Retailers - sales tax

Minnesota retailers could get a break on paying their June sales taxes under a bill which the Taxes Committee recommended to pass on March 14. HF65 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield) relates to the sales tax that retailers collect from their customers and return to the state.

The bill would discontinue the requirement that retailers pay one half of their estimated June liability on or before June 25. They would pay their June sales taxes by July 25.

Chief author Rep. Adolph Kvam said this change is the way retailers used to pay their June liability. But the 1981 Legislature changed the June payment when the state was in a budget crunch and needed the money before July 1 to balance the budget, said Kvam.

Tony Doherty, a Bloomington furniture dealer, told the committee that it's difficult for retailers to estimate their June sales tax liability because sales can vary considerably from month to month. He said the penalty is quite severe if retailers underestimate the amount.

The bill now goes to the floor of the House.

Environment

The House Environment and Natural Resources Committee recommended for passage, HF628 (Rose, IR-Roseville), a Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Act, on March 14. The bill includes many of the recommendations of the governor's Hunting and Fishing Commission that call for reinvestment in the state's natural resources.

HF628 would provide state funds to match funds and gifts that organizations donate for the purchase of land for wildlife habitats. It would call for annual payment to landowners to discontinue crop production on marginal farm lands to provide a vegetation cover, and it would create an aspen recycling to improve wildlife habitat.

The committee rejected an amendment that would have required a constitutional amendment asking voters whether two percent of the state sales tax should go to the game and fish fund for a 10-year period, to raise $30 million a year.

Smoking and health

Smokers are drug addicts, and nicotine is the most addictive drug in our society, Surgeon General Everett Koop, M.D., told the Health and Human Services Committee on March 14.

Smoking costs our country $39 billion a year in avoidable medical expenses and 340,000 deaths annually from smoking-related diseases, Koop said. And, he said, these figures are quite conservative.

Smoking during pregnancy is especially dangerous, said Koop, and the real costs are waiting to be born.

Sister Mary Madonna Ashton, commissioner of Health and Human Services, introduced Koop whose remarks support the commissioner's anti-smoking goals for the state.
Nursing home beds

Minnesota's aging population growth rate is explosive, according to Deputy Commissioner of Human Services Frank Giberson, but he wants the state moratorium on nursing home beds to continue through 1990.

Giberson told the House Human Services Division of the Appropriations Committee on March 14 that Minnesota institutionalizes its elderly at a rate twice the national average.

He says the answer to the problem is the state's alternative-care grant program for which his department is requesting a $46 million appropriation for the 1985-86 biennium.

According to Giberson, alternative care satisfies what the elderly say they need—better services in the community that will enable them to stay at home, out of nursing homes.

Administration of alternative-care programs would remain with local agencies.

Superfund changes

A bill that would make changes to the personal liability section of the state's superfund law got final House approval (81-44) on March 14. HF268 would affect a victim's chances to claim damages from hazardous waste exposure and win. See Session Weekly, Number 8, page 3 for a summary of the bill.

The House adopted an amendment which provided that the new superfund changes would not apply to legal actions pending on March 11, 1985. Another House-approved amendment would allow plaintiffs to bring actions prior to July 1, 1983 (the new retroactivity date) if they can show the defendant knew or reasonably should have known that the dumping of a hazardous substance could cause serious harm.

The bill now goes to the Senate.

Car insurance benefits

A bill to outlaw stacking of insurance benefits made it over its first hurdle in the House on March 13. The Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee voted 19 to 5 in favor of HF345 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights) which would prohibit collecting from two car insurance policies for accident injuries.

Since 1978, the Minnesota Supreme Court has permitted injured parties to collect from more than one policy to cover their actual out-of-pocket costs, but no double benefits. The change is that under HF345, policy holders could collect from only one policy though that coverage doesn't pay for all of their actual out-of-pocket expenses.

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Conservation Reserve

Farmers with highly erosive cropland could enroll it in a new state program to help protect wildlife habitat and soil and water resources.

Under Conservation Reserve, the state would pay enrolled farmers ($75 an acre the first year and five percent of the land's market value each year thereafter) not to grow crops or graze livestock on some of their land for 5 to 10 years. They would, instead, during this time, plant a vegetation cover on it which would help hold the soil in place, making it less susceptible to wind and water erosion.

The program also offers an incentive for farmers to plant strips of food crops for wildlife habitat next to the land.

On March 13, the Agriculture Committee recommended passage of HF427 (Redalen, IR-Fountain), the bill that would create this program. Conservation Reserve would carry a price tag of $10 million.

George Mann Memorial Hwy.

A stretch of Highway 60 between Mankato and Worthington could take on a new name in honor of the late George Mann (DFL-Win­ dom) who served in the Minnesota House for 24 years.

On March 13, the Transportation Committee unanimously voted to recommend for passage HF221 (Kalis, DFL-Watertown), a bill that would rename the stretch of highway the “George Mann Memorial Highway.”
Mann's work in the House won him positions as chair of the Transportation and Agriculture Committees, and as assistant DFL caucus leader. Mann worked through legislation to improve highways and highway safety, and some say he had a life-long ambition to see the completion of Highway 60.

Also, at the March 13 meeting, the committee recommended to pass HF454 (Mckasy, IR-Mendota Heights), a bill that would offer protection to people who fail to renew their car registrations because they didn't receive the notice telling them to, from the Department of Public Safety.

Minority councils
State councils that work with the handicapped, blacks, Indian and Spanish-speaking Minnesotans brought their budget requests to a division of the Appropriations Committee March 13.

They presented their policy objectives which are to help their minority groups to improve their economic and social status. The councils also act as liaisons between government units and the people they represent. Combined, they're asking for less than $1 million.

Interest on tax refunds
Taxpayers might get more interest on their tax refunds under a bill the Taxes Committee heard on March 12. HF261 (Onnen, IR-Cokato) would equalize the interest rate on refunds with the rate the State Revenue Department collects on unpaid taxes.

Current state law sets the interest rate on refunds at 6 percent and ties the rate on unpaid taxes to the average prime rate, or 13 percent for 1985. The bill would provide that tax refunds bear interest at the floating rate from the date of payment of the tax until the state pays the refund.

On income tax refunds, the state would pay interest from 90 days after the due date or on the date the taxpayer files the return, whichever is later.

The bill will get a further hearing on March 15.

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Correction

The article, "Community education changes," on page 3 of last week's Session Weekly should read:

Childhood, family education
Parents play the most important role in the early education of their children, and there is no substitute for parents, said Rep. Harriet McPherson (IR-Stillwater).

Her bill, HF367, would define the importance of parents' roles and parental involvement during early childhood and family education programs.

The bill calls on parents to be physically present much of the time in these programs with their children. It also prohibits use of early childhood and family education programs funding for traditional day care or nursery school programs.

At a March 6 meeting, the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee incorporated the bill into proposed Article 4. The division will consider it for inclusion in HF88 at a later date.

Farm financial information
"I've had my biggest personal failings when I didn't have the records to back up the business management decisions that I had to make," said Rep. Don Frerichs (IR-Rochester) at a March 12 meeting of the Governmental Operations Committee.

"Farmers have to understand exactly what their farm is doing to them or for them and make some tough management decisions."

Frerichs was before the committee to present his bill, HF581, which would appropriate money to the state board of vocational education and to the agricultural extension service at the University of Minnesota to collect and evaluate data on the farm crisis.

He said currently there is no way of getting information with which to base conclusions as to the situation of Minnesota farmers.

The bill would also create a nine-member task force to develop procedures for collecting data on the financial status of agriculture in Minnesota, and report back to the Legislature.

HF581 got a recommendation to pass, and now goes to the Appropriations Committee.

Charge account interest
Shoppers who charge instead of paying cash may find themselves paying a higher price for credit under HF183 (Himle, IR-Bloomington), a bill the Commerce and Development Committee recommended to pass on March 12.

Retailers like Daytons, Powers, or Donaldsons could charge their card users an annual interest rate of 18 percent. Present law allows 16 percent for these stores and others with annual gross sales of over $25 million. The law, the only one in the country with a rate this low, already lets small retailers charge up to 18 percent.

Supporters say the two-percent increase would level the competitive playing field. Opponents say the large retailers are being greedy and are going overboard in asking the Legislature to eliminate the split interest rate.

Water contamination
"It's not a horrible problem, but let's use our heads while we're awake," said Rep. Tim Sherman (IR-Winona) introducing HF535, a bill that would end the use of lead-based solder in water pipes. He spoke before the Health Care subcommittee of the Health and Human Services Committee on March 12.

According to Sherman, a plumber by trade, lead from soldered joints can leach into the water supply.

Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls), who presented an amendment to the bill, said lead contamination in schools can be a health threat.

"I've spoken with the Department of Health and there can be a problem with contamination in water that's been in the pipes over school vacations," she said.
Clark’s amendment would require schools to flush water pipes after any vacation periods of more than two weeks.

The bill passed as amended and goes next to the full Health and Human Services Committee.

Victims’ compensation fund

HF156 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park), which would set up a compensation fund for victims of hazardous waste releases, got the approval of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee March 12.

Rep. Sally Olsen says the bill complements other legislation moving through the House and Senate that would remove provisions from the superfund law relating to liability for personal injury and economic loss (HF268, Sviggum, IR-Kenyon).

Explaining her bill, Olsen said, HF156 would set up a three-member board to administer the fund. “There is no appeal from the board’s determination. Fees charged by an attorney to represent a claimant must be limited by the board,” she said.

The overall limitation on the amount of compensation an injured person could recover from the fund would be $250,000 per claimant, per claim, she said. One million dollars would come from the general fund to the compensation fund for the biennium, she added.

The committee voted down amendments that would have: taxed hazardous waste generators; compensated for property damages that the superfund doesn’t cover; and included death benefits to dependents.

Property tax study

On March 11, the Governmental Operations Committee recommended the passage of HF388 (Burger, IR-Long Lake) which would create a 15-member commission that would study whether to change the distribution of property taxes between land and improvement values.

Ten legislators and five governor’s appointees would serve on the commission. The commissioners of finance, energy and economic development, revenue and state planning would serve as non-voting members.

“What we want to do,” said author Rep. John Burger, “is separate land value taxation from improvement value taxation, then decrease taxes on improvements and increase land values to give people incentive to improve and develop their land.”

The Taxes Committee will hear the bill next.

Financial aid changes

Changes in distribution policy mean that post-secondary students are now getting more aid, and more of it is going to those who need it most, said David Longaneker, executive director of the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB).

Longaneker told a joint meeting of the education divisions of the Appropriations and Education Committees (March 11) of the successful shift of funds to students of lower income families.

He also explained “shared responsibility” which assumes that students are dependent upon their parents who will provide some financial support until they reach age 22.

Although the HECB makes allowances for special situations and has an appeals process, in testimony over the past weeks, people have said the new policies are too restrictive. Students, in particular, said that the new policies prevent those who most need it from getting financial aid.

The Education Committee is now considering legislation that would reinstate the previous policies and allow students of any age to receive independent student status which would qualify them for more financial aid.

The bill now goes to the Senate.

Mortgage moratorium

HF577/SF85* (Piper, DFL-Austin), a bill calling for a one-year moratorium on farm loan foreclosures suffered a setback late Monday night, March 11. The Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee voted 8 to 18 against the bill which already has Senate approval.

Former House member Willis Eken, who represents Minnesota Farmers’ Union, said the moratorium would buy some time for farmers until they get help from the federal government.

Opponents of the bill said it would dry up credit in the rural areas and make the situation worse than it already is.

Merit selection of judges

A new system for selecting judges in Minnesota may be a possibility under a bill the House passed March 11. HF67 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul) would set up a committee to evaluate applicants for judgeship vacancies (except Supreme Court justices) and recommend three to five names to the governor for appointment. The governor would then appoint one of the recommended persons or request a second list.

Chief author Randy Kelly says the bill will open up the selection process and allow those attorneys who haven’t been politically involved a chance for a judicial appointment. He says now the governor can appoint anyone he wants to with no check on that power. Governor Perpich, by choice, has selected judicial appointees through a committee. HF67 would ensure that future governors also would, according to Kelly.

Opponents say the bill gives too much power to the judiciary in the selection process. Under the bill, the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court would appoint four members to the committee. District, county, and municipal judges would elect one member. The governor would appoint five permanent members and two special members for district, county, and municipal court vacancies.

The bill now goes to the Senate.
As physicians and teachers, must child abuse reporting law apply?

Family Law Committee heard that attempts to clear up the issue involving two educators at the Children's Theatre Company and the Regulated Industries and Energy Committee on March 11. Kahn introduced her bill and the reasons for it to the Gaming subcommittee of the Regulated Industries and Energy Committee on March 11.

Opponents to HF198 say that boxing, in its finest form, is an art and that part of boxers' training teaches them to "carry" and "slip" punches to avoid serious injury.

Nonpublic schools

Nonpublic school educators would have a forum where they can express their views and concerns about state education policy under HF322 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud). The bill would require the commissioner of education to appoint a five-member advisory council.

A requirement would be that council members would have knowledge of and experience in nonpublic education.

Supporters of HF322 say the advisory council would help open lines of communication and would give private educators more voice in state education policy than they presently have.

The Education Committee, March 11, recommended the bill to pass. It moves on now to the Appropriations Committee.

World Trade Center

The ABCs of marketing Minnesota are agriculture, biomedical technology, and computers, says Dick Broeker, director of Minnesota's World Trade Center.

"There are a lot of willing buyers of Minnesota products out there, and there are a lot of willing sellers," he says, "but between the two is a swamp, and much of the swamp is a language problem. The trade center is just the tool to drain the swamp."

Speaking before the State Department's Division of the Appropriations Committee March 8, Broeker said the trade center, one of nine in the country and one of 40 in the world, "will be the best office development this side of Chicago." It should help Minnesota exports catch up to the national average, he said. In terms of manufactured goods, Minnesota is $340 million behind.

Construction began on the $100 million project in St. Paul in February; completion is set for 1987.

According to Broeker, Oxford Properties, the site developer, is responsible for the price tag. Eighty-one percent of the project is privately financed; the remaining 19 percent comes from a Port Authority and City of St. Paul loan. Oxford is responsible for both loans.

The state has no fiscal commitment to the building project, but Broeker asks for about $700,000 a year to run his office which directs the marketing and services arm of the center.

Correction

In the article, "Farm aid," on page 4-5 of last week's Session Weekly, the second paragraph should read:

Under the plan, SF54 (Redalen, IR-Fountain), farmers could get loans for spring planting at a lower rate of interest through an interest buydown program. The state would pay two-thirds of the difference between the interest rate charged to the farmer and the commerce commissioner's interest rate.

The sixth paragraph should read:

As a condition for receiving the state-paid interest for 60 days, lenders must agree to carry the loan for an additional 60 days without interest and sign an agreement with the state to stop foreclosure on farm loans which they submitted to FmHA for guarantees and debt restructuring, until FmHA responds or 90 days, whichever comes first.

(There's no foreclosure grace period as mentioned in the article.)

Child abuse reporting

When and how does Minnesota's child abuse reporting law apply? State law says certain people, such as physicians and teachers, must report child abuse. But how sure do they have to be that abuse is occurring before they make that report? On March 11 the Crime and Family Law Committee heard HF275 (Levi, IR-Dellwood), a bill that attempts to clear up the confusion.

According to Hennepin County Attorney Tom Johnson, the issue stems from a court decision involving two educators at the Children's Theatre Company and School in Minneapolis who failed to report suspected child sexual abuse.

Johnson said Judge Charles Porter dismissed the cases for a couple reasons. First, the law set up two different standards for people who must report abuse—one standard required them to report when they "suspected" abuse and the other required them to report when they had "reasonable cause to believe" abuse has taken or is taking place.

"A second problem," said Johnson, "was that the word 'suspicion' or 'suspected' was not sufficiently definable, and was too vague to meet a constitutional test when requiring someone to report abuse, or face a misdemeanor penalty."

"As a result," said Johnson, the judge "held the statute constitutionally vague."

Levi's bill aims at clarifying how certain someone needs to be about abuse occurring before he or she must report it to authorities. Hearings on the bill continue next week.

Boxing ban

Professional and amateur boxing could be a thing of the past in Minnesota if HF198 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls) becomes law.

Calling the sport a "public celebration of violence," Kahn introduced her bill and the reasons for it to the Gaming subcommittee of the Regulated Industries and Energy Committee on March 11.

Kahn says boxing is the only sport where the aim is to injure the opponent and, specifically, the brain of the opponent.

She said, "A hard blow to the head makes the brain twist inside the skull and bump its walls, tearing apart the brain's delicate and internal tissue, eroding its surface, giving rise to the punch-drunk symptoms of some former professional boxers."

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COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, March 13
• Landowners selling to beginning farmers—tax breaks
  HF587 (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Taxes Committee.
• Farmland—Conservation Reserve program
  HF427 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (See Highlight)

APPROPRIATIONS

Wednesday, March 13
• Warroad School District—capital loan
  HF263 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—recommended to pass as amended.
• Housing finance agency—bond limit increase
  HF438/SF412* (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass.

Education
Div./Approp.
Tuesday, March 12
• Warroad school district—capital loan
  HF263 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—recommended to pass as amended.

Wednesday, March 13
• ATVI—combined districts
  HF470 (Erickson, IR-Hills)—recommended to pass as amended to Appropriations Committee.

State Departs. Div./Approp.
Monday, March 11
• Housing finance agency—bond limit increase
  HF438/SF412* (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, March 12
• Petroleum product definitions
  HF730 (Tjornhom, IR-Richfield)—rereferred to the Commerce & Regulation subcommittee.
• Retailer credit interest rate
  HF183 (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass as amended;
  placed on Consent Calendar. (See Highlight)

CRIME & FAMILY LAW

Friday, March 8
• Drinking age—raised to 21
  HF102 (Schafer, IR-Gibbon)—recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
• Assault in the second degree—clarified
  HF511 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
• Part-time peace officers—requirements
  HF329 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended;
  placed on Consent Calendar.

Monday, March 11
• Arson and fire scene investigations
  HF374 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended.
• “Dangerous weapon”—flammable liquids
  HF274 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass.
• Commitment records—eliminating certain requirements
  HF335 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
• Child sex abuse victims—access to court data
  HF657 (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
• Child abuse reporting—changes
  HF275/SF196* (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—amended and laid over. (See Highlight)

EDUCATION

Monday, March 11
• Nonpublic schools—advisory committee
  HF322 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Education Finance
Div./Ed.

Last week's entry for HF367 should read:
Wednesday, March 6
• Education financing—early childhood and family
  HF367 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—incorporated into proposed Article 4
  which the division will consider for inclusion in HF88 at a later date. (See Highlight)

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Tuesday, March 12
• Hazardous substance injury—compensation fund
  HF156 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Judiciary Committee. (See Highlight)
• Fish and Wildlife
  Enhancement Act—created
  HF628 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—amended; laid over. (See Highlight)

Thursday, March 14
• Fish and Wildlife
  Enhancement Act—created
  HF628 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
• Fingerling production—Walleyed Pike funding
  HF488 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
• Waste disposal facilities—certificate of need
  HF401 (Pauly, IR-Eden Prairie)—laid over.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

Monday, March 11
• Farm mortgage foreclosure moratorium
  HF577/SF585* (Piper, DFL-Austin)—not recommended to pass as amended.
  (See Highlight)

Wednesday, March 13
• Non-fault insurance—changes; stacking—eliminated
  HF345 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended. (See Highlight)
• Dramshop actions—practice and procedure
  HF255 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—heard; laid over until next meeting.

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS

Thursday, March 14
• Adjutant general—additional assistant
  HF316 (Thornson, IR-Bemidji)—recommended to pass as amended;
  placed on Consent Calendar.
• National guard—increased pay for active service
  HF317 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
• Hibbing—fixing term of mayor, council
  HF270 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)—recommended to pass as amended;
  placed on Consent Calendar.
• Elections—absentee ballot changes
  HF759 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended.
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Monday, March 11

• Minnesota statutes—copies to libraries
  HF509 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.

• Public pension funds—corrections
  HF440 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass as amended.

• Property tax commission—created
  HF388 (Burger, IR-Long Lake)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (See Highlight)

Tuesday, March 12

• Fees/fee adjustments—legislative regulation
  HF376 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—laid over.

• PUC membership changes
  HF185 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—recommended to pass as amended.

• Farm financial data collection
  HF581 (Frerichs, IR-Long Lake)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (See Highlight)

Wednesday, March 13

• State/University employees—bonus incentive program
  HF389 (Burger, IR-Long Lake)—amended; laid on the table.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Thursday, March 14

• Pituitary gland—removal by county coroner
  HF277/SF331* (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)—recommended to pass.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Monday, March 11

• Tip credit freeze
  HF284 (Heap, IR-Plymouth)—recommended to pass. (See Highlight)

• Teacher/school board mediation—changes PELRA
  HF207 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—heard.

Unemployment Insur.—Workers’ Comp.Div./Labor-Management Rel.

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• Unemployment Insurance—changes
  HF847 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—heard.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS

Thursday, March 14

• Job evaluation—fire and police exemption
  HF418 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—heard.

TAXES

Tuesday, March 12

Dept. of Revenue—property tax
HF556 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended.

Estate tax—federal credit
HF403 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in the omnibus tax bill.

Interest on tax overpayments
HF261 (Omne, IR-Cokato)—heard; laid over until Friday, March 15. (See Highlight)

Wednesday, March 13

• Sales tax—accelerated payment eliminated
  HF65 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—recommended to pass. (See Highlight)

TRANSPORTATION

Wednesday, March 13

• George Mann Memorial Highway
  HF221 (Kalis, DFL-Walters)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (See Highlight)

• Tree removal—highway right of way
  HF327 (Jennings, L., DFL-Rush City)—recommended to pass as amended.

• Motorist—unregistered vehicles
  HF454 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended. (See Highlight)

FLOOR ACTION

CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, March 7

• Timber sales—terms of payment
  HF300/SF102* (Thorson, IR-Bemidji)—passed.

• Consolidation
  Int’l Falls, South Int’l Falls
  HF1/SF64 (Neuenschwander, DFL-Int’l Falls)—passed as amended.
Bill Introductions

Monday, Mar 11
HF764—Wenzel (DFL)—Education
Education; appropriating money for a grant to the Mid State Educational Cooperative.

HF765—Sviggum (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; restricting and subsequently abolishing the state share of Title IV-E foster care maintenance payments; repealing transfer of funds; restricting and subsequently abolishing the dependent or neglected state ward appropriation; creating permanency planning grants to counties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF766—Marsh (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; requiring confinement of certain convicted defendants pending imposition of sentence; proposing coding for new law.

HF767—DenOuden (IR)—Governmental Operations
State departments and agencies; regulating fees for agency services; amending statutes.

HF768—Onnen (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; establishing a grant program for community services for the elderly; changing the method of determining and paying the state share of medical assistance payments for nursing home care; establishing uniform grant standards for supplemental aid; changing eligibility criteria for supplemental aid; designating the county agency as the lead agency for services to the elderly; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF769—Onnen (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; making certain changes in the reimbursement procedures for nursing homes; providing for an interim payment rate for newly constructed or expanded nursing homes; requiring Medicare certification; creating an appeals board for ap­praised value disputes; amending statutes.

HF770—Quist (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; fixing liability of counties for the cost of care provided in a state hospital for mentally ill patients; amending statutes.

HF771—Dempsey (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; stating legislative intent for abortion services; proposing coding for new law.

HF772—Rest (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Minnesota Constitution; proposing an amendment combining the offices of state treasurer, state auditor, and secretary of state into the office of state comptroller.

HF773—Bennett (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Recreation; establishing study of need for motor sports facility; appropriating money.

HF774—Seaberg (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Juvenile court; revising and recodifying current laws governing the apprehension, detention, adjudication, and disposition of minors who commit unlawful acts or who are in need of protection of services; providing additional due process protections for minors and other parties who are subject to juvenile court jurisdiction; placing limitations on the transfer or out-of-home placements of minors; providing for foster care review; establishing a procedure for court review of inpatient admissions and commitments of minors to mental health and chemical dependency programs; imposing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF775—Olsen, S (IR)—Education
Education; extending the use of summer educational improvement revenue allowance to the entire year; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF776—Harlinter (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; eliminating the presumption of eligibility from the general assistance program; amending statutes.

HF777—Heap (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Hennepin county; permitting the employment of student interns; amending laws.

HF778—Blatz (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Financial institutions; authorizing interstate acquisition and formation of banks between this state and certain states on a reciprocal basis; proposing coding for new law.

HF779—McKay (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; changing certain income tax provisions relating to corporations; amending statutes.

HF780—Onnen (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Marriage dissolution; requiring that the party who is not the primary custodial parent be responsible for one-half of child care of the minor children; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF781—Sviggum (IR)—Governmental Operations
Workers' compensation; regulating the membership of the board of directors of the workers' compensation reinsurance association; amending statutes.

HF782—Sviggum (IR)—Judiciary
Human services; providing for participation by Indian tribes in the placement of their children; proposing coding for new law.

HF783—Knickerbocker (IR)—Governmental Operations
Administrative procedures; providing for the adoption of administrative rules and the determination of administrative disputes; providing for publication of administrative rules and disposition of administrative appeals; enacting the model administrative procedure act; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF784—Knickerbocker (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; state employees retirement system; reversing the workers' compensation offset; allowable service computation for leaves of absence; deferred annuities; disability benefits; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF785—Pauly (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Intoxicating liquor; authorizing the issuance of temporary on-sale intoxicating liquor licenses; amending statutes.

HF786—Quutknecht (IR)—Governmental Operations
State departments and agencies; transferring authority to make certain appointments to various commissioners; reducing size of alcohol and elving abug definitions; abolishing the cable communications board; transferring the duties of the public employment relations board to the bureau of mediation services; amending statutes; amending laws; repealing statutes.

HF787—Kvam (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; property; providing that the basic maintenance levy not be applied against agricultural property for taxes payable in 1985; appropriating money.

HF788—Valento (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; increasing the penalty for an offense committed against a transit provider or operator when violence or a threat of violence is not involved; amending statutes.

HF789—Backlund (IR)—Transportation
Transporation; railroads; requiring occupied caboose car; requiring caboose car to be equipped with shortwave radio; imposing a penalty; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF790—Skoglund (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; authorizing an autopsy for a suspected case of Alzheimer's disease; providing for research on the brains of Alzheimer's victim; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF791—Backlund (IR)—Governmental Operations
State departments and agencies; providing for quorum and voting on telecommunications council; amending statutes.

HF792—Haukoos (IR)—Education
Vocational technical education; allowing some budget, allocation, aid, and grant procedures to be set by state board policy; correcting and aligning abug definitions; changing a fund for the deposit of parking fees; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF793—Wenzel (DFL)—Budget
A resolution memorializing the President to discharge David Stockman.

HF794—Halberg (IR)—Judiciary
Motor vehicles; prescribing confidential status of and information in motor vehicle accident reports; amending statutes.

HF795—Pappas (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Ramsey county; requiring Ramsey county surveyor to approve condominium floor plans before recording; amending statutes.

HF796—Kostohyrz (DFL)—Transportation
Ramsey county; exempting county highways from seasonal load restrictions unless posted by the county authority; proposing coding for new law.

HF797—Nelson, D (DFL)—Education
Education; increasing state aid for school district programs for gifted and talented students; appropriating money; amending statutes.
HF89—Cohen (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; providing for property and income tax relief for expanding businesses; proposing coding for new law.
HF90—Cohen (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; property; providing that the market value of property may not be increased due to the change in the character of the surrounding property; amending statutes.
HF800—Blatz (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; making certain trespasses and assaults a gross misdemeanor; providing for the admissibility of certain evidence in domestic abuse proceedings; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
HF801—Cohen (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; providing an income tax checkoff for support of the arts; proposing coding for new law.
HF802—Kiffmeyer (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Commerce; prohibiting video games of chance; amending statutes; repealing statutes.
HF803—Schafer (IR)—Education
Public employees; regulating teacher labor relations; prohibiting the hiring of certain substitute teachers; providing for special state aid reduction in teacher strikes; regulating the school calendar; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
HF804—Kiffmeyer (IR)—Crime/Family Life
Obscenity; prohibiting obscene live performances; prescribing penalties; proposing coding for new law.
HF805—Kiffmeyer (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Obscenity; prohibiting distribution of sexual devices; prescribing penalties; proposing coding for new law.
HF806—Kelly (DFL)—Judiciary
Juvenile court; clarifying the authority to release juvenile court records; amending statutes.
HF807—Zaffke (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Hubbard county; authorizing county appropriations to the county agricultural society and an annual levy for that purpose; requiring a reverse referendum under certain circumstances.
HF808—Olsen, S (IR)—Education
Education; establishing goals for public elementary and secondary education in Minnesota; requiring districts to examine their district policies for meeting these goals and make recommendations for facilitating progress toward these goals; proposing coding for new law.
HF809—Olsen, S (IR)—Education
Education; requiring adoption of standards to measure the mastery of basic skills by pupils; proposing coding for new law.
HF810—Quist (IR)—Taxes
Health; requiring the commissioner of health to develop programs for the promotion of nonsmoking; providing for tax increase on cigarettes; prohibiting the free distribution of cigarettes; raising the cigarette tax; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
HF811—Segal (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Education; ensuring minimum amounts of financial support to the regional public library system; requiring county board of commissioners to appoint at least one representative to the regional public library system board; proposing coding for new law.
HF812—Tompkins (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local governments; extending deadlines for reporting on and complying with laws requiring equitable compensation relationships; amending statutes.
HF813—Levi (IR)—Education
Education; providing for the access to excellence program including access to schools and programs beyond district boundaries, local program and staff development aid, learner outcomes and testing, model programs and schools, and management assistance to local districts; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.
HF814—Wenzel (DFL)—Education
Education; establishing a program to require school districts to provide milk to all elementary and secondary pupils in public and nonpublic schools; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.
HF815—Fisloien (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Elections; authorizing absentee voting by electronic voting system; amending statutes.
HF816—Tunheim (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; providing for 3b classification in certain cases; amending statutes.
HF817—Knickebocker (IR)—Governmental Operations
State board of investment; clarifying powers and duties; amending statutes.
HF818—Poppenhagen (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; expanding the purposes of health care review organizations; amending statutes.
HF819—Tompkins (IR)—Education
School districts; allowing them to form and spend money on one nonprofit corporation; requiring report to the commissioner, and by the commissioner, to the legislature; amending statutes.
HF820—Tompkins (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; providing for assault of firefighters or emergency medical services personnel; amending statutes.
HF821—Solberg (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Alcoholic beverages; repealing mandatory liquor liability insurance; restoring the authority of municipalities to require liquor liability insurance; amending statutes; repealing statutes.
HF822—Rose (IR)—Education
Education; establishing a scholarship program for certain secondary pupils to attend summer academic programs sponsored by certain post-secondary institutions; providing for certain duties for the state board of education and the higher education coordinating board; establishing an advisory council; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.
HF823—Vellenga (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Ramsey county; placing the position of law clerk investigator in the unclassified service; amending statutes.
HF824—Clausnitzer (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Alcoholic beverages; requiring local approval of farm winery licenses in certain instances; amending statutes.
HF825—Bennett (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Occupations and professions; regulating electricians; amending statutes.
HF826—Pauly (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; reducing the maximum corporate rate; amending statutes.
HF827—Piepho (IR)—Transportation
Public safety; appropriating money to purchase mobile communications equipment for state patrol.
HF828—Sviggum (IR)—Health/Human Services
Economic security; clarifying the community action program financial assistance requirements; amending statutes.
HF829—Krueger (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; exempting certain shelterbelts from taxation; providing for replacement of lost revenue; appropriating money; amending statutes.
HF830—Anderson, G (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; estate; reducing the tax to the amount of the federal credit for state death taxes; amending statutes.
HF831—Ozment (IR)—Judiciary
Crimes; prescribing the powers of the governor and the commissioner of corrections with respect to extradition under treaty; amending statutes.
HF832—Thorson (IR)—Education
Libraries; altering regional library system support; appropriating money; amending statutes.
HF833—Piepho (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Government operations; allowing municipalities to contract to buy sheltered workshop products without getting competitive bids; including sheltered workshops in the small business set-aside program; amending statutes.
HF834—Kelly (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Animals; prohibiting the use of a decompression chamber to destroy an animal; imposing a penalty; proposing coding for new law.
HF835—Miller (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Driver's license; allowing same time for expiration of driver's license for spouse of active duty member of armed forces; amending statutes.
HF836—Cohen (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Public safety; prohibiting assembly as a paramilitary organization for the purpose of practicing with weapons; prohibiting paramilitary training; prescribing penalties; proposing coding for new law.
HF837—Halberg (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; no-fault auto; providing uninsured and under insured motorist coverages; defining terms; amending statutes.
HF838—Degich (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Consumer protection; requiring motor vehicle manufacturers to supply a temporary replacement vehicle or to reimburse vehicle owners for rental car expenses under certain circumstances; providing an expedited civil remedy; amending statutes.
HF839—Mckasy (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; prohibiting escape from custody by certain mental patients; amending statutes.
HF840—Fisloien (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; authorizing statewide mosquito research; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.
HF841—Rest (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; permitting the payment of certain omitted salary deduction.
HF842—Marsh (IR)—Governmental Operations
Commerce; clarifying commissioner's authority to conduct regulatory investigations;
clarifying submission of applications for directors and officers liability insurance; providing for the withdrawal of certain registration statements; broadening the securities transaction exemptions for isolated sales and limited offerings; requiring that investigative interviews with child abuse victims be tape-recorded; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF849—Schreiber (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs Water pollution control; establishing a state financial assistance program for the abatement of combined sewer overflow; authorizing the state independent grants program; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF850—Shaver (IR)—General Legislation/ Veterans Affairs Elections; making changes in registration, caucuses, ballots, affidavits of candidacy and withdrawal, nominations, election certificates, and election judge qualifications; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF851—Marsh (IR)—Crime/Family Law Crimes; providing that an individual asked to supply data relating to maltreatment of minors or vulnerable adults need not be given an information and prohibiting diversion of corporate property; authorizing criminal trials with petit juries composed of six persons for gross misdemeanor prosecution; changing the crimes of “intrafamilial sexual abuse” to the crimes of “criminal sexual abuse”; eliminating the requirement that a defendant receive a copy of a confession that is to be entered into evidence; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF852—Boo (IR)—Governmental Operations State lands; directing conveyance of an easement over certain state lands to the city of Duluth.

HF853—Valan (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources Floodplain management; establishing a state flood hazard mitigation program to mitigate the damaging effects of floods on public and private properties; requiring the commissioner of human services to mitigate the damaging effects of floods; establishing the office of flood damage mitigation; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF854—Dimler (IR)—Taxes Taxation; proposing changing the definition of real property; amending statutes.

HF855-Olsen, S (IR)—Governmental Operations Retirement; St. Louis Park firefighters service, disability, and survivor benefits; amending laws.

HF856—Pauly (IR)—Taxes Taxation; imposing an additional tax on certain interest earned on state or municipal obligations; providing an income tax credit for certain interest paid on these obligations; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF857—Olsen, S (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance Insurance; authorizing the receiver of an insolvent insurance to accelerate the distribution of available assets in payment of claims against the insurer; establishing priority of certain claims; amending statutes.

HF858—Ericson (IR)—Education Education; providing various activities to study and improve teacher education; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF859—Zafke (IR)—Taxes Taxation; changing applicability of the gross tax and making imposition of the tax permissive; amending statutes.

HF860—Pauly (IR)—Governmental Operations Eminent domain; providing for court determination of and payment for pollution of property subject to condemnation; proposing coding for new law.

HF861—Redalen (IR)—Education Independent school district No. 233, Prescott-Fountain; authorizing a permanent fund transfer.

HF862—Clark (DFL)—Education Post-secondary education; reducing the tuition component required to pay in part for instruction costs; amending statutes.

HF863—Schreiber (IR)—Transportation Transportation; specifying the method of payment for landscape contractors providing goods or services to the department of transportation; amending statutes.

HF864—Boo (IR)—Health/Human Services Human services; establishing a demonstration project for state-operated, community-based services for mentally retarded persons; creating a limited exception to the moratorium on new intermediate care facilities for the mentally retarded; requiring the commissioner of human services to establish rules concerning staffing; setting priorities for services under federal waivers; expanding the responsibilities of the legislative commission on long-term health care; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF865—Kelly (DFL)—Judiciary Courts; authorizing conciliation courts to hear civil disputes involving up to $5,000; amending statutes.

HF866—Cohen (DFL)—Judiciary Marriage dissolution; allowing separate summary judgment on the issue of dissolution; excluding mediators’ information exception to the consent process; providing for the deposition of investigators; allowing a partial distribution of marital assets during the pendency of a dissolution proceeding; amending statutes.

HF867—Stanis (IR)—General Legislation/ Veterans Affairs Legislature; reducing its size; amending statutes.

HF868—Staten (DFL)—Governmental Operations State purchasing; establishing a certification process for set-aside programming in the department of human rights; establishing a small business procurement advisory council; appropriating money; providing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF869—Ericsson (IR)—Education Education; providing for a study of the gifted and talented education program; establishing an advisory council; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF870—Riveness (DFL)—Judiciary Courts; providing that tax court judges must be learned in the law; permitting retired tax court judges and district court judges to serve on the tax court; amending statutes.

HF871—Riveness (DFL)—Governmental Operations State government; clarifying laws governing fiscal notes on bills affecting state revenues; amending statutes.

HF872—Carlson, D (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources Crimes; providing for peace officer training of persons who are employed by the commissioner of natural resources and who possess peace officer authority for the purpose of enforcing game and fish laws; pro-
viding for the financing of such training through surcharges on penalties imposed for violations of certain laws; amending statutes.

HF873—Sherman (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Financial institutions; authorizing the department of administration to provide for the use of certain motor vehicles by the department of commerce; providing for the classification and disclosure of records; modifying the recording requirements of credit union certificates or bylaw amendments; providing for certain industrial loan and thrift loan disclosures; providing for the liquidation of safe deposit companies; eliminating a certain motor vehicle finance company assessment; modifying the licensing requirements of regulated lenders; regulating changes of business locations of regulated lenders; providing for the recovery of examination and investigation costs from motor vehicle finance companies; increasing the time price differentials on motor vehicle sales; regulating payments in advance on retail installment contracts; and providing for the publication of, and hearings on, bank applications; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF874—Sarna (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Commerce; requiring the payment of interest on downpayments for the purchase of goods or services; prescribing penalties; providing remedies; proposing coding for new law.

HF875—Nelson, K (DFL)—Education
Education; establishing an excellence in teaching and curriculum program; authorizing aid to develop plans for excellence in teaching and curriculum; providing for aid and levy for excellence in teaching and curriculum with a portion for certain teacher contracts; eliminating summer educational improvement revenue; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF876—Olsen, S (IR)—Judiciary
Environment; creating a hazardous substance injury compensation trust fund; establishing a board to administer compensation; limiting compensable losses; prescribing claims; procedures; allowing partial subrogation rights; providing for partial recoupment of expenditures from hazardous waste generators; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF877—Kalls (DFL)—Judiciary
Civil procedure; repealing the dram shop act; repealing statutes.

HF878—Nelson, K (DFL)—Education
Education; requiring the higher education coordinating board to send information relating to post-secondary education to all eighth graders; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF879—Staten (DFL)—Agriculture
Agriculture; providing famine relief for African people; appropriating money.

HF880—O'Connor (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
City of St. Paul; applying portions of the state ethical practices law to candidates in the city elections.

HF881—Thorson (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; providing for annual timber harvest public informational meetings; amending statutes.

HF882—Thorson (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; authorizing the commissioner to enter into agreements with other states for forest fire prevention and suppression purposes; proposing coding for new law.

HF883—Tomlinson (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Unclaimed property; extending coverage to corporate stock and other ownership interests; amending statutes.

HF884—Staten (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Human services; establishing and empowering a board for the blind; transferring certain powers and duties of the commissioner of human services to the board; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF885—Clark (DFL)—Education
Post-secondary education; reducing the tuition component required to pay in part for instruction costs; amending statutes.

HF886—Jennings, L (DFL)—Governmental Operations
A resolution memorializing the governments of the United States and Sweden that the State of Minnesota adopts the County of Kronoberg as a sister state.

HF887—Begich (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Operations; Peace officers; regulating hours worked by part-time peace officers; amending statutes.

HF888—Pauly (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Commerce; granting motor fuel retailers the option to purchase from wholesalers other than the refiner; proposing coding for new law.

HF889—Frederickson (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; providing for the conduct of the business of towns; providing for certain town debt; authorizing certain towns to provide certain services; revising various other town laws; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF890—Ozment (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; providing for reimbursement of chiropractic services for people receiving general assistance medical care; clarifying the meaning of medically certified for purposes of a work exemption under general assistance; amending statutes.

HF891—Rees (IR)—Judiciary
Civil procedure; providing for the treatment of certain foreign judgments; enacting the Uniform Foreign Money-Judgments Act; proposing codew.

HF892—Staten (DFL)—Education
Education; requiring a school district to disclose effects of not taking certain courses; proposing coding for new law.

HF893—Nelson, K (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Crime victims; requiring that crime victims be notified of certain court dates and other information; requiring that the needs of victims and witnesses be considered when criminal cases are concluded; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF894—Dyke (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Utilities; defining independent telephone company; amending statutes.

HF895—Carlson, D (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Towns; providing funds for the preparation of a handbook of town laws; appropriating money.
HF912—Clausnitzer (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; increasing incentives for enforcing and collecting child support; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF913—Quist (IR)—Governmental Operations
Employment; abolishing the department of economic security; creating a new department of jobs and training; transferring responsibilities of the department of economic and political subdivisions to maintain certain services and funding levels for young handicapped children and their families until agreements are reached; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF914—Long (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Education; requiring school districts to provide special instruction and services for handicapped children under the age of four and their families; requiring certain agencies and political subdivisions to maintain certain services and funding levels for young handicapped children and their families until agreements are reached; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF915—Vellenga (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Education; requiring school districts to provide special instruction and services for handicapped children under the age of four and their families; requiring certain agencies and political subdivisions to maintain certain services and funding levels for young handicapped children and their families until agreements are reached; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF916—Heap (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Corporations; regulating corporate takeovers and control share acquisitions; defining terms; prescribing penalties; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF917—Valan (IR)—Transportation
Motor vehicles; providing that certain license plates be issued every six years; amending statutes.

HF918—Jaros (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations
Labor; independent school district No. 709; removing educational assistants from civil service; amending statutes.

HF919—Pappas (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Human services; transferring the child care sliding fee program to the department of economic security; expanding the child care sliding fee program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF920—Rivera (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; providing for economic opportunity and arts enterprise zones; depositing revenue from the mortgage registration and deed taxes from the mortgage registration and deed taxes with county and reducing certain welfare aids to the county by the amount of revenue derived; proposing for local collection of tobacco production taxes; changing maximum local government aid to cities and towns; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF921—Zaffke (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Energy; providing for the method of calculating the payback of certain energy conservation investments; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF922—Paula (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Economic development; granting certain powers to municipalities; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF923—Tomlinson (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; simplifying the property classification statutes; requiring building permits to be issued every six years; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF924—Onnen (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; providing for the approval of hospital swing beds; authorizing the granting of license conditions; providing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF925—Gruenes (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; changing eligibility requirements for catastrophic health expense protection program; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF926—Thiede (IR)—Education
Education; aids to school districts; requiring that AFDC pupil units be computed each year based upon the annual count of pupils whose families receive aid to families with dependent children; amending statutes.

HF927—Voss (DFL)—Transportation
Watercraft; exempting certain boats from watercraft licensing requirements; amending statutes.

HF928—Thiede (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Registration of snowmobiles; correcting an erroneous repealer; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF929—Minne (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Outdoor recreation; disposition of cross county ski license fees; amending statutes.

HF930—Voss (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; volunteer firefighters serving new fire district; service credit; amending statutes.

HF931—Begich (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; providing for exemption of certain peat harvesting operations from the requirement for mining permits; amending statutes.

HF932—Metzen (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
City of South Saint Paul; authorizing the city to permit certain nonprofit organizations to conduct blackjack.

HF933—Long (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; limiting the property tax on homesteads; providing for state reimbursement to local governments for revenue lost due to the limitation; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF934—Long (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Civil commitment; requiring continued commitment of mentally retarded persons to be for a determinate period of time; conforming provisions relating to mentally retarded persons; correcting a cross-reference; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF935—Long (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; modifying homestead property tax assessment ratios; amending statutes.

HF936—Long (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; modifying the homestead credit computation; amending statutes.

HF937—Richter (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Wild animals; altering provisions relating to taking and possession of certain animals; amending statutes.

HF938—Blatz (IR)—Judiciary
Competency of witnesses; redefining the marital privilege; amending statutes.

HF939—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Solid waste and sewage sludge management; restricting land disposal of solid waste in the metropolitan area; providing for the financing of resource recovery facilities in the metropolitan area by counties and the metropolitan council; changing provisions relating to designation plans, local disposal fees, metropolitan sludge and sludge ash facilities, and metropolitan county ordinances; defining terms; allocating and appropriating money from the metropolitan landfill contingency action and abatement fund; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF940—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Wild animals; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to adopt, on an experimental basis, the taking of two deer by one hunter, under conditions and restrictions prescribed by order; proposing coding for new law.

HF941—Valento (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Metropolitan government; providing for the audit of certain metropolitan commissions; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF942—Sviggum (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Red Wing; permitting the establishment of a port authority.

HF943—Forstethey (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; providing state hospital revolving fund for chemical dependency; creating a consolidated fund for payment of chemical dependency treatment; appropriating money to counties for treatment; providing for the payment of eligibility, vendor eligibility, and state collections; providing for American Indian special funding; removing chemical dependency treatment from medical assistance, general assistance, medical care, and general assistance funding; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF944—Valento (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Roseville; granting the city the powers of a port authority; requiring local approval.

HF945—Begich (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Crime; regulating the possession and use of handguns; specifying property rights of certain persons in handguns; prohibiting possession of firearms by certain felons; abolishing transferee permits; providing for licenses to purchase handguns; prohibiting transfer of handguns to unknown persons; requiring licenses to carry handguns; limiting the designation of inordinate jurisdictions; providing for disposition of stolen and confiscated firearms and edged weapons; prohibiting discrimination in the issuance of licenses to purchase a handgun or licenses to carry a handgun or weapon; excising certain persons from the purview of the law prohibiting possession of short-barreled shotguns and machine guns; requiring the
September 27, 2005

State Capitol, Room 3-9002.

To: All Committees

From: Legislative Coordinator

Subject: Meeting Schedules

Dear Committee Chair:

In an effort to streamline our meeting schedules and provide more time for committee work, I am sending you this memo with the following changes:

1. All meeting notices will be sent via email to all committee members.
2. We will no longer send hard copies of meeting notices to the committee members.
3. Meetings will be held on a weekly basis, with the exception of the following:
   - Tuesday, March 14:
     - SF71—Schmitz (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
     - SF147—Purfeerst (DFL)—Health/Human Services
4. Meetings will be held on a regular basis, with the exception of the following:
   - Wednesday, March 15:
     - HF946—Erickson (IR)—Education
     - HF948—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary
     - HF947—Zaffke

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Best regards,

[Signature]

Legislative Coordinator

[Attachment: Meeting Schedule]

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[Attachment: Legislative Calendar]
8:00 p.m.  
DEPT. OF PUBLIC WORKS SUBCOMMITTEE/Transportation, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Don Frierichs. Agenda: To be announced.

DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION SUBCOMMITTEE/Transportation, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Virgil Johnson. Agenda: To be announced.

Tuesday, March 19
8:00 a.m.
AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan. Agenda: Budget hearings for Dept. of Transportation, Railroads, Waterways, Truck Regulation and Enforcement; Transportation Regulation Board.


GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickbocker. Agenda: HF376 (Knickbocker) Fee and fee adjustments for agency services. HF379 (Knapp) Providing for the status of seasonal employees of the Dept. of Revenue. HF401 (Solberg) Codifying the drainage law with some modifications. HF195 (Boertbooms) Changing the definition of the term ‘repair’ for ditch systems.

HEALTH CARE SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Human Services, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Dave Grunes. Agenda: HF768 (Onnen) Aging strategy. HF769 (Grunes) Amendment to modified health care grants.


12:00 noon
GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 5. Chr. Rep. Dave Fjose. Agenda: HF471 (Battaglia) Ely; authorizing the city to operate a casino gaming facility hereby the charitable gambling control board.


LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Terry Dempsey. Agenda: HF747 (Pauly) Providing an exemption for certain housing facilities for the elderly. HFS41 (Pappas) Exempting certain real property owned by certain fraternal organizations. HF732 (Seaberg) Extending Class 3 property to certain property owned by certain fraternal benefit societies or associations for community service.

6:00 p.m.
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Tony Onnen. Agenda: HF186 (Sherman) Interstate contracts for mental health services. HF347 (Rodosovich) Jurisdictional service agreements.

HF553 (Rose) Veterinary medicine, foreign graduates. HF535 (Sherman) Prohibits the use of lead solder in certain instances. HF546 (Sviggen) Study and report on public guardianship. HF621 (Grunes) Revising the language of statutes concerning persons with mental illness and mental retardation. HF658 (Zaffke) CHS formula. HF674 (Clausnitzer) Adoptions, regulating adoptions by relatives. HF701 (Clausnitzer) Clarification that certain boards may serve as a mental health center board. HF702 (Clausnitzer) Transfers of mentally ill and dangerous. Resolution 11 (Dempsey) Compassionate Friends Awareness Week.
6:30 p.m.

7:00 p.m.
STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Budget hearing for Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR).

Wednesday, March 20
8:00 a.m.

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 200, Chr. Rep. Bob Baukoos. Agenda: To be announced.


STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Budget hearings for Dept. of Labor & Industry; Dept. of Military Affairs.


GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: HF675 (Knickerbocker) requiring the preparation of agency affirmative action plans; providing incentives.

10:00 a.m.

CRIME & FAMILY LAW, Rm. Kathleen Blatz. Agenda: HF275 (Levi) Reporting maltreatment of minors. HF800 (Blatz) Making certain trespasses and assaults a gross misdemeanor. HF448 (Blatz) Defining sports bookmaking. HF264 (Hep) Permitting an animal to be unconfined or improperly confined. HF484 (Sherman) Conditions under which persons on work release may retain and expend their earnings. HF636 (Bishop) Forfeitures of communications devices and proceeds derived from commission of designated offenses.

12:00 noon

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE, Rm. 5. Chr. Rep. Adolph Kvam. Agenda: HF235 (McEachern) Modifying fees payable on certain security registrations. HF216 (Halberg) Credit unions; specifying certain powers. HF384 (Halberg) Providing for deposits of public funds in trust institutions. HF517 (Knickerbocker) Insurance;-prescribing powers of the commissioner. HF605 (Knickerbocker) Authorizing certain investments in obligations of or guaranteed by the United States and certain other authorized securities.

ELECTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE/General Legislation & Veterans Affairs, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Craig Shaver. Agenda: Secretary of State's Office.


2:00 p.m.
EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: HF436 (K. Nelson) Educational effectiveness (Article 8). HF444 (Dempsey) Demonstration voucher program (Article 7). HF775 (S. Olsen) Extending the use of summer educational improvement revenue to the entire year (Article 7). Discuss the following aids in Article 6: interdistrict cooperation. Discuss the following aids in Article 8: summer institute financial aid; programs of excellence; summer instruction; summer education improvement; subject area inservice training and outcome based education.


3:30 p.m.
ENERGY SUBCOMMITTEE/Regulated Industries & Energy, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. David Bishop. Agenda: HF149 (Quist) Repeal prohibition on installation of decorative residential gas lamps. HF626 (Gruesen) Delays effective date of certain energy efficiency devices sold in Minnesota. HFxxx (Tjornhom) Eliminates Certificate of Need proceedings for gas and electric co-generator facilities of less than 80 megawatts.

3:00 p.m.
JUDICIARY, Rm. 5. Chr. Rep. Charles Halberg. Agenda: HF125 (Blatz) Relating to examining of titles and registered land surveys. HF449 (Bishop) Relating to providing procedure for determination of property. HF590 (Bishop) Relating to removing sunset provision for the surcharge on civil filing. HF9 (Piepho) Relating to a constitutional amendment to propose a balanced budget amendment. HF543 (Halberg) Relating to the Human Rights Act and severance. HF689 (Halberg) Relating to providing for the appointment of chief judge by the chief justice.

7:00 p.m.
STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Budget hearing for Dept. of Administration.


Thursday, March 21
8:00 a.m.
AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan. Agenda: Budget hearing for Dept. of Transportation, Highway Construction - State Aids, Environmental Services - Junkyard Screening, Bikes and Travel Information Centers.


STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Committee and staff meeting to discuss next phase of the budget process. Budget hearings for Bureau of Mediation Services and Public Employees Relations Board (PERB).

HIGHER EDUCATION DIVISION/Education, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Mark Piepho. Agenda: Private College initiative presentation by Dr. Larry Oleson; Biotechnol­ogy Report from Governor's Task Force.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: To be announced.

8:15 a.m.
TAXES, Rm. 5. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: HF738 (Dempsey) Relating to taxation; eliminating the excise tax rates for farm wineries; reducing the excise tax credit for certain malt beverages and extending the credit to beverages produced outside Minnesota. HF756 (Schreiber) Income; changing certain filing and payment dates for corporate estimated tax declarations. HF779 (McKay) Changing certain income tax provisions relating to corporations.

10:00 a.m.


HEALTH CARE SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Human Services, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Dave Gruesen. Agenda: HF509 (Sym­gum) MCH block grants. HFxxx (Zaffke) Omnibus health care cost containment. HFxxx (Forsythe) Chemical Dependency Consolidated Fund.


12:00 noon
GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Dave Fjelstien. Agenda: HF147 (McDonald) Public safety; limiting regulation of handheld candles in religious and civil ceremonies. Other pending business.

2:00
The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

Friday, March 22
8:00 a.m.


STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Budget hearings for Legislative Commission on MN Resources (LCMR); and Dept. of Energy & Economic Development (DEED).

8:15 a.m.
TAXES, Rm. 5. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: SF450 (Senator author: Jude) Providing for collection of outstate liabilities; changing certain time limitations; changing tax lien provisions; providing for certain disclosures.

10:00 a.m.
COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: Continue agenda from Thursday, March 21 meeting (10:00 a.m.)


EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: HF13 (S. Olsen) Revenue equity repeal (Article 1). HF49 (Boerboom), HF52 (Backlund), HF279 (McEachern), HF429 (K. Nelson), HF473 (Dimler), and HF713 (Segal) Basic mill rate to 20 mills (Article 1). HF79 (Schafer) Kindergarten pupil unit weighting, full day program (Article 1). HF703 (Backlund) Removing metering of state aid payments (Article 1).


11:00 a.m.
FIREARMS SUBCOMMITTEE/General Legislation & Veterans Affairs, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Ted Thorson. Agenda: HF576 (Segal) Local government; setting authority to regulate firearms and related matters. HF536 (Sparby) Public safety; regulating transportation of firearms and bows.

12:00 noon
ELECTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE/General Legislation & Veterans Affairs, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Craig Shaver. Agenda: HF902 (Shaver) Size of the legislature. HF677 (Uphus) Authorizing the conduct of town business at places located outside the town. HF91 (Shaver) Elections; providing for the preparation and availability of correct precinct lists.