Retail credit costs

Credit card users would pay 18 percent for retail credit under HF183 (Himle, IR-Bloomington) a bill that got final approval in the House on March 21.

As of now, Minnesota retailers have a split interest rate ceiling. Stores with annual gross sales over $25 million can charge an interest rate of 16 percent, while smaller retailers can charge up to 18 percent.

Supporters of the bill say the split interest rate is unfair and discriminates against larger stores, which they say are losing money on their retail credit operations, and passing that cost onto customers.

Opponents say the lower rate for smaller stores helps them be competitive, and they question why larger retailers encourage consumers to open charge accounts if they're losing money in the process.

Water contamination

The problem of groundwater contamination from leaking and abandoned underground storage tanks is becoming increasingly urgent in Minnesota, said Rep. John Rose at a meeting of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee March 21.

Rose (IR-Roseville) is author of HF1053 that would call for regulation of underground storage tanks. It would require their owners to notify the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) of their tanks' age, size, and use.

The bill would exempt noncommercial farm or residential tanks under 1100 gallons. It would prohibit people from putting tanks in without proper installation and protection against corrosion until the PCA adopts regulating rules.

Rose said a loss of only one gallon of gasoline a day can contaminate the water supply of nearly 50-thousand people. He said Minnesota has an estimated 4,000 underground gasoline storage areas, and six cities have contaminated groundwater because of leaking tanks.

The bill has the approval of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee and goes now to the Appropriations Committee.

Budget amendment

Minnesota could become the 33rd state to ratify a balanced budget resolution if HF9 (Piepho, IR-Mankato) becomes law. The Judiciary Committee heard from opponents and proponents of the bill late Wednesday afternoon, March 20.

The U.S. Constitution provides that, if two-thirds, or 34 states, ratify a resolution asking for a constitutional convention, Congress must call one. Since 1789, there have been over 400 calls for a convention, but none has succeeded in jumping the two-thirds barrier.

Idaho Congressman Larry Craig spoke for the bill saying it will put the needed pressure on Congress to propose a balanced federal budget.

Richard Cohen (DFL-St. Paul) opposes the bill. He says it's not a question of a balanced budget. The issue is making this kind of change to the longest-standing constitution in the world.
Choice of schools

Letting families choose the schools their children attend is the idea behind HF813 (Levi, IR-Dellwood).

Its author, Rep. Connie Levi, presented the bill at a March 20 meeting of the Education Committee. HF813 would allow parents of students in grades 11 and 12 to send their children to schools of their choice.

Beginning with the 1988-'89 school year, the bill would include all students in all grades. Levi says this plan would meet special student needs and interests that many schools can't accommodate.

One educator who spoke against the idea was Anoka-Hennepin School Superintendent Dr. Lew Finch. Finch said, "Many are willing to accept the very real possibility of this entire state being divided into pockets of what I call educational glory—competency and excellence, surrounded by a vast wasteland of educational deprivation."

The committee voted to recommend the bill to pass and sent it on to the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee for further hearings.

Child abuse

On March 18 and 20, the Crime and Family Law Committee took up HF848 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington), one of several pieces of child-abuse legislation moving through the legislative process.

The bill aims at providing additional protections to children and their families in allegations of child abuse in juvenile and criminal court proceedings. One of the most debated provisions at the meeting would set minimum amounts of jail time for intrafamilial sex offenders.

In response to opposition that said it may not be in the best interests of children to lock up a member of the family, even for a short time, Rep. Kathleen Blatz, author, said that while treatment is appropriate "... in the best interest of the child or the family unit it's necessary to get the idea in people's heads that this behavior is a crime . . . ."

As approved in committee, the bill would require prosecutors and law enforcement officials to record on audio or videotape, interviews with child abuse victims when they intend to use the statement in trial. This makes it easier to remove the alleged offender, instead of the child, from the home, and allow a parent or other supportive family member to attend a trial during the testimony of a child abuse witness who's under 16 years old.

The bill has some of the same provisions as a Senate bill that includes Attorney General Hubert Humphrey's recent proposals for strengthening child abuse laws. Legislators will work out differences between the House and Senate bills later in the session.

Board of Regents

The Legislature, in joint session March 20, elected four members to the University of Minnesota Board of Regents: Mary Schertler of St. Paul, and Charles Casey, D.V.M. of West Concord who will be serving their second terms; and former Governor Wendell Anderson of Wayzata and Stanley Sohlstrom, Ph.D., Crookston, both new to the board.

The 12-member board is the governing body of the University. Each regent serves a six-year term without pay.

Transportation bills

The Transportation Committee, March 20, gave a "do pass" recommendation to four bills that would: tighten up regulations for van-type motor homes; allow "star city" signs on interstate highways; expand the motor fuel reduced-tax zone; and permit school buses to put in overhead racks for students' books and totebags.

Transportation subcommittees next week expect to take up bills that would increase the drivers' license reinstatement fee for DWI violators and that would allow ski area signs on highway rights-of-way. Deadline for bills to be out of committees is April 4.
Minnesota's investments are up 20 percent this year, said Howard Bicker, State Board of Investment (SBI) director at the March 19 meeting of the Appropriations Committee.

Bicker's department has $7.9 billion to invest, 69 percent of which is retirement funds.

Bicker presented his budget request for $25 million which represents a $175,000 budget reduction. He also talked about state investment ties in South Africa.

"The South Africa issue is obviously a very emotional one. We like to look at it strictly from its financial implications to the State Board of Investment.

"We have done some analysis of our portfolio related to restrictions relating to South Africa. They would affect almost 50 percent of our entire portfolio," said Bicker.

Rep. Randy Staten (DFL-Mpls) introduced a bill this year that would require the SBI to remove its funds from any financial institution or company doing business in South Africa, and invest the money in companies involved in Minnesota business.

IRA, pensions, taxes

A bill that would give almost $400 million in tax relief to Minnesotans who have contributed to IRAs and other pension plans got the approval of the Taxes Committee on March 19.

The bill, HF705 (Himle, IR-Bloomington), would adopt total retroactive conformance with federal treatment of IRAs, other pension plans, and public employee pension funds. HF705 would allow taxpayers to subtract previous years' contributions from their 1985 and '86 income tax returns.

Taxpayers would also get a deduction for 1985 contributions to IRAs and public employee pension plans. The bill now becomes a part of the House omnibus tax bill which will get committee attention later this session.

Gambling in Ely

With the decline of the mining and logging industries, and a tourism industry that's facing its own troubles, the people in northeastern Minnesota are looking for alternatives—one of which is casinos gambling.

A number of them from the Ely area, including the city's mayor, came to the March 19 meeting of the General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee to support HF471 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—a bill that would allow Ely to operate a casino gambling facility.

Ely has a population of just under 5,000 and faces an unemployment rate of about 38 percent.

Craig Kronholm, a banker, compared the effect of the decline in mining employment in Ely to the effect the closing of major companies, such as 3M, Honeywell, and Univar, and the nationwide closing of Northwest and Republic Airlines would have on the metropolitan Twin City area.

Others argue against the social, moral, and economic impact of legalized gambling. The committee will continue hearings on the bill.

Waste victims' comp

Victims of hazardous could collect up to $250,000 for injuries if HF156 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park) becomes law. The bill, which would set up a fund to help compensate victims, won the approval of the Judiciary Committee March 19.

Author Rep. Sally Olsen says the bill complements other legislation now in the process in the House and Senate attempting to amend the current superfund law.

HF156 would allow victims who cannot collect damages from a court of law to collect from the state fund. It would limit their recovery to personal injury and wage loss damages. Victims couldn't collect for injuries that occur within one year of exposure; for injuries they receive at work or from a consumer product; or for any property damage.

Victims would have a choice of collecting from the superfund or going to court with their injury claims. The Governmental Operations Committee will take up the bill next.

Crowded classrooms

Crowded classrooms lie at the root of many of our educational problems, according to Rep. Jim Heap (IR-Plymouth).

Heap is author of HF349 which the Higher Education Division of the Education Committee recommended to pass on March 19. The bill would call for the state to provide incentives for schools, such as aid for staff salaries, to reduce class sizes in kindergarden through third grades.

Heap said study after study has shown that smaller classes lead to better students and a better education. He said early smaller class sizes may have prevented some of the remedial education costs the state now has.

Drugs and racehorses

Supporters and opponents of "no-drug" rules for racehorses in Minnesota squared off March 18 before the Regulated Industries and Energy Committee. They met because of HF755 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone), a bill that would authorize Minnesota's nine-member racing commission to allow the use of certain medication on a race day or after the 48-hour drug rules.

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Opponents of the bill say the commission doesn’t need it because the commission can already set rules to allow the use of vitamins, foods additives, and topical applications of medication that the bill calls for. They say the biggest argument is over the use of two drugs known in the racing industry as “Bute” and “Lasix,” which are illegal at Minnesota tracks under state law.

Rep. Doug Carlson, author of the bill, said the word drug would more correctly be medication. He said Lasix has been clinically in use for years and that it would help bleeders (horses with lung hemorrhaging).

The committee amended the bill to remove the word “drug” and insert “medication” and recommended it to pass.

Gifted student aid

Gifted and talented Minnesota students may get more help with their education. Under a set of bills before the Education Committee meeting March 18, programs, services, and financing would increase.

Minnesota is a leader in all areas of education but second from the bottom in money for the gifted and talented, said Rep. Wendell Erickson, (IR-Hills), author of HF283 and HF869, two bills that support more aid to the gifted.

Rep. Darby Nelson (DFL-Champlin) said that, even with the increased funding, Minnesota would still rank only 33rd out of 37 states with programs. “We must not forget that 50 percent of our gifted and talented kids are under-achievers,” Nelson said. “If that’s true,” he said, “it’s time to put this tremendous resource to work.”

Checkoff on tax form

Public financing of state election campaigns through the income tax checkoff would be a thing of the past under HF450 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington), a bill the Family Law subcommittee of the Crime and Family Law Committee heard on March 15.

The bill proposes a $2 checkoff on the state income tax form that would put money into a trust fund for child abuse prevention programs. It would replace the current checkoff for state election campaigns.

Rep. Kathleen Blatz, author of HF450, got unanimous approval on the concept of funding child abuse prevention. But she ran into opposition on eliminating public campaign financing. Opposition argues against “pitting one good project against another.”

Blatz maintained, that with a tight budget, dollars will be hard to come by, and, from her perspective, she said, “I’m trying to get the money for the trust fund, and I don’t know where else we can get a good sum of money . . .”

The committee recommended the bill to pass. It goes now to the full committee.

Minnesota history

The kinds of government records the Historical Society should keep, and for how long are questions Russell Fridley, director of the Minnesota Historical Society, discussed at the Appropriations Committee meeting on March 15.

Fridley submitted the society’s budget request for $32 million and reviewed some of the decisions the society has to make in preserving Minnesota’s history. Fridley said what to preserve and what’s worth preserving for a hundred years are always tough questions.

In cases of agency records, he said the society would be looking at the basic decisions an agency made, the annual reports, the policy decisions, and the minutes. As to a medium for preservation, Fridley said videotape is the way of the future, and he said he wants the society to get more television and radio tapes for the archives.

School district funding

School districts could pace their spending on a different schedule under HF703 (Backlund, IR-Fridley), a bill that would change the schedule for payment of funds to school districts.

Rep. Gordon Backlund, author of the bill, told the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee on March 15 that the bill would get money to the districts faster so they could invest it until they actually needed it, thus profiting from earned interest.

The extra money would allow school districts to hire additional teachers and keep their programs up to date, according to Backlund.
COMMITTEE ACTION

APPROPRIATIONS

Ag., Transportation & Semi-State Div./Approp.
Thursday, March 21
- Drinking age—raised to 21
  HF102 (Schafer, IR-Gibbon)—recommended to pass as amended; referred to Appropriations Committee.

Agriculture

Wednesday, March 20
- Soil/water conservation—cost-sharing funds
  HF94 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Soil conservation tillage demonstration program
  HF238 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—recommended to pass as amended referred to Appropriations Committee.
- Apiary inspection staff/ acarine mite program
  HF572 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—recommended to pass as amended; referred to Appropriations Committee.
- Fur farm registration
  HF604 (McEachern, DFL-Watertown)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.
- School milk program—reimbursement claims
  HF741 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—laid over until March 27.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, March 21
- Liquor—restricting prices/ sale-practices by licensees
  HF459 (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—referred to Liquor subcommittee for interim study.
- Mankato—one short-term liquor license
  HF698 (Frederick, IR-Mankato)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Petroleum product definitions
  HF730 (Tornhom, IR-Richfield)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

CRIME & FAMILY LAW

Monday, March 18
- Child abuse—juvenile/criminal code changes
  HF848 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—heard; amended. (See Highlight)

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EDUCATION

Monday, March 18
- Gifted students—increasing state aid
  HF283 (Erickson, IR-Hills)—recommended to pass as amended; referred to Education Finance Division/Education. (See Highlight)
- Gifted students—increasing state aid
  HF797 (Nelson, D., DFL-Champlin)—recommended to pass; referred to Education Finance Division/Education.
- Gifted student programs—state advisory council
  HF869 (Erickson, IR-Hills)—recommended to pass; referred to Education Finance Division/Education.
- Handicapped students—special instruction, services
  HF574 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass as amended; referred to Education Finance Division/Education.

Tuesday, March 19
- Talented teachers— incentive programs
  HF201 (Nelson, D., DFL-Champlin)—heard; referred to Education Finance Division/Education.
- Teacher testing—competency tests
  HF663 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—heard; referred to Education Finance Division/Education.
- Core curriculum—testing and expectations
  HF700 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)—heard; referred to Education Finance Division/Education.
- Basic skills—standards for measuring
  HF809 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—heard; referred to Education Finance Division/Education.
- Teacher licensing—applicant examinations
  HF845 (Nelson, k., DFL-Mpls)—heard; referred to Education Finance Division/Education.
- Teacher education—improvements
  HF858 (Erickson, IR-Hills)—heard; referred to Education Finance Division/Education.
- Summer institutes—scholarships
  HF822 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—heard; referred to Education Finance Division/Education.

Wednesday, March 20
- Schools—access to excellence programs
  HF813 (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—heard; referred to Education Finance Division/Education. (See Highlight)

Education Finance Div./Ed.
Friday, March 15
- School districts—removes metering of aid payments
  HF703 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—heard. (See Highlight)

Monday, March 18
- Arts school/aid for arts education
  HF1043 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)—heard.
- School levy—maintaining surplus buildings
  HF92 (Forsythe, IR-Edina)—heard.
- Class size—reductions in K-3
  HF349 (Heap, IR-Plymouth)—heard. (See Highlight)
- School transportation aid—clarifying transfer of funds
  HF351 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—heard.
- Nonpublic school transportation—definition change
  HF352 (Schafer, IR-Gibbon)—heard.
- Depart. of Educ.—agreements with public agencies
  HF353 (Warile, IR-Owatonna)—heard.
- School sites—no minimum size requirements
  HF354 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—heard.
- Public schools—replaces obsolete language
  HF355 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—heard.
- Department of Education—information distribution
  HF390 (Thorsen, IR-Bemidji)—heard.
- Interdistrict cooperation—administrative expenses
  HF486 (Schafer, IR-Gibbon)—heard.
- Courseware integration centers—establishment
  HF489 (Carlson, L., DFL-Crystal)—heard.
- Cooperative service units—annual meetings required
  HF525 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—heard.

Key
HF — House File
SF — Senate File
HF___/SF___ — companion bills
* — version of the bill under consideration
• Handicapped children—
  ensure social interaction
  HF567 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—heard.
  • Environmental education—
  requiring school programs
  HF665 (Cohen, DFL-St. Paul)—heard.
  • Telecommunications—
  funding for SW MN project
  HF676 (Erickson, DFL-Hills)—heard.
  • Milk provided
daily to K-12
  HF814 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—heard.

Wednesday, March 20
• Educational effectiveness—
  research and development
  HF436 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls)—heard; amended.
  • Educational task force—
    11th & 12th grade options
    HF553 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls)—heard.
  • Peer tutoring—conferences
    HF697 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—heard.
  • Teaching and curriculum—
    program for excellence
    HF875 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls)—heard.
  • Education goals—
    elementary and secondary
    HF808 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—heard.
  • Education—demonstration
    voucher program
    HF444 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—heard.
  • Summer education—
    use of revenue
    HF775 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—heard.
  • Learning plans—
    mastery learning in reading
    HF1030 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—heard.

Higher Education
Div./Ed.

Tuesday, March 19
• AVTIs—class size; associate degrees:
  HF476 (Heap, IR-Plymouth)—recommended to pass as amended to full committee.
  • AVTIs—changes in budget, allocation procedures
    HF792 (Haukoos, IR-Albert Lea)—recommended to pass as amended to full committee.
  • State council on
    vocational education
    HF897 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass as amended to full committee.

Thursday, March 21
• Community Colleges—
  sale of lands
  HF1011 (Dyke, IR-Worthington)—referred to Education Committee.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
Thursday, March 21
• Waste disposal facilities—
  certificate of need
  HF401 (Pauly, IR-Eden Prairie)—recommended to pass.
  • Dam reconstruction and repair—grants/loans
    HF694 (Anderson, R., IR-Ottertail)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
  • State owned lands—
    lease rate freeze
    HF425 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Education Committee.
  • Storage tanks—
    regulation
    HF1053 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (See Highlight)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE
Wednesday, March 20
• Security registration fees
  HF235 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass.
  • Credit union powers
    HF216 (Halberg, IR-Burnsville)—recommended to pass as amended.
  • Credit unions—deposit of public funds allowed
    HF364 (Halberg, IR-Burnsville)—not recommended to pass as amended.
  • Life insurance companies—
    funding agreements
    HF517 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass as amended.

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS
Tuesday, March 19
• Ely—casino gambling
  HF471 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—heard; amended. (See Highlight)

Thursday, March 21
• Candles—religious ceremonies
  HF417 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—heard.
  • Armed Forces—
    spouse's driver's license
    HF835 (Miller, IR-Redwood Falls)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
Monday, March 18
• State councils—appointments
  HF786 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended.

Tuesday, March 19
• Revenue Department—
  seasonal employees
  HF762 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
  • American Legion—
    employee benefit coverage
    HF112 (Siggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.

Wednesday, March 20
• Affirmative action plans—
  state government
  HF675 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

Thursday, March 21
• Soil & Water Conservation Board—powers and duties
  HF565 (Willmar)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

• Rural Rehabilitation Corp.
  Trust Liquidation Act
  HF648 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass as amended.
  • Fees/fee adjustments—
    legislative regulation
    HF376 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
  • Workers' comp reinsurance association—board membership
  HF781 (Siggum, IR-Sagittarius)—heard; placed on Consent Calendar.
**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**

*Tuesday, March 19*

- Mental health—
  - interstate service contracts
    - HF186 (Sherman, IR-Winona)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on General Orders.
- State hospitals—
  - service agreements
    - HF347 (Rodovitch, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass as amended; referred to Appropriations.
- County boards—
  - adoptions—regulates
    - HF771 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed as amended; placed on General Orders.

**JUDICIARY**

*Tuesday, March 19*

- Hazardous substance injury compensation fund
  - HF876 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended; referred to Governmental Operations. (Note: the committee adopted a strike everything amendment which is the language of HF156 as amended in the Environment and Natural Resources Committee.)
    - (See Highlight)
- Ramsey County—
  - conciliation court referees
    - HF461 (Cohen, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.
- General Orders.

**LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS**

*Monday, March 18*

- Teacher/school board mediation—changes PELRA
  - HF207 (Siggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Planners
  - apprenticeship registration
    - HF324/SF125’ (O’Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—heard; amended.
- Unemployment Insur.—Workers’ Comp. Div./Labor-Management Rel.
  - HF847 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—heard; laid over until next week. (See Highlight)

**LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS**

*Tuesday, March 19*

- Cemeteries—
  - increased levies
    - HF158 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
- West St. Paul—
  - election changes
    - HF422 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass; placed on General Orders.
- County property—
  - sales through brokers
    - HF446 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on General Orders.
- Lismore—
  - bonds for facilities
    - HF485 (Erickson, IR-Hills)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
- County governments—combines auditor and commissioner
  - HF520 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—recommended to pass; placed on General Orders.
- County land—
  - sale with mineral rights
    - HF521 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.
- Local government—energy improvement loan changes
  - HF526 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—recommended to pass; placed on General Orders.
- Itasca County—
  - promotional expenditures
    - HF537 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.
- Local government—conflict of interest rules
  - HF585 (Anderson, G., DFL-Bellingham)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
- County humane societies—
  - appropriations increase
    - HF556 (Anderson, R., IR-Ottertail)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
- New Ulm—
  - special service districts
    - HF637 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—laid over for interim study.

**REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY**

*Monday, March 18*

- Utilities—no recourse against landlords on tenant contracts
  - HF143 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass.
- Horseracing—county fair racing days
  - HF227 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)—recommended to pass.
- Utility—regulatory process technical changes
  - HF359 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Horseracing—medication, medical testing for horses
  - HF755 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended. (See Highlight)
**TAXES**

**Tuesday, March 19**
- IRA conformity
  HF705 (Himle, IR-Bloomington) — recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in omnibus tax bill (See Highlight)

**Thursday, March 21**
- Farm wineries, breweries — change in tax
  HF738 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm) — recommended to pass.
- Corporate filing dates — estimated tax
  HF756 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park) — recommended to pass for inclusion in the omnibus tax bill.
- Corporations — income tax changes
  HF799 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights) — recommended to pass as amended.

**Local Government Finance Div./Taxes**

**Monday, March 18**
- Circuit breaker — ground lease payments
  HF518 (Heap, IR-Plymouth) — recommended to pass as amended for inclusion in omnibus tax bill.
- Confession of judgment — commercial/industrial property
  HF600 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing) — heard; laid over until next week.
- Confession of judgment — no county approval
  HF616 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth) — heard; laid over until next week.

**Tuesday, March 19**
- Elderly housing facilities — property tax exemption
  HF747 (Pauly, IR-Eden Prairie) — heard; laid over until next week.
- Fraternal organizations — property tax exemption
  HF541 (Poppas, DFL-St. Paul) — heard; laid over until next week.

**TRANSPORTATION**

**Wednesday, March 20**
- Motor fuel reduced-tax zone — expanded
  HF179 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia) — recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (See Highlight)
- Van-type motor homes — regulation
  HF256 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview) — recommended to pass as amended. (See Highlight)
- “Star City” signs on interstate highways
  HF586 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael) — recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (See Highlight)
- School bus — overhead racks/MN serial on bus body
  HF633 (Volan, IR-Moorhead) — recommended to pass as amended. (See Highlight)
- Ski area signs
  HF983 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon) — rereferred to subcommittee on transportation. (See Highlight)

**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Thursday, March 14**
- Schools — post Labor Day start
  HF151/SF117 (Thiede, IR-Pequot Lakes) — passed.
- Disorderly houses — crime of owning/operating
  HF78*/SF550 (Staten, DFL-Mpls) — passed.
- Education mission statement
  HF282 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls) — passed.
- Superfund changes
  HF268/SF300 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon) — passed.

**RULE 1.10**

**Monday, March 18**
- Housing finance agency — bond limit increase
  HF438/SF412* (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights) — passed.

**SUSPENSION OF RULES**

**Thursday, March 14**
- Sales tax — farm machinery, parts
  HF53/SF42* (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon) — passed as amended.

**FLOOR ACTION**

**Consent Calendar**

**Thursday, March 14**
- Local governments — joint insurance arrangements
  HF267/SF344 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey) — passed.
- Part-time peace officers — requirements
  HF329/SF424 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park) — passed.
- Eden Prairie — one-day liquor license
  HF428/SF553 (Pauly, IR-Eden Prairie) — passed.
- Assault in the second degree — clarified
  HF511/SF613 (Bishop, IR-Rochester) — passed.

**Monday, March 18**
- George Mann Memorial Hway
  HF221 (Kalis, DFL-Walters) — passed.
- Commitment records — eliminating certain requirements
  HF335/SF422 (Bishop, IR-Rochester) — passed.
- Minnesota statutes — copies to librarians
  HF509/SF435 (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin) — passed.
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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.
Bill Introductions

Monday, Mar 18

HF950—Segal (DFL)—Judiciary
Minnesota Constitution; proposing an amendment providing for equality of rights under the law for men and women.

HF951—Piepho (IR)—Governmental Operations
Minnesota historical society; authorizing local heritage preservation commissions; amending statutes.

HF952—Fjoslien (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Cooperative associations; providing for the election of the board of directors of certain associations; proposing coding for new law.

HF953—Murphy (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Local government; providing for the size of statutory city public utilities commissions; amending statutes.

HF954—Carlson, D (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Taxation; permitting the appointment of certain persons as county assessors and county assessors' assistants; amending statutes.

HF955—Thiede (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Regional development commissions; providing for dissolution of a commission upon petition by cities, counties, and towns; amending statutes.

HF956—Gruenes (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Solid waste management; extending and making changes in the state program for providing capital assistance to local governments for processing facilities; authorizing bonds; appropriating bond funds; amending statutes.

HF957—Knuth (DFL)—Agriculture
Agriculture; providing that local governments may enter agreements; providing for soil conservation; imposing a penalty; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF958—Zaffke (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Insurance; requiring insurance on home service contracts; regulating sales; requiring disclosures; proposing coding for new law.

HF959—Marsh (IR)—Judiciary
Negligence; clarifying immunity from liability for volunteer firefighters who render assistance at scenes of emergency; amending statutes.

HF960—Backlund (IR)—Governmental Operations
Peace officers; eligibility for benefits of certain firefighters killed in the line of duty; amending statutes.

HF961—Johnson (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Water; providing for comprehensive local water management; requiring counties to develop and implement county water and related land resources plans; authorizing the water resources board to make comprehensive water planning grants to counties; providing additional authorities to counties; providing additional duties of the water resources board; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF962—Boerboom (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; appropriating money for cleanup of pseudorabies infected swine herds.

HF963—Knickerbocker (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; homeowners; prohibiting household or family exclusions; amending statutes.

HF964—Tunheim (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Wild animals; directing removal and confinement of an elk herd in northwestern Minnesota.

HF965—Zaffke (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; establishing prepaid health plans; extending hospital rate limitations; adding items and services under medical assistance program competitive bidding provisions; authorizing the commissioner to select vendors for general assistance medical care services; decreasing ratable reductions in general assistance medical care; authorizing competitive bidding of certain general assistance medical care services; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF966—Vanasek (DFL)—Education
Education; extending the deadline for a teacher to gain necessary experience for middle school licensure.

HF967—Olson, E (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; authorizing additions to and deletions from certain state parks.

HF968—Thorson (IR)—Education
Education; permitting payroll deductions in the state university system for a certain nonprofit university foundation; proposing coding for new law.

HF969—Kalis (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; exempting petroleum products used in certain improvements to agricultural land for purposes of the sales tax; amending statutes.

HF970—Metzen (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of South St. Paul; authorizing the expenditure of certain tax increments to pay costs of a combined storm-s sanitary sewer separation project.

HF971—Carlson, D (IR)—Health/Human Services
Environment; requiring government action to determine and decrease the health risks attributable to exposure to or absorption of lead; providing for duties of the pollution control agency and the commissioner of health; providing a penalty; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF972—Carlson, D (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Administrative rules; requiring the director of the pollution control agency to amend the rule governing notice of application for a water pollution discharge permit.

HF973—Carlson, D (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; redesignating portion of trunk highway; amending statutes.

HF974—Carlson, D (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Moose Lake-Windemere sewer district; appropriating money for certain costs.

HF975—Peterson (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; permitting the establishment of commercial service districts; providing taxing and other financial authority; proposing coding for new law.

HF976—Heap (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Minnesota historical society; appropriating money for the institute for invention and innovation.

HF977—Peterson (DFL)—Education
Education; authorizing a permanent fund transfer by independent school district No. 477, Princeton.

HF978—Clausnitzer (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; sales and use; eliminating accelerated payment of liability; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF979—Clausnitzer (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Outdoor recreation; renaming a state trail; amending statutes.

HF980—Carlson, D (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Labor and employment; establishing a youth conservation corps to promote employment of youths and young adults; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF981—Waltman (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; permitting certain criminal complaints to be sworn before notaries public; amending statutes.

HF982—Metzen (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Veterans; providing space in the veterans service building for certain veterans organizations; amending statutes.

HF983—Fjoslien (IR)—Transportation
Advertising devices; providing for specific service signs relating to ski areas to be displayed along highways; amending statutes.

HF984—Halberg (IR)—Judiciary
Civil actions; authorizing aggregation of the fault of multiple defendants in comparative fault actions; amending statutes.

HF985—Blatz (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; expanding time of eligibility for aid for unborn children; authorizing prenatal care payments; amending statutes.

HF986—Zaffke (IR)—Health/Human Services
Department of economic security; funding specific services for sheltered workshop and work activity programs; appropriating money.
HF987—Beard (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; sales and use; allowing certain tax-exempt entities a refund for sales taxes paid pursuant to certain contracts; amending statutes.

HF988—Becklin (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Consumer protection; prohibiting certain advertising practices; amending statutes.

HF999—Backlund (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Real property; modifying procedures for mortgage foreclosure by action; eliminating deficiency judgments following mortgagee’s purchase of property at sheriff’s sale; amending statutes.

HF990—Dimler (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; providing for registration of crop and livestock buyers in licensing application; establishing a registration system for buyers of farm products; describing when farm products are purchased subject to a security interest; restricting certain financing statements to only cover crops; reducing the effective period of financing statements covering crops; amending statutes.

HF991—Valento (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; regulating certain municipal dissolutions and annexations; amending statutes.

HF992—Gruenes (IR)—Education
Education; consolidating the regulation of private post-secondary schools under the higher education coordinating board; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF993—Gruenes (IR)—Education
State university system; declaring its mission; proposing coding for new law.

HF994—Gruenes (IR)—Transportation
Drivers' licenses; requiring certain notice on uniform traffic ticket; providing penalty for failure to respond to summons and complaint on uniform traffic ticket; prohibiting issuance of warrants for failure to pay fines for parking violations; establishing system for collecting unpaid fines; allocating driver’s license reinstatement fees; amending statutes.

HF995—Sarna (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; property tax refund; modifying the definition of property taxes for subsidized housing tenants; amending statutes.

HF996—McDonald (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Environment; prohibiting the burial of hazardous wastes in a manner that may contaminate potable water; amending statutes.

HF997—Carlson, D (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Crystal; regulating the holding of public offices by council members; providing for the adoption of emergency ordinances.

HF998—Waltman (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; revising the boundaries of certain state forests; creating a new state forest; amending statutes.

HF999—Gruenes (IR)—Education
Education; excluding assets from parental contributions for some state scholarship and grant applicants; requiring a study; requiring notification of financial aid changes; appropriating money.

HF1000—Tjornhom (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; clarifying definitions for sales and use tax; clarifying exemptions; imposing civil and criminal penalties for underreporting or failing to report motor vehicle excise tax; repealing certain refund procedures; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1001—Backlund (IR)—Judiciary
Courts; providing for reimbursement of residents required to testify in another state in criminal cases; amending statutes.

HF1002—Stanus (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; health maintenance organizations; requiring disclosure of certain exclusions and limitations on coverage; amending statutes.

HF1003—Ogren (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; maintaining the purity of state waters by regulating the location of hazardous waste disposal sites; amending statutes.

HF1004—Welle (DFL)—Education
Independent school district No. 347, Willmar; authorizing AVTI construction projects subject to certain conditions.

HF1005—Valento (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Water pollution; establishing a program of reimbursement to municipalities that provide for or contract for waste water treatment meeting state and federal water quality standards; proposing coding for new law.

HF1006—Solberg (DFL)—Education
Education; extending a deadline for compliance with certain UAFRS standards; amending statutes.

HF1007—Knickerbocker (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; Minnesota state retirement system unclassified plan; including certain state university administrators and faculty; directing a transfer of funds; amending statutes.

HF1008—Boo (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Improvement of the Duluth zoo; appropriating funds from the general fund for its improvement.

HF1009—Knickerbocker (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; state employees; extending coverage to state employees on leave of absence with an exclusive bargaining agent; amending statutes.

HF1010—Boo (IR)—Education
Education; authorizing the collective and se­ t off of debts to the state university system; proposing coding for new law.

HF1011—Dyke (IR)—Education
Education; authorizing the transfer of certain state land unneeded for community college purposes to certain cities to be used for student housing; authorizing the sale of certain community college land in Worthington; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF1012—Valento (IR)—Education
Education; providing for employment rights in certain school district supervisory and administrative positions; amending statutes.

HF1013—Minne (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Energy; increasing the amount of the loans for design and construction costs of district heating and qualified energy improvements available to certain counties; amending statutes.

HF1014—Frenichs (IR)—Transportation
Waterscraft; requiring titling for certain waterscraft; regulating perfection of security interests in waterscraft; proposing coding for new law.

HF1015—Carlson, D (IR)—Transportation
Recreational vehicles; regulating three-wheeled off-road vehicles; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1016—Foslien (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Animals; prohibiting transfer of certain animals for use in research or experimentation; providing a penalty; amending statutes.

HF1017—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
A resolution memorializing the United States Department of Energy of Minnesota’s opposition to the siting of a high-level radioactive waste disposal site in Minnesota pursuant to the Nuclear Waste Policy Act of 1982.

HF1018—Quist (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; requiring contribution by the parent of a child for full assistance expenditures.

HF1019—Eliff (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; Virginia police; definition of pre­ vailing pay; retirement and survivor benefit supplements; amending laws.

HF1020—Rose (IR)—Education
Higher education; allowing systems to spend appropriations for scholarships; proposing coding for new law.

HF1021—Piepho (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; exempting certain property from the property tax and certain transactions from the sales and use taxes; amending statutes.

HF1022—Frenichs (IR)—Education
Education; authorizing a one-time excess capital levy for independent school district No. 533, Dover-Eyota.

HF1023—Vanasek (DFL)—Judiciary
Probate; clarifying provisions relating to the award of costs in guardianship and conservatorship proceedings; providing for the payment of reasonable fees and expenses for certain guardians and conservators; amending statutes.

HF1024—Tommison (DFL)—Taxes
Local government aid; modifying the distribution formula for cities; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1025—Miller (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Public utilities; deregulating providers of coin telephone service; imposing a penalty; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1026—Segal (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Environment; providing that funds in the environmental response, compensation, and compliance fund may be used to reimburse certain property owners; amending statutes.
HF1027—Backlund (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; sales and use; exempting certain spousal mailings; amending statutes.

HF1028—Poppenhagen (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; requiring provision of certain information by insurers; regulating certain provisions in insurance policies; regulating the conditions of certain insurance policies; requiring the organization of certain insurance-related associations; prohibiting certain practices amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1029—Bennett (IR)—Crime/Family Law Crimes; requiring health professionals to report suspicious wounds to law enforcement authorities; amending statutes.

HF1030—Olsen, S (IR)—Education
Education; establishing a demonstration site program for mastery learning through individualized learning plans; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF1031—Clausnitzer (IR)—Judiciary
Civil actions; providing for calculation of the damage award in personal injury actions; proposing coding for new law.

HF1032—Rees (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Borough of Belle Plaine; permitting Belle Plaine to use the term "borough" for all purposes; amending statutes.

HF1033—Kostohryz (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Veterans; reestablishing the board of governors of the Big Island Veterans Camp; providing for its appointment and duties; transferring certain state land to the board; providing for the possible disposition of the land by the board; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1034—Price (DFL)—Education
Education; providing a state aid incentive for class size reductions in kindergarten through grade 12; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF1035—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary
FRAUDS; fixing conditions for the legal determination of fraud in property transfers; enacting the uniform fraudulent transfer act; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1036—Becklin (IR)—Health/Human Services
Vocational rehabilitation; providing for high tech rehabilitation technical assistance grants to improve sheltered worker wages, productivity, and transferable skills; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF1037—Tjornhom (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Utilities; exempting small, qualifying energy facilities from the certificate of need process; amending statutes.

HF1038—Schaefer (IR)—Transportation
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HF1039—Gutknecht (IR)—Governmental Operations
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**HF1124—Schreiber (IR)—Education**

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**HF1126—Carlson, D (IR)—Transportation**

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**HF1137—Solberg (DFL)—Education**

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**HF1138—Bees (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources**

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**HF1139—Stansius (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources**

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HF1145—Bennett (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
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HF1146—Pauly (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
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HF1147—Knickerbocker (IR)—Budget
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HF1149—Ozment (IR)—Health/Human Services
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HF1150—Jennings, L (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
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HF1151—Miller (IR)—Governmental Operations
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HF1152—Sherman (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Winona county; authorizing the sale of certain property.

HF1153—Backlund (IR)—Education Affairs
Education; authorizing a second chance educational program for certain children and pupils; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF1154—McDonald (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; rescinding authority to purchase the walleye quotas of Lake of the Woods and Rainy Lake commercial fisherman; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1155—Johnson (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; establishing conflict of interest requirements for court-appointed commissioners in condemnation; providing for relocation and disposal of historically significant buildings or structures; denying certain contracts to persons convicted of contract crimes; creating new, state-surveying coordinate system; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1156—Rose (IR)—Taxes
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HF1157—Himle (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; reducing sales and use tax rate applied to use of coin-operated amusement devices; amending statutes.

HF1158—Piepho (IR)—Education Affairs
Education; authorizing state universities to make and enforce parking rules on their property; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF1159—Brinkman (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; adopting federal taxable income for individual income tax purposes; reducing the tax rate; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1160—Schafer (IR)—Education Affairs
Education; establishing aid and levy for programs for handicapped adults under community education; appropriating money; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1161—McKasy (IR)—Judiciary
Corporations; providing for access by shareholders to certain corporate records; protecting the privacy of individuals; clarifying legislative intent; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1162—Thorson (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; providing that the county coroner may conduct certain autopsies under certain circumstances; amending statutes.

HF1163—Thorson (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; defining the crime of using police radios while committing a criminal act; prescribing penalties; proposing coding for new law.

HF1164—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary
Human rights; providing for the confidentiality of the investigatory data of the department of human rights; providing for the legal effect of a subpoena issued by the commissioner of human rights; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1165—Knickerbocker (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; Minneapolis teachers maximum service credit accrual; amendment of articles.
Monday, March 25
8:00 a.m.
AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan. Agenda: Budget hearing for Dept. of Transportation: electronics, outstate transit.


10:00 a.m.
CRIME & FAMILY LAW, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Blatz. Agenda: HF484 (Sherman) Persons on work relief retaining and expending earnings. HF264 (Heap) Permitting an animal to be unconfined or improperly confined. HF275 (Levi) Reporting maltreatment of minors.

ELECTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE/General Legislation & Veterans Affairs, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Craig Shaver. Agenda: HF634 (Shaver) Limiting the number of registration applicants for whom a person may vouch. HF379 (Fjoslien) Qualifying certain persons to be election judges. Other pending business.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Elton Redalen. Agenda: HF826 (Gruenes) Delays effective date of certain energy efficiency standards for small air conditioners sold in MN. HF1037 (Tjornhom) Eliminates certificate of need proceedings for gas and electric co-generation facilities of less than 80 megawatts. HF894 (Dyke) Adds corporations authorized to do business in MN under Chapter 335 to the definition of independent telephone company. HF1025 (Miller) Deregulates providers of coin telephone service. HF953 (Murphy) Allows flexibility in the size of statutory city public utility commissions.

12:00 noon
EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: HF758 (Elloff) Authorizing general obligation bonds for Independent School District 706 (Article 7). HF896 (Valento) Employment rights (Article 7). HF74 (Backlund) HF178 (Frederick) HF182 (Ogren) HF187 (Hartlie) HF310 (Fjoslien) HF441 (Quiet) HF861 (Redalen) Funds transfer (Article 7). HF445 (McEachern) Fund transfer authority to state Board of Education (Article 7). Discuss the following articles: Article 2, transportation; Article 9, libraries; Article 10, teacher's retirement; Article 11, cash flow.


LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Terry Dempsey. Agenda: HF610 (Dempsey) Providing for transfer to certain federal payments in lieu of taxes from the county to the city or town. EARC changes; Dept. of Revenue report. HF843 (Fricichs) Modifying the method of determining certain adjusted assessed value.

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

After Session

7:00 p.m.

SPECIAL SUBCOMMITTEE ON DEPT. OF PUBLIC SAFETY/Transportation, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Don Frerichs. Agenda: To be announced.

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

Tuesday, March 26
8:00 a.m.
AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan. Agenda: Budget hearing for Dept. of Transportation continued: Regional Transit Board.

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson. Agenda: Allocations for Dept. of Corrections (continued); begin Health Related Boards.

HIGHER EDUCATION DIVISION/Education, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Mark Piepho. Agenda: HF868 (Thorsen) Permitting payroll deductions in the State University System for a certain nonprofit university foundation. HF1010 (Boerboom) Authorizing the collection and setoff of debts to the State University System. HF1020 (Rose) Allowing systems to spend appropriations for scholarships. HF993 (Gruenes) Declaring the mission of the State University System.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 10. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: HF414 (Knickerbocker) Providing post retirement annuity or benefit increases for certain retired or disabled public employees. HF951 (Piepho) Authorizing local heritage preservation commissions.

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10:00 a.m.
COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: HFxxx (Bennett) Relating to liquor; recodifying statutory provisions. HF347 (Zaffke) Relating to commerce; regulating membership camping. HF499 (Seaberg) Relating to housing; regulating powers of the MN Housing Finance Agency. HF976 (Heap) Relating to the MN Historical Society; appropriating money for the institute for invention and innovation.


LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 200, Chr. Rep. Don Valent. Agenda: HF571 (Ozment) Legislative Oversight Commission created to review performance of metropolitan agencies. HF941 (Valento) Audits of the Metropolitan Council and commissions. HF1116 (Schreiber) Tax increment financing; transferring duties to the state auditor. Additional agenda to be announced. (Move to Rm. 5 at 2:00 p.m.)

2:00 p.m. COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: Continue 10:00 a.m. agenda.


LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Terry Dempsey. Agenda: HF854 (Dimler) Clarifying the definition of real property. Northwestern Bell, Peter Beckman; AT&T, Tom Berklie; MN Telephone Association; Phone. HF560 (Minne) Confession of judgment. HF616 (Begich) Eliminating the required county board approval prior to confession of judgement for delinquent taxes.

4:00 p.m. FAMILY LAW SUBCOMMITTEE/Environment & Natural Resources, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Paul Thiede. Agenda: HF442 (L. Jennings) Recodification of drainage codes. HF18 (Wenzel) Authorizing resident licenses for trainees at Camp Ripley during open seasons.

5:00 p.m. LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Don Valent. Agenda: HF507 (S. Olsen) Hennepin county; setting the form in which county board members salaries must be stated. HF558 (Blatz) Metropolitan government; providing conditions for the disposal of certain sports facilities property. HF148 (Dempsey) Local government; excluding firefighter and peace officers from a political subdivisions job evaluation system. HF312 (Tompkins) Local governments: extending deadlines for reporting on and complying with laws requiring equitable compensation relationships. HF285 (Beard) Washington county; providing for approval of condominium floor plans by the county surveyor. HF286 (Beard) Washington county; providing that condominium floor plans must be signed by county auditor to ensure no delinquent taxes are due. HF58 (Valan) Moorhead; allowing the town certain powers. HF315 (Becklin) Local government; removing the restriction on the number of mills certain towns may levy to provide fire protection for special fire protection districts. HF145 (Dimler) Providing for acquisition and relocation assistance in cases of hardship to owners of homestead property located in a proposed state highway corridor. HF889 (Fredrickson) Township powers. HF1065 (Boerboom) Permitting the MN Municipal Board certain procedures in disputes. HF991 (Valento) Regulating municipal dissolutions and annexations.

6:00 p.m. ELECTIONS SUBCOMMITTEE/General Legislation & Veterans Affairs, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Craig Shaver. Agenda: Pending business.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, Rm. 10. Chr. Rep. Tony Omen. Agenda: HF609 (Sviggum) Providing for the distribution of maternal and child health block grant funds to special projects. HF765 (Sviggum) Restructuring and subsequently abolishing the state share of Title IV-E foster care maintenance payments. HF910 (Gruenes) Human services; authorizing the commissioner to establish a state advisory planning council. HF912 (Claussner) Increasing incentives for enforcing and collecting child support. HF943 (Forster) Providing state hospital revolving fund for chemical dependency. HF455 (Minne) Establishing a program in the department of economic security to distribute grants to centers that provide independent living services. Additional bills may be added.

6:30 p.m. EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Discuss the following: Article 3, special education; Article 1, foundation/tier aids; Article 7, miscellaneous.


Wednesday, March 27 8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATE DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan. Agenda: Budget hearings for Minnesota/Wisconsin Boundary Area Commission; Voyagers Park Advisory Committee; Horticultural Society; Racing Commission; Charitable Gambling Board.


10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. K. J. McDonald. Agenda: HF618 (Solberg) Partition fences, changing certain responsibilities and procedures. HF260 (Onnen) Discharge of firearms and access to agricultural lands. HF719 (Uphus) Increasing the number of deputy commissioners of agriculture. HF879 (Staten) Providing famine relief for African people. HFxxx (Kvam) Bonding requirements for dairy processing plants. HF990 (Dimler) Providing for registration of crop and livestock buyers in licensing application.


12:00 noon


TRANSPORTATION, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Dave Carlson. Agenda: To be announced.

2:00 p.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Vanlan. Agenda: Budget hearing for Dept. of Transportation continued: general support services.

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Discuss the following: Article 4, Community, Early Childhood & Family, and Adult Education; Article 6, vocational education and other aids and levies; Article 5, choice.

JUDICIARY, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Charles Halberg. Agenda: HF900 (Halberg) Increase in judges in the First judicial district. HF739 (Simoneau) Increase in judges in the 10th judicial district. HF561 (Halberg) Marriage dissolution; eliminating the statistical report from requirement. HF301 (McKasy) Crime victim property reparation.

3:00 p.m.


Thursday, March 28

8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Vanlan. Agenda: Budget hearing for Dept. of Transportation continued: general support services.


HIGHER EDUCATION DIVISION/Education, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Mark Liepho. Agenda: HF842 (Erickson) Establishing a Science and Technology Resource Center. HF999 (Gruenes) Excluding assets from parental contributions for some state scholarships and grant applications. HFxxx (Haukoos) Part time student grants. HF992 (Gruenes) Consolidating the regulation of private post-secondary schools under the Higher Education Coordinating Board.


8:15 a.m.

TAXES, Rm. 5. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: HF1057 (Greenfield) Revenue recapture act; including the University of MN in the definition of claimant agenda. HF1000 (Tjornhom) Clarifying definition for sales and use tax; clarifying exemptions; imposing civil and criminal penalties for underreporting or failing to report motor vehicle excise tax; repealing certain refund procedures.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: HF891 (Rees) Uniform foreign money judgments act. HF1001 (Backlund) Providing for reimbursement to resident required to testify in another state. HF1031 (Clausen) Calculation of damage awards in personal injury cases. HF1023 (Vanasek) Clarifying provisions to the costs in guardianship and conservatorships.

7:00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON WASTE MANAGEMENT, Rm. 118 Capitol. Agenda: 1) Recommendation of LCWM regarding appropriations from the Environmental Response, Compensation and Compliance Fund (the fund established in Superfund) as mandated by MS 115B.20, Subd. 5; 2) Recommendation of LCWM regarding appropriations from Landfill Contingency Action Fund as mandated by MS 473.845, Subd. 4; 3) Recommendation of LCWM regarding appropriations from Landfill Abatement Fund as mandated by MN 473.844, Subd. 3; 4) Presentation by Waste Management Board on European hazardous waste treatment and disposal facilities.

Friday, March 29

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2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

After Session

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: HF883 (Tomlinson) Relating to unclaimed property; extending coverage to corporate stock. HF918 (Heap) Relating to corporations; regulating corporate takeovers. HF191 (Piepho) Relating to local government; requiring prompt payment of local government bills. HF838 (Begich) Relating to corporate stock.


REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Elton Redalen. Agenda: To be announced.

6:30 p.m.

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10:00 a.m.
COMMERCIAL & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 10. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: HFxxx (Frerichs) Relating to state government; concerning state procurement of goods and services from small businesses. HF998 (Becklin) Relating to consumer protection; prohibiting certain deceptive advertising practices.

CRIME & FAMILY LAW, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Blatz. Agenda: To be announced.


HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Tony Onnen. Agenda: HF999 (Onnen) Making certain changes in the reimbursement procedures for nursing homes.

12:00 noon


1:00 p.m.