda: HF— (Wenzel) Agriculture Dept. bill. HF— (Brinkman) Family Farm Security Act. Bills passed out of subcommittees on Tuesday.

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Richard Kostohryz. Agenda: HF1618 (Minne) Handicapped voters election bill. HF1912 (Kostohryz) State Agricultural Society. HF1917 (Omannon) Limiting membership on County Canvassing Board. HF1918 (Omannon) Restricting eligibility for appointment as election judge. HF1338 (Osthoff) Voting machine provisions; recodifications and reorganization. HF427 (Sviggum) Township elections polling hours. HF1871 (Welle) Secretary of State's housekeeping bill. HF1856 (Jensen) Election judges compensation by private employer. HF1606 (Shea) Prohibits certain inquiries of voters near the polls. HF29 (Gustafson) Reducing the size of the Legislature. HF1206 (Kelly) Incumbent judges; reelection referendum. HF1936 (Olsen) Filing date; school elections. HF1686 (Clawson) Relating to dogs.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION/Judiciary, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Janet Clark. Agenda: HF1809 (Wynia) Authorizing aggregation of thefts in medicaid fraud cases. HF1755 (Marsh) Prohibiting interfering with emergency communications over a citizen's band radio channel. HF— (Bishop) Forfeiture of property exchanged for controlled substances. HF1473 (Kelly) Specifying the crime of telecommunications service. HF1735 (Dempsey) Requiring the court to impose a stay of execution of sentence with a 90-day period of incarceration as a condition of probation for certain offenders convicted of a first offense of burglary of a dwelling.

LAW REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE/Judiciary, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Bob Ellingson. Agenda: HF1900 (Ellingson) Classifying government data as public, private, and non-public; clarifying issues relating to classifications of data, access to data, the effect of death of individuals on classifications, and the temporary classification of data. HF1203 (Norton) Requiring landlords of residential rental units to notify tenants of their rights and duties under state law. HF1230 (Cohen) Relating to marriage dissolution; allowing separate summary judgment on the issue of dissolution. HF1440 (C. Rodriguez) Requiring contractors and subcontractors to provide owners with lien notices prior to beginning work.

JUDICIAL ADMINISTRATION SUBCOMMITTEE/Judiciary, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Ben Gustafson. Agenda: HF1554 (Brandl) Relating to marriage dissolution; providing for determination and modification of child support. HF899 (Ellingson) Relating to courts; permitting the establishment of compulsory nonbinding arbitration programs for use in civil proceedings.

12:00 noon FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Bernard Brinkman. Agenda: HF123 (Staten) Regulating debt collection practices. HF1771 (Norton) Providing for reciprocity between Minnesota credit unions and credit unions in other states. HF1923 (Quinn) Various provisions relating to industrial loan and thrift companies. HF1949 (Olsen) Auto insurance premium reductions for completion of accident prevention courses. HF1352 (Skoglund) Allowing banks and trust companies to establish trust service offices at other banks.

TRANSPORTATION, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. George Mann. Agenda: HF1975 (Mann) Allowing entire portions of former trunk highways to revert to counties under certain circumstances. HF1449 (Sparby) Authorizing operation of farm truck with Class C drivers' license by employee operating truck during harvest. HF1423 (Solberg) Providing licensing and bonding requirements for horse trailer dealers. HF1831 (Kalis) Increasing special permit fees for vehicles exceeding weight limitations. HF1845 (Kalis) Omnibus Dept. of Public Safety bill. HF1315 (Kahn) Allowing bicycle registrants to donate in excess of the registration fee to pay for costs of administering and publicizing the bicycle registration program and for developing bicycle education programs and recreational facilities and trails, etc. HF1888 (O'Connor) Requiring certain notice on uni-

form traffic ticket; providing penalty for failure to respond to summons and complaint on uniform traffic ticket. HF1774 (Tunheim) Providing for distribution of town road funds. HF1647 (Hoffman) Prohibiting operation of certain vehicles painted the color of school buses, etc. HR— (Elioff) A resolution to implement a program for the reflectorization of railroad rolling stock. HF1636 (L. Carlson) Extending the period during which automobile registration taxes may be paid. HF1477 (Johnson) Real property; allowing the commissioner of Mn/DOT to vacate old trunk highways under certain conditions. HF1545 (Skoglund) Requiring school buses purchased after Jan. 1, 1985, to have a seat belt. HF1835 (Blatz) Allowing prepayment of state contractual obligations to governmental subdivisions under agreements for the construction, improvement, or maintenance of trunk highways. HF1881 (Zaffke) Changing provisions for the use of certain state-aid road funds.

2:00 p.m. COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. John Sarna. Agenda: Continue hearing bills from agenda of Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. meeting.

ENVIRONMENT SUBCOMMITTEE/Environment & Natural Resources, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Willard Munger. Agenda: HF688 (Larsen) Relating to waste tires. SF881 (D. Nelson) Relating to aggregate deposits. HF1876 (Norton) Relating to historical easement. HF1318 (Segal) Directing a study of the relationship between hazardous waste contamination of metro water supplies and the incidence of cancer. SF868 (Levi) Relating to the morel mushroom.

4:00 p.m. STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Supplemental allocations.

7:00 p.m. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly. Agenda: HF1646 (Kelly) Providing for a tax amnesty. Amendments: Withholding licenses of delinquent taxpayers; enterprise zone funding, Duluth and 1984 enterprise zones; and 100 percent exclusion of foreign dividends.

Thursday, Mar 29

8:00 a.m. AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: Finalize operating budget allocations.

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Allocations, supplemental bill.

HEALTH, WELFARE & CORRECTIONS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: Operating budget.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Fred Norton. Agenda: HF1757 (Coleman) Dept. of Administration bill. HF2062 (Coleman) Dept. of Administration, reorganization orders. HF1991 (Knuth) Employee relations. HF2096 (G. Anderson) World Trade Center.

8:15 a.m. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 10. to be announced. Chr. Rep. Randy Kelly. Agenda: Unfinished business from Wednesday, March 28 hearing. HF1376 (Bergstrom) Agricultural Resource Energy Loan Guaranty Program. HF2002 (Kelly) Clarifying mortgage registry tax provisions on mortgages securing lines of credit. HF— (Kelly) Reducing the sales tax rate on capital equipment used in manufacturing process.

TAX LAWS DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff. Agenda: To be announced.

10:00 a.m. COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. John Sarna. Agenda: Continue hearing bills from agenda of Wednesday, 2:00 p.m. meeting.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Willard Munger. Agenda: Continue agenda from Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. meeting.

HEALTH & WELFARE, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. James Swanson. Agenda: Bills that have passed subcommittees.

11:00 a.m. HEALTH CARE SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Welfare, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Dick Welch. Agenda: HF2087 (Swanson) Disclosure of medical records for lawful investigation. HF2004 (Price) Dept. of Health publication of hazardous substances. HF1855 (Segal) Wellness promotional efforts studied by Dept. of Health.

SOCIAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Welfare, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lee Greenfield. Agenda: HF—

(J. Clark) Public assistance residency requirements. HF2091 (St. Onge) Special revenue account. HF1852 (Seegal) Long term care ombudsman study to include community based care.

DEPARTMENTAL AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Welfare, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Dominic Elloff. Agenda: HF2017 (Clawson) Prohibiting provisional release of the mentally ill. HF— (Clawson) Mental health bill.

12:00 noon GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Richard Kostohryz. Agenda: Continued agenda from Wednesday, 10:00 a.m. meeting, and other bills reported out of the Gaming Division and subcommittees.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Joseph Begich. Agenda: HF1401 (Clawson) Coverage for ambulance drivers and attendants. HF1679 (Boo) Coverage for certain employees of the University of Minnesota. HF1767 (Simoneau) Clarifying law concerning ridesharing; providing for miscellaneous changes in the workers' compensation process.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Glen Anderson. Agenda: HF— (Schoenfeld) Township bill. HF— (G. Anderson) Metropolitan Council and commissions. HF1982 (Clawson) Township charity contributions.

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

After Session

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Allocations, supplemental bill.

HEALTH, WELFARE & CORRECTIONS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: Operating budget.

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Richard Kostohryz. Agenda: Continued from Thursday, 12:00 noon meeting.

6:30 p.m. AGRICULTURE, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel. Agenda: Unfinished business from Wednesday's meeting. HF— (Wenzel) Resolution on 1985 U.S. Farm bill.

HEALTH & WELFARE, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. James Swanson. Agenda: Bills passed out of subcommittee.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Glen Anderson. Agenda: To be announced.

7:30 p.m. REGULATED INDUSTRIES, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs. Agenda: HF1530 (Simoneau) Changing the name of the board of boxing; regulating professional wrestling exhibitions; imposing a gross receipts tax on professional wrestling exhibitions; providing funding for high school extracurricular activities. HF499 (Quinn) Providing residential telephone subscribers protection from unwanted commercial solicitation.

Friday, Mar 30

8:00 a.m. EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Review of draft supplemental bill.

HEALTH, WELFARE & CORRECTIONS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 51. Chr. Rep. Ann Wynia. Agenda: Operating budget.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Fred Norton. Agenda: HF1992 (Rice) Convention Facilities Commission.

8:15 a.m. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. to be announced. Agenda: Unfinished business, if any, from Wednesday, March 28 and Thursday, March 29 meetings.

TAX LAWS DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Tom Osthoff. Agenda: To be announced.

10:00 a.m. JUDICIARY, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Bob Vanasek. Agenda: Bills remaining from Monday, March 23 meeting. HF1400 (Vellenga) Providing for criminal penalties upon refusal by a driver suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance to take a chemical test. HF— (Ogren) Restitution. HF1850 (Bishop) Relating to statutes; conforming various laws to judicial decisions of unconstitutionality. HF— (J. Clark) Hearing impaired. HF1695 (Vanasek) Relating to courts; accelerating the effective date of judicial reorganization in the third judicial district. HF1536 (Minne) Prohibiting the dissemination of data regarding a person's age or birthdate for use in mailing lists. HF1556 (Olsen) Permitting misdemeanor arrests to be made at night in public places. HF1386 (J. Clark) Authorizing intervention by the juvenile court to

protect children from domestic abuse. HF1902 (Ellingson) relating to real property; allowing service of summons upon dissolved domestic corporations. Bills from Division and subcommittees.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs. Agenda: HF1501 (Jacobs) Changing conditions that regulate the telecast of games at metropolitan sports facilities. HF2070 (Jacobs) Deregulating radio common carriers. Bills reported out of subcommittee. Additional bills may be added.

12:00 noon EDUCATION, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern. Agenda: HF1393 (K. Nelson) Education Finance bill.

Bill introductions

Wednesday, Mar 21

HF2007—Dimler (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; sales; providing a reduced rate for farm machinery and business equipment; amending statutes.

HF2008—Seaberg (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

Local government; authorizing county employees to make certain contracts; amending statutes.

HF2009—Kelly (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; modifying and clarifying the small business investment credits; amending statutes.

HF2010—Coleman (DFL)—Education

Education; requiring that public schools instruct senior high school pupils in parenting and family life; proposing new law.

HF2011—Carlson, D. (IR)—Agriculture

Agriculture; providing for the control of pseudorabies in swine; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2012—Ellingson (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Local government; providing for financing of county and county regional jails; amending statutes.

HF2013—Bergstrom (DFL)—Education

Education; establishing three summer institutes for math and science; specifying application and selection procedures; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF2014—Clawson (DFL)—Education

Education; expanding the subject area in-service training program; requiring the commissioner to determine student needs; authorizing planning grants; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2015—Coleman (DFL)—Education

Education; establishing a school management task force; appropriating money.

HF2016—Tomlinson (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; repealing the income tax surtax; appropriating money to the budget reserve account; amending statutes.

HF2017—Clawson (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Commitment; defining provisional discharge; prohibiting the provisional release of a mentally ill and dangerous patient from secure confinement; amending statutes.

HF2018—Tomlinson (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Ramsey-Washington metro watershed district; providing for the establishment of a district water maintenance and repair fund; authorizing a tax levy for water maintenance and repair purposes.

HF2019—Neuenschwander (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; regulating enforcement of the laws relating to wild animals; providing for reciprocity with other governments; amending statutes.

HF2020—Swanson (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Health; changing certain hospital cost reporting requirements; adding reporting requirements for outpatient surgical centers; deleting hospital rate review requirements; adding provisions for fines; deleting obsolete language; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2021—Wynia (DFL)—Transportation

Motor fuels; prohibiting lead compounds and EDB additives in gasoline; amending statutes.

HF2022—Greenfield (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Economic security; clarifying the emergency employment development jobs program; regulating the payment of cash allowances; amending statutes.

HF2023—Ellingson (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Office of the secretary of state; providing for the simplification of various filings with that office; eliminating or transferring certain filings; providing for uniform standards for the filing of names of limited partnerships, corporations, cooperatives, and assumed names and marks; eliminating the requirement of publication after incorporation; shifting the time of publication of certificate of assumed name; providing for the filing and enforcement of security interests; providing for the determination of eligibility for the indemnification of certain persons; prohibiting the modification on bylaws of a certain provision relating to the voting power of shares; providing a time limit on claims to shareholders; delaying the effective date of the corporate registration requirement; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2024—McKasy (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; adopting federal income tax limitations on charitable contributions; amending statutes.

HF2025—McKasy (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; allowing an itemized deduction for certain foreign taxes; amending statutes.

HF2026—McKasy (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; conforming to federal law for treatment of contributions to individual retirement plans and other pension plans; amending statutes.

HF2027—Olsen (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Elections; requiring timely mailing of absentee ballots to certain voters; amending statutes.

HF2028—Burger (IR)—Education

Teachers; extending the deadline to gain the middle school experience necessary for a license to July 1, 1984.

HF2029—Battaglia (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Waters; restricting permits for charter houseboats on Lake Vermillion.

HF2030—McDonald (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Hazardous waste management; requiring a report to the legislature on compensation for damage resulting from the site selection process for commercial disposal facilities; amending statutes.

HF2031—McDonald (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Metropolitan government; removing certain watersheds from the metropolitan surface water management program; amending statutes.

HF2032—McDonald (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; eliminating the income tax surtax; repealing statutes.

HF2033—Price (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

City of Oakdale; providing a permanent increase in the levy limit base.

HF2034—Jensen (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Snowmobiles; requiring liability insurance coverage; proposing new law.

HF2035—Kalis (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Medical assistance; removing the age 65 limitation for medical assistance recovery from a decedent's estate; amending statutes.

HF2036—Minne (DFL)—Judiciary

Real property; providing that the mortgage and contract for deed moratorium become permanent law; applying moratorium to holders of any mortgage or contract for deed to homestead property; abolishing exclusionary provision; allowing mortgagor to petition for postponement of foreclosure sale for up to 12 months; allowing catastrophic medical expenses to be considered by a court when determining delay of foreclosure sale; providing that the equity in the property may be considered by a court; abolishing sunset provision; amending statutes.

HF2037—Staten (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Commerce; requiring state agencies to make prompt payment for the purchase or lease of goods and services; requiring agencies to pay interest penalties on late payments; requiring an annual report to the legislature on agency payment records; proposing new law.

HF2038—Clawson (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Local government; providing procedures for making certain contracts; amending statutes.

HF2039—Ellingson (DFL)—Judiciary

Commerce; providing for the computation of interest on mechanics' lien claim; proposing new law.

HF2040—Ludeman (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

State lands; requiring the commissioner of natural resources to offer certain lands for homesteading; requiring improvements by homesteaders within a certain time period; proposing new law.

HF2041—Vellenga (DFL)—Transportation

Eminent domain; providing for relocation benefits for persons displaced by acquisitions when federal funding is not provided; amending statutes.

HF2042—Ogren (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State departments and agencies; moving the state archaeologists from the historical society to the University of Minnesota; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2043—Norton (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Banks and banking; authorizing interstate acquisition and formation of banks between this state and certain states on a reciprocal basis; proposing new law.

HF2044—Sparby (DFL)—Appropriations

Education; allowing the higher education coordinating board to prorate the obligation to repay loans for doctors who serve part time in an area of need; amending statutes.

HF2045—Himle (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Outdoor recreation; repealing licensing requirements for cross-country skiers; repealing statutes.

HF2046—Evans (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Financial institutions; requiring disclosure of the state and federal income tax treatment of individual retirement accounts; proposing new law.

HF2047—Anderson, Buzz (DFL)—Transportation

Transportation; authorizing the expenditure of county turnback account funds and state transportation bond funds for bridges ten feet or more in length following replacement; amending statutes.

HF2048—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; increasing the personal needs allowance for residents of certain facilities; amending statutes.

HF2049—Greenfield (DFL)—Judiciary

Vital statistics; providing for collection of statistical data concerning the dissolution or annulment of marriage; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2050—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; allowing reimbursement for certain service under the state general assistance medical care program; amending statutes.

HF2051—Kalis (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; authorizing the energy and economic authority to purchase, make, or participate in farm loans and to issue bonds or notes for this purpose; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2052—Reif (IR)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; providing for the recoupment and set-off of overpayments in the general assistance program; extending the right of a welfare agency to reimbursement for medical assistance paid by other sources to a recipient of Minnesota supplemental aid; placing the primary reimbursement on the recipient; amending statutes.

HF2053—Nelson, D. (DFL)—Education

Education; establishing a research and development program; authorizing preliminary studies and research grants; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF2054—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Medical assistance program; increasing the personal needs allowance; amending statutes.

HF2055—Ogren (DFL)—Judiciary

Sentencing; permitting courts to utilize a variety of noninstitutional sanctions as a condition of a stayed sentence; providing a preference for noninstitutional sanctions in certain cases; amending statutes.

HF2056—Piepho (IR)—Labor/Management Relations

Labor; creating an employees social responsibility act; providing penalties; proposing new law.

HF2057—Piepho (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; sales; exempting sales by certain organizations; amending statutes.

HF2058—Staten (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Licenses; regulating athlete agencies; providing penalties; proposing new law.

HF2059—Begich (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Commerce; requiring motor vehicle manufacturers to reimburse vehicle owners for rental car expenses incurred under certain circumstances; amending statutes.

HF2060—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; requiring county boards to provide services to mentally ill persons; specifying duties of the commissioner; authorizing rulemaking; proposing new law.

HF2061—Coleman (DFL)—Education

Education; requiring that public schools instruct senior high school pupils in parenting and family life; providing categorical aid; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF2062—Coleman (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State departments; providing statutory changes requested by commissioner of administration required by reorganization orders; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF2063—Anderson, G. (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Metropolitan airports commission; defining its relationship to the legislature and the metropolitan council; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF2064—Fjoslien (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; sales; exempting taxidermy; amending statutes.

HF2065—Metzen (DFL)—Education

Independent School District No. 196; authorizing it to establish and operate a nonprofit corporation for the benefit of students; requiring local approval.

HF2066—Simoneau (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State government; providing for the express rejection of the recommended salary plans for constitutional officers, legislators, justices of the supreme court, and judges of the court of appeals, district court, county court, and county municipal court.

HF2067—Greenfield (DFL)—Judiciary

Occupations and professions; prohibiting the boards of medical examiners and psychology from using evidence of the previous sexual conduct of a patient or client in board proceedings concerning unprofessional conduct; proposing new law.

HF2068—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Occupations and professions; establishing a task force on sexual exploitation by psychotherapists.

HF2069—Graba (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; income; providing that certain social security and railroad retirement benefits are not included in gross income; amending statutes.

HF2070—Jacobs (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Communications; deregulating radio common carriers; amending statutes.

HF2071—Vanasek (DFL)—Judiciary

Real property; clarifying when the right of possession passes after a sale on execution or judgment or mortgage foreclosure; amending statutes.

HF2072—Rodriguez, F. (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; allowing certain St. Paul bureau of health employees to revoke options previously exercised.

HF2073—Kalis (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; providing temporary property tax and sales tax exemptions for certain meat processing plants; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2074—Long (DFL)—Energy

Municipal housing; letting of contracts; increasing the amount of expenditures for construction and other work that requires an award by contract; amending statutes.

HF2075—Sparby (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; extending the disaster credit to certain agricultural homesteads; amending statutes.

HF2076—Sarna (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; restrictions on power of commissioner; amending statutes.

HF2077—Cohen (DFL)—Judiciary

Probate; providing for the transmission of documents to foreign consuls by the office of the secretary of state; amending statutes.

HF2078—Otis (DFL)—Energy

Landlords and tenants; increasing the interest rate paid by landlords on rental deposits; amending statutes.

HF2079—Segal (DFL)—Energy

Energy authorizing the adoption of rules for insulation quality standards; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2080—Schreiber (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

Real property; making the recording of certain documents permissive; amending statutes.

HF2081—Shea (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Agriculture; changing the authority for licensing and inspecting vending machines; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2082—Begich (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Iron range resources and rehabilitation board; allowing school districts to levy taxes to repay loans made by the northeast Minnesota economic protection trust; clarifying that the board may lease personal property; removing certain dates; providing that earnings from the investment of funds in the iron range resources and rehabilitation board account are credited to the account; clarifying the limitation on administrative costs; transferring certain unexpended funds to the northeast Minnesota economic protection trust; amending statutes.

HF2083—Voss (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Real estate; providing for the regulation of real estate loan brokers; giving certain powers and duties to the commissioner of commerce; defining terms; providing for rulemaking; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2084—Riveness (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Economic development; providing for economic development grants to local units of government; appropriating money.

HF2085—Eken (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Economic development; clarifying provisions relating to the export finance authority; amending statutes.

HF2086—Segal (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Consumer protection; requiring nonprofit organizations to meet the same personal solicitation disclosure requirement as other sellers; amending statutes.

HF2087—Swanson (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Health; requiring disclosure of certain medical data medical information for the purpose of a lawful investigation; amending statutes.

HF2088—Nelson, D. (DFL)—Judiciary

Real property; changing the manner of serving notice to register title to real estate; amending statutes.

HF2089—Osthoff (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; authorizing certain additional levies in counties; amending statutes.

HF2090—O'Connor (DFL)—Judiciary

Traffic regulations; providing penalties for certain traffic violations; amending statutes.

HF2091—St. Onge (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; authorizing the commissioner of public welfare to establish a special revenue account; expanding the commissioner's duties; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2092—Murphy (DFL)—Labor/Management Relations

Labor; providing for an exemption from wage requirements for certain domestic service employees; amending statutes.

HF2093—Scheid (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Tax court judges; permitting retired tax judges to serve on the tax court; amending statutes.

F2094—Carlson, D. (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to sell lands and interests in land acquired for trail purposes which are no longer needed for trail purposes and which are located in certain cities.

HF2095—Haukoos (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; eliminating the income tax surtax; repealing statutes.

HF2096—Anderson, G. (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State government; establishing the world trade center board and fixing its duties; transferring functions from the department of agriculture; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2097—Clark, J. (DFL)—Judiciary

Persons handicapped in communication; requiring the arresting officer to immediately obtain a qualified interpreter for a person handicapped in communication who has been arrested; amending statutes.

HF2098—Clawson (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; revising procedures for determining operating cost payment rates for nursing homes; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2099—Wynia (DFL)—Judiciary

Insurance; no-fault auto; providing uninsured and underinsured motorist coverages; defining terms; amending statutes.

HF2100—O'Connor (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; income; adopting federal income tax treatment of certain retirement plans; amending statutes.

House Advisories

Wednesday, Mar 21

HA53—Voss (DFL)—Judiciary

A proposal to include Vietnam Veterans under The Civil Rights Act.

HA54—Wigley (IR)—Transportation

A proposal to study the use of farm tractors and trailers on trunk highways.

First Reading of Senate Bills

Wednesday, Mar 21

SF311—Berglin (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; requiring licensure for adult day care facilities; amending statutes.

SF1418—Berglin (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; authorizing the alcohol and drug abuse section of the department of public welfare to collect certain information; establishing an American Indian advisory council relating to chemical dependency policies; clarifying the evaluation functions of the commissioner of public welfare with respect to chemical dependency policies; amending statutes; proposing new law.

SF1454—Diessner (DFL)—Judiciary

Public welfare; authorizing the commissioner to enter into interstate adoption compacts; establishing procedures for interstate assistance payments; amending statutes; proposing new law.

SF1455—Jude (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Health; exempting schools from license fee requirements of the department of health; exempting certain places of lodging from licensing requirements of the department; amending statutes.

SF868—Laidig (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources; designating the morel as the official state mushroom; proposing new law.

SF1235—Ulland (IR)—Labor-Management Relations

Labor; providing for an exemption from wage requirements for certain domestic service employees; amending statutes.

SF1349—Spear (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Liquor; abolishing prohibition on furnishing liquor to certain persons and exclusion of certain persons from liquor establishments after notice; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF1396—Bertram (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Local government; requiring the county board of adjustment to take the town board's recommendation into consideration when making certain decisions; amending statutes.

SF1453—Diessner (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; making county of residence financially responsible for detoxification services provided to chemical dependency facility clients; amending statutes.

SF1475—Reichgott (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Communications; permitting a municipality to be represented by its designee on a joint cable communication commission; amending statutes.

SF1476—Reichgott (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Elections; making the requirements for school election absentee ballots the same as those for the general election; amending statutes.

SF1563—Chmielewski (DFL)—Labor/Management Relations

Labor; extending the statutes of limitation on certain actions to recover wages or overtime; clarifying child labor penalties; amending statutes.

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General Information

Proceedings in the House

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Where members sit in the House Chamber

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Other areas of state government

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Of the \$17 million, \$6 million would go to Winona State University for renovation of Somsen Hall, an administration and classroom building. At \$6 million, the Winona grant was the largest allocation for a single project. The division, however, specified that the state university system must seek private funds for landscaping and site work before beginning construction at Winona.

Winona had requested, with the governor's approval, \$6,750,000 for the project.

Other funding the division approved was \$4.5 million for classrooms at the Mankato campus; \$1.2 million to upgrade the electrical system and to air-condition the computer center, and \$1.4 million to renovate Stewart Hall, both at St. Cloud; \$225,000 to enclose an area in the Center for the Arts at Moorhead, an amount that requires matching private funds; and \$1.9 million for roof repair and planning money systemwide.

The division moved a request to build a center at Rochester to the Community Colleges' budget requests and approved more than \$2.8 of the \$3 million the state university system had asked for to build the center. Winona State University and Rochester Community College would share the structure.

Excluding items that transferred to other budgets, the governor recommended more than \$35.8 million out of nearly \$38 million the system requested.

● **The governor's supplemental budget requests** were on the Thursday morning, March 22 agenda for the Health, Welfare and Corrections Division of Appropriations.

The governor is recommending \$137,700 for the Department of Corrections to continue providing probation services to Le Sueur, McLeod, and Sibley counties for which the state would bill the counties. To continue the service, the counties are asking the Department to employ five agents the Legislative Advisory Commission authorized in January.

For a Department of Health study, the governor recommends \$93,000. The study would determine the feasibility of a long-term epidemiologic study evaluating the health problems of contaminated drinking water in St. Louis Park and New Brighton. From the pilot study, the Department would determine whether the state could, or should, undertake the more expansive, lengthy, and complicated major study.

A recommendation of \$128,600 for the Department of Economic Security (DES) would cover cost of additional staff to handle injured workers' liability disputes the Department of Labor and Industry refers to DES under provisions in the new 1983 federal Workers' Compensation Law (176.262, Section 85, Subdivision 1 and 2), and a transfer of staff from the Basic Rehabilitation Services to take care of cases under the old federal law.

DES also requested an amendment to Chapter 312 of Minnesota Laws, 1983. Chapter 312 provides funding for the Displaced Homemaker Program for employment, training, and support services to displaced homemakers. The amendment would allow DES to combine old and new program funds for the rest of the biennium.

● **A bill that would abolish the Buy Minnesota** portion of the state's domestic preference law got the approval of Commerce and Economic Development Committee March 22 with a recommendation to pass, as amended.

The proposal, HF1939 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove), would remove the preference for Minnesota products and the 10 percent advantage that some public contracts get from state law.

The bill would also more clearly define public agencies and more clearly state when those public agencies should, according to the domestic preference law, give preference to Minnesota residents bidding on purchasing or construction contracts.

The law in its original form requires state agencies to favor home-state products, businesses, and workers when awarding construction and public works contracts.

INFO

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Bills begin their legislative journey in either the House or Senate, or both. To become a law, all bills must pass both the House and Senate and go to the governor for his approval and signature.

● The Idea

Anyone can propose an idea for a bill—an individual, a consumer group, corporation, professional association, a governmental unit, the governor. Most ideas come from members of the Legislature. The revisor of statutes puts the ideas into proper legal form as a bill for introduction. Only legislators can introduce bills into the process.

● Chief Author

The legislator who sponsors and introduces the bill in the Legislature is the chief author. The chief author's name appears on the bill with the bill's file number to identify it as it moves through the legislative process. The chief author may select other authors, whose names also appear on the bill—no more than five authors on a bill.

● Introduction in the legislature

When the author introduces a bill in the House, it gets a House File (HF) number (HF264, for example), indicating the chronological order of the bill's introduction. In the Senate the bill gets a Senate File (SF) (SF224, for example). Each HF usually has a companion SF in the Senate. All revenue-raising bills must begin in the House.

● Committee consideration

At introduction, the bill has its first reading (the Minnesota Constitution requires three readings for all bills—on three separate days). The presiding officer of the House or Senate refers it to an appropriate standing committee for committee action. All committee meetings are open to the public.

A committee may: recommend passage of a bill in its original form; recommend passage after amendment by the committee; or make no recommendation, in which case a bill may die when the session ends. After acting on a bill, the committee sends a report to the House or Senate, stating its actions and recommendations.

● General orders

After adoption of the committee report in the House and Senate, the bill has its second reading and goes onto General Orders of the Day. In the Committee of the Whole, legislators discuss bills on General Orders. They may debate the issues, adopt amendments, and present arguments. They may vote to recommend that a bill "do pass," recommend postponement, or recommend further committee action.

● Calendar

The calendar is a list of bills the Committee of the Whole recommends to pass. At this point a bill has its third reading. Amendments

to the bill must have the unanimous consent of the entire body. Legislators vote on it for the final time.

By committee recommendation, non-controversial bills can by-pass General Orders and go directly onto a Consent Calendar, usually passing without debate. Every bill requires a majority vote of the full membership of the House and Senate to pass.

● Conference committee

If the House and Senate do not agree on a bill, a conference committee of three to five senators, and an equal number of representatives, meets to reach an agreement. If both bodies then pass the bill in compromise form, it goes to the governor.

● Governor

When a bill arrives at the governor's office, he may: sign it, and the bill becomes law; veto it (return it, with a "veto message," stating his objections); pocket veto the bill (after final adjournment of the Legislature); exercise his right to line veto portions of appropriations bills.

If he does not sign or veto a bill within three days after receiving it, while the Legislature is in session, the bill becomes law.

Common terms

● **bicameral:** legislature consisting of two groups of elected legislators

• House of Representatives —134 members, two year-terms

• Senate —67 senators, four-year terms.

● **bill:** proposal to change/abolish existing law or create a new law

● **Calendar:** list of bills awaiting final legislative action

● **chief author:** legislator who introduces and sponsors a bill

● **Committee of the Whole:** entire membership of House/Senate acting as one committee; presiding officer (Speaker of the House or President of the Senate) as chair.

● **companion bills:** identical bills in the House/Senate

● **Conference Committee:** equal number of representatives/senators meet to come to an agreement on one bill when each body passes a different version of the same legislation

● **Consent Calendar:** list of non-controversial bills that usually pass without debate

● **General Orders:** list of bills awaiting preliminary action in the House/Senate each day during a session

● **hearing:** committee meeting to hear arguments for/against an issue

● **House File (H.F.):** bill in the House of Representatives

● **Senate File (S.F.):** bill in the Senate

● **Revisor of Statutes:** legal authority office, puts bills into legal form. Places approved amendments into language of the bill (engrosses). Updates *Minnesota Statutes* to include new laws

● **standing committee:** group of legislators to act on bills; makes recommendations to the House/Senate

● **veto:** Governor does not sign a bill so it does not become law

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March 22 (meetings after 12 noon)

● **Coordinated campuses and research centers in the University of Minnesota system** got initial approval of more than \$10.7 million in funds from the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee on March 22. The largest allocation for capital improvements the division approved would go to the University of Minnesota, Duluth campus.

Of the Duluth allocation, \$7.2 million breaks down to \$4.4 million to remodel its gym, \$1.8 million to renovate Sage Hall and buy equipment for its mineral research program, and \$1 million to repair its outdoor playing fields.

The governor is recommending more than \$9.8 million for the campuses, but his recommendations did not include any funding for Crookston, Waseca, or Morris campuses.

Division members, however, recommended \$1 million to build an addition to the mechanized agriculture shops and \$300,000 for a road and lighting, both at Waseca; \$331,000 for a greenhouse at Morris; and \$850,000 to remodel Owen Hall at Crookston.

The division heard from the State Departments Division of Appropriations that it is allocating \$227,500 to correct or remove PCB transformers at state universities and community colleges and nearly \$2.7 million to contain or remove asbestos.

● **A Regional Transit Board (RTB) would oversee planning and policy-making of bus service** under a bill the Local and Urban Affairs Committee recommended to pass, as amended, March 22.

HF1797 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul) would revamp the governing of mass transit by creating the RTB to take over most of the duties from the Metropolitan Transit Commission.

The RTB would consist of at least four members and a chairman, whom the Metropolitan Council would appoint after consultations with local and state officials. The proposed new organization would restrict the Department of Transportation transit assistance program to only areas outside the metropolitan area.

The committee rereferred the bill to the Governmental Operations Committee.

● **Volunteer ambulance drivers and attendants** could get workers' compensation coverage if HF1401 (Clawson, DFL-Lindstrom) becomes law.

The Workers' Compensation Division recommended HF1401 to pass, as amended, March 22. The bill would make changes to the definition section of the state's workers' compensation law to include any volunteer ambulance drivers and attendants as employees. Daily wages for these employees would remain the same as current law defines them.

A bill that attempts to clarify last year's legislative changes to the workers' comp law, also came out of the division with a recommendation to pass, as amended. Some of the changes that HF1767 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley) would make to current law include:

- repeal the ridesharing coverage
- clarify when employees who return to work should get lump-sum payments
- permit payment of compensation at death to go to surviving dependent children
- clarify minimum economic re-

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covery compensation

- establish an advisory council
- set time limits on payments when injuries reoccur
- prohibit subpoena of public employees for administrative conferences
- clarify liability for occupational disease cases

● **"The Legislature is not trying to kill bingo but rather make it more profitable for you and the state,"** said Rep. Richard Kostohryz (DFL-North St. Paul). Kostohryz spoke in favor of his bill, HF1707, at a General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee meeting, March 22.

HF1707 would create a nine-member Charitable Gambling Control Board to take over responsibility from local governments for licensing and regulating games and to make sure the state gets its share of revenue. The amended version of the bill would tax 10 percent of net profits of the games, rather than the 6 percent of gross receipts, and will actually help bingo operators with unsuccessful events, said Kostohryz. The committee will act on the bill at its next meeting.

● **Gambling was the issue in the Social Services subcommittee** and later in the Health and Welfare Committee, March 22. Members on both committees voted to recommend passage of HF1708 (Coleman, DFL-Spring Lake Park), a bill setting up a pilot program for compulsive gamblers.

Coleman said recent legislation allowing parimutuel betting and the pending lottery bill make the compulsive gambling program especially important. Answering committee members' concern over not enough data to justify the \$200,000 price tag of the bill, Coleman said her bill would set up programs that gather essential information for study.

● **In a late-night Health and Welfare Committee meeting March 22,** members recommended 11 bills

for passage, including the compulsive gambling proposal. Two bills regarding boards go next to the Governmental Operations Committee. HF471 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls) calls for a Foster Care Review Council and HF1848/SF1418* (Welch, DFL-Cambridge) would establish the American Indian Advisory Council in state law.

Bills on welfare programs were HF1853 (Clawson, DFL-Lindstrom), setting up minimum standards for CSSA block grant programs counties may choose to offer; and a bill prohibiting most full-time college students living at home from collecting General Assistance payments, HF1588 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls).

The committee recommended bills that would direct the Welfare Department to: study the need for community-based programs for chronically ill children and apply for a federal waiver if necessary; license adult daycare facilities; redistribute Title 20 funds to counties; authorize the Board of Dentistry to adopt certain rules and regulations; establish rules for rehabilitative services; and regulate installation of vented heat exchangers.

● **On a 9 to 8 vote, the tip credit bill,** HF347 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown) got a recommendation to pass, as amended, from the Labor-Management Relations Committee on March 22. It goes next to the full House.

The bill would bring waiters' and waitresses' wages up to the hourly minimum wage over a four-year period. Currently, waiters and waitresses get 80 percent of minimum wage if they make over \$35 a month in tips.

● **At the same meeting,** a standing-room-only crowd heard testimony on HF732 (Ludeman, IR-Tracy), a bill which would prohibit union shop agreements for private sector employees in the state.

Supporters of the bill say it upholds the right of the individual to bargain without forcing them to join the union. David Roe of the Minnesota AFL-CIO spoke against the bill which the committee referred to the Labor-Management Relations subcommittee.

● **The Omnibus Energy bill, HF1725 (Voss, DFL-Blaine), is in the Appropriations Committee** after a rereferral and recommendation to pass, as amended, from the Energy Committee, March 22.

The bill would outline state conservation purposes, create an energy extension service to develop energy conservation projects, continue a residential energy audit program, and grant money to communities to establish community energy councils. The councils would plan, coordinate, and provide conservation energy programs locally.

FRI

March 23

● **Parimutuel winnings of less than \$1,000 wouldn't be subject to state income tax withholding** under a bill the House Taxes Committee recommended to pass, as amended, March 23.

HF1680 (Redalen, IR-Fountain), one of several bills the committee discussed, would conform the tax withholding on parimutuel winnings to federal tax codes, allowing the state to withhold 10 percent of the winnings if they are more than \$1,000 on a 300-to-1 bet. (IRS withholds 20 percent on the winnings.) Present law withholds 11 percent on winnings of \$200 or more, a practice that would discourage tourism, Rep. Elton Redalen said.

The bill also would repeal a 7-percent withholding tax on money that goes to trainers, jockeys, and owners who take a cut of the prize winnings.

● **Court unification is an idea that's been around the Legislature**

for a number of years. In a March 23 meeting of the Minnesota Criminal Justice Division, members once again took it up in HF1535, and gave it a recommendation to pass.

"In the bill we do eliminate county, district, and municipal courts, and make the district court the only trial court in the state creating a configuration of a trial court, the court of appeals, and the Supreme Court of appeals. We do move all the county and municipal judges who are learned in the law into the district bench," said Rep. John Clawson (DFL-Lindstrom), author of HF1535.

HF1535 now goes to the floor for full House consideration.

● **This is an important bill for the processing industry in Minnesota,** Rep. Don Bergstrom (DFL-Big Lake) told members of the House Governmental Operations Committee, March 23. Bergstrom is author of HF1376, a bill that would set up a state program to help finance agricultural processing facilities.

Under the bill, which aims to increase marketability of farm products, the state could guarantee up to 90 percent of a loan to finance a facility, and the loan could finance up to 80 percent of the total cost of a project. In case of default, the state would issue general obligation bonds to cover the principal and interest on the guaranteed loan.

The committee recommended HF1376 to pass. It goes next to the Taxes Committee.

● **Education decisions belong to students, parents, teachers, and building administrators** and should happen at the local level. And people most affected by those decisions should have the opportunity to make them, according to Commissioner of Education Ruth Randall. Randall supports a proposal the House of Representatives Education Finance Division heard March

22. The proposal would give six Minnesota schools a chance at determining their own destiny through a school-based management pilot program.

● **The Compensation Council's recommended pay raises** for judges, legislators, and constitutional officers came before the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee on March 23. Rep. Wayne Simoneau (DFL-Fridley) reported for the council.

The council, which the Legislature created last year, recommends trial court judges get a raise from \$55,000 to \$60,000 July 1 of this year. The governor's salary would go from the current \$75,000 to \$84,500 on July 1, 1985, and legislators' salaries would rise from the current \$18,500 to \$21,100 also effective July 1 of 1985 if the recommendations go through.

Simoneau, a Council member, said some judges are leaving the bench for higher salaries in the private sector and that it may be hard to get qualified judges if salaries don't go up.

Division members may make their own recommendations or go with what the Council recommends.

● **The Department of Public Welfare (DPW) classified** some of the Department's budget requests before the Health, Welfare and Corrections Division of Appropriations on March 22 and March 23. The division is reviewing the governor's supplemental budget requests.

Frank Giberson, DPW deputy commissioner, said four of the six requests that correspond with legislation will reduce the budget for fiscal year 1985 and generate savings for fiscal year 1986; General Assistance (G.A.) Employment Allowance Reduction (HF1588-Greenfield), Home and Community Based Services Waiver for Chronically Ill Children (HF1660-Wynia), the Special Revenue Account (HF2091-St. Onge), and the Public Welfare Licensing Bill (HF1168-Bergstrom).

Other requests corresponding with legislation are the corrections of misallocations of federal Title XX Funds and The Jobs Program and

G.A. Bill. The request to eliminate the Institution Contingent Account will also generate funds.

MON

March 26

● **Programs that would reach out to a variety of students** in Minnesota's public schools had lawmakers' attention in the Education Committee, March 26, when the committee recommended HF1643 (Hoffman, DFL-Stillwater) to pass.

The bill would open the door for the State Board of Education to require all school districts to offer vocational courses, on a limited basis. Currently, districts may choose whether they want to offer vocational curriculum.

Students with hearing and visual problems would also get help through state-wide assessment programs. Under these programs, state money would allow school nurses and health officials to take a closer look at students with potential hearing and visual problems that hinder their learning.

● **Minnesota has to put some money into advertising and begin selling itself,** says Mark Dayton, commissioner of the Department of Energy and Economic Development. And the governor wants to put \$1.3 million into a marketing and advertising program to attract businesses to the state.

At a March 26 meeting, Dayton told the State Departments Division of Appropriations that budgets in other states average \$650,000 for advertising alone, "which is what we're asking for the advertising part of ours." He said South Dakota spends about \$2.5 million.

Dayton said local governments

asked for \$7 million more than the state had for community development grants last year. This time around, the governor wants an additional \$5 million, or a total of \$8 million, for economic development grants to help communities expand their tax bases, develop vacant industrial land, and create permanent jobs.

● **"It doesn't make sense to have cities enacting their own versions of what they think are appropriate firearm regulations,"** Rep. Bob Vanasek told members of the Judiciary Committee, March 26.

Vanasek spoke in favor of HF1828, a bill that would make firearm policy the same throughout the state. Present law allows Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth to adopt their own, more restrictive ordinances. But, the committee in amending the bill, replaced its language with that of HF1363, a bill Vanasek authored in pre-session hearings. Vanasek's first bill would have avoided a situation, such as occurred in Morton Grove, Illinois, where the city now prohibits gun ownership.

Describing the difference in the two pieces of legislation, Vanasek said that HF1828 goes a bit further than his original bill in that it is a pre-emption bill. He says it would prevent cities of the first class from passing more stringent ordinances and it focuses more clearly on one standard uniform policy on firearms regulations for the state.

The committee adopted the original version of the proposal to prohibit cities from passing ordinances to ban guns. The full House acts on the bill next.

● **"Our state's future, economic growth, and ability to create new jobs will depend on how well we understand technology and how well we position ourselves to take advantage of it,"** Ed Hunter, representing Minnesota Wellspring, told members on the Governmental Operations Committee in a March 26 meeting.

Hunter spoke in support of legislation the committee approved, which would create a Minnesota Telecommunications Council in the executive branch.

Under the authority of HF1671 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls) the council would have duties that include providing advice on telecommunications policy, stimulating use of systems to improve government functions, serving as an information clearinghouse, assisting in state plans development, helping to acquire funds for telecommunications services, reviewing and reporting on its needs and services and on the effectiveness of state telecommunications laws, recommending development of coordinated telecommunications networks, and surveying providers and users to determine where improvements are necessary.

● **The House defeated the mandatory seat belt bill on March 26.** The bill would have, by law, required Minnesotans to buckle up. However, the bill is back on General Orders in the House and could come up again this session.

Legislation the House passed included the bill that would prohibit the use of decompression chambers to destroy animals; a bill that allows municipalities to issue revenue bonds to building owners who want to install fire protection systems; and a school bus bill that broadly defines what a school bus is and increases the time period from two to four hours that police can arrest a person who illegally passes a school bus.

The House also passed a bill that would set standards to prohibit excessive top soil erosion on farmland, forest land, and construction sites. If it becomes law, its effective date would be 1989.

TUE

March 27

● **Repeal of the 10 percent income tax surcharge, retroactive to Jan. 1** won a recommendation to pass from the Minnesota House Taxes Committee, March 27.

The proposal is part of an Omnibus

Tax Bill (Tomlinson, DFL-St. Paul) the committee is studying, which includes the Jan. 1 retroactive repeal of the surtax, and an increase of \$125 million in the state budget reserve.

Committee members were unanimous in their support of a Jan. 1 repeal date, which would cost \$340 million in revenue loss. Price tag of a July 1 repeal would be about \$225 million.

● **Riders of three-wheel vehicles would have an option to register their three-wheels under a proposed bill** the Environment and Natural Resources Committee recommended to pass, as amended, March 27.

HF820 (Welch, DFL-Cambridge) would allow any riders, over 18 years old, to pay \$15 to register their vehicles with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

The bill would allow three-wheel vehicles on some state trails, and have the DNR publish a directory of metropolitan areas three wheels could use.

The committee also recommended to pass a "hound dog bill," which would allow people to hunt bears with hound dogs.

Rep. Doug Carlson (IR-Sandstone), author of HF207, said the DNR received nearly 800 complaints about bears last year. They're a nuisance to various people, including beekeepers and farmers, Carlson said.

A DNR spokesman told the committee the Department opposes the bill, because it would be difficult to enforce, and because present law already allows a landowner to kill a bear if the animal poses a danger.

● **A bill to restructure the metro area transit system** got the ap-



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Committee Schedule for the Week of April 2 - 6, 1984

Monday, Apr 2

- 8:00 a.m. JOINT MEETING STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION AND AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 57.** Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: Final funding recommendations for capital budget bill.
- EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 22.** Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: To be announced.
- 10:00 a.m. JUDICIARY, Rm. 81.** Chr. Rep. Bob Vanasek. Agenda: SF7/HF248 (Begich) Providing for the tort liability of the St. Louis County promotional bureau. HF1772 (J. Clark) Clarifying the effect of punitive segregation confinement on an inmate's scheduled release date. HF1473 (Kelly) Specifying the crime of theft of telecommunications service. HF1809 (Wynia) Authorizing aggregation of thefts in medicaid fraud cases; extending the statute of limitations in medicaid fraud cases. HF1638 (Vellenga) Relating to highway traffic regulations; providing for breath tests to be administered using the Intoxilizer 5000 for the purpose of determining the presence of alcohol or a controlled substance. HF1400 (Vellenga) Providing for criminal penalties upon refusal by a driver suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance to take a chemical test. HF2036 (Minne) Relating to real property; providing that the mortgage and contract for deed moratorium become permanent law. HF1547 (Kahn) Clarifying the rights and responsibilities of resident aliens with respect to the distribution of economic benefits, militia enlistment, and veterans affairs. HF1902 (Ellingson) Relating to real property; allowing service of summons upon dissolved domestic corporations.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs. Agenda: SF1475/HF1551 (Hokr) Permitting a municipality to be represented by its designee on a joint cable communication commission. (Additional bills may be added to agenda.)

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

After Session

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Supplemental allocations.

6:30 p.m. LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION TO REVIEW ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: Preliminary assessment; Dept. of Transportation 14 MCAR 1.027, 1.030-32; eligibility of blind for Metro Mobility services.

Tuesday, Apr 3

- 8:00 a.m. APPROPRIATIONS, Rm. 57.** Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: Capital budget.
- 8:15 a.m. TAXES, Rm. 81.** Chr. Rep. John Tomlinson. Agenda: Omnibus tax bill.
- 10:00 a.m. COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 81.** Chr. Rep. John Sarna. Agenda: To be announced.
- ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 83.** Chr. Rep. Willard Munger. Agenda: SF1114/HF1030 (Knuth) Relating to park boundaries. HF1769 (Munger) Relating to sewage treatment bonding. HF2188 (Eken) Relating to settlement of Indian land claims on the White Earth Reservation. HF1577 (Long) Relating to Waste Management Act amendments. SF1048/HF1143 (Battaglia) Relating to transportation of wild animals. HF1318 (Segal) Relating to a study of the relationship between hazardous waste contamination of metro water supplies and the incidence of cancer. HF688 (Larsen) Relating to waste tires. HF1945 (Skoglund) Relating to noise abatement at Minneapolis/St. Paul airport. HF1865 (Battaglia) Relating to forestry. SF868/HF1053 (Levi) Relating to the morel mushroom. SF881/HF1194 (D. Nelson) Relating to aggregate deposits.
- 4:00 p.m. RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION, Rm. 22.** Chr. Rep. Willis Eken. Agenda: Memorial and congratulatory resolutions; amendments to House Rules (deadline dates); miscellaneous personnel.

Wednesday, Apr 4

- 8:00 a.m. EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 57.** Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: HF1393 (K. Nelson) Education aids bill. HF1291 (McEachern) Proposing an amendment to the MN Constitution regarding permanent school fund investment restrictions.
- 10:00 a.m. AGRICULTURE, Rm. 83.** Chr. Rep. Steve Wenzel. Agenda: To be announced.
- GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 57.** Chr. Rep. Richard Kostohryz. Agenda: To be announced. (House Files and Senate Files pending in Senate.)
- CRIMINAL JUSTICE DIVISION/Judiciary, Rm. 81.** Chr. Rep. Janet Clark. Agenda: HF1665 (Vanasek) Requiring revocation of a person's driver's license until his or her 19th birthday upon violation of a traffic law relating to the possession or consumption of alcohol. (Other Senate Files will be added to agenda.)
- LAW REFORM SUBCOMMITTEE/Judiciary, Rm. 22.** Chr. Rep. Bob Ellingson. HF1964 (Ellingson) Relating to trusts; eliminating procedures for confirming appointment of trustees. HF2039 (Ellingson) Relating to commerce; providing for the computation of interest on mechanics' lien claims. SF506/HF878 (Dempsey) Relating to probate; changing the time for closing certain estates. HF1935 (Dempsey) Providing procedures for granting powers of attorney. HF2151 (Norton) Relating to commerce; clarifying the limitations on enforcement of indemnification agreements in construction contracts. SF1562/HF2077 (Cohen) Relating to probate; providing for the transmission of documents to foreign consuls by the office of the secretary of state. SF1454 (Staten) Relating to public welfare; authorizing the commissioner to enter into interstate adoption compacts; establishing procedures for interstate assistance payments. HF1884 (Graba) Relating to commerce; providing an alternative distribution of assets following voluntary dissolution of a cooperative association.

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

TRANSPORTATION, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. George Mann. Agenda: HF1449/SF1435 (Sparby) Authorizing operation of farm truck with Class C drivers' license by employee operating truck during harvest. HF1831/SF1747 (Kalis) Increasing special permit fees for vehicles exceeding weight limitations. HF1845/SF1520 (Kalis) Omnibus Dept. of Public Safety bill. HF1835/SF1334 (Blatz) Allowing prepayment of state contractual obligations to governmental subdivisions under agreements for the construction, improvement, or maintenance of trunk highways. HF2177/SF2076 (Munger) Authorizing extension of I-35 in Duluth. SF877/HF896 (Battaglia) Providing for the inclusion of former municipal state-aid streets in the county state-aid highway system.

7:30 p.m. TAXES, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. John Tomlinson. Agenda: Omnibus tax bill.

Thursday, Apr 5

8:00 a.m. APPROPRIATIONS, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. James Rice. Agenda: Supplemental appropriations bill. HF1393 (K. Nelson) School aids bill. HF1291 (McEachern) Proposing an amendment to the MN Constitution regarding permanent school fund investment restrictions.

8:15 a.m. TAXES, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. John Tomlinson. Agenda: Omnibus tax bill.

10:00 a.m. COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. John Sarna. Agenda: To be announced.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Willard Munger. Agenda: Continue agenda from Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. meeting.

12:00 GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 57. Chr. Rep. Richard Kostohryz. Agenda: To be announced.

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

Friday, Apr 6

8:00 a.m. AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: To be announced.

8:15 a.m. TAXES, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. John Tomlinson. Agenda: Omnibus tax bill.

Bill introductions

Monday, Mar 26

HF2101—Gustafson (DFL)—Education
Education; authorizing the purchase of new series textbooks from the capital expenditure fund; amending statutes.

HF2102—Segal (DFL)—Education
Education; requiring elementary schools to offer programs promoting healthy behaviors and lifestyles; establishing a pilot health program for school personnel; proposing new law.

HF2103—Kelly (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; motor vehicle excise; exempting sales of pioneer cars; amending statutes.

HF2104—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Welfare
Public welfare; establishing a board of social work examiners; licensing and regulating social workers; providing penalties; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2105—Gustafson (DFL)—Regulated Industries
City of Duluth; authorizing the Duluth city council to permit the on-sale of liquor at the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center by on-sale licensees in the city of Duluth.

HF2106—Vellenga (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Minnesota historical society; concerning unclaimed property of historical significance; amending statutes.

HF2107—Heap (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Legislature; reducing its size; amending statutes.

HF2108—Heap (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; accident and health; regulating the advertising and selling of certain insurance purporting to supplement medicare; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF2109—Thiede (IR)—Taxes
Establishment of the Croft Mine Historical Board; authorizing a tax levy.

HF2110—Omann (IR)—Education
Education; requiring schools to display state flags; amending statutes.

HF2111—Elioff (DFL)—Education
Education; basing the distribution of certain taconite tax proceeds to certain school districts on a one year earlier pupil unit count; amending statutes.

HF2112—Kelly (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; sales; reducing the tax rate for certain capital equipment; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2113—Peterson (DFL)—Transportation
Motor fuels; setting standards for gasoline and gasoline-alcohol blends; providing testing authority for the weights and measures division of the department of public service; requiring alcohol content disclosure; providing for labeling; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2114—Wenzel (DFL)—Health/Welfare
Health; establishing a state health care plan; proposing new law.

HF2115—Wenzel (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; requiring the county board of adjustment to take the town board's recommendation into consideration when making certain decisions; amending statutes.

HF2116—McKasy (IR)—Regulated Industries
Intoxicating liquor; authorizing the city of West St. Paul to issue two additional on-sale licenses.

HF2117—Nelson, K. (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Public safety; religion; prohibiting regulation of hand-held candles in religious services; proposing new law.

HF2118—Wenzel (DFL)—Taxes
Agriculture; providing income tax incentives to landowners who sell or lease agricultural land to eligible beginning farmers or family farm corporations; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2119—Wenzel (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; restoring local government aid reductions; amending statutes.

HF2120—Elioff (DFL)—Transportation
Local government; appropriating money for upgrading access road to new elementary school.

HF2121—Beard (DFL)—Education
Education; requiring elementary and secondary physical education classes to be taught by instructors licensed in physical education by the board of teaching; amending statutes.

HF2122—Minne (DFL)—Taxes
Local government; providing for the distribution of certain federal payments in lieu of property taxes; proposing new law.

HF2123—Wenzel (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; changing the definition of wetlands for purposes of the property tax exemptions and credit; amending statutes.

HF2124—Brinkman (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; authorizing the commissioner to use certain funds for short-term loans to help participants meet their family farm security loan obligations; amending statutes.

HF2125—Murphy (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; authorizing the purchase of prior service credit in the teachers retirement association by a certain member of the public employees retirement fund.

HF2126—Levi (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to provide an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide the president with the authority to veto individual line items in appropriations bills.

HF2127—Simoneau (DFL)—Labor/Management Relations

Workers' compensation; providing for determination of disability in cases of occupational disability; amending statutes.

HF2128—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; establishing an experimental family-based services program for children; providing grants; proposing new law.

HF2129—Piper (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Regional planning; permitting school districts to participate in regional planning activities; authorizing counties to exercise regional planning powers where regional development commissions have been terminated; amending statutes.

HF2130—Knuth (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Administrative procedure; providing for a hearing procedure on certain proposed rules; providing an exemption from the contested case procedures; encouraging the use of negotiated rulemaking; regulating certain incorporations by reference, providing for the adoption of the rule after the hearing; requiring certain information to be contained in a notice to adopt a rule without a public hearing; authorizing interested persons to request a public hearing under certain circumstances; providing for notice of the modification of certain proposed rules; establishing a procedure for the adoption of emergency rules; providing for the expiration of authority for temporary rulemaking; providing for the legal status of certain exempt rules; requiring agencies to maintain official rulemaking records; providing for the judicial determination of the validity of a rule; making various technical changes; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF2131—Gustafson (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

City of Duluth; changing the boundaries of the tracts of land administered by the Sprit Mountain recreation area authority; amending laws.

HF2132—Brinkman (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Health; authorizing the commissioner of insurance to adopt rules related to financial affairs of health maintenance organizations; requiring certificates of authority to be jointly issued by the commissioners of health and insurance; amending statutes.

HF2133—Anderson, G. (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Metropolitan government; providing for the appointment of certain chairmen; providing for additional consultation on appointments; amending statutes.

HF2134—Brinkman (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing the governments of the United States and the Federal Republic of Germany that the State of Minnesota adopts the Land of Bayern as a sister state.

HF 2135—Simoneau (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public safety; prohibiting the state fire marshal from adopting or enforcing certain rules relating to family or group family day care homes; amending statutes.

HF2136—Johnson (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Agriculture; requiring commercial feed manufacturers to carry liability insurance; amending statutes.

HF2137—McEachern (DFL)—Appropriations

Education; establishing a scholarship program at certain state universities and certain campuses of the University of Minnesota to recruit top scholars in certain fields of study; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF2138—Clark, J. (DFL)—Judiciary

Public nuisances; defining a nuisance; providing for the enjoinder of nuisances; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF2139—Gustafson (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; requiring health maintenance organizations to provide coverage for services within the scope of the license of a dentist or podiatrist; requiring employers to offer alternative prepaid health plan coverage to employees; authorizing any licensed dentist to participate in certain prepaid dental plans; amending statutes.

HF2140—Himle (IR)—Governmental Operations

Unemployment compensation; regulating benefit eligibility related to receipt of severance payment; amending statutes.

HF2141—Ogren (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Commerce; modifying the definition of "franchise" for purposes of franchise regulation; amending statutes.

HF2142—Himle (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; conforming to federal law for treatment of contributions in individual retirement plans and other pension plans; amending statutes.

HF2143—Metzen (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; income; abolishing the farm loss modification; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2144—Onnen (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; sales; exempting sales by certain organizations; amending statutes.

HF2145—Munger (DFL)—Appropriations

University of Minnesota; conditioning appropriations for the Duluth campus on its administration reporting directly to the Board of Regents or on the Board of Regents' appointment of chief executive officers for the Twin Cities campus and each coordinate campus; proposing new law.

HF2146—Brinkman (DFL)—Judiciary

Crimes; regulating public dances; amending statutes.

HF2147—Shaver (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration

Legislature; extending the laws on post-auditing, attribution of published documents, ethics, and open meetings now relating just to the executive branch to include the legislative branch; amending statutes.

HF2148—Skoglund (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; authorizing the use of smoker and nonsmoker mortality tables; proposing new law.

HF2149—Long (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Hazardous waste management; indemnifying persons liable under the environmental response and liability act; requiring operators to demonstrate financial responsibility; creating a state liability trust fund; imposing a disposal surcharge; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF2150—Waltman (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

Newspapers; making certain publications legal newspapers; proposing new law.

HF2151—Norton (DFL)—Judiciary

Commerce; clarifying the limitations on enforcement of indemnification agreements in construction contracts; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2152—Wenzel (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; changing the eligibility requirements for a family farm security loan; amending statutes.

HF2153—Graba (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; sales; expanding the exemption for electricity for agricultural production; amending statutes.

HF2154—Clawson (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Civil commitment; providing for status review of persons residing in state facilities pursuant to an order of guardianship; amending statutes.

HF2155—Clawson (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Civil commitment; clarifying the conditions under which a guardian may place a minor ward in certain treatment facilities; amending statutes.

HF2156—Clark, J. (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; establishing financial responsibility for newborn infants remaining in excluded time facilities; establishing time spent in correctional facilities as excluded time for purposes of medical assistance; amending statutes.

HF2157—Welch (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Legislative auditor; authorizing the audit of metropolitan agencies, boards, and commissions; amending statutes.

HF2158—Jacobs (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Intoxicating liquor; providing for the validation and issuance of intoxicating liquor licenses on Indian reservations; amending statutes.

HF2159—Zaffke (IR)—Regulated Industries

Intoxicating liquor; allowing Shingobee township to issue and renew certain off-sale licenses.

HF2160—Simoneau (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations

Public employment labor relations; recodifying the public employment labor relations act; repealing statutes.

HF2161—Ellingson (DFL)—Judiciary

Statutes; revising the text of certain laws to remove redundant and obsolete language, to simplify grammar and syntax, and to improve the style of language without causing changes in the

meaning of the laws affected; requiring the revisor of statutes to editorially change criminal fines in a manner consistent with 1983 regular session changes made in maximum authorized fines; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2162—Piper (DFL)—Judiciary

Minnesota Statutes; providing for the replacement of gender-specific references with neutral or equal references to gender; imposing duties on the revisor of statutes and other legislative staff; setting goals; providing for the accomplishment of goals within existing resources.

HF2163—Heinitz (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; eliminating the income tax surtax; repealing statutes.

HF2164—Schoenfeld (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Local government; requiring payments as a condition of annexations; amending statutes.

HF2165—Sarna (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; highway patrol; age and service requirements; annuity formula; amending statutes.

HF2166—Battaglia (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Public utilities; requiring certain utility pole guy lines to be marked with reflector tape; proposing new law.

HF2167—Battaglia (DFL)—Transportation

Transportation; prohibiting certain types of barricades, fences, or obstructions across highways and roads; imposing a penalty; amending statutes.

HF2168—Battaglia (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Parks; providing for the conveyance of certain land for Voyageurs National Park; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2169—Battaglia (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

State lands; conveying lands to the federal government for Voyageurs National Park; appropriating money.

HF2170—Battaglia (DFL)—Judiciary

Lake County; authorizing the county to establish a loan program to forestall foreclosures of mortgages on residential and agricultural homesteads.

HF2171—Battaglia (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Cities; providing that certain cities shall not be reclassified for purposes of the municipal state-aid street system; amending statutes.

HF2172—Wenzel (DFL)—Transportation

Transportation; highways; modifying restrictions on loading of vehicles driven on highways; amending statutes.

HF2173—McEachern (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Housing; prohibiting certain rent control ordinances in cities, counties, and towns; proposing new law.

HF2174—Gustafson (DFL)—Appropriations

Corrections; providing for costs of transporting convicted persons and children adjudicated delinquent to correctional facilities; amending statutes.

HF2175—Heap (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Gambling; allowing certain organizations to wager on golf matches under specified conditions; amending statutes.

HF2176—Metzen (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Cannon Falls; authorizing the establishment of detached banking facilities.

HF2177—Munge (DFL)—Transportation

Transportation; authorizing extension of I-35 in Duluth; amending statutes.

HF2178—Anderson, Buzz (DFL)—Appropriations

Claims; transportation; requiring the commissioner of transportation to pay claims for damages arising from an inadequate drainage culvert under highway number 30; appropriating money.

HF2179—Wenzel (DFL)—Education

Education; providing additional funding for a certain technology demonstration site proposal; appropriating money.

HF2180—Elioff (IR)—Transportation

A resolution memorializing the President and Secretary of Transportation of the United States, the National Transportation Safety Board, and the Minnesota Congressional delegation to implement a program for the reflectorization of railroad rolling stock.

HF2181—Heap (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; providing an exclusion for governmental pensions; amending statutes.

HF2182—Wenzel (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; changing certain duties of the commissioner; changing certain reporting requirements concerning agricultural land ownership; exempting the family farm security program from certain loan commitment approval requirements; amending statutes.

HF2183—Valan (IR)—Health/Welfare

Health; providing counseling and education services for sudden infant death syndrome families; requiring autopsies on victims of sudden infant death syndrome; requiring the report of sudden infant death to the registrar of vital statistics; amending statutes.

HF2184—Krueger (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; directing further study on the problem of stray voltage; appropriating money.

HF2185—Schoenfeld (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Local government; providing for the conduct of the business of towns; setting various conditions for elections; providing for certain town debt; revising various other town laws; providing penalties; amending statutes.

HF2186—Scheid (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Public finance; providing for allocation of federal authority to issue certain state and local obligations; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2187—Wynia (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Medical assistance; changing responsibilities of screening teams for mentally retarded services; amending statutes.

HF2188—Eken (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Indians; providing for partial settlement of Indian land claims on the White Earth Reservation; appropriating money.

HF2189—Tunheim (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

A resolution memorializing the International Joint Commission, the President and Congress to effectuate an agreement between Minnesota and Ontario on joint management of their border waters.

HF2190—Knuth (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Ramsey County; providing for the creation, organization, powers and duties of a personnel system; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

Thursday, Mar 29

HF2191—Gutknecht (IR)—Governmental Operations

Unemployment compensation; amending the term "credit week" to mean a week in which an individual earns 30 times the state minimum wage; extending the unemployment compensation ten percent surtax through 1986; increasing from 15 to 26 the number of credit weeks an individual needs to qualify for unemployment compensation; capping the maximum benefit at \$198 until the unemployment compensation fund reaches \$100 million; requiring that an individual seek full-time work to be eligible for unemployment compensation; increasing from four to eight the number of weeks and weekly benefit amounts in earnings which are necessary to requalify for unemployment compensation; amending statutes.

HF2192—Wenzel (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; milk quality standards; refining procedures and deadlines for investment reimbursement; amending statutes.

HF2193—Heinitz (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Financial institutions; credit unions; authorizing the board of directors to establish certain interest rates; amending statutes.

HF2194—Wynia (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; making permanent the withholding of tax refunds of child support debtor; amending statutes.

HF2195—Segal (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; limiting the number of years which certain leased property is eligible for homestead benefits; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2196—Wenzel (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Local government; providing for the conveyance of certain tax forfeited land in Morrison County.

HF2197—Bishop (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Olmsted County; allowing contracts for solid waste management property, facilities, and services to be let without advertisement for bids.

HF2198—Nelson, D. (DFL)—Judiciary

Crimes; providing a penalty for falsely reporting a medical emergency; imposing a penalty; amending statutes.

HF2199—Brandl (DFL)—Education

Education; modifying various aids and levies; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2200—Minne (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; modifying the taxation of certain railroad property; allowing the commissioner more discretion in valuing railroad property; providing for additional property taxes to be paid in certain cases; appropriating money to make certain property tax refunds for railroad property; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2201—Schoenfeld (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; changing the computation of the school agricultural credit retroactive to taxes payable in 1984 in certain cases; removing the maximum targeting credit; increasing local government aid for townships; directing the department of revenue to issue guidelines on certain topics; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2202—Graba (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; changing the computation of the school agricultural credit retroactive to taxes payable in 1984 in certain cases; removing the maximum targeting credit; increasing local government aid for townships; directing the department of revenue to issue guidelines on certain topics; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2203—Peterson (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; allowing milk to be standardized; providing an effective date; amending statutes.

HF2204—Sparby (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to repeal the Federal Reserve Act.

HF2205—Swanson (DFL)—Taxes

Public safety; providing for use of a portion of the proceeds of the tobacco tax; amending statutes.

HF2206—Hoffman (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public and welfare; providing for special transportation services for the blind elderly; amending statutes.

HF2207—Bishop (IR)—Judiciary

Minnesota Statutes; correcting erroneous, ambiguous, omitted, and obsolete references and text; eliminating certain redundant, conflicting and superseded provisions; reenacting certain laws; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2208—Shaver (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Elections; eliminating the party designated check-off system; amending statutes.

HF2209—Shaver (IR)—Judiciary

Crimes; authorizing the commissioner of corrections to bring a civil action to collect felony fines; exempting indigent inmates from imprisonment for failure to pay felony fines; providing that revenue from felony fines shall be used to finance the operation of correctional institutions; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF2210—Clark, J. (DFL)—Judiciary

Crimes; providing a penalty for theft of certain records; amending statutes.

HF2211—Graba (DFL)—Education

Education; providing for a three-year probationary period for teachers employed in independent school districts; amending statutes.

HF2212—DenOuden (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; property; changing computation of the school agricultural credit beginning with taxes payable in 1984; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2213—Clark, K. (DFL)—Appropriations

Job training; authorizing demonstration grants for training and habilitation services for persons with certain disabilities; appropriating money.

HF2214—Vanasek (DFL)—Judiciary

Civil actions; requiring agreements for loans of money, repayment of money, or extension of credit to be in writing; amending statutes.

HF2215—Carlson, L. (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Economic development; authorizing certain incorporators to establish two innovation center public corporations to assist in the development of the state's high technology businesses, products, and systems by providing certain services and assistance; establishing the purposes, powers, and duties of the corporation; providing for directors, articles, and by-laws; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF2216—Rodríguez, C. (DFL)—Education

Education; lengthening membership on the higher education coordinating board to six-year terms; amending statutes.

HF2217—Shaver (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Elections; limiting campaign expenditures by congressional candidates who choose to receive a public subsidy for their campaigns; redefining certain terms in relation to congressional candidates; limiting the applicability of certain provisions of law to state constitutional and state legislative candidates; providing for the

transfer of debts and funds of a principal campaign committee under certain circumstances; providing for filing of campaign reports by certain congressional candidates; proposing expenditure limits for congressional candidates who choose to receive a public subsidy; providing a penalty for exceeding campaign expenditure limits by congressional candidates; providing for the allocation of the general account to certain state and congressional candidates; providing estimates of minimum amounts of public subsidy to be received by certain congressional candidates; requiring signed agreements by congressional candidates who choose to receive a public subsidy; specifying when congressional candidates who accept a public subsidy must return all or part thereof; providing for the return of money from the state elections campaign fund to the general fund; making certain technical amendments; imposing penalties; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2218—Shea (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Public finance; authorizing investment alternatives; providing for the delivery of municipal obligations in certificated or uncertificated form; providing restrictions on the use of certain data; providing a formula for determining limitations on interest rates on municipal obligations; providing an alternative procedure for conducting a public sale of municipal obligations; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2219—Wynia (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Intoxicating liquor; authorizing on-sale wine licenses outside the boundaries of liquor patrol limits; amending statutes.

HF2220—Fjoslien (IR)—Appropriations

Agriculture; providing for a full-time extension agent for Grant County; appropriating money.

HF2221—Larsen (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Unemployment compensation; regulating benefit eligibility for certain contractors; repealing statutes.

HF2222—Knuth (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Water; providing for comprehensive local water management; requiring counties to develop and implement county water and land resources plans; authorizing the environmental quality board to make comprehensive water planning grants to counties; providing additional authorities to counties; providing additional duties of the environment quality board; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF2223—Metzen (DFL)—Energy

Housing; tax exempt financing; changing the formula and competitive system for the allocation of qualified mortgage bonds; amending statutes.

HF2224—Anderson, G. (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations

Public employment; eliminating the presumption of impasse after the passage of time; providing for changes in the required strike notice; granting certain powers to the director of the bureau of mediation services; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2225—Wenzel (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Elections; changing the date of the state primary; amending statutes.

HF2226—Norton (DFL)—Regulated Industries

City of St. Paul; authorizing the city to issue on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses in excess of the statutory limit for use in city development districts.

HF2227—Simoneau (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations

Workers' compensation; providing for determination of disability in cases of occupational disability; amending statutes.

HF2228—Segal (DFL)—Education

Education; requiring elementary schools to offer programs promoting healthy behaviors and lifestyles; establishing a pilot health program for school personnel; proposing new law.

HF2229—Valan (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Notaries public; authorizing appointment of out-of-state notaries; requiring designation of the clerk of district court of the county in which appointment is sought as agent for out-of-state notaries; amending statutes.

HF2230—Rose (IR)—Appropriations

University of Minnesota; appropriating money for road improvements in the City of Falcon Heights.

HF2231—Staten (DFL)—Judiciary

Public welfare; authorizing the commissioner to enter into interstate adoption compacts; establishing procedures for interstate assistance payments; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2232—Vanasek (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; providing that certain income tax deductions for contributions may be carried forward; amending statutes.

HF2233—Solberg (DFL)—Taxes

Local government; establishing emergency property tax relief aid; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2234—Rodriguez, F. (DFL)—Regulated Industries

City of St. Paul; authorizing the issuance of a license for the sale of intoxicating liquor at the Ordway Music Theatre; requiring local approval.

HF2235—Marsh (IR)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; authorizing recalculation of certain annuities and benefits.

HF2236—Welle (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Health; encouraging philanthropic support of nonprofit hospitals and nursing homes; providing that funds derived from specified types of gifts or grants shall not be deducted from the operating costs of a nursing home; amending statutes.

HF2237—Piepho (IR)—Judiciary

District public defenders; providing that district public defenders be appointed by a bid process; requiring the judges of each judicial district to submit the budget for the office of district public defender to the board of county commissioners for approval; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2238—Elioff (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Natural resources; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to sell certain lands in Koochiching County; appropriating money.

HF2239—Uphus (IR)—Governmental Operations

State lands; conveying certain lands to the city of Melrose.

HF2240—McKasy (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; exempting sales by certain organizations; amending statutes.

HF2241—Norton (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Operation of state government; changing the law on the administration of state finances and accounting practices; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF2242—Vanasek (DFL)—Judiciary

Courts; providing that public defenders in misdemeanors cases shall be appointed by the county board; amending statutes.

HF2243—Otis (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Energy; prohibiting public utilities from establishing large volume contract service rates; amending statutes.

HF2244—Clawson (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; establishing procedures for the involuntary administration of antipsychotic medications; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2245—Clawson (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Crimes; prohibiting the purchase or sale of human organs; amending statutes.

HF2246—Segal (DFL)—Education

Education; ensuring minimum amounts of financial support to the regional public library system; requiring county board of commissioners to appoint at least one representative to the regional public library system board; proposing new law.

HF2247—Begich (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public health; exempting increases of less than five swing beds from certificate of need review; amending statutes.

HF2248—Norton (DFL)—Judiciary

Probate; providing for ante-mortem probate of wills; proposing new law.

HF2249—Vanasek (DFL)—Taxes

Local government; restoring county government local government aid reductions; amending statutes.

HF2250—McKasy (IR)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; benefits of judges and survivors under the uniform retirement and survivors' annuities law; amending statutes.

HF2251—Cohen (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Authorizing the city of St. Paul to issue on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses in excess of the statutory limit to the city's downtown business district; prohibiting transfers of intoxicating liquor licenses in the city of Saint Paul beginning January 1, 1994; and prohibiting transfer of licenses issued pursuant to this act.

HF2252—Nelson, K. (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; establishing a children's trust fund for the prevention of child abuse and neglect; establishing an income tax checkoff to provide money for the fund; proposing new law.

HF2253—Kalis (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; changing the computation of the school agricultural credit retroactive to taxes payable in 1984 in certain cases;

removing the maximum targeting credit; increasing local government aid guidelines on certain topics; appropriating money.

HF2254—Anderson, G. (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; changing the computation of the school agricultural credit retroactive to taxes payable in 1984 in certain cases; removing the maximum targeting credit; increasing local government aid for townships; directing the department of revenue to issue guidelines on certain topics; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2255—Bennett (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

Local government; permitting a land transfer between Ramsey County and the city of Shoreview.

HF2256—Norton (DFL)—Judiciary

Probate; clarifying requirement that the attorney general be notified of certain charitable bequests and devises; amending statutes.

HF2257—Norton (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State departments and agencies; requiring senate approval for the governor's appointment of state planning director; amending statutes.

HF2258—Kelly (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Public utilities; amending the definition of public utility; amending statutes.

HF2259—Anderson, G. (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; motor vehicles excise; exempting certain vehicles engaged in interstate transportation; amending statutes.

HF2260—Begich (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; revising contiguous boundary and population requirements for designation of enterprise zones; amending statutes.

HF2261—Norton (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State government; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution; eliminating the offices of state treasurer and secretary of state and transferring their duties to officers designated by statutes.

HF2262—Clawson (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; guaranteeing public employees certain pension rights; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2263—Riveness (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Unemployment compensation; providing for an alternative method of determining credit weeks; raising the maximum contribution rate to eight percent except under certain circumstances; removing the contribution rate increase and decrease limitation; increasing an employer's experience ratio under certain circumstances; extending the emergency surcharge to repay interest on federal loans; tying the maximum weekly benefit amount to the balance in the unemployment compensation fund under certain circumstances; removing the limitation on the application of severance pay as it affects eligibility for benefits; changing certain conditions for requalifying for benefits; eliminating the split taxable wage base; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2264—Norton (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State government; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution combining the offices of state treasurer, state auditor, and secretary of state into the office of state comptroller; providing that the office of the secretary of state becomes the office of the state comptroller.

House Advisories

HA55—Clark, K. (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

A proposal to study regulatory policies which restrict the ability of low-income women to start small businesses.

HA56—Frerichs (IR)—Transportation

A proposal to study and design a program to encourage seatbelt usage.

First Reading of Senate Bills

SF1127—Frank (DFL)—Referred to Chief Clerk for comparison

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

SF1139—Sieloff (IR)—Referred to Chief Clerk for comparison

Local government; requiring notice of and hearings on increases in certain license fees; proposing new law.

SF1331—Taylor (IR)—Transportation

Transportation; designating a bridge as the "Veterans Memorial Bridge"; amending statutes.

SF1433—Lessard (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources; extension of state timber permits; amending laws; proposing new law.

SF1757—Sieloff (IR)—Referred to Chief Clerk for comparison

Water well contractors; licensing and regulating use of vertical heat exchangers; amending statutes; proposing new law.
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proval of the House Governmental Operations Committee, March 27. The bill, HF1797 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul), still needs a hearing by the Appropriations Committee for funding approval before it can go to the full House.

The new legislation would reduce the Metro Transit Commission (MTC) to three members, leave the day-to-day bus operations to the commission, but turn policy-making and planning over to a Regional Transit Board. The transit board would promote MTC alternatives in outlying suburbs, and coordinate transit in the metro area.

● **Where to put the new judiciary building was again the question** at a March 27 meeting of the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee. Lieutenant Governor Marlene Johnson, who had just come from meeting with the governor, St. Paul Mayor George Latimer, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court Douglas Am-dahl, and Minnesota Historical Society Director Russell Fridley, presented a recommendation that came out of that meeting.

The recommendation calls for a new judiciary building north of the Capitol, across University Avenue. The Historical Society would keep the current building but consider a site for museum space on the proposed Mall of Nations on Cedar Street where the St. Paul Public Health Department is. The Society would weigh this idea against use of the Mechanic Arts High School site behind the present Historical Society building.

In a previous meeting, division members unanimously agreed to put the judiciary in the present Historical Society building and look to at other alternatives for a new history building. The division will make a recommendation later this week.

● **A bill that would require manufacturers to repair, refund, or replace motorcycles still under the**

manufacturer's warranty was on the House Commerce & Economic Development Committee agenda, March 27.

The committee recommended HF1446 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights) to pass. The bill, according to its author, Rep. Arthur Seaberg, is an addition to the state's "lemon law," which requires manufacturers to repair, refund, or replace motor vehicles that prove to be lemons.

● **Author of an HMO reform bill presented the proposal as a consumer's bill** at a March 27 meeting of the House Health and Welfare Committee.

Rep. James Swanson (DFL-Richfield) says his HMO reform proposal would make sure HMO's remain non-profit and would require them to consider newborn babies, handicapped children, and disabled, or pregnant persons as regular members of an enrollees' family. Also, people with pre-existing disabilities would not have to pay more than healthy persons in the same HMO group, under the bill.

The committee gave the reform bill a recommendation to pass. It goes next to the full House.

● **Rental housing owners would have to meet energy efficiency standards** within certain time limits under HF288 (Staten, DFL-Mpls). The Energy Committee recommended the bill to pass and re-referred it to the Appropriations Committee, March 27. The bill would require owners of rental housing to comply with state energy efficiency standards, which the author says would conserve energy and lower costs of renters' monthly energy bills.

In other action, the committee recommended to pass and re-referred HF1798 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul) to the Appropriations Committee. The bill would allow state grants for emergency, temporary housing for individuals if disaster or family trauma has forced them to move.

● **"How can we help businesses that are in financial trouble and are being pressured to move out of the state?"** Frank Altman, from the Energy Economic Development Au-

thority (EEDA), asked members of the Commerce & Economic Development Committee at a March 27 hearing.

According to Altman, HF1775 (Otis, DFL-Mpls) would help. HF1775 would expand the power of a state lending authority, which manages several loan programs, with bonding power up to \$30 million. The loan program is for encouragement of small businesses in the state. Altman says Minnesota needs to extend that economic development tool to assist large companies in certain situations.

The committee adopted an amendment to reinstate language that states that dollars must first go to small businesses and recommended the bill to pass as amended.

● **Church groups, VFW's, American Legions, and other non-profit organizations** that operate bingo games may find themselves supporting a state high school for the arts if a bill the General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee recommended to pass, as amended, March 27 becomes law.

The proposal is part of a larger package that aims at cracking down on tax evasion, "skimming", and corruption in for-charity bingo games. Under HF1707 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul) 10 percent of net earnings, after prizes, would go toward an arts high school after funding of a new state system regulating bingo.

WED

March 28

● **The "Sell Minnesota" program received a cut in proposed funding** at a State Departments Division of the Appropriations Com-

mittee meeting, March 28. The governor had proposed \$1.3 million to start the program that would advertise Minnesota locally and nationally in efforts to get prospective businesses to locate here. However, division members voted to give \$300,000 to the publicity campaign with instructions to seek matching funds from other sources. Public television fared better. The division voted to approve the governor's request of \$2.1 million for equipment replacement and improvement at KTCA in the Twin Cities and KAUT in Austin, plus \$500,000 the Public Television Association will have to match. The division also directed that \$420,000 should go to public radio stations in Minnesota.

● **A \$70 million appropriation may support this year's supplemental jobs bill.** The Governmental Operations Committee voted to recommend the appropriation in HF1887 (Norton, DFL-St. Paul), March 28.

The bill would continue the Minnesota Emergency Economic Development, or MEED program, the Legislature enacted last year. Sixty percent of the \$70 million would be for developing jobs in the private sector, and 40 percent for government and non-profit jobs.

Joe Samargia, state coordinator of MEED, says participating businesses feel strongly about continuing the program from which they say they get good, or excellent employees. Many businesses, he said, have been able to expand or continue to survive because of the MEED program.

HF1887 goes next to the Appropriations Committee.

● **News media could no longer take exit polls at voting booths** under a bill the General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee recommended to pass March 28.

According to the bill, HF1606 (Shea, DFL-Owatonna), no one in

a polling place, or within 100 feet of its entrance, would be able to ask voters either how they intend to vote or have voted.

The committee also recommended to pass several other election bills, including HF427 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon) which would allow town boards in metropolitan counties to set voting hours for town elections, if they run from at least 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.

● **A bill to upgrade employees' fringe benefits** in Minnesota's schools didn't get a recommendation to pass, March 28, when Education Committee members voted down the proposal to set up a state-wide employee benefit plan that would be optional for local school districts.

The bill HF1326 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley) would have required participating districts to offer health, life, and dental insurance, but at a predicted savings on premiums because of the large number of participants statewide.

● **Senior citizens, 65 years and older, who take an accident prevention course** would pay lower auto insurance rates under HF1949 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park). The proposal came out of the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee with a recommendation to pass, March 28.

HF1949 would require senior citizens to complete a course every three years to stay eligible for lower insurance rates and would authorize the commissioner of public safety to set up guidelines for a course by January 1985.

The committee also recommended HF1352 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls), as amended, a proposal to allow a bank or trust company to offer trust services in other bank offices anywhere in the state.

● **Gas stations, bars, and private clubs were subjects of two bills** that received recommendations to pass, March 28, from the Commerce and Economic Development Committee and the Gaming Division.

The commerce bill is HF1656 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey), a proposal that calls for a two-year moratorium on

parent oil companies eliminating repair or service garages from subsidiary franchises.

The Gaming Division approved HF1893 (Metzen DFL-South St. Paul), a bill that would require bars and private clubs that run video-type games as gambling machines, to run their games under state licensing and regulation procedures. Distributors, operators, and lessors of the games would pay uniform state-wide fees to insure the games are for amusement only. Twenty-five percent of the fees would go back to local governments for their efforts in policing the problem.

● **Two extensive pieces of legislation** were before the State-Local Fiscal Affairs Division of the Local and Urban Affairs Committee, March 28. The division recommended to pass, as amended, HF1704 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington) which would set the distribution formula relating to local government aid, based on the previous calendar year, assessed value factors, or mill rate factors.

The other bill, HF2186 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park), would base bond authority allocations and limits on federal legislation currently pending.

● **When some of Minnesota's 2.5 million bicyclists go to register** their bikes with the Department of Public Safety, they could add a donation to their registration fee to benefit bike programs.

Under HF1315, a bill that Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) is sponsoring, the funds from this new registration system would go in the state's general revenue fund for bicycle purposes only, such as, bike safety programs, trails, or maps. The bill goes next to the House Appropriations Committee.

Committee members also recommended to pass HF1545 (Sko-glund, DFL-Mpls), which would create a task force to study school bus safety features.

● **A nine to seven vote at a meeting of the Agriculture Committee,** March 28, defeated a bill that would provide farmers with higher commodity prices.

The bill, SF628, which passed the Senate and made it through extensive subcommittee hearings in the House, would have required the commissioner of agriculture to set a minimum price for any agricultural commodity other than sunflowers. It would also have created an advisory commission on agricultural policy and commodity pricing.

Controversy over the bill resulted from an amendment by a subcommittee that would require all 50 states to adopt the measure as a national farm policy.

Two bills that the committee did pass are HF1601, a bill that, according to its IR author, Rep. Bob Anderson from Ottertail, would provide a means of communication between lenders and ag input suppliers, and HF2182 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls) a departmental bill that would clarify language in the Family Farm Security Act.

THU

March 29 (meetings before 2 p.m.)

● **American Indian Chemical Dependency Services,** for a Women's Resource and Training Center, and for a youth prevention service, in the go and added funds for the Mash-ka-wisen Center were among allocations the Health, Welfare and Corrections Division of Appropriations recommended March 28 and 29.

A request from the Department of Corrections to combine old and new Displaced Homemaker Program funds to ensure the contin-

uation of old programs also won approval.

● **Day-care isn't just a women's issue. It's a family issue** and important to men as well, Rep. Ken McDonald (IR-Watertown) told the Governmental Operations Committee, March 29. McDonald spoke on behalf of HF1371 (Hokr, IR-New Hope), a bill that would provide rental space in the Capitol complex for a private day-care center for children of state employees.

The committee recommended HF1371 to pass—and other legislation—among which was a bill that would include placing qualified people, 60 years and older, as vacancies occur, on certain state boards, commissions, councils, task forces, and committees.

● **Approval of funds for educational needs** came out of the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee, March 29, as the division worked on preliminary allocations in the governor's supplemental budget requests.

The three highest allocations included \$5 million to the Higher Education Coordinating Board to remedy a student grant shortfall; \$2 million to the Super Computer Institute at the University of Minnesota; and \$1.6 million to the Department of Education for regional computer subsidies.

● **The House Environment and Natural Resources Committee moved,** March 29, to put the state one step ahead of the possibility that the federal government may choose areas in Minnesota for disposal of high-level radioactive waste.

The committee voted to recommend for passage, HF1292 (Clark, K., DFL-Mpls) a bill that would require the federal government to reach an agreement with the state before doing any test drilling of possible disposal sites.

The bill would allow the state to have a say in the various stages of waste disposal. Some of its features include requiring a permit for test drilling, and requiring transporters of high-level radioactive waste to notify the state commissioner of public safety of routes, dates, and

times of shipments. The shipper would also have to pay a \$1,000 fee per shipment.

The committee also approved HF1630 (Neuenschwander, DFL-Int'l Falls), a bill that would require deer hunters to wear blaze orange or red shirts during deer season. Shirts that have a camouflage pattern would have to be at least 50 percent blaze orange.

● **A sales tax break may be coming up on machinery and equipment** for businesses building a new plant or expanding an existing one. The Economic Development Division, March 29, recommended to pass, as amended, HF2112 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul), a proposal that would reduce the sales tax from the present six percent to four percent on such machinery and equipment. The bill now goes to the Taxes Committee for consideration.

In a late evening meeting, March 28, the division approved a proposal to give Minnesota corporations 100 percent tax exclusion on foreign dividends. The exclusion is now 85 percent. The division also recommended to pass a bill that would increase the funding for enterprise zones by \$3.6 million. The added funds are to accommodate \$6.6 million for the City of Duluth.

The bill that would have allowed a three-month amnesty period for delinquent taxpayers failed to get a recommendation to pass.

● **Reducing the size of the Legislature** is an issue that surfaced in the General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee in HF29 (Gustafson, DFL-Duluth), which the committee recommended to pass.

The proposal would reduce the state Senate by 11 members and the House of Representatives by 22.

The Senate now has 67 members, the House 134.

● **The hostile takeover bill, HF1422 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley), moved a step closer to becoming law, March 29.** The bill would prohibit the takeover of one corporation by another, particularly when a company is opposed to the transaction.

HF1422, which the Commerce and Economic Development Committee recommended to pass, as amended, would call for the acquiring company to make a complete disclosure of its plans for the targeted company to stockholders, employees, and, in some cases, to communities. If shareholders approve the takeover, the state will permit the acquiring company to proceed. Firms that don't comply with the bill could face a \$25,000 fine and possibly lose the right to do business within the state.

The committee also recommended to pass, as amended, three bills that would expand and make changes to the state's workers' compensation law.

● **Omission from Thurs., March 22:** the Workers Comp. Division recommended to pass, HF1679 (Boo, IR-Duluth), a bill that would provide workers' compensation coverage to U of M faculty members between academic years, under certain conditions.

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THU

March 29 (meetings after 2 p.m.)

● In session, March 29, the House approved establishing milk as the official state drink, and sending a message to the President, Congress, and the U.S. Department of Agriculture to approve standards for real cheese and cooked meat on frozen pizzas.

Other legislation to get final approval would require counties to adopt ordinances prohibiting excessive soil erosion and sedimentation.

Getting preliminary approval, was HF1347 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park), which would prescribe a one-year penalty for taking, keeping, or concealing a child from the other parent or legal custodian, without providing proper notice.

● Grocery stores and co-ops may have to find a different way to display unpackaged foods under HF1910 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls) which the Agriculture Committee recommended to pass March 29.

The bill would require retail stores to keep certain bulk foods in self-service, bulk-food containers that have labels, tight-fitting lids, and dispensing utensils. Retailers would also have to keep potentially hazardous foods in containers.

● Working to meet hearing deadlines, and toward an early adjournment of the Legislature, the Health and Welfare Committee recommended to pass over 25 bills in a late-night meeting, March 29.

The legislation included programs to recoup medical and general assistance dollars, take sick children and mentally handicapped adults out of large institutions, and

strengthen the review process before letting mentally ill state hospital patients out on furloughs.

● A resolution condemning Coors Brewing Company's human rights record received a narrow majority vote in a Regulated Industries Committee, March 29, meeting. Coors broke an AFL-CIO strike in the late 1970s and has been under fire for alleged use of lie detector tests to invade the privacy of employees, and alleged racist remarks by the head of the company, according to testimony from minority groups and Rep. Randy Statten (DFL-Mpls).

Spokesmen for Coors Brewery and the Teamsters Union testified in defense of Coors and cited a recent complimentary story on the CBS television show "60 Minutes."

● If you don't want telephone solicitors to call you, you could tell the phone company to put a mark next to your name in the telephone directory indicating that calls from solicitors are not welcome, if HF499 (Quinn, DFL-Blaine) becomes law.

Representatives of Northwestern Bell testified that the bill, which the Regulated Industries Committee recommended to pass at a March 29 meeting, would mean added costs the company would ultimately have to pass on to customers.

FRI

March 30

● The state would guarantee about 60 percent of loans for agricultural processing plants under HF1376 (Bergstrom, DFL-Big

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Lake), a bill that would help to stimulate the business of processing agricultural products into such items as ethanol and corn starch.

The proposal is broad enough to include almost any processed agricultural product, according to testimony at the March 30 meeting of the Taxes Committee when the committee recommended the bill to pass.

Under the program, the state would guarantee up to 90 percent of a loan, and that loan could be large enough to finance 80 percent of the total project cost. At most, the state would be guaranteeing about 60 percent of the cost of the processing project, said Rep. Don Bergstrom, the bill's author.

● **The Super Bowl may come to the Twin Cities yet if HF1501 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids) makes it into Minnesota law.** The bill would change a TV blackout rule—only for the Super Bowl. The hope is to satisfy the National Football League who, the Metropolitan Sports Facilities Commission fears, might want a larger percentage of advance gate sales before waiving a local television blackout.

Current state law allows local television coverage of games if ticket sales total 90 percent of capacity 72 hours before game time. The Regulated Industries Committee recommended HF1501 to pass, March 30.

● **A lengthy discussion in the Judiciary Committee, March 30, resulted in a recommendation to pass for HF1602 (Clark, K., DFL-Mpls).** The bill aims to step up the progress of discrimination cases through the Department of Human Rights. The discussion arose over a provision that would require hearing examiners to order employers they find guilty of discrimination to pay the charging party three times actual damages.

Merit selection of judges, HF1994 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul), was among the numerous bills the committee recommended at the March 30 meeting. The bill would create a committee to screen judicial candidates prior to the governor's appointment.

● **A Minnesota Convention Facility Commission got approval** from the Governmental Operations Committee, March 30. The committee recommended to pass HF1992, (Rice, DFL-Mpls), one of a long list of bills to get favorable action.

HF1992 would provide for setting up the 15-member convention facility commission; direct it to conduct a market study to evaluate Minnesota's potential to successfully compete for large national conventions; estimate the economic impact of a convention facility; and choose a city to house it.

● **Tax reductions for farmland property owners** is one part of the education finance bill, HF1393 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls). The bill, which establishes state aid programs for K-12 schools, got the approval of the Education Committee, March 30, and goes next to the Appropriations Committee.

If it passes, HF1393 will reduce property taxes statewide through a mill levy reduction, re-establish summer school programs for academic courses, set up schools of excellence for high-achieving secondary students, and increase aid to school districts with sparse populations or highly trained or experienced staff.

MON

April 2

● **A bill to extend the mortgage foreclosure relief act** came out of the Judiciary Committee with a recommendation to pass, April 2.

The original relief act became law in 1983, as a means to help people

keep their homes and farms in a depressed economy. Although the bill's author, Rep. Dominic Elioff (DFL-Virginia), would have preferred that the relief act become permanent under HF2036, the committee voted to recommend passage of the bill in a form that would make it effective for one more year.

The bill would also apply to mortgages and contracts-for-deeds people entered into after May 24, 1983 and allow courts to delay the sale of residential homesteads and small farms for up to 12 months, instead of 6, as is now the case for farms over 10 acres in size.

● **Two bills that would attempt to regulate sales of fine art prints and transient merchants** in the state won the approval of House members in floor action April 2.

The first bill, HF585 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown) would regulate advertising and sale practices of sellers of fine art prints. The bill requires them to disclose certain information to consumers, such as, the artist's name, the date of the print, or the number of proofs outside the regular edition, so buyers can judge if the print is unique or scarce.

The full House also approved HF1915 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault) which would authorize municipalities to regulate transient merchants, who do business in the state on a temporary basis. The bill would repeal the present mandatory state licensing of such merchants and let municipalities decide whether to require licenses.

● **Language from six bills became part of the Health, Welfare and Corrections Division of Appropriation's omnibus appropriations bill, on March 30 and April 2:**

• HF458 (Welch, DFL—Cambridge) as amended—Health Occupation Credentialing

• HF1168 (Bergstrom, DFL—Big Lake) as amended—Public Welfare Licensing Bill

• HF1660 (Wynia, DFL—St. Paul) as amended—Home and Community-Based Services Waiver for Chronically ill Children, (HF1947 (Greenfield, DFL—Mpls)—Disabled Services Waiver amended into HF1660)

• HF1787 (Eken, DFL—Twin Valley) as amended—Title XX Fund Distribution

• HF1971 (Welch, DFL—Cambridge) as amended—Mentally Retarded Study/Waiver Repeal

• HF2091 (St. Onge, DFL—Bemidji)—Special Revenue Account

The committee recommended a reduction to the Governor's Supplemental Budget's allocation to implement health policies (Chapter 199, 1983 Laws of Minnesota), and included a rider to make left-over funds available for use in the second year of the biennium. The committee also recommended reductions for the adult service staff request.

● **A Regional Transit Board moved a step closer to becoming a reality** when the Agriculture, Transportation Semi-State Division, on April 2, approved HF1797 (Vellenga, DFL—St. Paul). The bill would create the Regional Transit Board to take on the Metropolitan Transit Commission's bus service planning and policy-making.

Division members discussed the financial impact of HF1797 and added amendments that target the reduction of the proposed board's operating costs. The bill goes next to the Appropriations Committee.

● **"The one effect of HF735 will be to change the practices of insurance companies who act unfairly and deceptively,"** Rep. Joe Quinn (DFL—Blaine) told House members in an April 2 floor debate.

Quinn is author on a bill that defines practices the law would consider unfair or deceptive on the part of insurance companies, such as knowingly misrepresenting important facts or policy provisions relating to coverage. The bill would allow insured people or claimants to sue for damages.

HF735 limits damages to the greater of \$10,000, or three times the amount the claimant recovers on the claim, and exempts certain groups, such as, some health insurers, fraternal beneficiary associations, and others.

The House gave the bill preliminary approval, and it could come up for a final vote later in the week.

TUE

April 3

● **Another proposed change in the state's constitution could come before Minnesota voters in the 1984 election.** On April 3, the Governmental Operations Committee approved HF1559, (McEachern, DFL—St. Michael), a bill to put a question on the ballot about permanent school fund lands.

Currently, the state can exchange permanent school fund land, which helps pay for the cost of education in Minnesota, for federal or privately owned acreage. Changing the constitution to permit exchange of school fund property for other public land in the state, as well as for private, would allow for land consolidation to provide better management, and to increase revenue.

The Rules Committee will hear the bill next, along with another constitutional amendment that would ask voters whether to remove constitutional restrictions on the way the state invests permanent school fund money.

● **Minnesota will again have a state Legislative Building Commission** if the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee has its way. The division voted, on April 2, to re-establish the commission after agreeing that the present system allows too many individual building requests apart from, what should be, long-range planning processes with specific goals.

Currently, the governor submits a capital budget outlining his recommendations for state building. The change would mean that state departments would submit their requests separately to the commission.

The Legislature abolished the former Legislative Building Commission in 1973, after critics said it was an advocate of building construction, when the need for new construction had gone down. Supporters of the commission, then and now, say a commission helps pare down requests and set priorities.

● **Should the Minnesota Historical Society move from its present location** next to the Capitol so the judiciary can move in? The question continues to be the subject of news reports and legislative hearings. And it remains unanswered after the second joint meeting of the State Departments Division and the Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-State Division of Appropriations, April 3.

The Historical Society doesn't want to move, but members of the State Departments Division think it should—to a new structure on the current site of the St. Paul Public Health Center—in downtown St. Paul. That would put it on the proposed mall from the World Trade Center to the Capitol. To settle the

issue, the divisions will have to schedule a third joint meeting.

● **The White Earth Reservation in northwestern Minnesota** would reclaim 10,000 acres of land under HF2188 (Eken, DFL-Twin Valley), a bill the Environment and Natural Resources Committee recommended to pass, April 3.

The land transfer would be a part of a settlement on Indian land claims by White Earth residents, of more than 100,000 acres, two-thirds of which are privately owned.

The bill would include an appropriation of \$600,000 for settlement costs. It goes next to the Appropriations Committee for consideration.

● **The state's predicted \$900 million surplus may not be all good news.** It shows a stepped-up growth in Minnesota's economy, but that growth rate probably won't continue, Jay Kiedrowski, deputy commissioner of finance, told the Taxes Committee, April 3.

Kiedrowski detailed the Department's quarterly revenue forecast, which projects a \$900 million surplus by June 30, 1985, the end of the current biennial budget period. The \$900 million is \$250 million more than the Department's January projection. Most of the increase came from a rise in revenues, \$188 million of it from income tax. About \$60 million is the result of less spending in education aid, short-term borrowing, and less welfare spending, Kiedrowski said.

According to Kiedrowski, the state may hit a "hard landing" period when interest rates will go up because of a large federal deficit. He says expectations are that an economic downturn may occur by the last quarter of this year, or the beginning of 1985.

● **Buying and selling human organs the body can't replace** would be a gross misdemeanor under a bill the Health & Welfare Committee members voted to recommend for passage, April 3.

Rep. John Clawson (DFL-Lindstrom), author of the bill, says Congress and several state legislatures are working on similar bills, so Minnesota's not the only state that needs the law to curb the practice Clawson says "turns people into things."

● **The language of the MEED Program jobs bill, HF1887** (Norton, DFL-St. Paul), with an allocation of \$30 million, would become part of the Health, Welfare and Corrections Division of Appropriations' omnibus allocations bill under a recommendation the division made, April 3. The division is recommending the additional money to delay ending the MEED Jobs Program.

The division also recommended incorporating, into the omnibus bill, the language of HF2022 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls), as amended. The bill clarifies which applicants need not register with the Department of Economic Security for work in order to receive GA under the MEED Jobs Program, and phases out the program.

● **The Human Rights Department budget request received attention** from the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee, April 3. Kathryn Roberts, acting commissioner of the Department of Human Rights, testified that Senator Donald Moe (DFL-St. Paul) and Rep. Randy Staten (DFL-Mpls) initiated a request for \$385,000 to get rid of the Department's backlog of human rights' cases within the next 12 months.

Roberts said this would require the addition of 12 temporary staff for one year. She said \$140,000 of the funding request would go for salaries; an additional \$200,000 to cover a projected increase in hearing examiner costs because of the rapid backlog elimination. About 2,500

cases remain. Of those, the Department estimates, 4 percent will go before a hearing examiner at an estimated cost of around \$2,200 per case.

Without staff changes in the Human Rights Department, the backlog would take 30 months to clear up instead of the expected 12 months if the Department gets the requested funds, Roberts said.

● **A resolution urging Congress and the President to repeal the Federal Reserve Act** came before the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee, April 4. Supporters of HF2204 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls) pointed out that the Federal Reserve Board (FRB) is the only Federal agency not subject to any official periodic congressional review or oversight, although, among other things, the FRB significantly influences the economy when setting interest rates. The committee defeated the measure on a voice vote.

WED

April 4

● **If you're under 19 years of age you may face stiffer penalties** under Minnesota drinking laws if a bill the Criminal Justice Committee re law. The bill goes next to the full Judiciary Committee.

HF1829 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn) would provide that under-19-year-olds could lose their licenses for 90 days if law enforcement officers catch them driving with an open bottle in their cars, or with a blood alcohol concentration of .05 or more.



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Advance committee schedule & bill introductions

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Committee Schedule for the Week of April 9 - 13, 1984

In the remaining weeks of session the House will probably meet every day, so it becomes impossible to present an up-to-date advance schedule. For accurate dates and times of committee meetings and House sessions, call the House Information Office Hotline at 296-9283, or 296-2146.

Monday, Apr 9

8:00 a.m. AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 22. Chr. Rep. Henry Kalis. Agenda: To be announced.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: Review of supplemental bill draft.

8:30 a.m. EDUCATION, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Bob McEachern. Agenda: HF1953 (Vanasek) Adding two outstate members to the Minnesota Higher Education Facilities Authority. Report by the Higher Education Coordinating Board on remedial education in post-secondary institutions.

10:00 a.m. JUDICIARY, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. Bob Vanasek. Agenda: HF1638 (Vellenga) Relating to highway traffic regulations; providing for breath tests to be administered using the Intoxilizer 5000 for the purpose of determining the presence of alcohol or a controlled substance. HF1400 (Vellenga) Providing for criminal penalties upon refusal by a driver suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance to take a chemical test. HF1554 (Brandl) Relating to marriage dissolution; providing for determination and modification of child support; changing laws relating to docketing of judgments for support and maintenance. HF1284 (Bishop) Subjecting certain

property to forfeiture if exchanged for or associated with controlled substances. HF1285 (Bishop) Providing for forfeitures of conveyances, containers, weapons used, and contraband property when utilized in the commission of designated offenses. HF1950 (Forsythe) Authorizing a married woman to use her former surname. HF63 (Gruenes) Authorizing counties or cities to enact ordinances against trespassing under certain conditions. HF1900 (Ellingson) Classifying government data as public, private, and nonpublic. HF1984 (Ellingson) Adopting provisions of the uniform probate code relating to intestate succession, spouse's elective share, omitted spouses and children, and certain allowances and exempt property. HF1230 (Cohen) Allowing separate summary judgment on the issue of marriage dissolution. HF1902 (Ellingson) Relating to real property; allowing service of summons upon dissolved domestic corporations. HF1547 (Kahn) Clarifying the rights and responsibilities of resident aliens with respect to the distribution of economic benefits, militia enlistment, and veterans affairs. HF2049 (Greenfield) Providing for collection of statistical data concerning the dissolution or annulment of marriage. HF2198 (D. Nelson) Providing a penalty for falsely reporting a medical emergency. HF1579 (Battaglia) Providing immunity from liability for persons who render assistance in dangerous incidents involving compressed gases. HF1665 (Vanasek) Requiring revocation of a person's driver's license until his or her 19th birthday upon violation of a traffic law relating to the possession or consumption of alcohol. SF1454/HF2231 (Staten) Authorizing the commissioner of public welfare to enter into interstate adoption compacts. SF1562/HF2077 (Cohen) Providing for the transmission of documents to foreign consuls by the office of the secretary of state. HF1884 (Graba) Providing an alternative distribution of assets following voluntary dissolution of a cooperative association. SF506/HF878 (Dempsey) Changing the time for closing certain estates. HF1964 (Ellingson) Eliminating procedures for confirming appointment of trustees. HF2151 (Norton) Clarifying the limitations on enforcement of indemnification agreements in construction contracts. HF2248 (Norton) Providing for ante-mortem probate of wills. HF1935 (Dempsey) Providing procedures for granting powers of attorney. HF2039 (Ellingson) Providing for the computation of interest on mechanics' lien claims. HF1837 (Olsen) Providing for recovery by the tenant from the landlord of damages and attorney's fees for unlawful ouster or exclusion. HF1806 (Elioff) Relating to public welfare; amending the reporting of maltreatment of minors act; clarifying the roles of law enforcement and local welfare agencies.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Joel Jacobs. Agenda: HF2258 (Kelly) Amending the definition of public utility. HF1750 (Kahn) Allowing licensed premises to remain open after the hour sales of alcoholic beverages must cease. HF2219 (Wynia) Authorizing on-sale wine licenses outside the boundaries of liquor patrol limits.

12:00 noon LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Glen Anderson. Agenda: Continuation of Thursday, April 5 agenda, if necessary. HF1766 (Riveness) Comparable worth. HF1967 (Greenfield) Licensed residential and day care facilities; setting licensing, planning and zoning provision and making other changes.

7:30 p.m. TAXES, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. John Tomlinson. Agenda: Omnibus tax bill.

Tuesday, Apr 10

8:00 a.m. JOINT MEETING HEALTH, WELFARE & CORRECTIONS DIVISION/House Appropriations and HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE/Senate Finance, Rm. 120 Capitol. Chrs. Rep. Ann Wynia & Sen. Don Samuelson. Agenda: Proposed budget uses of general revenue sharing funds for Medical Assistance.

8:15 a.m. TAXES, Rm. 81. Chr. Rep. John Tomlinson. Agenda: HF2122 (Minne) Federal payments to towns. HF1373 (Ogren) Prompt payment bill. HF1721 (Segal) Notice for sale of tax forfeit land. HF1453 (Onnen) Timely payment of sales tax. HF1454 (Onnen) Timely payment of withholding tax. HF1260 (D. Nelson) Effect of payment of property taxes on claim of title by adverse possession. HF966 (Neuenschwander) Four percent sales tax on logging equipment. HF1796 (Minne) Motor vehicle transfer tax. HF1707 (Kostohryz) Bingo bill. HF1484 (Scheid) Modifying exemption for property held by political subdivisions.

10:00 a.m. ENERGY, Rm. 83. Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss. Agenda: Testimony on the Southern Minnesota Municipal Power Agency's municipal contracts and the effects these contracts might have on rates, excess capacity, co-generation and delivery of electrical power.

Wednesday, Apr 11

8:00 a.m. STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 14. Chr. Rep. Phyllis Kahn. Agenda: To be announced.

Thursday, Apr 12

No meetings are scheduled. Call 296-9283 for last minute changes.

Friday, Apr 13

8:00 a.m. JOINT MEETING EDUCATION COMMITTEE and EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 57. Chrs. Reps. Bob McEachern & Lyndon Carlson. Agenda: Legislative Auditor's report on Faribault Residential Schools: School for the Deaf and Braille and Sightsaving School. end

Bill introductions

Monday, Apr 2

HF2265—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; requiring licensure for adult day care facilities and supportive living residences; amending statutes.

HF2266—Staten (DFL)—Appropriations

Human rights department; appropriating money to the commissioner of human rights to hire temporary staff.

HF2267—Staten (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; providing for special transportation services for the blind elderly; amending statutes.

HF2268—Staten (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Dogs; limiting seizure of unlicensed dogs; amending statutes.

HF2269—Segal (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; income; conforming to federal law for treatment of contributions to individual retirement plans; amending statutes.

HF2270—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary

Marriage dissolution; providing a summary dissolution procedure; proposing new law.

HF2271—Segal (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Housing; requiring a written disclosure notice to accompany the sale of homes on leased land; proposing new law.

HF2272—O'Connor (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Gambling; removing the yearly total prize award limit on licensed organizations; amending statutes.

HF2273—Riveness (DFL)—Energy

Landlords and tenants; increasing the interest rate paid by landlords on rental deposits; amending statutes.

HF2274—Riveness (DFL)—Energy

Landlords and tenants; allowing a tenant early termination of a rental lease under certain conditions; proposing new law.

HF2275—Simoneau (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; providing a reduced sales and use tax rate on capital equipment and construction materials used in expansion of certain facilities; amending statutes.

HF2276—Minne (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing Congress to enact H. R. 5081, the Fair Trade in Steel Act of 1984.

HF2277—Staten (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Economic development; argumenting the Small Business Procurement Act; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2278—Solberg (DLF)—Judiciary

Corporations; authorizing the organization of employee cooperative corporations; regulating the organization and conduct of these corporations; proposing new law.

HF2279—Beard (DLF)—Judiciary

Watercraft; requiring titling for certain vessels; regulating perfection of security interests in vessels; proposing new law.

HF2280—Sparby (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Employment; Minnesota Emergency Employment Development Act; clarifying a definition; providing that certain farmers may be considered unemployed; providing a waiver for use of discretionary funds; specifying use of funds; delaying the expiration date of the act; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2281—Knickerbocker (IR)—Judiciary

Liens; providing for the creation, enforcement, and satisfaction or discharge of construction liens on real property; creating a homeowners construction lien on real property; prescribing penalties; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF2282—Graba (DFL)—Appropriations

Public welfare; limiting the eligibility of students and clarifying eligibility standards for the state general assistance program; amending statutes.

HF2283—Kahn (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Natural resources; allocating proceeds of sales of certain surplus state lands to a land acquisition account; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2284—Welch (DFL)—Appropriations

Education; appropriating money to the University of Minnesota for college enrichment programs for high school and college teachers and students involved in certain programs.

HF2285—Simoneau (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; exempting certain aged and disabled Minnesota residents from small game and deer license fees; amending statutes.

HF2286—Redalen (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; changing the state school agricultural credit; changing the property tax treatment of homesteads; repealing rent capitalization method of valuing agricultural land; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2287—Rice (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations

Labor; prohibiting the use of strikebreakers by public employers; amending statutes.

HF2288—Welch (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; specifying the composition and duties of the advisory council for the developmentally disabled; amending statutes.

Wednesday, Apr 4

HF2289—Graba (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to adopt on an emergency basis a public policy of preserving the family farm as an invaluable natural resource.

HF2290—Knuth (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing the Administrator of General Services of the United States of the development of a permanent operation plan for the distribution of federal surplus property.

HF2291—Norton (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Open meeting law; providing revisions; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF2292—Schreiber (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; property; changing the state school agricultural credit, homestead credits, and property classification ratios; abolishing class 3cc; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2293—Nelson, D. (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Alcoholic beverages; restricting hours of sale on statewide election days; amending statutes.

HF2294—Rodriguez, F. (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Public employees; permitting certain compensation arrangements for certain local government employees; amending statutes.

HF2295—Nelson, K. (DFL)—Appropriations

Education; appropriating money to the University of Minnesota for the Institute of Technology minority program.

HF2296—Graba (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

A resolution memorializing the United States Veterans Administration to allow greater flexibility in the use of federal funds for veterans care facilities and programs.

HF2297—Gustafson (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Commerce; prohibiting unfair, predatory, and discriminatory pricing practices by persons engaged in the refining, distribution, or sale of motor fuel; defining terms; providing remedies; proposing new law.

HF2298—Kahn (DFL)—Judiciary

Marriage dissolution; allowing for a division of marital assets upon commencement of a legal separation or temporary order; amending statutes.

HF2299—Norton (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Natural resources; eliminating duplicative appraisal reviews in land acquisition procedures; amending statutes.

HF2300—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary

Arbitration; authorizing parties to submit dissolution of marriage or legal separation matters to arbitration; proposing new law.

HF2301—Osthoff (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Veterans; requiring veterans organizations to file reports to the commissioner of veterans affairs; proposing new law.

HF2302—Norton (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State land; modifying certain procedures relating to sale of surplus state land; amending statutes.

HF2303—Norton (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State monuments; adding the Roy Wilkins State Monument to the list of state monuments; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2304—Wenzel (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; income; conforming to federal law for treatment of contributions to individual retirement plans and other pension plans; amending statutes.

Thursday, Apr 5

HF2305—Clawson (DFL)—Appropriations

Public welfare; specifying procedures of the moratorium on nursing home or boarding care beds; limiting state or county funds to certified facilities except under certain conditions; disallowing medical assistance to nursing homes whose practices are prohibited; providing general assistance to eligible persons in licensed facilities; amending statutes.

HF2306—Sherman (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

City of Winona; appropriating money for boat access to the Mississippi River.

HF2307—Gruenes (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; providing temporary sales tax exemptions for certain paper processing plants; proposing new law.

HF2308—Gruenes (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; providing temporary property tax and sales tax exemptions for certain paper processing facilities; amending statutes; proposing new law.

House Advisories

Thursday, Apr 5

HA57—Rodriguez, F.

A proposal to study the effects of desegregation plans on children's attendance at neighborhood schools.
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A 60-day revocation would apply to the same age group for driving with an unopened bottle on a public highway, without the company of an adult. And, under-19-year-olds who buy, or try to buy liquor, could find themselves without a driver's license for 30 days.

● **The University of Minnesota plans to do a job comparison study** of jobs similar to those of the University's non-academic employees, and the salaries on those jobs, under a bill the Education Division of Appropriations recommended to pass, April 4.

HF1764 (Carlson, L., DFL-Crystal) would have the University compile a study, showing female-dominated jobs and possible pay inequities for comparable work. The study, due by next April 1, would include an estimate of the cost to adjust salaries.

The study would exclude the University faculty members because their pay and work hinge on competition with other universities and the demand for specific expertise, according to a University spokesman.

● **How aware are you of the need to protect Minnesota's farmland?** The question of how best to increase public awareness of that need was an agenda item at a meeting of the Agriculture Committee, April 4.

Committee members decided the answer is a volunteer program. They voted to recommend for passage HF1976 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls), as amended, a bill that would establish an agricultural land preservation and conservation awareness program. Committee members said they expect a cross section of the public will voluntarily participate. Part of the program's goal is to promote and further education of farmers, and others, about the need to preserve

and conserve soil and water, as well as land.

The bill would also create a joint legislative commission to look at ag land conservation and preservation strategies and activities.

● **Car dealers would have to buy insurance to cover any motor vehicle service contract** they sell under a bill the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee recommended to pass April 4.

HF1820 is an attempt to protect consumers who buy additional service coverage on top of the warranties that come with their purchases, said Rep. Joe Quinn (DFL-Blaine), the bill's author. The insurance would protect them against the "fly-by-night" dealers, who may not honor the contract, Quinn said.

The bill would allow the commerce commissioner to prohibit the sale of a service contract if he finds the dealer, or the insurer, is in violation of the law. However, he would first have to give the dealer or insurer a 10-day notice of his action.

● **The full House, April 4, passed a bill allowing Minnesota to tax a percentage of wages non-residents, such as entertainers on tour, earn while visiting the state.** The bill would also raise the amount of interest the state pays on tax returns and would crack down on illegal off-the-road gas expense claims people deduct for business purposes.

In other action, the House turned down a 25-cent surcharge on rental car customers on a preliminary vote. The full House will meet more frequently in the next few weeks, attempting to wrap up the legislative session by April 20.

● **Where should I-35 end?** Under HF2177, a proposal Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth) is sponsoring, freeway construction would end at East 26th Avenue in Duluth instead of at East 10th, as original plans would have it.

On April 4, supporters of the extension, told Transportation Com-

mittee members, it would mean more jobs in Duluth and would add to the city's lake front. Opponents argued that the freeway is not compatible with the lake front and would eventually wipe out existing fast food businesses.

The committee voted to recommend HF2177 for passage, which means I-35, when construction is complete, in 1989, will end at East 26th Avenue if the bill becomes law. HF2177 goes next to the full House.

THU

April 5 (meetings before 2 p.m.)

● **The issue of whether the Historical Society should move may have reached a solution** at the April 4 joint meeting of two divisions of the Appropriations Committee.

Russell Fridley, director of the Minnesota Historical Society, who has held out for keeping the Society in its present quarters, said the site behind Cass Gilbert Park, northeast of the Capitol would be acceptable for a new history building.

The State Departments Division quickly adopted language for the appropriations bill that says the judiciary will use the existing Historical Society building, and the area behind it, where the Mechanic Arts High School gym now stands. Design competitions for both the judiciary building and the history building will be the next step.

● **Reestablishment of the Legislative Building Commission** the Legislature abolished 11 years ago had the attention of the Appropriations Committee, April 5. Earlier, the State Departments Division of the committee unanimously supported the idea. However, some full-committee members object.

They said the commission became almost "pork barrel" in its approach to state building projects. Supporters say a commission helps organize planning and involves legislators more in the building process than the present system where the governor presents building requests in his capital budget.

The full committee will continue debate on this, and other items, as they work on the 1984 appropriations bill.

● **Agricultural homesteads would get a cut in property tax** under a tax package the Taxes Committee discussed, April 5.

The proposal, which is part of an omnibus tax bill, would increase the tax reduction for agricultural homesteads by 4 percent, from 29 to 33 percent of tax levies on the first 320 acres. It would also up the reduction from 13 to 15 percent for the next 320 acres, for non-homestead agricultural land, up to 320 acres, and for seasonal, recreational homes.

Additionally, the proposal would double the ceiling amount of reduction a taxpayer can get, from \$2,000 to \$4,000.

The proposal is the result of several meetings and numerous amend-

ments. Other provisions in the bill, HF2016 (Tomlinson, DFL-St. Paul) include one that would give the homestead credit to a home even if the owner uses a section of it for business. This provision would apply to a home where the owner rents out the garage, and to shopowners who have business in one part of a building, but live in another part.

The Taxes Committee will continue working on the omnibus bill to get it ready for action by the full House.

● **A proposal to move away from the use of landfills** became part of a waste management bill in the Environment and Natural Resources Committee, April 5.

The landfill abatement proposal, however, has changed since its defeat in an earlier committee meeting. Instead of levying all landfill operators in the state, it applies only to the seven-county metropolitan area, said Rep. Darby Nelson, author of the proposal and the original bill.

Fees would be cheaper under the latest version. Instead of charging landfill operators 90 cents on each cubic yard of trash coming into their dumps, the charge would be 50 cents for each cubic yard, meaning the average homeowner would pay an extra five cents a week for garbage removal.

Nelson's new proposal also would limit the amount counties may charge operators to up to 25 cents per cubic yard, instead of the earlier proposed 60-cent fee. The earlier version also allowed cities and towns to levy an additional charge.

Money from the fees would go equally into landfill abatement plans and cleanup costs. Nelson's proposal is an amendment to a Waste Management Act that's under consideration by the committee.

● **Promising a successful and profitable racing sport**, Minnesota Racetrack, Inc., the firm the racing commission recently awarded the metro horseracing track sight, told the General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee, April 5, the track will attract first-class racing and horses.

Project Manager Bruce Malkerson said the Shakopee track will feature an enclosed grandstand, a one-mile lighted track, turf and training tracks, and stables for all-season racing. Pricetag of the track is over \$67 million. Initially, it will run 78 days a year, but by 1986, the company told members the track will be open for racing and betting 145 days a year, with twilight and night racing.

Experts from California's Santa Anita track will help the company with startup and management decisions. The track hopes to employ over 1200 people including, horse owners and trainers. Malkerson projected tax payments to the state at \$12 million a year.

INFO

How a bill becomes a law

● **A bill is an idea** for a new law, or an idea to abolish or change an existing law. Several thousand bills enter the legislative process in Minnesota each time the Legislature meets.

● **Minnesota has a bicameral Legislature**, or two groups of elected citizens—senators in the Senate—representatives in the House of Representatives—who study, discuss, and vote on bills, acting for the people of Minnesota. Bills begin their legislative journey in either the House or Senate, or both. To become a law, all bills must pass both the House and Senate and go to the governor for his approval and signature.

● The Idea

Anyone can propose an idea for a bill—an individual, a consumer group, corporation, professional association, a governmental unit, the governor. Most ideas come from members of the Legislature. The revisor of statutes puts the ideas into proper legal form as a bill for introduction. Only legislators can introduce bills into the process.

● Chief Author

The legislator who sponsors and introduces the bill in the Legislature is the chief author. The chief author's name appears on the bill with the bill's file number to identify it as it moves through the legislative process. The chief author may select other authors, whose names also appear on the bill—no more than five authors on a bill.

● Introduction in the legislature

When the author introduces a bill in the House, it gets a House File

(HF) number (HF264, for example), indicating the chronological order of the bill's introduction. In the Senate the bill gets a Senate File (SF) (SF224, for example). Each HF usually has a companion SF in the Senate. All revenue-raising bills must begin in the House.

● Committee consideration

At introduction, the bill has its first reading (the Minnesota Constitution requires three readings for all bills—on three separate days). The presiding officer of the House or Senate refers it to an appropriate standing committee for committee action. All committee meetings are open to the public.

A committee may: recommend passage of a bill in its original form; recommend passage after amendment by the committee; or make no recommendation, in which case a bill may die when the session ends. After acting on a bill, the committee sends a report to the House or Senate, stating its actions and recommendations.

● General orders

After adoption of the committee report in the House and Senate, the bill has its second reading and goes onto General Orders of the Day. In the Committee of the Whole, legislators discuss bills on General Orders. They may debate the issues, adopt amendments, and present arguments. They may vote to recommend that a bill "do pass," recommend postponement, or recommend further committee action.

● Calendar

The calendar is a list of bills the Committee of the Whole recommends to pass. At this point a bill has its third reading. Amendments to the bill must have the unanimous consent of the entire body. Legislators vote on it for the final time.

By committee recommendation, non-controversial bills can by-pass General Orders and go directly onto a Consent Calendar, usually passing without debate. Every bill requires a majority vote of the full

membership of the House and Senate to pass.

● Conference committee

If the House and Senate do not agree on a bill, a conference committee of three to five senators, and an equal number of representatives, meets to reach an agreement. If both bodies then pass the bill in compromise form, it goes to the governor.

● Governor

When a bill arrives at the governor's office, he may: sign it, and the bill becomes law; veto it (return it, with a "veto message," stating his objections); pocket veto the bill (after final adjournment of the Legislature); exercise his right to line veto portions of appropriations bills.

If he does not sign or veto a bill within three days after receiving it, while the Legislature is in session, the bill becomes law.

Common terms

● **bicameral**: legislature consisting of two groups of elected legislators

• House of Representatives —134 members, two year-terms

• Senate —67 senators, four-year terms.

● **bill**: proposal to change/abolish existing law or create a new law

● **Calendar**: list of bills awaiting final legislative action

● **chief author**: legislator who introduces and sponsors a bill

● **Committee of the Whole**: entire membership of House/Senate acting as one committee; presiding officer (Speaker of the House or President of the Senate) as chair.

● **companion bills:** identical bills in the House/Senate

● **Conference Committee:** equal number of representatives/senators meet to come to an agreement on one bill when each body passes a different version of the same legislation

● **Consent Calendar:** list of non-controversial bills that usually pass without debate

● **General Orders:** list of bills awaiting preliminary action in the House/Senate each day during a session

● **hearing:** committee meeting to hear arguments for/against an issue

● **House File (H.F.):** bill in the House of Representatives

● **Senate File (S.F.):** bill in the Senate

● **Revisor of Statutes:** legal authority office, puts bills into legal form. Places approved amendments into language of the bill (engrosses). Updates *Minnesota Statutes* to include new laws

● **standing committee:** group of legislators to act on bills; makes recommendations to the House/Senate

● **veto:** Governor does not sign a bill so it does not become law

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THU

April 5 (meetings after 2 p.m.)

● The bill reforming HMO practices in Minnesota went to the Appropriations Committee on a 73-36 vote in House floor action, April 5, which means it probably won't be back this legislative session.

The bill would prohibit HMOs from charging different rates for coverage within client groups and require HMO officials to tell what role they play in the HMO's operation and the finances of the company. HMOs would also have to provide the same benefits to pregnant women, whether or not they're married, and cover children from the time of birth.

FRI

April 6

● The capital improvements appropriations bill is on its way to the full House. The Appropriations Committee recommended it to pass, as amended, April 6. The bill, which appropriates funds for state building, emphasizes education projects.

The largest appropriation, \$56.3 million, would go to the University of Minnesota, \$20 million of it for renovation of Smith Hall, the chemistry building on the Minneapolis campus.

Community colleges would get \$26.5 million; the State University System, \$16.7 million. The bill also contains a \$28 million appropriation for the Transportation Department.

● If you are an artist, you may be able to show your work at the

State Capitol under a new Minnesota Artist of the Month Program. The program is part of the governor's efforts to increase artistic growth in the state. On an on-going basis, a committee of artists and art organizations would select an artist whose work would be on display in the Capitol for one month.

Expected cost of the program is about \$50,000, which the Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-State Division of Appropriations approved, April 6. The money's part of the governor's supplemental budget requests, yet to go to the full Legislature.

● A bill to ask voters whether to consolidate the offices of state treasurer, secretary of state, and state auditor into a single, elected office had a hearing in the Governmental Operations Committee, April 6, when the committee voted to lay the bill over.

House author, Rep. Rick Krueger, says his proposal, HF2264, is a good-government and accountability bill and that studies, since 1948, support his position.

● With praise for its delicacy, members of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee recommended the morel, also known as the sponge mushroom, or honeycomb morel, as the official state mushroom, April 6.

"Not only does it (morel) symbolize the exquisiteness of our woods, but it also symbolizes our quality of life. It's a great delicacy," said Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls).

The bill passed in the Senate, March 21. Rep. Connie Levi (IR-Dellwood) is author of the House bill, HF1053, which goes next onto the Consent Calendar in the House.

The committee also recommended to pass HF1577 (Long, DFL-Mpls),

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a Waste Management Act bill, which would change some of the provisions governing dump-site selection. A landfill abatement provision in the bill would levy a 50-cent fee on metropolitan county landfill operators for each cubic yard of trash going into their dumps.

Other bills the committee recommended to pass include HF1945 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls), which would require the airport commission to report to the Pollution Control Agency, by the end of 1989, the yearly changes in noise level from the Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport; HF688 (Larsen, DFL-Anoka), which would set up a state waste tire recycling account; and HF1048 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors), which would add regulations to the transporting of wild animals.

The committee postponed action on HF865 (Clark, K., DFL-Mpls), a toxic substance disclosure bill.

● **Adjusted market values that reflect farmland productivity** should determine its valuation for tax purposes, according to a proposal the Taxes Committee recommended to pass, April 6.

The bill is one of numerous property tax measures the committee discussed and included in the Omnibus Tax bill, HF2016 (Tomlinson, DFL-St. Paul).

Rep. Linda Scheid, (DFL-Brooklyn Park), author of the proposal, said no one method seems to work in determining the value of farm property. The market value tends to overstate the value, and the production method is inaccurate. "The best yardstick seems to be the marketplace," which is a reflection of the farm's productivity, Scheid said.

Scheid's proposal would use productivity and market value. The revenue commissioner would report to the Legislature, by Jan. 15,

1985, on how the state should adjust market values for use in 1985 assessments.

● **Tenants will get a larger return on their damage deposits** from landlords if HF2078 (Otis, DFL-Mpls) becomes law. The bill, which the Energy Committee recommended to pass, April 6, would raise the interest rate landlords would have to refund on deposits from five to six percent.

Supporters of the bill say that landlords are reinvesting damage deposits for yields well beyond the current five-percent rate in the law. They say that even banks have passbook savings accounts commonly in the 5.5 percent range and higher.

Opponents agree that the interest figure should be in line with banks but not as high as six-percent. Although the committee voted to recommend the bill for passage, some members said that landlords obeying the six-percent figure, should it become law, would compensate their losses by raising rents.

MON

April 9

● **The equal-pay-for-comparable work issue** would come close to home for public employees under a bill the Local and Urban Affairs Committee recommended to pass as amended April 9. The legislation would call for local governments to review their salary systems and include "comparable work value" as a major factor in pay consideration. Oct. 1, 1985, local governments would have to report their methods of job evaluation to the commissioner of employee relations and report results to employee representatives.

The report to the commissioner would give figures on how many types of jobs have unequal pay for similar work, how and when the government plans to set up pay equity, and the cost to do so.

According to the bill, "comparable

work value" shall measure the skill, effort, and responsibility a job requires, and its working conditions.

● **If the police stop you for suspected drunk driving, you'll lose your license** for a year if you refuse to take an alcohol concentration test. The test, now an option in Minnesota, would become mandatory under HF1400, (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul), a bill the House Judiciary Committee approved April 9.

The committee also approved a bill that attempts to crack down on drinking and driving among the under-19 age group. It would revoke the license of the under-19 driver who violates the state's open-bottle law or drives with an alcohol concentration of .05 or more.

A 60-day license revocation would apply to under 19-year-olds who drive with an unopened bottle on a public highway, without the company of an adult. Those under 19 who buy, or try to buy liquor, using a driver's license, would lose their licenses for 30 days.

The revocations for driving with an open or unopened bottle, or with a .05 alcohol concentration would double for drivers with two or more offenses.

● **A sobering-up period for drinkers** moved a step closer to becoming law, April 9, when the House Regulated Industries Committee recommended to pass, as amended, HF1750 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls). The bill would let municipalities issue extended-hour permits to bars, allowing them to stay open past one a.m. They couldn't serve liquor after one, but they could sell soft drinks and food to

help patrons sober up before driving.

● **Three bills moved through the Health, Welfare and Corrections Division of Appropriations** to the full Appropriations Committee with recommendations to pass, as amended, April 9:

- HF100 (Swanson, DFL-Richfield)—catastrophic health expense protection bill
- HF1588 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—clarification of eligibility for general assistance bill
- HF2098 (Clawson, DFL-Lindstrom)—nursing home rate changes bill

The division reconsidered HF2020 (Swanson, DFL-Richfield), a bill to place a moratorium on hospital capacity expansion. The division voted to include HF2020's language, as amended, in the division's portion of the Omnibus Supplemental Appropriations Bill. The amendment moves the moratorium date from 1987 to 1986 and increases the limit on expenditures from \$1 million to \$1.3 million.

● **Unemployment compensation had a hearing at a late night meeting** of the Governmental Operations Committee, April 9.

In what labor and business groups are calling a compromise package, the committee approved a proposal to make eligibility, tax, benefit, and administrative changes to Minnesota's unemployment compensation system.

According to the bill's author, Rep. Phil Riveness (DFL-Bloomington), the proposal would keep our taxes, as a percentage of total wages, below the national average; speed up the payment of \$148 million in federal taxes and interest to save \$360 million in federal flat-rate taxes and interest payments; eliminate federal taxes by 1986, and restore solvency to the fund.

Provisions would turn the state's

unemployment system into a quarterly reporting system under which employers would make regular quarterly reports on employee wages to the Department of Economic Security, and an increased work force attachment would be necessary for benefit eligibility.

Employer taxes would, for the most part, be higher under HF2263, but once the fund reaches solvency, taxes would automatically go down.

● **In 1986, Minnesotan's may have to replace "life-time" motor vehicle license plates** with new plates that would require a change every six years.

Rep. James Metzen (DFL-South St. Paul) sponsor of HF1607, a bill that would require issuing license plates for cars, motorcycles, mopeds, and motor scooters for a six-year period at \$3 per pair of plates.

The bill, which calls for the first general plate issuance to take place in 1986, went from the Transportation Committee, with a recommendation to pass, to the Agriculture, Transportation Semi-State Division. On April 9, the division voted to approve some \$4 million to cover expenditures in HF1607.

The state would get this money back under a provision in the bill that would create a license plate revolving fund in the state treasury. License plate fees the state collects would go into this fund, and whenever the account exceeds \$1 million, the excess amount would transfer into the highway user tax distribution fund.

● **A move to transfer motor vehicle excise taxes to highway and transit funds** got favorable response from the House Taxes Committee at a late night meeting April 9. Legislators, however, turned down a governor-backed proposal to repeal the unitary tax. (A tax on foreign corporate earnings.)

Both measures are part of the Omnibus Tax Bill, HF2016 (Tomlinson, DFL-St. Paul), the committee recommended to pass, as amended. The bill contains numerous proposals, varying from the repeal of

the surtax, to an increase in the budget reserve, to targeting for 1985 property tax relief.

Rep. John Tomlinson, committee chair, authored a measure to move up, by one year, the transfer of motor vehicle excise taxes to a highway fund and a transit fund, from July 1, 1985, to July 1 this year.

Other adopted proposals include repealing the estate tax; exempting electricity for agricultural production from sales tax; targeting 1985 property taxes on increases of more than 15 percent; and giving a credit to conservation tillage farm equipment.

TUE

April 10

● **Problems with energy costs in the St. Peter area** were before the Energy Committee at an April 10 informational meeting.

Dr. John Kendall, president of Gustavus Adolphus College, told the committee energy costs for the college may rise 38 percent by May 1985, costing Gustavus over \$150,000. Kendall, and others from St. Peter, say part of the problem lies with Southern Municipal Power Agency's (SMPA) handling of original contracts that lock consumers in for 50 years.

Wendell Bradley, former Gustavus Adolphus professor, testified that energy prices would be lower if consumers hadn't contracted with SMPA and had bought directly from NSP, who now sells energy to the power agency.

Former Fairmont PUC Director Doug Cameron said he'd like to see legislative intervention into the problem, especially where violations of open meeting laws occur.

● **State agencies would have to pay interest on overdue bills** under proposed legislation the Taxes Committee recommended to pass, April 10.

Rep. Paul Ogren said his bill, HF1373, would give Minnesota a law that 28 other states already have. While the state's bill-paying record is not "dismal," it could improve, the Aitkin legislator said.

The state community college system, for example, delays paying 40 percent of its bills to 60 days after receiving them, and some offices of the Department of Natural Resources also make late payments, Ogren said.

The bill would require state agencies to pay for services and goods within 30 days after getting an invoice. Those who miss this deadline would pay a minimum monthly interest rate of \$10 on balances of at least \$100. If a disagreement about the bill holds up payment, the penalty wouldn't apply.

In other action, the committee recommended to pass, as amended, a bill that would reduce the sales tax from six to four percent on new logging equipment. The reduction would apply only to machinery for the harvesting, not the processing of timber, said Rep. Bob Neuenschwander, International Falls, author of the bill.

● **Jobs programs and general assistance would get the most dollars** under the supplemental appropriations bill the Appropriations Committee recommended to pass, as amended, April 10.

The committee recommends \$30 million to continue the Minnesota Emergency Employment Development Program (MEED) which received \$70 million last year. Under the bill, \$20 million would fund general assistance grants for qualified, needy people who are unlikely to get a job through the Emergency Employment Program.

Education programs were next in line, including \$5 million to handle a student grant shortfall and \$3.2 million for the Super Computer Institute at the University of Minnesota.

The Department of Energy and Economic Development's economic recovery fund would get \$3 million; public television, \$2.6 million; and Indian housing programs, \$2.5 million, if the bill becomes law.

● **Capital improvements span the alphabet of state agencies and operations** from the Administration Department to the Zoo. And, on April 10, the House voted to pass the bill that appropriates \$171.5 million for capital improvements and allows the state to issue bonds for state building and land acquisition.

Higher education would get \$110.3 million, the bulk of the total appropriation, to fund special projects in the state's university, community college, and vo-tec systems. Twenty-eight million would go to transportation projects and \$6.7 million for health, welfare, and corrections needs. Most allocations were for maintenance on state institutions, including everything from roof replacements to new carpeting.

Two of the larger building projects now in the early stages of funding include new judiciary and Historical Society buildings. The Appropriations Committee recommended that the judiciary take over the Historical Society building. The Society will get a new building one block north of the Capitol if the Senate agrees to the bill in its present form.

● **A bill restricting insurance companies from refusing to renew property owners' policies** gained preliminary approval in the House, April 10.

The bill would not allow reasons for non-renewal, such as property location or age, or claims due to natural causes. Seeking support of the full House, the bill's author, Rep. Phil Riveness (DFL-Bloom-

ington), said that companies are refusing to renew policies in cases where damage has occurred but the property owner has not put in a claim or received insurance compensation.

Riveness said the bill, which also applies to commercial dwellings, had strong committee support. Opponents say they're afraid the bill will raise insurance rates, especially for small apartment owners, and hurt insurance business in the state.

● **The mandatory seat-belt bill, for the second time, failed to get** that first vote of approval it needs in the House. April 10, House members voted down several amendments to the bill to provide an exemption sticker or participation exemption card for people that don't want to wear belts.

But they approved two others, one that would require drivers, when driving in reverse, to wear a seat belt and another that would exempt persons from seat-belt requirements who are unable to wear them because of medical or psychological unfitness or physical disability—including a fear of entrapment.

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● **A sincere, dedicated man, willing to listen** were words Rep. Robert Vanasek used to describe fellow Rep. Dwayne Hoberg in a farewell tribute to the six-year veteran of the House. Vanasek spoke for DFL members during the April 11 session of the House when members unanimously passed Resolution 29, commending Hoberg for his service to the Legislature and the people of Minnesota.



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Advance committee schedule & bill introductions

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Committee Schedule for the Week of April 16 - 20, 1984

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Bill introductions

Monday, Apr 9

HF2310—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Occupations and professions; providing for licensing of electrotechnologists; providing penalties; proposing new law.

HF2311—Piper (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; providing an income tax credit for employers who invest in certain rehabilitation facilities and personnel; amending statutes.

HF2312—Graba (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing the United States Congress to allow greater flexibility in the use of federal funds for veterans care facilities and programs.

HF2313—Segal (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; income; providing an itemized deduction for post-secondary tuition payments; amending statutes.

HF2314—Rice (DFL)—Appropriations

Capital improvements; authorizing spending to acquire and to better public land and buildings and other public improvements of a capital nature with certain conditions; reducing and canceling certain appropriations; authorizing issuance of state bonds; appropriating money; amending statutes; repealing laws.

Tuesday, Apr. 10

HF2315—Haukoos (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources and agriculture; allowing compensation to owners of crops damaged by deer; amending statutes.

HF2316—Rodriguez, F. (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State departments and agencies; requiring agencies to provide services and materials in languages other than English; proposing new law.

HF2317—Rice (DFL)—Appropriations

Organization and operation of state government; clarifying, providing for deficiencies in, and supplementing appropriations for the expenses of state government with certain conditions; creating and modifying agencies and functions; fixing and limiting fees; requiring studies and reports; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law.

Wednesday, Apr 11

HF2318—Clark, J. (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Health; prohibiting discrimination by health maintenance organizations against optometrists; providing penalties; amending statutes.

HF2319—Sviggum (IR)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; limiting the income contribution of parents of children in out-of-home placement; amending laws.

HF2320—Kelly (DFL)—Judiciary

Alcoholic beverages; increasing the age for licensing, sale, consumption, possession and furnishing; amending statutes.

HF2321—Osthoff (DFL)—Judiciary

Alcoholic beverages; increasing the age for licensing, sale, consumption, possession and furnishing; amending statutes.

Thursday, Apr 12

HF2322—Dimler (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; directing compensation of landowners for damages done by big game animals; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF2323—Kelly (DFL)—Judiciary

Highway traffic regulations; requiring driver's license revocation of any person under the age of 19 who is found driving a motor vehicle while under the influence of any measurable amount of alcohol; amending statutes.

HF2324—Wenzel (DFL)—Agriculture

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to design the 1985 farm bill so as to protect the family farm system.

HF2325—Vanasek (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; income; conforming to federal law for treatment of contributions to individual retirement plans and other pension plans; amending statutes.

HF2326—Kvam (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; conforming to federal treatment of picked up contributions to a government pension plan; amending statutes.

HF2327—Kvam (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; conforming to federal law for treatment of contributions to individual retirement plans and other pension plans; amending statutes.

HF2328—Gustafson (DFL)—Taxes

Port authorities; fixing the amount of the property tax levy for them; amending statutes.

House Advisories

Tuesday, Apr 10**HA58—Kvam (IR)—Governmental Operations**

A proposal for state agencies to prefile legislative requests 30 days before session.

HA59—Peterson (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

A proposal to study the selling of camping club memberships.

Thursday, Apr 12**HA60—Boo (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources**

A proposal to study the adequacy of Minnesota water diversion laws.

First Readings of Senate Bills

Monday, Apr 9**SF97—Davis (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources**

Environment; requiring notice of intent to develop uranium; creating a uranium policy and regulation development committee; requiring an environmental analysis and reports to the legislature; requiring meetings and public participation; imposing a penalty; proposing new law.

SF1750—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Commerce; providing for the classification of crime reports of the department of commerce; including certain financial institutions within the definition of broker-dealer of securities; broadening the securities transaction exemption for corporate transactions; providing for the receipt of applications for renewal of real estate broker and salesperson licenses; establishing certain fees relating to the regulation of real estate brokers and salespersons; providing for real estate salesperson licensing requirements after examination; clarifying a certain definition relating to recovery from the real estate education, research, and recovery fund; limiting recovery to cases involving judgments against licensed individuals; providing for the depositing of funds under the unclaimed property statutes; regulating sales of unclaimed property; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law.

SF1656—Dieterich (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Communications; providing conditions for extension of cable communications service outside the boundaries of a core service unit; amending statutes.

SF1843—Freeman (DFL)—Appropriations

Courts; providing for the appointment of chief judge and assistant chief judge for each judicial district; clarifying the administrative authority of the chief judge; amending statutes.

SF2016—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Office of the secretary of state; providing for the simplification of various filings with that office; eliminating or transferring certain filings; eliminating the requirement of publication after incorporation; amending statutes.

SF2083—Wegscheid (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing the Administrator of General Services of the United States of the development of a permanent operation plan for the distribution of federal surplus property.

SF2148—Knaak (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Local government; permitting a land transfer between Ramsey County and the city of Shoreview.

SF2145—Brataas (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Olmsted County; allowing contracts for solid waste management property, facilities, and services to be let without advertisement for bids.

Wednesday, Apr 11**SF1559—Dieterich (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Public utilities; permitting the public utilities commission to order reimbursement payments to intervenors in telephone rate proceedings; amending statutes.

SF1913—Frank (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

State departments; providing statutory changes requested by commissioner of administration required by reorganization orders; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

SF1365—Freeman (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Crimes and criminals; specifying the crime of theft of telecommunications service; amending statutes.

SF1435—Moe, R. (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Motor vehicles; authorizing operation of farm truck with class C drivers' license by employee operating truck during harvest; amending statutes.

SF1495—Diessner (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Labor; providing for occupational safety and health; regulating infectious agents; amending statutes.

SF1784—Pehler (DFL)—Transportation

Traffic regulations; defining term; setting speed limit for alleyway; amending statutes; proposing new law.

SF1398—Bertram (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Arrests; providing for the arrest of a person charged with a misdemeanor on Sundays or between 10:00 p.m. and 8:00 a.m. on any other day if the person is found on a public highway or street, or in a public place; amending statutes.

SF1526—Vega (DFL)—Appropriations

Energy; directing the legislative commission on energy to prepare a policy statement on the expenditure of federal money for energy programs; requiring review of state plans to spend federal energy money; amending statutes.

SF1654—Dieterich (DFL)—Regulated Industries

City of Roseville; authorizing additional on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses.

SF1659—Solon (DFL)—Regulated Industries

City of Duluth; authorizing the Duluth city council to permit on-sale of liquor at the St. Louis County Heritage and Arts Center by on-sale licensees in the city of Duluth.

SF1768—Freeman (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Public utilities; amending the definition of public utility; amending statutes.

SF1823—Peterson, C. (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

County humane societies; allowing for an increase in the appropriation a county may give to a county humane society in any year; amending statutes.

SF1520—Purfeerst (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Motor vehicles; defining terms; increasing certain gross vehicle weight tax to comply with international registration plan; authorizing repair and servicing permit for commercial zone trucks; providing time limitation for applying for quarterly registration of farm trucks; increasing certain fees; clarifying display and use of drive-away, in-transit plates; clarifying requirement to submit forms to registrar of motor vehicles; prohibiting transfer of certain plates; providing for transfer of amateur radio and citizen band plates; prescribing uniform fee for issuance of duplicate plates except for exempt vehicles; eliminating certain provisions relating motor vehicle brokers; increasing minimum tax requirements for qualification for installment payments and prescribing a fee; increasing penalty fees for late installment payments; clarifying certain duties of deputy registrars relating to reports and deposits of taxes and fees; requiring payment of one month's registration tax before issuance of certificate of title; allowing certain vehicles to operate with an extended bug deflector; requiring protective headgear to comply with standards established by the commissioner of public safety; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF1759—Reichgott (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Motor vehicles; changing display period for license plates on certain motor vehicles; changing period of time when registration tax is payable for certain motor vehicles; abolishing the penalty for late or delayed registration or payment of the registration tax; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF1832—Spear (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Corrections; clarifying the effect of punitive segregation confinement on the scheduled release date of certain inmates; amending statutes.

Thursday, Apr 12

SF1112—Merriam (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Drainage; eliminating the bond required for appeal of benefits or damages in a drainage assessment proceeding; amending statutes.

SF1332—Wegscheid (DFL)—Education

Education; authorizing a school board to expend district funds to establish and operate a nonprofit corporation; requiring the corporation to assist and cooperate with the school board; providing certain limitations on the amount of district funds; requiring district reports to the commissioner of education; requiring a report to the legislature; amending statutes.

SF1474—Reichgott (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources; expanding the trout stamp program to include trout lakes and Lake Superior; reducing the age requirement for obtaining a trout stamp; amending statutes.

SF1466—Lessard (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Veterans; changing the eligibility for veteran's preference for civil service employment; amending statutes.

SF1589—Merriam (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Natural resources; authorizing hunters and trappers to wear blaze orange camouflage; amending statutes.

SF1590—Merriam (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources; increasing the penalty on owners and keepers of certain dogs; authorizing peace officers to take certain action; prohibiting damages against peace officers who take those actions; amending statutes.

SF1546—Peterson, Donna (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Elections; improving the accessibility of the election process to certain elderly and handicapped persons; amending statutes; proposing new law.

SF1772—Spear (DFL)—Judiciary

Crimes; defining sports bookmaking; amending statutes.

SF1867—Dicklich (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Occupations and professions; authorizing the board to accept foreign pharmacy graduates for examination as pharmacists; amending statutes.

SF1973—Jude (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Persons handicapped in communications; requiring the arresting officer to immediately obtain a qualified interpreter for a person handicapped in communications who has been arrested; amending statutes.

SF2077—Willet (DFL)—Regulated Industries

Intoxicating liquor; allowing Shingobee township to issue and renew certain off-sale licenses; validating certain liquor licenses.

SF1576—Jude (DFL)—Judiciary

Military justice; modifying the appeal of court-martial proceedings; clarifying when a military judge may issue search warrants; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF1588—Merriam (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Environment; clarifying a definition in the Environmental Response and Liability Act; amending statutes.

SF1702—Schmitz (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Counties; changing certain county powers; fixing expenditure authority for various county activities; changing penalties; revising the language of the text of chapters governing county powers and county boards; amending statutes.

SF1669—Peterson, R. (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Natural resources; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to sell lands and interests in land acquired for trail purposes which are no longer needed for trail purposes and which are located in certain cities.

SF1789—Peterson, R. (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

State land; modifying certain procedures relating to sale of surplus state land; amending statutes.

SF1790—Peterson, R. (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Natural resources; eliminating duplicative appraisal reviews in land acquisition procedures; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF1794—Stumpf (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Waters; legislative approval to provide water to Emerson, Manitoba by the North Kittson Rural Water District.

SF1825—Peterson, C. (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Otter Tail County; authorizing the county board to adopt an ordinance for the control of dogs and cats.

SF1931—Lantry (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

City of St. Paul; permitting the city to adopt certain regulations for smoke detection devices.

SF2076—Solon (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Transportation; authorizing extension of I-35 in Duluth; amending statutes.

1628—Berglin (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Public welfare; setting licensing, planning and zoning provisions with respect to licensed residential and day care facilities; providing that certain facilities are permitted multi-family uses; allowing municipalities to require conditional use permits for certain other facilities; requiring counties to engage in planning to promote dispersal of residential facilities; providing that certain facilities are permitted single family uses; amending statutes.

SF1351—Peterson, C. (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Commerce; providing an alternative distribution of assets following voluntary dissolution of a cooperative association; amending statutes.

SF1504—Novak (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Commerce; providing various definitions applicable to the regulation of sales of subdivided lands; providing for the registration of subdivided lands; requiring the use of public offering statements; providing certain exemptions to the subdivided land statutes; providing for the rescission of subdivided land sales contracts; regulating the filing of subdivided land documents; prohibiting the publishing of false, misleading, or deceptive advertising regarding subdivided lands; providing the filing of annual reports; regulating supplemental subdivided land reports; providing for the revocation or suspension of a subdivided land registration; regulating service of process on subdivided land registration applicants; establishing prohibited practices; prescribing penalties; amending statutes; proposing new laws; repealing statutes.

SF1511—Petty (DFL)—Taxes

Taxes; property; modifying the exemption for property held by political subdivisions; amending statutes.

SF1477—Chmielewski (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Workers' compensation; clarifying the law concerning ridesharing; providing for miscellaneous changes in the workers' compensation process; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.



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| 17B Gruenes, Dave (IR) | 364 | 296-6316 | 38B Seaberg, Art (IR) | 357 | 296-3533 |
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Hoberg, an Independent Republican, who has fought a two-year battle against brain cancer, will return to private life in Moorhead.

● **More than three hours of debate and an unanimous vote in the House, April 11**, sent the Omnibus Tax bill on its way to the Senate with some amendments. Those additions included a sales tax exemption for charitable groups and help for county auditors to pay for the cost of reissuing some tax statements as a result of the bill.

Two major provisions of HF2016 (Tomlinson, DFL-St. Paul) are the repeal of the 10 percent surtax and increase of the budget reserve by \$125 million. The surtax repeal, retroactive to Jan. 1, would save Minnesota taxpayers \$325 million this biennium.

The bill also contains several measures to encourage business expansion, including a sales tax reduction, from 6 to 4 percent, on equipment for building or expansion of manufacturing facilities and exemption of foreign dividends and foreign royalties from corporate income tax.

A second effort to repeal the unitary tax system failed.

● **Four bills became provisions in HF1966** (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls) as the Health, Welfare, and Corrections Division of Appropriations readied the bill for the full Appropriations Committee, adding the language of these bills to HF1966:

- HF2050 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—authorization for reim-

bursement for hearing aids, prosthetic devices, laboratory and x-ray services

- HF1949 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—collection of statistical data on dissolution or annulment of marriages

- HF1996 (Gustafson, DFL-Duluth) as amended—personal needs allowance relating to the Medical Assistance Program

- HF2052 (Reif, IR-White Bear Lake)—General Assistance overpayment recovery bill

The bill recommends allocation of \$1.26 million from the General Fund to the Department of Public Welfare for the Medical Assistance account, \$70,000 for the General Assistance Medical Care account; and \$10,000 for the Department of Health for the Medical Assistance account. The HF2052 portion has a recommended recoupment of \$19,000 from the General Assistance account.

HF1966 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls) an informational bill on health care cost, the division recommended to pass, as amended and re-referred it to the full Appropriations Committee.

● **Three-wheel vehicle registration, energy-related programs, hazardous waste, landfill fees, and the White Earth Indian Reservation** were some of the issues that had the attention of the State Departments Division of Appropriations, April 11. The division appropriated \$223,000 for a three-wheel vehicle registration program that has the backing of many three-wheel users because the registration fees would create a set-aside fund for land acquisition for their use.

The division also allocated funds for a multi-faceted energy bill that establishes a legislative energy commission, a community energy council program, a grants program for specific energy projects in the private and public sector, and a program to adopt standards for fiber fuels.

A hazardous waste bill would get \$1.2 million. The bill includes two \$550,000 allocations for hazardous waste collection and processing grants. Another \$100,000 for technical and research assistance programs to deal with the problems of hazardous waste. The bill also allows the metro area and its contiguous counties to charge operators of landfills, within their counties, a 25-cent per cubic yard disposal fee. The fees would go for landfill abatement purposes.

The division made an initial step to resolve a legally complex issue by appropriating \$600,000 towards clearing up title disputes over the ownership of White Earth Indian Reservation land. By appropriating the money, the state hopes to show the United States government its concern for what the state considers a federal problem.

The state hopes the federal government will match the \$600,000 10-fold so legal research will begin to clear disputed titles that have evolved during the century because of federal legislation and inadequate probating procedures. Members from the Reservation were dissatisfied with the allocation. They say it represents only a small amount of the estimated legal costs it will take to resolve the issue.

THU

April 12 (meetings before 2 p.m.)

● It will cost you another \$2 when you renew your drivers license, every four years, if a bill in the House becomes law.

The Appropriations Committee recommended the bill, and many others to pass, April 12. The \$2 increase will raise the present fee to \$12, and the new revenue will establish a traffic safety education program for schools.

In an effort to combat sudden infant death syndrome, the committee recommended to pass, as amended, a bill that empowers the commissioner of health to promote programs for parents and families of victims. It would require the reporting of such deaths for statistical purposes and would encourage parents of suspected victims to request autopsies.

The committee sent on to the full House a bill that establishes a state-wide policy for the annual celebration of Martin Luther King's birthday, beginning in January, 1986. Government offices would close on the holiday and state colleges could not conduct classes as they legally can on such holidays as Veterans or Columbus day.

The holiday will cost the state about \$62,000, annually, because of overtime costs for essential state services, such as the highway patrol.

The committee extended a friendly hand to South Dakota by recommending to pass a bill that will allow South Dakota high school graduates to attend Minnesota's vocational-technical schools at Minnesota resident rates.

A number of vo-tecs are near the borders of the two states, and South Dakota has been charging Minnesotans the same rate they offer their own citizens.

● The state needs approximately \$1.1 billion in municipal sewage construction, according to Rep. Williard Munger (DFL-Duluth). Munger testified before the State Departments Division of Appropriations, April 12, on a bill that would establish a state grants program for the construction of municipal sewage plants to stem the tide of water pollution.

As many as 500 Minnesota municipalities need new or improved waste-water treatment facilities, and for some there isn't much time, Munger said; because the municipalities must meet federal water quality standards by July 1988.

The state and its municipalities will have to pay out \$500 million over the upcoming years, while the federal government will pick up the remaining costs. This means that the state has to come up with \$50 million in each of the five fiscal years from 1986 to 1990.

The State Departments Division appropriated the governor's full request of \$12 million for grants to municipalities and \$343,000 for 12 positions to administer the program. Next year's request will likely be \$50 million.

GOV

BILLS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

● When a bill has passed both the House and Senate, and the governor has signed it, the secretary of state assigns the new law a chapter number (CH) in Minnesota Statutes.

Here is a list of those bills, with chapter numbers, to date:

• CH376—SF1476*/HF1462 (Carlson, L., DFL-Crystal)—Requires that the current absentee ballot procedures for school board elections are the same as those for general elections.

• CH377—SF1475*/HF1551 (Hokr, IR-New Hope)—Allows municipalities to designate a member to a joint cable communication commission.

• CH378—SF1453*/HF1948 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—Establishes that the county where a person enters a detoxification facility is financially responsible, unless the person is a resident in a chemical dependency program in another county.

• CH379—SF1350*/HF1504 (Vanasek, DFL-New Prague)—Establishes court of appeals representation on the Judicial Board of Standards and two advisory committees.

• CH380—SF1127*/HF1153 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—Allows Anoka County to levy a tax and sell bonds to remodel and construct a county library.

(* Indicates the House File or Senate File both houses passed and the bill the governor signed.)

INFO

How a bill becomes a law

● **A bill is an idea** for a new law, or an idea to abolish or change an existing law. Several thousand bills enter the legislative process in Minnesota each time the Legislature meets.

● **Minnesota has a bicameral Legislature**, or two groups of elected citizens—senators in the Senate—representatives in the House of Representatives—who study, discuss, and vote on bills, acting for the people of Minnesota.

Bills begin their legislative journey in either the House or Senate, or both. To become a law, all bills must pass both the House and Senate and go to the governor for his approval and signature.

● The Idea

Anyone can propose an idea for a bill—an individual, a consumer group, corporation, professional association, a governmental unit, the governor. Most ideas come from members of the Legislature. The revisor of statutes puts the ideas into proper legal form as a bill for introduction. Only legislators can introduce bills into the process.

● Chief Author

The legislator who sponsors and introduces the bill in the Legislature is the chief author. The chief author's name appears on the bill with the bill's file number to identify it as it moves through the legislative process. The chief author may select other authors, whose names also appear on the bill—no more than five authors on a bill.

● Introduction in the legislature

When the author introduces a bill in the House, it gets a House File

(HF) number (HF264, for example), indicating the chronological order of the bill's introduction. In the Senate the bill gets a Senate File (SF) (SF224, for example). Each HF usually has a companion SF in the Senate. All revenue-raising bills must begin in the House.

● Committee consideration

At introduction, the bill has its first reading (the Minnesota Constitution requires three readings for all bills—on three separate days). The presiding officer of the House or Senate refers it to an appropriate standing committee for committee action. All committee meetings are open to the public.

A committee may: recommend passage of a bill in its original form; recommend passage after amendment by the committee; or make no recommendation, in which case a bill may die when the session ends. After acting on a bill, the committee sends a report to the House or Senate, stating its actions and recommendations.

● General orders

After adoption of the committee report in the House and Senate, the bill has its second reading and goes onto General Orders of the Day. In the Committee of the Whole, legislators discuss bills on General Orders. They may debate the issues, adopt amendments, and present arguments. They may vote to recommend that a bill "do pass," recommend postponement, or recommend further committee action.

● Calendar

The calendar is a list of bills the Committee of the Whole recommends to pass. At this point a bill has its third reading. Amendments to the bill must have the unanimous consent of the entire body. Legislators vote on it for the final time.

By committee recommendation, non-controversial bills can by-pass General Orders and go directly onto a Consent Calendar, usually passing without debate. Every bill requires a majority vote of the full

membership of the House and Senate to pass.

● Conference committee

If the House and Senate do not agree on a bill, a conference committee of three to five senators, and an equal number of representatives, meets to reach an agreement. If both bodies then pass the bill in compromise form, it goes to the governor.

● Governor

When a bill arrives at the governor's office, he may: sign it, and the bill becomes law; veto it (return it, with a "veto message," stating his objections); pocket veto the bill (after final adjournment of the Legislature); exercise his right to line veto portions of appropriations bills.

If he does not sign or veto a bill within three days after receiving it, while the Legislature is in session, the bill becomes law.

Common terms

● **bicameral**: legislature consisting of two groups of elected legislators

• House of Representatives —134 members, two year-terms

• Senate —67 senators, four-year terms.

● **bill**: proposal to change/abolish existing law or create a new law

● **Calendar**: list of bills awaiting final legislative action

● **chief author**: legislator who introduces and sponsors a bill

● **Committee of the Whole**: entire membership of House/Senate acting as one committee; presiding officer (Speaker of the House or President of the Senate) as chair.

● **companion bills:** identical bills in the House/Senate

● **Conference Committee:** equal number of representatives/senators meet to come to an agreement on one bill when each body passes a different version of the same legislation

● **Consent Calendar:** list of non-controversial bills that usually pass without debate

● **General Orders:** list of bills awaiting preliminary action in the House/Senate each day during a session

● **hearing:** committee meeting to hear arguments for/against an issue

● **House File (H.F.):** bill in the House of Representatives

● **Senate File (S.F.):** bill in the Senate

● **Revisor of Statutes:** legal authority office, puts bills into legal form. Places approved amendments into language of the bill (engrosses). Updates *Minnesota Statutes* to include new laws

● **standing committee:** group of legislators to act on bills; makes recommendations to the House/Senate

● **veto:** Governor does not sign a bill so it does not become law

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THU

April 12 (meetings after 2 p.m.)

● A number of bills were on the way to the governor for his signature after action by the House, April 12. Some, such as land conveyances and liquor licensing, have local significance. Others have state-wide impact.

One bill would allow city clerks, by ordinance, to delegate some of their financial and bookkeeping duties to another bonded officer or employee.

Another would do away with entrance fees in mobile home parks and would free park owners from liabilities when mobile homeowners fail to meet home safety standards.

The House also passed a bill that would permit appointment of citizens to county law library boards. And the House said, "yes," to allowing non-state employees to join the state commuter van pool if state employees make up the majority of the pool and remain the drivers.

● **Appropriations ranging from \$30 million to continue a jobs program**, to \$5,000 for the VFW made up a wide-ranging supplemental budget bill that passed in the House, April 12. The bill, totaling over \$135 million, allocates money to new projects and maintains others for the upcoming fiscal year.

The bill funds provisions from general assistance to the unemployed, new positions in the Human Rights Department to clear up the backlog of cases, to pay raises for legislators. Legislators' salaries will go from \$18,500 to \$21,140 effective Jan. 1, 1985. The increase averages 2.8 percent per year over the period,

since their last raise in 1980, to 1985.

● **An appropriation of \$12.3 million to tackle Minnesota's water pollution problem**, is part of recommendations the Appropriations Committee approved, April 12. Estimates are that the state will need \$1.1 billion in the next six years to construct and renovate sewage treatment facilities in 500 Minnesota municipalities.

A solid and hazardous waste management program calling for a 25-cent tax per cubic yard of garbage going into metropolitan area landfills, and a three wheel off-the-road vehicle registration program, are other recommendations the committee sent on to the full House. Fees from three-wheeler registrations would pay for safety programs and land acquisitions.

The committee also recommended a payment plan for parents of mentally handicapped children in state institutions and a milk program for public and private schools.

Funding for a state-wide bicycling program and a reciprocity agreement on residency fishing license fees, between Wisconsin and Minnesota, also moved on to the House for action.

FRI

April 13

● **New-car buyers would have to pay an extra dollar for cleanup of junkyards** under a bill the Taxes Committee approved April 13.

The additional fee, effective from July 1 this year, for four years, would raise more than \$800,000 annually. Committee members opposed an amendment to exempt sales tax on used cars that have less than a \$500 market value.

The committee approved, as amended, a bill to set up a Charitable Gambling Control Board. The bill, HF1707 (Kostorhryz, DFL-North St. Paul), would impose a 10 percent tax on net profit after payment of prizes, instead of the present 6 percent sales tax on gross proceeds. The Department of Revenue estimates the change would bring in an additional \$1 million in fiscal year 1985 and \$3 million in 1986.

Two amendments the committee adopted would increase the number of governor appointees to the gambling control board from two members of the same political party to four members and would specify that the attorney general may prosecute any violation of bingo regulations.

● **"It's better to have less thunder in the mouth and more lightning in the hand,"** said Ruth Myers, quoting an Apache proverb. Myers, State Board of Education president, testified at an April 13 meeting of the Education Committee and Education Division of Appropriations.

Myers responded to a Legislative Audit Commission study the Legislature requested on how the state schools in Faribault, for deaf and visually impaired children, are reacting to changes and trends in educating handicapped children.

At the meeting, Allan Baumgarten, speaking for the legislative auditor, presented the study's findings. The commission's study points out that residential schools haven't made necessary changes in their programs and missions and that the state should re-think its role in providing residential programs for blind students. Suggestions include using facilities for regional centers and working with local school districts' special education programs.

The state board's involvement with the Faribault school was legislatively mandated eight years ago. Although the board only recently

responded to the mandate, it plans much more involvement with the schools and has set up monthly meetings to discuss the report and recommendations, said Myers.

● **"This resolution congratulates George (Pinky) Nelson, . . . the first Minnesotan,** to walk in space as a member of the Challenger space mission who repaired the satellite," said Rep. Alan Welle (DFL-Willmar), as he asked the House to support a congratulatory resolution for Nelson. Welle, from Nelson's hometown of Willmar, presented the resolution April 13. The House voted unanimous approval.

● **A tax amnesty bill for service groups was one of nine pieces of tax legislation** to pass in the House, April 13. Rep. Rick Krueger (DFL-Staples), author of the bill, said it will exempt unpaid sales tax from Dec. 31, 1977, to the date the bill would go into effect, because, in some cases, the cost to audit the amount due is more than the tax. In most instances, he said, service groups didn't pay because they didn't know they had to.

House members unanimously agreed to pass a bill that requires state agencies to pay their bills on time, or pay interest. Other bills that passed include an exemption from state income tax withholding of certain winnings from a pari-mutuel bet, the transfer of federal payments instead of taxes to affected cities and towns, and allowing use of the taconite occupation tax for economic development grants and loans in Carlton and Koochiching counties..

MON

April 16

● **A three-month amnesty period for delinquent taxpayers,** a measure that a House tax division rejected twice, earlier this month, moved closer to becoming law when a joint House and Senate Tax Conference Committee agreed on the proposal, April 16.

An enforcement provision that several supporters called a carrot-and-

stick concept comes with the proposal. Under that provision, the state would not issue, or renew, a professional, or business license, if the applicant owes the state delinquent withholding or sales taxes.

In earlier meetings of the Economic Development Division of the Taxes Committee, legislators objected to both the amnesty and license provisions. They said the provisions give an unfair pardon to delinquent taxpayers and they object to enforcing a penalty only on businesses, not individuals.

The proposal the conference committee agreed on would enable delinquent taxpayers to pay 80 percent of the taxes, interest, and penalties they owe during the amnesty period of August, September, and October this year. The most taxpayers could save on the 20-percent reduction is \$2,000. The new law would not allow another amnesty for 10 years, and after two years, the license section would expire.

● **The residential property weatherization program came out of the Appropriations Committee** with a recommendation to pass, April 16, as money-spending bills went on to the full House for final House decisions.

The weatherization bill would require residential rental property owners to file a certificate of compliance that says their buildings meet state energy efficiency standards. Owners would have to arrange for an energy evaluation of their property to prove compliance. Owners who fail to comply would face penalties.

Proponents say the bill will aid low-income renters who often pay high utility bills in energy inefficient

buildings. And, they say, the bill will help the state enforce efficiency standards.

The HMO bill also went to the House with a recommendation for approval. The legislation would forbid discrimination against HMO clients, under group coverage, who have some previous health disability or are poor health risks.

● **Funding a state arts high school with bingo taxes**, is a proposal that survived opposing debate and amendments in the House, April 16. The proposal is part of a bill that passed on a 90-34 vote. Under the bill, HF1707 (Kostorhryz, DFL-North St. Paul), bingo tax proceeds would go toward a state arts high school or art programs if a governor's task force decides such a school is feasible.

The bill would set up a state board for regulation and inspection of charitable gambling. It would also alter the tax formula for charities, change reporting requirements so the Revenue Department can determine exactly how much charities make on gambling, and enforce proper tax payment.

● **Attempts to keep people off the state's welfare rolls** passed in the House, April 16, in two bills. One would reinstate the Catastrophic Health Expense Program. Another would prohibit full-time students, who have parental support, from receiving General Assistance payments.

The governor endorsed the catastrophic health program in his supplemental budget. It would allow the state to make payments to persons who have huge medical bills because of a catastrophic health incident. The state dropped a similar program during budget cuts. It reappears now with stricter requirements.

The House voted unanimously to prohibit General Assistance aid for full-time students who get financial

help from parents. New rules would consider total household income when deciding the need of people applying for the \$98-per-month General Assistance welfare grants. The rules, however, would not require full-time students to register for work as other grant recipients must.

● **Going fishing or hunting in Wisconsin won't cost as much** if you're a Minnesota property owner under a bill the House passed, as amended, on a 95-17 vote, April 16.

HF2006 would set up a reciprocity program with Wisconsin and exempt property owners in Minnesota and Wisconsin from having to purchase hunting and fishing licenses in the other state. The bill's author, Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul), said the bill is a result of talks between the two states on economic improvement cooperation.

The House also passed HF49 (Staten, DFL-Mpls), a bill marking the third Monday in January as an official holiday in honor of Martin Luther King Jr.

● **Waste tires by the millions are piling up in junkyards across Minnesota**, according to Rep. Ernie Larsen (DFL-Anoka) who's sponsoring HF688, a bill to try to ease the problem.

The bill passed in the House, April 16, on a 68 to 57 vote. It would establish a waste-tire recycling account in the state treasury, the money to come from fees on car sales. For cars under five years old, buyers would pay a four-year-\$4-transfer fee, \$3 of it would go for tire cleanup, and \$1 for junkyard cleanup.

TUE

April 17

● **A comprehensive public employee pension bill** passed in the House, April 17. Among the bill's provisions is the rule of 85 that allows members of a public employee retirement plan to collect retirement benefits if their age, plus years worked, equal 85. Rule of 85 will continue to June 30, 1987, when

the Legislature will review its effectiveness.

The bill returns the additional 2 percent public employees contributed to their pension funds in 1983 to reduce state contributions when the state had financial difficulties.

The bill also lowers the age of eligibility for benefits from 62 to 55, for people who've worked at least 10 years. And it allows those with 30 years of service to collect full benefits, regardless of age at retirement. Employee contribution to the pension fund will go up.

● **The House voted "no," April 17, to a bill that would exempt hunters** on licensed game farms in northern Minnesota from having to buy the pheasant stamp. The bill would have affected game farms, roughly, from Moorhead to Duluth.

● **The bill that would reduce the size of the state Legislature** passed in the House, April 17. Under the proposal, HF29 (Gustafson, DFL-Duluth), the Legislature would go from 134 representatives to 112 and from 67 senators to 56. The bill has a Jan. 1, 1993 effective date.

House members turned down several amendments to the bill, including a proposal for a unicameral system, and voted 93 to 38 for passage. The bill has a Jan. 1, 1983 effective date.

● **A bill to involve Minnesota in the federal process of siting a permanent disposal site for high level nuclear waste** got final approval in the House on April 17.

SF1258 (Clark, K., DFL-Mpls) would also govern and regulate the transportation of high level nuclear waste in the state.

Controversy arose over a proposed amendment to prohibit future construction of nuclear power plants in Minnesota until the state government and legislature approved them by law, and after the PUC determined that the federal Nuclear Regulatory Commission can demonstrate a safe and permanent method of disposal of high-level radioactive waste.

The amendment failed, and the House passed SF1258 with a unanimous vote.

● **Parents who abuse children would have to leave the home** in some cases of child abuse instead of the children, under a bill the House passed, April 17.

Under HF1386, (Clark, J., DFL-Mpls), the court would have to first determine that such action is in the best interests of the child; there's a remaining adult family or household member to care for the child or children; and the local welfare agency would provide social services to the family.

Other legislation to get final approval in the House would allow peace officers to arrest people they stop on public streets and highways, who have a warrant for their arrest for a misdemeanor offense—that includes warrants for unpaid parking tickets.

Also in SF1398 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park) is a provision that would allow police to hold people they arrest for domestic assaults for 36 hours instead of 24.

WED

April 18

● **The House, April 18, sent the unemployment compensation issue** to a House and Senate conference committee for more work. Rep. Phil Riveness, author of the bill, says the proposal isn't an ideal solution, but it is a solution to the state's \$400 million dollar debt

problem. But most House members didn't agree on provisions in the bill, so the vote was to send the bill to conference committee.

● **The Senate didn't accept the public employees pension bill** that passed overwhelmingly in the House, April 17. In a Senate/House conference committee, April 18, senators sought to remove language from the bill dealing with pension formulas for employees whose age plus years of service allowed them to retire with full benefits.

Senate members also wanted to remove the 3 percent reduction factor for all funds. The 3 percent factor, that reduces pension benefits by 3 percent, annually, for early retirement, would apply to all public employee pension funds. Currently, some funds have greater reduction factors.

Not much time remained for legislators to reach a compromise solution on the employee pension bill as a hoped-for adjournment date of Friday, April 20 neared.

● **In the House, April 18, the gavel came down on setting pupil foundation aid** at \$1585 and mill levy rates at 23.5. Agricultural landowners will get a property tax break, and school districts with highly trained or experienced teachers will get more state aid if the education money bill, HF1393 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls), becomes law.

HF1393, which allocates almost \$200,000 less than the governor's budget recommendation, passed on a 127-1 House vote.

● **House members, April 18, voted to send the lottery bill to the Appropriations Committee** where Chairman James Rice (DFL-Mpls), chief House opponent of the bill, has said it would get a hearing before final adjournment of the Legislature. The bill's author, Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul), says he considers the bill dead for this session.

● **The capital budget bill passed the House 112-17, April 18**, after a House/Senate conference committee spent hours, including a 3 a.m. meeting, resolving differences. The

bill, totaling \$189 million, will fund state building projects and maintain existing buildings through bonding and allocations.

Education projects amounted to \$112 million, covering the University of Minnesota, community colleges, state universities, and vo-techs. Transportation projects get \$23.2 million dollars; the Pollution Control Agency \$12 million; and \$12.9 million went to the Administration Department for various projects, including PCB equipment replacement and asbestos containment in state-owned buildings.

If the governor signs the bill in its present form, it will resolve the question of where to put the judiciary. The bill calls for a study to find a new location for the Historical Society and would move the judiciary into the present Historical Society building.

● **Drivers that police suspect of drunken driving would lose their licenses** for one year if they refuse a blood-alcohol test, under legislation the House passed in a late night session, April 18.

According to author Kathleen Vellenga, (DFL-St. Paul), increasing numbers of people are using the implied consent law, or right to refuse the test, as a means of withholding evidence the test would reveal.

The Senate version contains a misdemeanor penalty for refusing the test, a difference the two legislative bodies will have to work out before the bill goes to the governor for his signature.

● **The House adopted a waste management bill after nearly four hours of debate**, April 18, that centered on choosing a hazardous waste site. The bill, HF1577 (Long, DFL-Mpls), would make some changes to the Waste Management



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Bill introductions

Friday, Apr 13

HF2329—Johnson (IR)—Judiciary

Probate; allowing a minor to be a donor for purposes of the Uniform Anatomical Gift Act; amending statu)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Minnesota Constitution; changing the terms of representatives to four years.

Tuesday, Apr 17

HF2331—Gruenes (IR)—Health/Welfare

Health; providing for physical therapy evaluation and referral; prohibiting certain practices by physical therapists; amending statutes.

Wednesday, Apr 18

HF2332—Wenzel (DFL)—Judiciary

Proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution; providing for equality of rights under the law for men and women.

HF2333—Clark, K. (DFL)—Health/Welfare

Occupational safety and health; regulating the use of video display terminals; amending statutes.

HF2334—Sviggum (IR)—Health/Welfare

Public welfare; revising the requirements for procedures for determining the rates for care of residents of intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded; amending statutes.

HF2335—Nelson, K. (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State department and agencies; authorizing the board of barber examiners to assume the duties of the director of the office of consumer services in overseeing the practice of cosmetology.

HF2336—Brandl (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Firefighters; establishing the firefighters standards board; providing for training of firefighters; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF2337—Brandl (DFL)—Judiciary

Marriage dissolution; providing for marital property division; prohibiting assignment of pension benefits or rights acquired upon dissolution or annulment; amending statutes.

HF2338—Metzen (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; changing procedures for weighing livestock; imposing a penalty; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law.

Thursday, Apr 19

HF2339—Metzen (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; changing procedures for weighing livestock; imposing a penalty; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF2340—Kvam (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration

Proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution; limiting the matters considered at an even-year session to tax, appropriation, and federal law conformance matters.

Friday, Apr 20

HF2341—Scheid (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; reducing the property tax assessment ratios on commercial industrial property; reducing income tax rates; repealing unitary method of apportioning the income of multistate business; repealing the income tax surtax; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2342—Knuth (DFL)—Judiciary

Damages arising from personal injury in civil actions; providing for calculation of the damage award; proposing new law.

HF2343—Segal (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Environment; superfund; providing that funds in the environmental response, compensation, and compliance fund may be used to reimburse certain property owners; amending statutes.

HF2344—Shaver (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Elections; providing for a presidential primary election; changing the state primary date; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

Tuesday, Apr 24

HF2345—McDonald (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Environment; prohibiting underground disposal of hazardous waste; prescribing penalties; amending statutes; proposing new law.

House Advisories

Friday, Apr 13

HA61—Olsen (IR)—Judiciary

A proposal for the House Judiciary Committee to study the role of alcohol in violence.

Monday, Apr 16

HA62—Gutknecht (IR)—Regulated Industries

A proposal to study propriety of sports franchises excluding areas from viewing telecasts of games.

Tuesday, Apr 17

HA63—Sherman (IR)—Taxes

A proposal to study costs and benefits of property tax relief for energy efficient buildings.

Wednesday, Apr 18

HA64—Levi (IR)—Transportation

A proposal to study and recommend licensing revisions for van converters and manufacturer dealers.

Thursday, Apr 19

HA65—Rodosovich (DFL)—Health/Welfare

A proposal to study alternatives to licensure of family daycare homes.

HA66—Begich (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

A proposal to study economic development.

HA67—Begich (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations

A proposal to study enforcement of the minimum wage laws.

HA68—Clark, K. (DFL)—Health/Welfare

A proposal to study the sources and subsequent health effects of high concentrations of lead in children.

HA69—Kvam (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A proposal for the study of the appropriate work for the legislature in even-numbered years.

HA70—Fjoslien (IR)—Governmental Operations

A proposal to select and erect a suitable capitol mall memorial to Native Americans.

HA71—Sviggum (IR)—Agriculture

A proposal to study the adequacy of protection of crops from deer and bear damages.

HA72—Vellenga (DFL)—Agriculture

A proposal to study University of Minnesota programs to assist farmers with their financial problems.

HA73—Freichs (IR)—Transportation

A proposal to reevaluate the current distribution formula for the motor vehicle excise tax.

Friday, Apr 20

HA74—Sarna (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

A proposal relating to tourism; fish spearing.

HA75—Shaver (IR)—Judiciary

A proposal to study child custody awards of marriage dissolution proceedings.

HA76—Clark, K. (DFL)—Governmental Operations

A proposal to study Minnesota's Unemployment Compensation Law.

Tuesday, Apr 24

HA77—Peterson (DFL)—Education

A proposal to study traffic safety education.

- HA78—Clark, K. (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources**
A proposal to the DNR to report on certain activities of the Indian Land Claims Law.
- HA79—Clark, K. (DFL)—Judiciary**
A proposal to study adoption.
- HA80—Kelly (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources**
A proposal to study the potential problems related to underground fuel storage.

First Readings of Senate Files

Thursday, Apr 12

- SF1853—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Veterinarians; permitting certain University of Minnesota employees to perform certain duties; amending statutes.
- SF1859—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Commerce; requiring insurance for motor vehicle service contracts; requiring motor vehicle service contract providers to file certain forms; prohibiting the issuance of motor vehicle service contracts in certain circumstances; authorizing the commissioner of commerce to adopt rules; proposing new law.
- SF1905—Peterson, R. (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Crimes; providing penalties for falsely reporting a medical emergency and for interfering with emergency communications over a citizen's band radio channel; imposing a penalty; amending statutes.
- SF1954—Hughes (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Elections; making procedural changes; correcting erroneous and obsolete provisions; amending statutes; repealing statutes.
- SF1974—Peterson, R. (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Commerce; clarifying the limitations on enforcement of indemnification agreements in construction contracts; amending statutes; proposing new law.
- SF1473—Reichgott (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Real property; allowing service of summons upon dissolved domestic corporations; amending provisions related to the abolition of dower and curtesy; amending statutes.
- SF1642—Peterson, R. (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Highway regulations; providing for breath tests to be administered using an infrared breath-testing instrument for the purpose of determining the presence of alcohol or a controlled substance; authorizing the results of infrared breath-tests to be admissible into evidence in civil and criminal hearings; amending statutes; proposing new law.
- SF1815—Stumpf (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Hospitals; giving various public hospital authorities the powers of nonprofit corporations; proposing new law.

Friday, Apr 13

- SF1258—Merriam (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Environment; requiring an agreement between the state and federal government prior to test drilling of geologic structures for disposal of high level radioactive waste and notification of results; regulating transportation of high level radioactive waste in the state; providing penalties; regulating nuclear fission electric generating plants in Minnesota; amending statutes; proposing new law.
- 1849—Jude (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Crimes; prohibiting the purchase or sale of human organs; amending statutes.
- SF1891—Petty (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Public employees; providing standards for certain disciplinary actions; amending statutes.
- SF1986—Nelson (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Public employment labor relations act; recodifying the public employment labor relations act; proposing new law; repealing statutes.
- SF1330—Belanger (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Landlords and tenants; providing for recovery by the tenant from

the landlord of damages and attorney's fees for unlawful ouster or exclusion from residential premises; proposing new law.

- SF1452—Dieterich (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Trusts; eliminating the requirement of qualifying trustees in certain cases; amending statutes.
- SF1762—Reichgott (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Human rights department; prohibiting waiver of legal rights; changing the statute of limitations; providing sanctions for intentional delays; permitting award of attorney fees in administrative hearings; changing damage awards; amending statutes; proposing new laws.
- SF2168—Samuelson (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Transportation; highways; requiring certain loads of firewood to be securely covered or fastened; amending statutes.
- Monday, Apr 16
- SF1023—Merriam (DFL)—Judiciary**
Probate; adopting provisions of the uniform probate code and clarifying laws relating to intestate succession, spouses' elective share and omitted spouses and children; proposing new law; repealing statutes.
- SF1862—Dahl (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Insurance; regulating insurance claims settlement; defining terms; prescribing penalties; providing for the venue for certain injunction proceedings; amending statutes.
- SF1883—Peterson, Donna (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Occupations and professions; prohibiting evidence of the previous sexual conduct of a patient or client in proceedings concerning unprofessional conduct; proposing new law.
- SF1914—Petty (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Airports; metropolitan government; requiring reports to pollution control agency concerning noise abatement for the Minneapolis-St. Paul airport; amending statutes.
- SF1976—Novak (DFL)—Regulated Industries**
Regulated industries; changing conditions that regulate the telecast of games at metropolitan sports facilities; amending statutes; repealing statutes.
- SF2009—Johnson, Dean (IR)—Government Operations**
State lands; conveying certain lands to the city of Melrose.
- SF992—Dieterich (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Welfare; requiring parents of children on probation or parole to pay the costs of foster care; amending statutes.
- SF1548—Peterson, C. (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources**
Game and fish; prohibiting taking, possession and transportation of fish in international waters in excess of certain daily limits; regulating enforcement of the laws relating to wild animals; providing for reciprocity with other governments; removing the license surcharge on fish and dark houses; eliminating the discount on walleye buyouts; amending statutes.
- SF1575—Sieloff (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Commerce; providing for the computation of interest on mechanics' lien claims; delaying the effective date of a bill carried over from the 1983 regular session; proposing new law.
- SF1864—Diessner (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
State government; amending the Administrative Procedure Act; establishing an optional negotiated rulemaking procedure; allowing interested persons to respond after a public hearing; removing a requirement that the attorney general review the hearing examiner's hearing report; providing that rules will be adopted without a public hearing unless 25 persons object; providing for notification that rules were modified after proposal; restricting the adoption of temporary rules; providing that exempt rules are not effective unless submitted to the revisor of statutes; providing that judicial review of rules is by the court of appeals with appeal to the supreme court; amending statutes proposing new law; repealing statutes.
- SF396—Davis (DFL)—Taxes**
Taxation; extending Class 3 property to certain property owned by certain fraternal beneficiary societies or associations for community service; exempting sales of candy by nonprofit youth organizations from the sales tax; amending statutes.
- SF1403—Lessard (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Mississippi River headwaters area; requiring other governmental units to follow the land use plan adopted by the board; proposing new law.

SF1732—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Financial institutions; authorizing industrial loan and thrift companies to act as trustees or custodians of certain retirement accounts; authorizing the removal of the bond requirement on the advertisement and sale of certain evidences of indebtedness; allowing special powers without inclusion in articles of incorporation; providing certain conventional loans on the same terms as other lenders; authorizing open-end loans; providing an alternative to filing fee charges; authorizing the deposit of real estate broker and salesperson trust funds in industrial loan and thrifts; amending statutes; proposing new law.

SF2102—McQuaid (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Health; providing counseling and educational services for sudden infant death syndrome families; encouraging autopsies on victims of sudden infant death syndrome; requiring the report of sudden infant death to the registrar of vital statistics; amending statutes.

SF595—Luther (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Insurance; holding companies; modifying the commissioner's jurisdiction with respect to the interests of shareholders; making miscellaneous style and form and form changes; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF1336—Pogemiller (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Crime; providing for criminal penalties and a one year driver's license revocation upon refusal by a driver suspected of driving under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance to take a test; authorizing testing of a suspect who is unconscious or in a condition rendering the suspect incapable of refusal; restricting issuance of limited licenses for work purposes; clarifying provisions of the hit and run law; clarifying penalties imposed on certain persons convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance; clarifying provisions of the driving after revocation, suspension, or cancellation law; prescribing penalties for causing death or injury of another while operating a vehicle in a certain manner; providing for admission into evidence of certain convictions for driving offenses for impeachment purposes; authorizing issuance of limited licenses in certain circumstances; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

SF1498—Waldorf (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Occupations and professions; clarifying jurisdiction over installment of power limited circuits.

SF2030—Luther (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Public safety; prohibiting the state fire marshal from adopting or enforcing certain rules relating to family or group family day care homes; amending statutes.

SF1977—Novak (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Economic development; clarifying provisions relating to the export finance authority; amending statutes.

SF2043—Moe, D. (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Legislative auditor; authorizing the audit of metropolitan agencies, boards, and commissions; amending statutes.

SF1622—Jude (DFL)—Appropriations

Peace officers; increasing the compensation for dependents of peace officers killed in the line of duty; amending statutes.

SF1807—Peterson, Donna (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Commerce; clarifying the right of indirect purchasers to sue for damages under the Minnesota Antitrust Law of 1971; amending statutes.

SF924—Reichgott (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Marriage dissolution; excluding mediators' information except on consent of the parties; providing for deposing of investigators; amending statutes.

SF1442—Spear (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Resident aliens; clarifying the rights and responsibilities of resident aliens with respect to the distribution of economic benefits, militia enlistment, and veterans affairs; amending statutes.

SF2109—Stumpf (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

A resolution memorializing the International Joint Commission, the President and Congress to effectuate an agreement between Minnesota and Ontario on joint management of their border waters.

Tuesday, Apr 17

SF120—Pehler (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Local government; authorizing counties or cities to enact ordinances against trespassing under certain conditions; prescribing penalties; proposing new law.

SF1978—Purfeerst (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Metropolitan airports commission; defining its relationship to the legislature and the metropolitan council; amending statutes.

SF1622—Jude (DFL)—Rules suspended

Peace officers; increasing the compensation for dependents of peace officers killed in the line of duty; amending statutes.

SF1408—Moe, D. (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

State government; recodifying the laws governing the department of administration; allowing the commissioner of administration to transfer local government units certain supplies, materials, and equipment; allowing the commissioner of administration to charge a price sufficient to cover costs when selling copies of laws and resolutions; allowing the commissioner of administration to lease office space and purchase supplies and equipment without the approval of the governor; allowing the commissioner of administration to provide for the use of certain motor vehicles by the governor and lieutenant governor; relating to the use of state vehicles and compensation for use of personal vehicles; including in the definition of the term "employee" for purposes of workers' compensation a voluntary uncompensated worker accepted by the commissioner of administration; providing for criminal and juvenile defense grants to be administered by the board of public defense; specifying the United States department of labor as the entity which designates a labor surplus area; amending statutes; proposing new law.

SF1451—DeCramer (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Commerce; including all liens on file in abstract by the county recorder; providing a lien for agricultural production inputs; establishing a procedure for priority and foreclosure requirements; amending statutes; proposing new law.

SF1492—Berglin (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Marriage dissolution; providing for determination and modification of child support; changing laws relating to docketing of judgments for support and maintenance from retirement and annuity benefits; providing for the vacating of liens of certain judgments; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

SF1561—Waldorf (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Crimes; providing for forfeitures of conveyances, containers, weapons used, and contraband property when utilized in the commission of designated offenses; proposing new law.

SF1842—Lessard (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Local government; setting authority to regulate firearms and related matters; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

SF1007—Freeman (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Courts; permitting the establishment of compulsory nonbinding arbitration programs for use in civil proceedings; proposing new law.

SF1469—Frederick (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Workers' compensation; providing coverage for certain employees of the University of Minnesota and for ambulance drivers and attendants; amending statutes.

SF1560—Waldorf (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Crimes; subjecting certain property to forfeiture if exchanged for or associated with controlled substances; conforming definitions with other statutes; amending statutes.

SF1668—Berglin (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Eminent domain; providing for relocation benefits for persons displaced by acquisitions when federal funding is not provided; amending statutes.

SF1826—Freeman (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

State government; specifying authority of the governor; specifying powers and duties of the commissioner of the department of energy and economic development; providing services for small businesses; amending statutes; proposing new law.

SF1572—Sieloff (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Court proceedings; adopting provisions of the uniform probate code and clarifying laws relating to intestate succession, spouse's

elective share, and omitted spouses and children; providing for ante-mortem probate of wills; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

SF1337—Berglin (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Landlords and tenants; increasing the interest rate paid by landlords on rental deposits; amending statutes.

Wednesday, Apr 18

SF1858—Jude (DFL)—Judiciary

Crimes; setting penalties for flight from a peace officer under certain conditions; amending statutes.

SF1683—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Housing; prohibiting certain rent control ordinances in cities, counties, and towns; proposing new law.

SF2164—Dicklich (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

A resolution memorializing Congress to enact H.R. 5081, the Fair Trade in Steel Act of 1984.

SF2165—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Public finance; authorizing additional investment alternatives; providing for the delivery of municipal obligations in certificated or uncertificated form; providing restrictions on the use of certain data; providing a formula for determining limitations on interest rates on municipal obligations; providing an alternative procedure for conducting a public sale of municipal obligations; amending statutes.

SF2167—Solon (DFL)—Taxes

Port authorities; fixing the amount of the property tax levy for them; requiring a reverse referendum in certain circumstances; amending statutes.

SF1903—Dieterich (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Communications; deregulating radio common carriers; amending statutes.

SF2046—Jude (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Statutes; revising the text of certain laws to remove redundant and obsolete language, to simplify grammar and syntax, and to improve the style of language without causing changes in the meaning of the laws affected; requiring the revisor of statutes to editorially change criminal fines in a manner consistent with 1983 regular session changes made in maximum authorized fines; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF1298—Freeman (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Local government; providing procedures for the publication of legal notices; removing various requirements for publication of notices; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

SF1879—Petty (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Agriculture; regulating the bulk sale of food; proposing new law.

SF1880—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Local government; providing for financing of county and county regional jails; providing for a special allocation of mortgage revenue bonds for calendar year 1985; authorizing the levy of special assessments or service charges for fire protection and pedestrian skyway systems; allowing the town of Blue Hill to exercise certain powers; letting municipal housing contracts; increasing the amount of expenditures for construction and other work that requires an award by contract; amending statutes.

SF1441—Spear (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Operation of the department of economic security; funding sheltered workshop and work activity programs based on evaluated effectiveness; defining sheltered employee; requiring rulemaking and a report to the legislature; appropriating money; amending statutes.

SF1407—Davis (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Natural resources; making changes in certain forestry laws; amending statutes.

SF1614—Spear (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Mental health; authorizing establishment of a demonstration project for treatment of compulsive gamblers; appropriating money; proposing new law.

SF 2072—Schmitz (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Local government; providing for the conduct of the business of towns; providing for certain town debt; revising various other town laws; providing penalties; amending statutes; proposing new law.

SF2178—Petty (DFL)—Regulated Industries

A resolution memorializing the United States Environment Protection Agency to adopt rules for a ban on leaded gasoline, and memorializing the Congress of the United States to enact legislation either prohibiting leaded gasoline or allowing the states to prohibit it.

SF1776—Dicklich (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Real property; providing that the mortgage and contract for deed moratorium shall not be repealed until May 1, 1985; allowing catastrophic medical expenses to be considered by a court when determining delay of foreclosure sale; providing that the equity in the property may be considered by a court; amending statutes.

SF1813—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Motor fuels; setting standards for gasoline and gasoline-alcohol blends; providing testing authority for the weights and measures division of the department of public service; requiring alcohol content disclosure; providing for labeling; appropriating money; amending statutes.

SF1940—Dieterich (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Alcoholic beverages; allowing licensed premises to remain open after the hour sales of alcoholic beverages must cease; amending statutes.

SF1943—Diessner (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

City of Oakdale; providing a temporary increase in the levy limit.

SF1243—Peterson, Donna (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to establish a National Academy of Peace and Conflict Resolution.

SF1980—Langseth (DFL)—Appropriations

Corrections; providing for costs of transporting convicted persons and children adjudicated delinquent to correctional facilities; appropriating money; amending statutes.

SF1736—Pehler (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Education; creating the Minnesota educational computing corporation as a public corporation; transferring assets of the Minnesota educational computing consortium to the corporation; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

SF2138—Petty (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Sentencing; permitting courts to utilize a variety of noninstitutional sanctions as a condition of a stayed sentence; providing a preference for noninstitutional sanctions in certain cases; amending statutes.

SF1884—Peterson, Donna (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Occupations and professions; establishing a task force to study the problem of sexual exploitation by counselors and therapists.

Thursday, Apr 19

SF1662—Schmitz (DFL)—Rules suspended

Solid waste; reducing the number of proposed sites in metropolitan counties having a population of less than 300,000 for mixed municipal solid waste disposal facilities; amending statutes.

SF2108—Spear (DFL)—Rules suspended

Civil commitment; establishing procedures for passes for persons committed as mentally ill and dangerous; permitting respondents to be absent from hearings under certain conditions; clarifying the conditions under which a guardian may place a minor ward in certain treatment facilities; providing for status review of persons residing in state facilities pursuant to an order of guardianship; amending statutes.

SF2010—Willet (DFL)—Taxes

Hubbard County; authorizing a special levy for park and recreation purposes; requiring a reverse referendum under certain circumstances.

SF2133—Willet (DFL)—Taxes

Hubbard County; authorizing county appropriations to the county agricultural society and an annual levy for that purpose; requiring a reverse referendum under certain circumstances.

SF1821—Peterson, R. (DFL)—Rules suspended

Powers of attorney; providing procedures for granting powers of attorney; construing various specific powers; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

Tuesday, Apr 24

SF2017—Wegscheid (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs

Metropolitan waste control commission; establishing positions in the unclassified civil service; amending statutes.

SF1906—Peterson, R. (DFL)—Rules suspended

Collection and dissemination of data; classifying government data as public, private, and nonpublic; clarifying issues relating to classifications of data, access to data, the effect of death of individuals on classifications, and patient access to medical data; amending statutes; proposing new law.

Act, including specific guidelines on choosing a site.

Legislators overturned an amendment they approved two days earlier which would have discouraged hazardous waste burial. In its last version, the bill would give the Waste Management Board the authority to pick one or more sites and to do an estimate of need for the site.

The bill also includes a landfill abatement plan that would charge landfill operators 50-cents per cubic yard of trash haulers bring to their dumps. It passed the House on a 125-2 vote.

THU

April 19

● **The House unanimously approved, April 19, a \$359 million tax relief bill that includes repeal of the 10 percent surtax retroactive Jan. 1 and a provision that regulates taxing of bingo earnings.**

The bill, which is a compromise a joint committee of Senate and House members reached April 18, will increase property tax relief for homesteads and farmers, reduce sales tax on equipment for business expansions, and give a three-month amnesty to delinquent taxpayers this year. Another provision gives grants to two Minnesota businesses.

● **Efforts to wrap up the legislative session Thursday night, April 19, failed even though legislators worked long hours and passed a number of bills trying to reach their deadline.**

Among those bills was gun legislation that would prohibit the cities of Minneapolis, St. Paul, and Duluth from passing more restrictive laws than the rest of the state, and a bill to extend for another year the mortgage foreclosure relief act the Legislature passed last year. The foreclosure bill allows courts to delay the sale of residential homesteads

and small farms in hardship cases. Also, repeal of the "Buy Minnesota" law will go into effect if the House has its way. The "Buy Minnesota" campaign grew unpopular after its passage in 1983 under threats of retaliation by other states and charges that it was anti-business.

Merit selection of judges also passed in the House. The bill would require screening of candidates for judgeships before the governor makes the appointments.

● **The public employee pension bill emerged from Senate/House conference committee meetings with minor changes and passed in the House, April 19.**

The bill no longer carries pension guarantee language. But it does contain the rule of 85 that would allow employees to retire with full benefits if their age, plus years of service, equals 85. The rule, under the bill, will expire Dec. 31, 1986—six months earlier than the date in the original House version. The minimum qualifying age remains at 55, although Senate conferees wanted to raise it to 58.

The conference committee agreed to raise the retirement reduction rate from three to five percent from all funds. This rate applies to employees who retire with more than 10 years of service but aren't eligible for full benefits. Such employees would get five percent less per year than those with normal benefits.

FRI

April 20

● **Counties will get more state aid to help pay for administering welfare programs under a bill the House passed April 20. The bill would make various changes in Medical Assistance laws, including the \$2 million in aid to counties, and raise the personal needs allowance for Medical Assistance recipients, who are mostly nursing home residents, from \$35 to \$40 dollars a month.**

Because the House couldn't agree on the \$197 million supplemental

appropriations bill, members voted to send it back to conference committee. They also voted to adjourn for the Easter weekend and return on Tuesday, April 24.

Other legislation that may come up, in what legislative leaders hope will be the last day of session, includes a bill to raise the minimum wage for waiters and waitresses, unemployment compensation legislation to relieve the state of its debt to the federal government, and changes to the waste management act that would suspend the search for a hazardous waste site.

TUE

April 24

● **A bill declaring Martin Luther King's birthday an official holiday is on its way to the governor's office, after passage in the House.**

House author of the bill, Rep. Randy Staten (DFL-Mpls) in his April 24 appeal for support of the proposal said King changed society to think that acts of discrimination are unacceptable, and made it possible for citizens to live up to the Constitution of the United States.

In honor of King, school districts and state colleges would have the option to close for the holiday, and government offices would close on the third Monday in January, beginning in 1986.

● **This year's DWI bill came out of conference committee with provisions to require suspected drunk drivers to take a chemical test, and revoke licenses of minors who drink and drive.**

With some give and take on the part of House and Senate conferees, the bill took out the Senate's criminal penalty for refusing a breath

test, and kept the one-year license revocation for refusal.

The bill requires an arresting officer to tell a driver that chemical tests are mandatory and to refuse means a one-year revocation, and that a driver who fails to pass could consult an attorney and demand another test.

The bill calls for revocation of licenses of minors guilty of DWI offenses. But it would not enforce a stricter blood-alcohol standard nor provide stiffer penalties to minors who break the open bottle law, as previous legislation proposed.

The bill went on to the governor for his signature.

● **The full House passed the \$197 million supplemental appropriations bill, HF2317 (Rice, DFL-Mpls)** on a 69-58 vote, April 24. The bill contains 6 major sections that include:

- The largest appropriation, \$87 million for transportation and agriculture projects, including \$23.5 million for highway development; \$12.6 million for transit assistance programs, \$66,000 for a bicycle transportation program; \$17,500 for rail service improvements; \$74,000 for an agricultural land conservation and preservation awareness program; \$239,000 for international trade programs; \$50,000 for family farm crisis projects; \$105,000 to the Board of the Arts for art programs.

- \$30 million to continue the state's jobs program; directives to study removing mentally retarded and chronically ill children from institutions; aid for low-income parents needing child daycare services; a state department name change from the Department of Public Welfare to the Department of Human Services.

- more than \$10.4 million for education, including \$1.6 million each for a Super Computer Institute at the University of Minnesota and for the Department of Education's regional computer centers;

\$5 million for scholarships and grants and nearly \$1 million to restore 1982 cuts in faculty pensions at the U of M; request for the U of M to start planning for an International School of Business; requiring state boards, commissions, or task forces to have at least one member 60 years or older; and transfer of several schools' general funds to capital improvements.

- \$7 million for a waste disposal facility for Olmsted and neighboring counties; \$6 million for an economic recovery grant program to local governments; \$6 million for the technology corridor project between Minneapolis and the University of Minnesota for land acquisition, building construction, and venture capital to promote technology-related business in Minnesota; \$2.1 million for public television equipment needs; \$2 million for a St. Louis County forestry assistance program; and lesser amounts for a number of energy projects, including weatherization, recycling, district heating, alternative energy projects, and community energy councils. The bill also includes pay raises for legislators, judges, and the governor.

● **Calling current tip credit legislation sexist and demeaning**, Rep. Doug St. Onge (DFL-Bemidji) asked the House to do away with it once and for all. A majority in the House agreed and passed the "tip credit bill," April 24, that would phase out the current law over the next four years.

Now, employers pay tipped employees 80 percent of minimum wage if their tips exceed \$35 a month. If tips are less than \$35 employers pay minimum wage.

● **The sale of weapons, containers, and contraband** that someone uses to commit a serious crime would be a source of income for law enforcement agencies, under legislation the House approved, April 24.

The bill, SF1561, provides a procedure for the forfeiture of such property after a felony conviction and divides the proceeds three ways.

"It divides the proceeds after the property that has been forfeited is

sold, the proceeds are divided one-third to the Buy Fund for the BCA to deal with fencing, one-third to the law enforcement agency that has arrested and handled the investigation, and one-third to the agency that has prosecuted," said Rep. David Bishop (IR-Rochester), House author.

Earlier in the session, the House passed a similar bill Bishop sponsored to establish a forfeiture and sale procedure for property authorities confiscate in drug transactions.

● **Bars will continue to close at 1 a.m.** because House members sent a bill from the floor of the House to the Judiciary Committee, April 24. The bill would have allowed bars to stay open, but would have prohibited sale of alcoholic beverages after 1. The added time was to give patrons a sobering-up period before hitting the streets.

● **The House took an initial step to combat compulsive gambling**, April 24, passing a bill that authorizes a demonstration project for treatment of compulsive gamblers. The bill appropriates \$50,000 to the commissioner of public welfare for outpatient, consultation, educational, and preventive services.

The bill instructs the commissioner to prepare and present a report to the Legislature by Jan. 15, 1986, outlining the extent of compulsive gambling in the state, current practices in diagnosing and treating it, proposals for dealing with the problem, and how health insurance policies cover treatment for compulsive gambling.

● **The House passed a bill, April 24, that would stop the search for a hazardous waste disposal site despite opposition from its original**

author, Rep. Dee Long (DFL-Mpls).

House members voted 92 to 34 to adopt the joint House-Senate conference report on waste management, including a provision the House had defeated April 18.

The latest version of changes to the Waste Management Act includes two tax credits for pollution control and a sales tax exemption, at a cost of \$7.2 million in lost revenue next biennium, and a 50-cent-per-cubic-yard fee on trash that haulers take to dumps in the seven-county metropolitan area.

Local governments in the metro area can levy an additional 25 cents per cubic yard, and those outside can levy an unlimited additional fee. Ramsey and Washington counties could levy more fees to pay for recycling programs, a measure several legislators objected to.

Supporters said the bill points the way Minnesotans want to go on hazardous waste. And according to Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth), the message is, "We're not

going to put our poisons in the ground anymore." Munger is chairman of the House Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

● **After two conference committee battles** and comments by some lawmakers that the measure had "little or no meaning," the Agriculture Department bill passed in the House, April 24.

The bill establishes a council on agricultural commodity pricing and a milk-in-schools program that makes milk available at a reduced cost to students.

Other provisions change procedures for livestock weighing and encourage producers of manufactured milk products, who sell

canned milk, to apply for an investment reimbursement program for money they spent to comply with USDA milk quality standards.

● **The Speaker of the House brought the final gavel down on the 1984 session** at about 10:15 p.m. Tuesday, April 24. The 1985 session will convene on the first Monday after the first Tuesday, Jan. 8.

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GOV

BILLS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

● When a bill has passed both the House and Senate, and the governor has signed it, the secretary of state assigns the new law a chapter number (CH) in Minnesota Statutes.

Here is a list of those bills, with chapter numbers, to date:

- CH384—HF1503*/SF1438
City clerks' duties and bonds
- CH385—HF1491*/SF1367
Driver improvement clinic fee increase
- CH386—HF1485*/SF1592
Election terms-town clerks/treasurers
- CH387—HF1486*/SF1471
Court of Appeals-housekeeping bill

- CH388—HF1877*/SF1934
Enterprise zones-miscellaneous changes
- CH389—HF2255/SF2148*
Shorview: land transfer
- CH390—HF2131/SF1770*
Duluth: Spirit Mountain area
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