



THE SESSION WEEKLY

MINNESOTA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
VOLUME 1, NUMBER 5

APRIL 6

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

Session Weekly replaces the monthly publication you received during the 1983 session. Each week you will get this overview of committee and House action with the Advance Committee Schedule and Bill Introductions.

Inside:

- Weekly overview of House Committee and floor action
- Advance committee meeting schedule
- Bill introductions

24-hour information service:

- To follow a bill from introduction, through committee action, to the governor's signature call the

House Bill Status Line:

(612) 297-1264

- For committee meeting times and agendas call the

Committee Action Line:

(612) 296-9283

Session Weekly covers daily House action up to 2 pm from Thursday to Thursday. Action after 2 pm each Thursday will appear in the following week's publication.

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—Be midji)—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.



1984 no. 6

Advance committee schedule & bill introductions

Minnesota House of Representatives

All rooms are located in the State Office Building unless otherwise indicated. This schedule is subject to change. For information call the House Hotline at 296-9283, or contact Terri Hudoba at 296-2146. All meetings are open to the public.

PLEASE NOTE

TO ALL COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION CHAIRS: The deadline for all committee and commission meeting notices is NOON ON THURSDAY OF EACH WEEK. Please send notices in time for the Thursday publication deadline to House Information, Rm. 9, State Capitol.

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.
end



1983-84 House of Representatives

Member directory — office phones and rooms

District	Room*	Phone	District	Room*	Phone
10B Anderson, Bob (IR)	325	296-4946	39B Metzen, Jim (DFL)	271	296-4370
28A Anderson, Buzz (DFL)	169	296-2068	5B Minne, Lona (DFL)	345	296-0172
20A Anderson, Glen (DFL)	292	296-4228	7A Munger, Willard (DFL)	297	296-4282
6A Battaglia, David (DFL)	248	296-2190	8A Murphy, Mary (DFL)	223	296-2676
56B Beard, Pat (DFL)	295	296-3135	49A Nelson, Darby (DFL)	349	296-1729
6B Begich, Joe (DFL)	228	296-5063	62A Nelson, Ken (DFL)	163	296-4244
53A Bennett, Tony (IR)	316	296-2907	3A Neuenschwander, Bob (DFL)	171	296-1188
18B Bergstrom, Don (DFL)	251	296-7038	65A Norton, Fred (DFL)	222	296-5158
33B Bishop, David (IR)	358	296-0573	66B O'Connor, Rich (DFL)	217	296-7807
41B Blatz, Kathy (IR)	394	296-4218	14A Ogren, Paul (DFL)	220	296-7808
8B Boo, Ben (IR)	360	296-2228	44A Olsen, Sally (IR)	312	296-3964
62B Brandl, John (DFL)	285	296-4837	16A Omann, Ben (IR)	362	296-6612
16B Brinkman, Bernard (DFL)	296	296-4373	22B Onnen, Tony (IR)	383	296-1534
43A Burger, John (IR)	367	296-9188	66A Osthoff, Tom (DFL)	335	296-4224
14B Carlson, Doug (IR)	368	296-4308	59B Otis, Todd (DFL)	338	296-9281
46B Carlson, Lyndon (DFL)	240	296-4255	42A Pauly, Sidney (IR)	376	296-7449
60B Clark, Janet (DFL)	237	296-4354	18A Peterson, Jerome (DFL)	173	296-6746
60A Clark, Karen (DFL)	255	296-0294	24A Piepho, Mark (IR)	328	296-3248
19B Clawson, John (DFL)	287	296-4358	31B Piper, Pat (DFL)	346	296-9248
64B Cohen, Dick (DFL)	291	296-5931	56A Price, Len (DFL)	162½	296-3018
51A Coleman, Sharon (DFL)	261	296-2721	50B Quinn, Joe (DFL)	215	296-2439
23A Dempsey, Terry (IR)	311	296-9303	23B Quist, Allen (IR)	365	296-7065
21B Den Ouden, Gaylin (IR)	385	296-4346	32B Redalen, Elton (IR)	381	296-9278
36A Dimler, Chuck (IR)	388	296-1072	53B Reif, Robert (IR)	384	296-8858
2B Eken, Willis (DFL)	273	296-4256	57A Rice, Jim (DFL)	245	296-4262
5A Elioff, Dominic (DFL)	219	296-0170	40B Riveness, Phil (DFL)	329	296-7158
47B Ellingson, Bob (DFL)	230	296-3709	25B Rodosovich, Peter (DFL)	267	296-8237
27B Erickson, Wendell (IR)	370	296-4336	37A Rodriguez, Carolyn (DFL)	289	296-8632
10A Evans, Jim (IR)	318	296-4341	65B Rodriguez, Frank (DFL)	162	296-6456
11A Findlay, Gary (IR)	398	296-2817	63A Rose, John (IR)	386	296-4342
11B Fjoslien, Dave (IR)	387	296-4317	58A Sarna, John (DFL)	299D	296-4219
42B Forsythe, Mary (IR)	371	296-4363	35A Schafer, Gary (IR)	399	296-8634
32A Frerichs, Don (IR)	382	296-4378	47A Scheid, Linda (DFL)	330	296-3751
12A Graba, Jerome (DFL)	262	296-3139	30B Schoenfeld, Jerry (DFL)	331	296-8635
61A Greenfield, Lee (DFL)	238	296-0173	48B Schreiber, William (IR)	393	296-4128
17B Gruenes, Dave (IR)	364	296-6316	38B Seaberg, Art (IR)	357	296-3533
7B Gustafson, Ben (DFL)	332	296-7527	44B Segal, Gloria (DFL)	172	296-9889
33A Gutknecht, Gil (IR)	399A	296-9249	45A Shaver, Craig (IR)	353	296-9934
38A Halberg, Chuck (IR)	395	296-4212	30A Shea, Tom (DFL)	161	296-8636
31A Haukoos, Bob (IR)	327	296-8216	34B Sherman, Tim (IR)	355	296-8637
45B Heap, Jim (IR)	348	296-7026	37B Sieben, Harry (DFL)	276	296-4227
48A Heinitz, O J (Lon) (IR)	389	296-4320	51B Simoneau, Wayne (DFL)	299C	296-4331
41A Himle, John (IR)	375	296-7803	61B Skoglund, Wes (DFL)	294	296-4330
9A Hoberg, Dwaine (IR)	352	296-4066	3B Solberg, Loren (DFL)	179	296-2365
55B Hoffman, Charles (DFL)	266	296-2999	1B Sparby, Wallace (DFL)	263	296-9918
46A Hokr, Dorothy (IR)	354	296-7804	4A St Onge, Doug (DFL)	216	296-4263
49B Jacobs, Joel (DFL)	229	296-4231	2A Stadum, Tony (IR)	319	296-8874
29A Jennings, David (IR)	390	296-3240	57B Staten, Randy (DFL)	270	296-8659
36B Jensen, Bob (DFL)	167	296-0527	26A Sviggum, Steve (IR)	379	296-2273
34A Johnson, Virgil (IR)	374	296-1069	40A Swanson, Jim (DFL)	226	296-4885
58B Kahn, Phyllis (DFL)	235	296-4257	13A Thiede, Paul (IR)	359	296-4333
29B Kalis, Henry (DFL)	243	296-4240	67B Tomlinson, John (DFL)	340	296-4259
67A Kelly, Randy (DFL)	343	296-4277	1A Tunheim, Jim (DFL)	351	296-9635
43B Knickerbocker, Gerald (IR)	347	296-4315	15A Uphus, Sylvester (IR)	356	296-5185
52B Knuth, Dan (DFL)	254	296-0141	9B Valan, Merlyn (IR)	366	296-6829
54B Kostohryz, Dick (DFL)	336	296-4936	54A Valento, Don (IR)	378	296-7153
12B Krueger, Rick (DFL)	293	296-3201	25A Vanasek, Robert (DFL)	299B	296-4229
21A Kvam, Adolph (IR)	369	296-4344	64A Vellenga, Kathleen (DFL)	288	296-8799
50A Larsen, Ernest (DFL)	350	296-2209	52A Voss, Gordon (DFL)	174	296-4226
55A Levi, Connie (IR)	317	296-4124	26B Waitman, Bob (IR)	397	296-9236
59A Long, Dee (DFL)	232	296-0171	19A Welch, Richard (DFL)	218	296-3821
27A Ludeman, Cal (IR)	372	296-3825	20B Welker, Ray (IR)	377	296-8082
28B Mann, George (DFL)	165	296-4292	15B Welle, Alan (DFL)	179½	296-6206
17A Marsh, Marcus (IR)	313	296-7806	13B Wenzel, Steve (DFL)	333	296-4247
35B McDonald, Kenneth (IR)	326	296-8872	24B Wigley, Dick (IR)	315	296-4355
22A McEachern, Bob (DFL)	170	296-4237	63B Wynia, Ann (DFL)	249	296-3824
39A McKasy, Bert (IR)	380	296-6828	4B Zaffke, Maurice (IR)	399C	296-2451

*Offices in the State Office Building

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 agricultural 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

Nancy J. Miller • Coordinator
Donna J. Lyons • Art & Production

8

 Minnesota House of Representatives Information Office
Room 9 • State Capitol • St. Paul, MN 55155
(612) 296-2146

Speaker of the House: Harry Sieben, Jr.
Majority Leader: Willis Eken
Minority Leader: David Jennings

Advance committee schedule & bill introductions
plus THE SESSION WEEKLY