Appropriations bills

In its final meeting for the 1985 legislative session, the Appropriations Committee recommended three major bills to pass. They amended and approved a $59 million sewage treatment plan, HF849 (Valento, IR-Little Canada), the Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) bill, that gets its funding from a six-cents-a-pack cigarette tax.

The plan would help fund waste water and sewage treatment plants, statewide. In its original form, HF849 authorized 15-year loans to cities with fewer than 75 percent separated sewers. The amended version extends loan eligibility to include the city of South St. Paul.

The committee also approved the Fish and Wildlife Enhancement Act of 1985, HF628 (Rose, IR-Roseville). The bill would set aside $25 million for setting aside eroding crop lands and managing Minnesota's wildlife habitat. Fifteen of the $25 million would come from the unused portion of the farm interest loan buydown the Legislature passed in February of this year.

The third bill to move out of the committee is the Saturn plant bill, HF1645 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove). The bill would create a special enterprise zone if General Motors (GM) locates the Saturn plant in Minnesota. The offer would grant $75 million in tax breaks and development funds to GM.

Mark Dayton, commissioner of energy and development, says this kind of offer is necessary to attract GM and that the state will be the winner in the long run. Dayton also says the state is ready to extend the same sort of offer to other manufacturing companies if they choose to expand in Minnesota.

All three bills now go to the House floor.

Cigarette taxes

State taxes on cigarettes could be funding a variety of projects in Minnesota this year.

On May 16, the Appropriations Committee recommended to pass HF849 (Valento, IR-Little Canada), the Combined Sewage Overflow (CSO) bill. HF849 carries a provision taxing cigarettes six cents a pack to fund sewer recon­struction and other projects.

On May 15, the committee also recommended to pass HF810 (Quist, IR-St. Peter), a bill that would put a one-cent tax on each pack of cigarettes to fund a non-smoking program in Minnesota schools.

Some of the money would also go to the health department to help enforce the Minnesota clean indoor air act.

The bill could raise as much as $10 million, twice the cost of the $5 million needed for the non-smoking program and enforcement aid for the indoor air act. That extra $5 million caught the attention of the budget-conscious committee members at a May 14 meeting.

They attached amendments to target $500,000 to a mosquito control program and $3 million to programs for handicapped pre­scool children. But on the 15th, the committee reconsidered and removed those amendments.

Combined Sewer Overflow

The Combined Sewer Overflow (CSO) bill, HF849 (Valento, IR-Little Canada), came out of the Appropriations Committee, May 16, with a recommendation to pass.
Underground development

Lack of space has always been a problem in crowded urban areas. But development of underground space could be part of the solution, says Rep. Sidney Pauly (IR-Eden Prairie).

“We have technology to create a whole, new basement in this state,” says Pauly, author of HF922/SF925.

During discussion of the bill at the May 15 House session, Pauly exhibited a sample of soft St. Peter sandstone to House members. She says this stone, a formation of soil and glacial drift deposit, forms a unique subsurface under Minnesota’s prairies, woodlands, lakes, and hills.

HF922/SF925 would authorize development of this subsurface which Pauly says would allow for dust and vibration-free, naturally secure space for development of industry, commerce, and transit.

The state would retain all mineral rights of developed underground territory under the bill. Municipalities would get bonding authority and the power to develop underground space.

An amendment to the bill would prohibit use of underground development for hazardous and high-level nuclear waste. The bill passed on a 113-0 vote.

Sales tax on used cars

Buyers of used cars would get a sales tax break under HF130 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing), a bill the House passed May 15.

The bill would repeal the six percent sales tax on used cars 10 years and older. Buyers would instead pay a flat $10 fee. HF130 would exempt classic and pioneer cars, and people who buy those cars would continue to pay the six percent sales tax.

“I know many of you, as I have, have heard complaints about paying taxes over and over again on the same vehicle,” author Rep. Lona Minne told House members.

People have had problems determining and arguing the value of these older used cars with registrars, Minne said. “It’s been a source of irritation for both registrars and purchasers and the revenue impact is minimal,” she said.

The bill goes next to the Senate.

Guns, superfund bills

The cities of Minneapolis and St. Paul could no longer have stricter gun laws than the rest of the state if the governor signs legislation now on its way to his desk. Similar legislation died last year with a governor’s veto.

While other legislation is also moving through the House and Senate to the governor, bills affecting the superfund law have come to a standstill.

Both House and Senate have approved bills to compensate victims of hazardous waste releases, but the bills aren’t the same. And neither body has appointed members to a conference committee to come to an agreement. Without that agreement, the victims’ compensation measure, HF876 (Olsen S., IR-St. Louis Park), won’t get to the governor nor the law books.

Proposals that attempt to make the superfund law more palatable to Minnesota businesses have had the approval of the full House for some time. But the Senate’s waiting for a conference committee to come up with a victims’ compensation plan before acting on superfund changes in HF268 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon).

Seat belts

Rep. Mary Forsythe (IR-Edina) author of HF119/SF40*, the man-
The other bill, SF33 (Hartinger, IR-Coon Rapids), would impose criminal penalties on drivers involved in hit and run accidents. The bill would base the penalties on the degree of harm the accident caused and whether the driver was at fault.

The bill would increase the penalty for causing an accident that results in death to seven years and/or $14,000. And it would establish a penalty for causing an accident that results in great bodily harm.

HF1227 is waiting for Senate approval, and SF33 has now passed both Houses.

**Stun guns**

On May 9, House members amended stun-gun legislation into SF693 (Bishop, IR-Rochester), a bill that deals with forfeiture of property used in a crime.

Minnesota doesn't have laws on the books now that regulate the use of stun guns. However, the city of St. Paul has an ordinance banning them. The Legislation the House passed on the 9th, would allow possession and use of stun guns in defense of person or property.

Author of the proposal, Rep. Joel Jacobs (DFL-Coon Rapids), says the stun-gun legislation relates to what is already in state statute regarding the use of mace.

"It regulates mace and will regulate stun guns in an identical manner. What we're attempting to do is allow the public to have stun guns. But we want to reassure that they're used properly . . . in defense of a person," said Jacobs.

The bill would prohibit possession and use by people under 18 years old, people convicted of a violent crime or drug offense, and those who are mentally ill or chemically dependent.
Use of stun guns against police officers would carry a five-year felony penalty, and sale of the gun to anyone the law prohibits from its possession or use would be illegal.

Though some members opposed the legislation, arguing that research isn't complete and not enough knowledge exists on the gun's effects, and others objected to what they termed, "ready public access to a weapon," the bill passed 94 to 28.

The Senate also passed the bill, so it goes next to the governor.

Correction
In the highlight, Title 19 waiver, on page 1 of last week's Session Weekly, Rep. Wes Skoglund (DFL-Mpls) is the author of the amendment to the human services appropriations omnibus bill, HF1640/SF1525*, that would permit doctors to remove the brains of deceased general assistance recipients who may have had Alzheimer's disease. St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center would use the brains for study of the disease.
Ag., Transportation & Semi-State Div./Approp.

Friday, May 10

- Three-unit truck combinations
  HF1083 (Carlson, J., IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Fish and Wildlife
  Enhancement Act—created
  HF628 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended.
  (See Highlight)
- Public Safety departmental bill
  HF1250 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass.
- Trunk highway—80,000 lb.
  statewide gross weight limit
  HF630 (Boerboom, IR-Cottonwood)—tabled for interim study.

Human Services Div./Approp.

Friday, May 10

- State hospitals—
  service agreements
  HF347/SF143 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass.
- Health—regulating
  community health services
  HF658 (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Non-smoking programs—
  tax provided
  HF810 (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—recommended to pass as amended.
  (See Highlight)
- Combined sewage overflow—
  state financial assistance
  HF849 (Valento, IR-Little Canada)—recommended to pass as amended.
  (See Highlight)
- Counties—funds
  for family unification
  HF765 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass.
- Medical assistance—
  to mothers living with parents
  HF911 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass.
- Victims’ rights/compensation
  HF1231/SF1126 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass.
- Nursing homes—changes
  in reimbursement procedures
  HF769 (Onnen, IR-Cokato)—recommended to pass.

State Departs. Div./Approp.

Friday, May 10

- Local governments—
  fiscal notes for state mandates
  HF490 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Counties—comprehensive
  local water management plans
  HF961 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Three-wheel, off-road
  vehicles—regulation
  HF1015 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Solid waste—
  land disposal prohibited
  HF939 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended.

TAXES

Key
HF — House File
SF — Senate File
HF/SF — companion bills
— version of the bill under consideration

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St. Paul, MN 55155, (612) 296-2314.

FLOOR ACTION

CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE

Thursday, May 9

- St. Louis County—
  land conveyance
  HF231 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—repassed as amended by the Senate.
- Local government agencies—
  prompt payment of bills
  HF191 (Piepko, IR-Mankato)—repassed as amended by the Senate.
- Arson/fire scene investigations
  HF374/SF501 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—repassed as amended by the Senate.

Monday, May 13

- Armed forces—
  spouse’s driver’s license
  HF835*/SF1155 (Miller, IR-Redwood Falls)—repassed as amended by the Senate.
- Credit union powers
  HF216*/SF229 (Halberg, IR-Burnsville)—repassed as amended by the Senate.
- Utilities—no recourse against landlords on tenant contracts
  HF143*/SF855 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—repassed as amended by the Senate.
- Prejudgment seizure
  of property—procedures
  HF449*/SF591 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—repassed as amended by the Senate.
- No-fault insurance—changes;
  stacking—eliminated
  HF345*/SF314 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—repassed as amended by the Senate.

Tuesday, May 14

- Fishing licenses—
  Camp Ripley personnel
  HF18*/SF1461 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—repassed as amended by Senate.
- County land—
  sale with mineral rights
  HF521*/SF378 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—repassed as amended by the Senate.
- Wild animals—
  hunting law changes
  HF373*/SF791 (Richter, IR-Wadena)—repassed as amended by the Senate.

Wednesday, May 15

- Mora/New Ulm/Waseca—
  special service districts
  HF592*/SF593 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—repassed as amended by the Senate.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Monday, May 13

- Teacher/school board
  mediation—changes PELRA
  HF207/SF118* (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—repassed as amended by Conference.

Tuesday, May 14

- Heartland trail—
  land conveyance
  HF1235*/SF1062 (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—repassed as amended by Conference.
- Town laws—various changes
  HF889*/SF639 (Frederickson, IR-Willmar)—repassed as amended by Conference.
- Dangerous weapons—
  flammable liquids
  HF274*/SF414 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—repassed as amended by Conference.

Wednesday, May 15

- Horseracing—
  county fair racing days
  HF227*/SF239 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)—repassed as amended by Conference.
Wednesday, May 15

• Victims’ rights and compensation
  HF1231/SF1126 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—passed.

• Public Safety departmental bill
  HF1250/SF1252 (Ozentm, IR-Rosemount)—passed as amended.

• Motor vehicle excise tax—
certain vehicles exempted
  HF130/SF139 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)—passed. (See Highlight)

• Income tax—excess interest
  on local govt’ bonds
  HF856/SF854 (Pauly, IR-Eden Prairie)—passed.

SPECIAL ORDERS
Thursday, May 9

• AV17s—
class size/associate degrees
  HF476/SF553* (Heap, IR-Plymouth)—passed as amended.

• Drinking age—raised to 21
  HF102/SF55* (Schafer, IR-Gibbon)—passed as amended. (See Highlight)

• Forfeiture—communications
  devices used in a crime
  HF636/SF693* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed as amended. (See Highlight)

Monday, May 13

• Data privacy
  HF1589/SF1013 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed.

• Retirement—working past
  rule of 85 deadline
  HF229/SF312 (Dempsey, IR-new Ulm)—passed.

Tuesday, May 14

• Moving mobile homes—
  permit restrictions removed
  HF1457/SF1458* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed.

SPECIAL ORDERS
Thursday, May 9

• Public Safety
  • Sale and leasebacks—
    double tax eliminated
    HF1596 (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—passed.
  • Horses—sales tax limited
    HF1623 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—passed as amended.
  • Property owners—
appeals directly to court
    HF1627 (Kvar, IR-Litchfield)—passed.

Tuesday, May 14

• Taconite tax—
mortgage registration tax
  HF1552 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed.

• Indemnification—judges
  HF1359/SF1429* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed.

Wednesday, May 15

• Workers’ compensation—
  inability to pay—
  HF1100/SF1099 (Olsen, Sen., IR-St. Louis Park)—passed.

• Workers’ compensation—
  division of assets
  HF857/SF905 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—passed.

• Workers’ compensation—
  intangible assets—
  HF1130/SF986* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed as amended.

• Workers’ compensation—
  intangible assets—
  HF43/SF71 (Zaffke, IR-Rochester)—passed.

• Workers’ compensation—
  intangible assets—
  HF43/SF71 (Zaffke, IR-Rochester)—passed as amended.

• Late payments to
  farm implement retailers
  HF43/SF71* (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—passed.

• Sports bookmaking
  HF448/SF207* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed.

• OSHA—right-to-know changes
  HF1262/SF1254* (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—passed.

• Communication systems—
  installation regulation
  HF1151/SF952* (Miller, IR-Redwood Falls)—passed as amended.

• Town business—
  authorized outside of town
  HF677/SF676* (Uphus, IR-Sauk Centre)—passed as amended.

• Dept. of Transportation
  omnibus bill
  HF1155/SF43* (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—passed as amended.

• Interstate acquisition
  of banks—reciprocity
  HF671/SF607 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—passed; failed.

• Mandatory seat belt bill
  HF119/SF40* (Forsythe, IR-Edina)—amended; failed. (See Highlight)
• Health care review—expanded purposes
  HF818/SF364* (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—passed as amended.

• Waiver of rights—human rights cases
  HF543/SF609* (Halberg, IR-Burnsville)—passed as amended.

• Municipal improvements—advertisement of sales
  HF669/SF542* (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—passed.

• "Hit and run"—penalties
  HF690/SF33* (Harterg, IR-Coon Rapids)—passed. (See Highlight)

• Roadside mowing—restrictions
  HF409/SF219* (Rose, IR-Roseville)—passed.

• Minnesota Racing commission—housecleaning bill
  HF1281/SF1249* (Kostohryz, DFL-No. St. Paul)—passed as amended.

• Mpls—establishing special service districts
  HF384*/SF303 (Otis, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended.

Wednesday, May 15

• Drainage law-recodified
  HF442/SF45* (Jennings, L. DFL-Rush City)—passed.

• Collector sewers—state construction grants
  HF725*/SF1070 (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—laid over.

• Child protection workers—training
  HF1107/SF1176* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed.

• Fort Snelling—concession fees
  HF1248/SF1374* (Tjornhom, IR-Richfield)—passed.

• Town cartways—maintenance
  HF1435/SF1358* (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—passed.

• Burnsville—5 additional liquor licenses
  HF1307/SF1244* (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed.

• South St. Paul—bonds for sewer separation
  HF380/SF1131* (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed.

• Education assistants—off Duluth civil service roles
  HF918/SF790* (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—passed.

• Goodhue County—add’l levy for historical society
  HF1607/SF1499* (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed.

• Dakota County—electronic fund transfers
  HF1460/SF1404* (Oztant, IR-Rosemount)—passed as amended.

• Plymouth—reassessment of spec’al assessments authorized
  HF1490/SF1414* (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—passed.

• Olmsted County—state land conveyance
  HF1253/SF1171* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed as amended.

• Court of appeals—jurisdiction clarified
  HF1578/SF1386* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed.

• Hubbard County—parks and recreation levy
  HF757/SF295* (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—passed as amended.

• Red Wing—establishes port authority
  HF942/SF904* (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed.

• Fergus Falls—port authority powers
  HF71/SF63* (Anderson, B. IR-Ottentail)—passed.

• MECC—removes some restrictions on operations
  HF619/SF647* (Erickson, IR-Hills)—passed as amended.

• South St. Paul—sewer tax increments
  HF970/SF1485* (Metzen, DFL-So. St. Paul)—passed.

• Municipalities—economic development powers
  HF922/SF925* (Pauly, IR-Eden Prairie)—passed as amended. (See Highlight)

• Patro mobile communications equipment
  HF827*/SF792 (Piepho, IR-Mankato)—passed.

• Pheasant stamp exemption—northern counties
  HF174/SF228* (Neuenschwander, DFL-Inf’l Falls)—passed.

• Condo floor plans—approval by county surveyor
  HF285/SF82* (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)—passed.

• Koochiching County—land conveyance
  HF1498/SF1347* (Neuenschwander, DFL-Inf’l Falls)—passed.

• St. Louis County—land conveyance
  HF1497/SF1353* (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—passed.

• Industrial loan/thrift—authority/regulations
  HF344/SF230* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed as amended.

• Liquor licenses—issuance within Indian country
  HF1343/SF1183* (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—passed as amended.

• Insurance company investments
  HF498/SF375* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—passed.

• Domestic abuse act—service by publications
  HF1203/SF1036* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)—passed as amended.

• St. Paul—temporary on-sale wine licenses
  HF1171/SF1234* (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended.

GOVERNOR

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Wednesday, May 8

• State parks—additions/deletions
  HF967/SF783* (Olson, E. Chapter 81.

• Sheriff’s contingency fund—credit amounts increased
  HF1316/SF1119* (Trkman)—Chapter 82.

• Sales/motor vehicle excise tax—changes
  HF1000/SF1329* (Tjornhom)—Chapter 83.

• Peace officers—arrest authority
  HF266*/SF527 (Marsh)—Chapter 84.

• Local governments—joint insurance arrangements
  HF267*/SF344 (Solberg)—Chapter 85.

• Eden Prairie—one-day liquor license
  HF428*/SF553 (Pauly)—Chapter 86.

• Itasca County—promotional expenditures
  HF537*/SF552 (Solberg)—Chapter 87.
• Non-alcoholic beverages—wholesaler credit
  HF602*/SF816 (Marsh)—Chapter 88.

• Ramsey County—creation of a personnel system
  HF907*/SF689 (Valento)—Chapter 89.

• Circle Pines Utility Commission
  HF1197*/SF920 (Voss)—Chapter 90.

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  HF1197*/SF920 (Voss)—Chapter 90.

Thursday, May 9
• Adulterated milk or cream—purchase/sale prohibited
  HF135*/SF86* (Uphus)—Chapter 93.

• Validation of foreclosure sales—effective dates
  HF141*/SF143* (Dempsey)—Chapter 94.

• Funeral services—regulation of prepayments
  HF1106*/SF921* (Freerichs)—Chapter 95.

• Community colleges—sale of lands
  HF1011*/SF994* (Dyke)—Chapter 96.

Friday, May 10
• Board of Animal Health—powers and duties
  HF708*/SF335* (McDonald)—Chapter 100.

• Tax compliance dept. bill
  SF450* (Jude)—Chapter 101.

• Drainage proceedings—road construction instead of crossing
  HF1170*/SF1087* (Hartle)—Chapter 102.

• Gaylord—general obligation bonds
  HF1308*/SF1208* (Schaefer)—Chapter 103.

• Integrity for volunteer firefighters
  HF959*/SF1214* (Marsh)—Chapter 104.

• Harmony—funds to replace bridge
  HF141*/SF1291* (Redalen)—Chapter 105.

• Bemidji—community seed capital fund
  HF1503*/SF1411* (Thorson)—Chapter 106.

• Car loans—permanent usury rate
  HF273*/SF490 (McKasy)—Chapter 107.

• County property—sales through brokers
  HF446*/SF1060 (Johnson)—Chapter 108.

• County governments language cleanup/minor changes
  HF516*/SF642 (Johnson)—Chapter 109.

• Restitution—enforcement
  HF645*/SF746 (Bishop)—Chapter 110.

• Indian children—placement
  HF782*/SF691 (Sviggum)—Chapter 111.

• Forest fires—interstate agreements
  HF68*/SF614 (Thorson)—Chapter 112.

• Jails/lockups—recordkeeping systems
  HF1193*/SF1157 (Clausnitzer)—Chapter 113.

• Emergency farm operating act—lender clarified
  HF1216*/SF1199 (Redalen)—Chapter 114.

Tuesday, May 14
• Olmsted County—leasing of hospital property
  HF1265*/SF1308* (Freerichs)—Chapter 115.

• School fund lands—exchange/inventory
  HF399*/SF377 (McEachern)—Chapter 116.

• Liquor licensees—3.2 beer sales
  HF603*/SF768 (Marsh)—Chapter 117.

• St. Louis County—raises emergency fund
  HF649*/SF670 (Jaros)—Chapter 118.

• Child sex abuse victims—access to court data
  HF657*/SF611 (Levi)—Chapter 119.

• Convey land for historical purposes
  HF1113*/SF795 (Pappas)—Chapter 120.

• Chisago County—sale of tax-forfeited land
  HF1150*/SF1266 (Jennings, L.)—Chapter 121.
Bill Introductions

Monday, May 13
HF1668—Dimler (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Consumer protection; providing alternative security requirements for health and social referral clubs; amending statutes.

HF1667—Schreiber (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; changing rate of the occupation tax on taconite and certain other ores; amending statutes.

HF1666—McLaughlin (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; requiring carryover of deductible when a group health policy is replaced; proposing coding for new law.

HF1669—Shaver (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; eliminating the addition to federal adjusted gross income for employee teacher retirement contributions; amending statutes.

Tuesday, May 14
HF1670—Bennett (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Public development debt; providing reporting of data; disclosure of financial, personal, and criminal information of developers of certain types of public financing; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1671—Neuenschwander (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Fish and game; establishing lifetime licenses to take big game, small game, and fish; providing restrictions for the licenses; providing for payment of lifetime licenses by installments; allowing credit for a previously purchased lifetime license when purchasing another; dedicating license fee receipts and restricting expenditure of investment income; establishing license fees; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1672—Clark (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Environment; requiring the issuance of transportation certificates prior to the shipment of high level radioactive waste; providing for the administration of a certification and inspection program; providing for the designation of transportation routes; amending statutes.

Wednesday, May 15
HF1673—Pappas (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; requiring reduction in auto insurance premiums for seat belt use; prohibiting reduction of coverage for failure to wear a seat belt; amending statutes.

HF1674—Solberg (DFL)—Judiciary
Corporations; authorizing and regulating employee cooperative corporations; proposing coding for new law.

HF1675—McLaughlin (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; accident and health; requiring coverage for hospice care; proposing coding for new law.

HF1676—Segal (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Commerce; requiring gasoline service stations to provide certain goods and services; proposing coding for new law.

HF1677—Thorson (IR)—Education
Education; changing the way the department of education provides certain information and other services; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF1678—Clark (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Elections; authorizing additional means of proving residence for purpose of election day registration; amending statutes.

Thursday, May 16
HF1679—Nelson, K (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Horse racing; imposing a tax for the funding of social services programs; amending statutes.

HF1680—Segal (DFL)—Transportation
Traffic regulations; requiring school buses to have seat belts; amending statutes.

HF1681—Carlson, D (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; providing for an administrative process for the designation of peatland scientific and natural areas; establishing powers and duties of the commissioner of natural resources; requiring local participation in the designation process; proposing coding for new law.

HF1682—Staten (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; sales and use; exempting certain persons age 65 or over; amending statutes.

HF1683—Segal (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Human services; requiring a study of medical assistance payments to day treatment programs for the mentally ill.

Senate Files/1st Readings

Monday, May 13
SF1036—Reichgott (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Domestic abuse; providing for service by publication under certain circumstances under the Domestic Abuse Act; clarifying relief and providing for additional relief; amending statutes.

SF1118—DeCramer (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Agriculture; requiring lender’s response for an agricultural production input lien be sent to borrowers; providing filing procedure; authorizing rules; amending statutes.

SF429—Peterson, C (DFL)—Appropriations
Industrial development bonds; requiring the refund of application deposit to the city of Fergus Falls; appropriating money for the refund.

House Advisories

Tuesday, May 14
HA43—Piepho (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
A proposal to study the impact that regulated utilities have on small businesses in the sales and service of appliances.

HA44—Segal (DFL)—Health/Human Services
A proposal to study health insurance for low income workers.

HA45—Wynia (DFL)—Education
A proposal for examination of current and future capital needs in higher education.

HA46—Pauly (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
A proposal to study the extent of sexual discrimination in labor unions.

Thursday, May 16
HA47—Valento (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
A proposal to study the feasibility of building a convention center in Minneapolis.

HA48—Clark (DFL)—Health/Human Services
A proposal to study the health care problems of uninsured children.
SF382—Waldorf (DFL)—Education
University of Minnesota; changing restrictions on the permanent university fund so that the fund can be used to help endow professorial chairs; appropriating money; amending statutes.

SF925—Pogemiller (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Economic development; granting certain powers to municipalities; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF1171—Brataas (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Revenue; providing for certain elections; requiring returning election judges to resign if elected in 1990; transferring the powers, responsibilities, and duties of the state auditor, the secretary of state, and the state treasurer to the state comptroller.

SF492—Wegscheid (DFL)—Appropriations
Veterans; requiring the commissioner of veterans affairs to provide certain grave markers; appropriating money; amending statutes.

SF509—Mielke (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Animals; prohibiting the use of a decomposition chamber to destroy an animal; imposing a penalty; proposing coding for new law.

SF830—Merriam (DFL)—Judiciary
Courts; eliminating certain mileage expenses that court reporters may claim for reimbursement; eliminating the requirement that a court reporter reside in the district in which he or she is appointed; amending statutes.

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Unclaimed property; extending coverage to corporate stock and other ownership interests; amending statutes.

SF1225—Davis (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Agriculture; exempting manufactured home parks and recreational camping areas from food handling licenses; regulating organically grown foods; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF866—Merriam (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
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, disposal sites, local disposition fees, metropolitan sludge and sewage ash facilities, and metropolitan county ordinances; granting and clarifying the powers which may be exercised by a county located outside the metropolitan area if it enters into an agreement with a metropolitan county for solid waste or resource recovery purposes; defining terms; allocating and appropriating money from the metropolitan landfill contingency action and abatement funds; permitting Pennington county to dispose of certain property; permitting Itasca county to accept loans, advances, or grants from federal or state government; permitting certain counties to make joint contracts or agreements for solid waste management; providing for use of an appropriation for solid waste incineration equipment at the Fergus Falls State Hospital; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF339—Dicklich (DFL)—Appropriations
Human services; establishing a program in the department of economic security to distribute grants to centers that provide independent living services; amending statutes.

SF719—Stumpf (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Wild animals; authorizing the commissioner of natural resources to permit, on an experimental basis, the taking of two deer by one hunter, under conditions and restrictions prescribed by order; requiring the removal of elk from the state; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

SF708—Moe, D (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Legislature; providing for expanded authority of the legislative coordinating committee; establishing the position of director of protocol services; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF977—Peterson, Donna (DFL)—Appropriations
Elections; changing certain filing provisions; providing for training of election judges and election officials; requiring publication of certain election guides; excepting certain election judges from receiving compensation; changing certain canvassing procedures; providing for certain recounts; defining terms; changing certain deadlines; changing certain procedures relating to voting machines; appropriating money; amending statutes.

SF304—DeCramer (DFL)—Appropriations
Transportation; motor carriers; providing for annual increases in gross weight tax rates; establishing a gross vehicle weight limitation for state trunk highways; revising the gross weight seasonal zone; providing for ten percent weight allowance for movement of potatoes and sugar beets; allowing wide loads of baled agricultural products to travel certain roads at certain times; amending that wide loads be marked by flashing amber lights; requiring a district priority list; providing that a county may challenge a seasonal weight restriction imposed by the commissioner; appropriating money; amending statutes.

SF1130—Waldorf (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Occupations and professions; changing the composition of the board of medical examiners and the method of appointing board members; authorizing the release of certain information by the board of medical examiners; requiring the board of medical examiners to adopt a written statement describing its procedures, and publish disciplinary actions and standards for licensing and disciplining physicians; establishing reporting requirements for health professionals and granting immunity to those complying with reporting requirements; establishing special requirements for health-related licensing boards; appropriating money; recodifying certain provisions by annual permit; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF45—DeCramer (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Highway; recodifying the drainage law; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF821—Laidig (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
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SF1414—Jude (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
City of Plymouth; authorizing the reassessment of special assessments against certain lands in the city.

SF1434—Jude (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Real estate; providing for service in forcible entry and unlawful detainer actions; amending statutes.

SF363—Pogemiller (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration
Minnesota Constitution; proposing an amendment combining the offices of state treasurer, state auditor, and secretary of state into the office of state comptroller; providing that the first comptroller would be elected in 1990; transferring the powers, responsibilities, and duties of the state auditor, the secretary of state, and the state treasurer to the state comptroller.

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