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## MON

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.

## WED

### 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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## Advance committee schedule & bill introductions

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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 Elloff. Agenda: HF— (Brandl) Data privacy. HF1806 (Elioff) 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.

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**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.

## House Advisories

**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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**March 15, (meetings before 2 p.m.)**

● **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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