Session ends

“The House stands adjourned until 2 p.m., Monday, Feb. 3, 1986.”

With that, Speaker of the House David M. Jennings, an Independent-Republican from Truman, fourth-term legislator and former minority leader, brought the gavel down on the 1985 regular session at midnight, May 20.

Minnesota’s Constitution requires the Legislature to adjourn its regular session on the first Monday after the third Saturday in May.

The Constitution further provides that “on extraordinary occasions” the governor may call the Legislature into a special session. This year, with tax and spending proposals still under negotiation between the House and Senate, lawmakers can count on coming back to the Capitol to wrap things up at a date the governor will set.

You can read about some of the accomplishments of the 1985 legislature in other highlight articles in this issue and in the bill listings under “Floor Action.”

When legislators return to the Capitol in early February for the 1986 regular session, they hope to complete their legislative business within six weeks.

Credit card fraud

A bill, SF863 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights), cracking down on credit card fraud won final approval in the House May 20.

The bill attempts to make it easier for authorities to get at people trafficking lost, stolen, forged, or counterfeit credit cards (financial transaction cards). To do this, the bill would call for prosecution of anyone who sells or uses a counterfeit, lost, or stolen card. And penalties would be as much as five years in prison and/or a $5,000 fine.

The bill would also prosecute anyone using a financial transaction card number to get goods or money without the consent of the card holder. Present law covers only the use of the card.

Anyone making or altering cards would be guilty of aggravated forgery and could face a 10-year sentence and/or a fine of up to $20,000. And anyone providing false information when applying for a card could serve up to 90 days in prison and/or a fine of up to $300.

The bill now goes to the governor’s desk.

Saturn plant

The House approved the $1.3 billion Saturn car plant proposal, May 20. The package includes tax incentives and appropriations that lawmakers hope will encourage General Motors (GM) to locate a large-scale manufacturing facility in the state.
The bill, HF1645 (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove), would create a special enterprise zone in the event GM would locate in Cottage Grove. The other candidate site for the plant, Duluth, already has such a zone.

"The tax incentives are provided for 30 years for a facility located in the special enterprise zone," Rep. Patrick Beard, the bill’s author, told his House colleagues in the late night session.

Those incentives are abatement of corporate income taxes and sales tax exemptions for construction materials and equipment used in the zone, and the abatement of property taxes, said Beard.

"The local jurisdictions will be reimbursed for the net costs associated with the development of the manufacturing facility," he said.

The legislation would also provide funds for costs of the site and improvements, a University of Minnesota Center of Advanced Manufacturing Technologies, and customized job training. But it does not include money for relocation expenses and subsidized mortgages for employees as the governor proposed.

Though the bill faced opposition from lawmakers who felt it was unfair to Minnesota businesses, it passed on an 82 to 46 vote. The Senate approved it closer to the midnight deadline May 20 and sent it on to the governor.

DNR bill: deer and elk

Hunters could take two deer, beginning this fall, on an experimental basis, in Minnesota if HF940/SF719* (Rose, IR-Roseville) becomes law.

“This is the bill that enables the Department of Natural Resources to use as a management tool the issuance of licenses to take more than one deer,” Rep. John Rose, author of the bill, told House members at the May 20 session.

And Rep. Wally Sparby (DFL-Thief River Falls) asked for support of an amendment to the bill that concerns an elk situation in northwestern Minnesota.

"Rep. Tunheim (DFL-Kennedy) and I’ve shared a problem here that’s been very painstaking for us at many times. It’s the elk situation where we have about 48 elk up in northwestern Minnesota that are inhabiting areas of Marshall, Roseau, and Beltrami counties.

“We would appreciate your support in making sure that we get them removed to some other area of the state other than those three counties and out of the agricultural areas of the state,” said Sparby.

The amendment would direct the Department of Natural Resources to move the herd of elk by Sept. 1 and would appropriate $20,000 in moving expenses. House members supported Sparby’s request, amended and passed the bill.

The bill now goes to the governor for his signature.

Counties, health care

Minnesota counties would get some help with health care costs from HF910 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud), which passed in the final hours of the 1985 legislative session on May 20.

Among other provisions, the bill allows counties to contract for services with public and private nonprofit organizations. According to the bill author, Rep. Dave Gruenes, such nonprofit organizations frequently provide services at a lower cost than many for-profit companies.

Supporters of the measure say this is a small, but important change, especially since a greater share of the health care burden has shifted from the federal level to the shoulders of county government.

The Senate did not take final action on the bill.

Combined sewer overflow

The combined sewer overflow (CSO) bill, HF849 (Valento, IR-Little Canada) faced opposition on the House floor May 20. It went down in defeat twice in the first five hours of the last day of the regular session.

The bill would establish a statewide grant and loan program to help Minnesota municipalities with water-cleanup programs.

The House rejected the bill, which initially excluded Minneapolis from getting any loans, on a 56 to 73 vote early in the day. Two hours later, after adoption of an amendment making Minneapolis eligible for loans, the bill lost 13 more votes, failing 48 to 86.

Supporters of the proposal said the bill must pass or Minnesota will lose federal transportation funds. They had planned to bring it before the House a third time before adjournment of the regular session.

Most opponents object to use of the cigarette tax to fund water treatment, and others said they feel Minneapolis and St. Paul should pay for their own problems.
Child abuse

Changes to the juvenile code that would give more protection to children and families who face allegations of child abuse passed on the House floor the last day of the 1985 legislative session in HF848 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington).

Bill author, Rep. Kathleen Blatz, said a House and Senate conference committee agreed to keep language in the bill that would require family members who are guilty of sex offenses (intrafamilial sex offenders) to spend some time in jail.

The conferees removed other House language that would have renamed the crime of intrafamilial sex abuse.

"What we did instead was merge the intrafamilial statute with the criminal sexual conduct statute so it's all under one statute now," said Blatz. "However, the Senate did concede to the House language dealing with minimum time in the local jail, and also with the requirement that a convicted offender complete treatment.

"We lost the mandatory taping provision in the House bill, but we replaced it with required written records of any meetings with a child abuse victim," Blatz told House members just prior to final passage of the bill.

Other child abuse legislation to get final approval is SF196 (Levi, IR-Dellwood), a bill that would clarify the standard for mandatory and voluntary child abuse reporting. Both bills have gone to the governor for his signature.

Retirement legislation

Retirement legislation getting final approval in the House May 20 incorporates a number of bills that had previous hearings in the House. One of those would provide lump-sum payments to public employees who retired prior to 1973.

"Within the recommendation of the governor's budget, it basically provides, very straightforward, for a payment of $18 per year of service payable on Dec. 1, 1985, and $19 per year of service payable on Dec. 1 of 1986," said Rep. Gerald Knickerbocker (IR-Hopkins), author of HF98.

That would mean a lump-sum payment for all the pre-1973 retirees, about 14,000 of them, Knickerbocker said.

Other provisions would remove the 30-year cap on the number of years of service credit for computing benefits for Minneapolis teachers and would recognize years of retirement in bonus checks for retired St. Paul teachers.

Also, the Duluth Teachers Retirement Fund Association could pay annual post retirement adjustments to its retirees.

Final say on the proposal now lies with the governor.

Baby Doe bill

Medical care for abandoned and/or seriously ill babies is the subject of HF1175*/SF1127 (Kiffmeyer, IR-Big Lake). The bill expands the definition of child neglect to include the withholding of medical treatment to infants with a life-threatening condition.

Its author, Rep. Ralph Kiffmeyer, says the bill keeps Minnesota on top as a leader in child abuse prevention. The measure had opposition from some lawmakers who objected to the lack of financing in the bill to help with care of possibly terminally ill infants. However, it passed, May 20, by a 124 to 5 vote and goes next to the governor's desk for his signature.

Lemon law

A bill, HF242 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview), that would make a change in the state's auto warranty law, or "lemon law," moved out of the House and Senate chambers on the last day of the '85 session, with recommendations to pass.

The bill had been in a conference committee where conferees were trying to decide on an amendment the Senate added that would extend the lemon law to cover farm vehicles.

That amendment, which at one time came over to the House from the Senate in bill form, failed to get approval in a House committee that laid it over for interim study.

House conferees, upholding that position, agreed to a motion to drop the amendment and add language to the bill that would require a division of the attorney general's office to study the issue over the interim and report back to the House and Senate Agriculture committees in November with the findings.

HF242, now on its way to the governor for approval, requires car manufacturers to give directly to new car buyers, a written notice of their rights under the lemon law.

Clarifications

In the highlight, "Underground development," on page 2 of last week's Session Weekly, the third paragraph should read:

During discussion of her bill (HF922/SF925) at the May 15 House session, Rep. Sidney Pauly (IR-Eden Prairie) exhibited a sample of soft St. Peter sandstone to House members. The ancient St. Peter sandstone is capped by a layer of equally ancient limestone, then topped off by more recent glacial drift and soil. She said this composition forms a unique subsurface under Minnesota's prairies, woodlands, lakes, and hills.

A correction regarding HF1640 on page 4 of last week's Session Weekly should read:

With permission of next of kin, attending physicians, and Ramsey County Medical Center, doctors could remove brain tissue from deceased medical assistance recipients who may have had Alzheimer's disease. Tissue samples would then be sent to Ramsey County Medical Center for study.
Farm issues

Farm legislation that came out of this session included a program that buys down interest costs on new operating loans for financially strapped farmers and a program that encourages banks to submit existing loans to the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) for loan guarantees and debt restructuring.

Other legislation offers: aid to farmers who can’t make payments on Family Farm Security Program loans; funds for farm financial crisis intervention services; a farm registration system; and bills that increase the value of farm machines and implements exempt from garnishment, from the current $5,000 to $10,000, and that regulate soil conservation and excessive soil loss controls.

Also, a new law gives buyers of farm products relief from a double jeopardy uniform commercial code exemption that can cause buyers to pay twice for the same product.

History textbook

HF1243 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater), the bill that would authorize the Minnesota Historical Society to produce a Minnesota history textbook, faced an hour-long debate on the House floor May 17, before passing on a 100 to 2 vote.

The bill doesn’t appropriate any funds for the book which schools would purchase. But it would allow per diem payments to a 15-member advisory committee. The bill must now pass in the Senate before it can be enacted into law.

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

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FLOOR ACTION

CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE

(Under Concurrence and Repassage, the House accepts the Senate amendments to House Files, repasses the bills, and sends them to the governor for his signature.)

Thursday, May 16
• Income tax property tax — administrative changes
HF1045*/SF1104 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—repassed as amended by the Senate.

Friday, May 17
• Corporations — income tax changes
HF779*/SF822 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—repassed as amended by the Senate.

• Veterinarians — foreign graduates practices
HF533/SF534 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—repassed as amended by the Senate.

Monday, May 20
• Pension Commission — actuarial services funds
HF98*/SF204 (Kinnerbacker, IR-Hopkins)—repassed as amended by Senate (Note: the following retirement bills were amended into the bill: HF’s 414, 1077, 1165, and 1242). (See Highlight)

• Liquor recodification bill
HF1145*/SF1122 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—repassed as amended by Senate.

• Aspen cord weight
HF155*/SF170 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—repassed as amended by Senate.

• Horseracing — medication medical testing
HF755*/SF678 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—repassed as amended by Senate.

• Insolvent insurers — distribution of assets
HF857*/SF905 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—repassed as amended by Senate.

• Excessive soil loss controls
HF155*/SF1033 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)—repassed as amended by Senate.

• Claims against the state
HF1458*/SF165 (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—repassed as amended by Senate.

• Rural rehabilitation Corp. Trust Liquidation Trust Act
HF648*/SF601 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—repassed as amended by Senate.
• Dept. of Revenue—
income tax update
HF538*/SF665 (Omen, IR-Cokato)—not
repassed as amended by Senate.

• Block grant funds—allocation
HF828*/SF1246 (Svigum, IR-
Kenyon)—repassed as amended by Senate.

• Dramshop insurance—
aggregate limit
HF265*/SF334 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—
repassed as amended by Senate.

• Town liquor license
moratorium—extended one year
HF1233*/SF1103 (Marsh)—repassed as amended by Senate.

• Family farm security
program—changes
HF35*/SF461 (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—
repassed as amended by Senate.

• Water permit fees—changes
HF1256*/SF1450 (DenOuden, IR-
Prinsburg)—repassed as amended by Senate.

• Multi-party accounts act
HF140*/SF144 (McKasy, IR-Mendota
Heights)—repassed as amended by Senate.

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Thursday, May 16

• Pilatory gland—
removal by county coroner
HF277/SF331* (McEachern, DFL-St.
Michael)—repassed as amended by Conference.

• Set-aside program—changes
HF1109/SF1233 (Freichten, IR-
Rochester)—repassed as amended by Conference.

• Education mission statement
HF282 (Nelson, K. DFL-Mpls)—
repassed as amended by Conference.

• Moorhead—urban town powers
HF58*/SF665 (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—
repassed as amended by Conference.

• Parental abduction—
clarifications
HF245*/SF8302 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis
Park)—repassed as amended by Conference.

• State councils—appointments
HF76*/SF808 (Gutknecht, IR-
Rochester)—repassed as amended by Conference.

• Belle Plain—
use of term "Borough"
HF1032/SF1138 (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—
repassed as amended by Conference.

Monday, May 20

• Investment of public funds—
modifies some requirements
HF1375/SF1398* (Schreiber, IR-
Brooklyn Park)—repassed as amended by conference (Senate did not take final action).

• School bus—overhead rack/
MN serial on bus body
HF633*/SF622 (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—
repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Disorderly houses—crime of
owning/operating
HF78*/SF550 (Staten, DFL-Mpls)—
repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Hennepin, Ramsey Co.
juvenile judges
HF83*/SF443 (Forsythe, IR-Edina)—
repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Metro government—sales of
sports facility property
HF558*/SF541 (Blatz, IR-
Bloomingon)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Plumbing—lead free
solder in pipes
HF535*/SF589 (Sherman, IR-Winona)—
repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• State University System—
payroll deductions
HF968*/SF946 (Thorson, IR-Bemidji)—
repassed as amended by Conference (Senate did not take final action).

• Cogeneration/small power
facilities—no certificate
HF1037*/SF1163 (Tjornhom, IR-
Richfield)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Retirement—local plans
HF729*/SF861 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn
Park)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor). Note: The following HF’s relating to local retirement plans were amended into the bill: HF’s 10, 86, 234, 237, 360, 421, 855, 930, 1019, 1095, 1273, 1336, 1337, 1369, and 1536 (now goes to the governor).

• Criminal liability—
dangerous animals
HF264*/SF348 (Heap, IR-Plymouth)—
repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Child abuse—juvenile/
criminal code changes
HF848 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—
repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor). (See Highlight)

• Lemon law—amendment
HF242*/SF394 (Bennett, IR-
Shoreview)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor). (See Highlight)

• Abuse reporting—notice to
parents/guardians
HF213*/SF500 (Stanius, IR-White Bear
Lake)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Local fire protection—changes
for special districts
HF315*/SF282 (Becklin, IR-
Cambridge)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Mental health—interstate
service contracts
HF186*/SF146 (Sherman, IR-Winona)—
repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Health professionals—
reporting suspicious wounds
HF1029/SF335* (Bennett, IR-
Shoreview)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Conciliation court—
student loans
HF1178/SF862* (McKasy, IR-Mendota
Heights)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Counties—
additional levies authorized
HF757/SF295* (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—
repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Child abuse reporting—changes
HF275/SF196* (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—
repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor). Note: Portions of HF643/SF623 - Dissolution of marriage—spousal maintenance (Bishop, IR-Rochester) were amended into the bill.)
• Credit card fraud
  HF1076/SF863* (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor). (See Highlight)

• Child protection
  workers—training
  HF1107/SF1176* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• MECC—removes some restrictions on operations
  HF619/SF647* (Erickson, IR-Hills)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Transit operators/providers—costs
  Minnesota Racing Commission—employee relations—dept. bill
  HF785/SF1238* (Pauly, IR-Eden Prairie)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Sexual exploitation
  of workers—training
  HF679/SF251* (Boo, IR-Duluth)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Programs for nursing home councils
  HF679/SF251* (Boo, IR-Duluth)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Transit operators/providers—crimes against
  HF788/SF650* (Valento, IR-Little Canada)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Guardians/conservators—costs
  HF1023/SF459* (Vonasek, DFL-New Prague)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Employee relations—dept. bill
  HF513*/SF1063 (Svigum, IR-Kenyon)—ruled out of order.

• Minnesota Racing Commission—housecleaning bill
  HF1281/SF1249* (Kostohryz, DFL-No. St. Paul)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Sexual exploitation by psychotherapists
  HF1070*/SF1004 (Ozem, IR-Rosemount)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Dept. of Revenue—property taxes
  HF556/SF472* (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Psychotherapists—prohibiting sexual relations w/patients
  HF1227*/SF1003 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Deer hunting—permits
taking two deer per year
  HF940/SF719* (Rose, IR-Roseville)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Liquor licenses—issuance with Indian country
  HF1343/SF1183* (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Garnishment—farm machinery exemption increases
  HF1097/SF401* (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Dept. of Transportation—housekeeping bill
  HF153*/SF433* (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• Town business—authorized outside of town
  HF677/SF676* (Uphus, IR-Sauk Centre)—repassed as amended by Conference (now goes to the governor).

• State forests—boundary changes
  HF998/SF664* (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—repassed as amended.

**RULE 1.10**

**Thursday, May 16**

**Local governments—fiscal note for state mandates**
  HF490/SF423 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—passed.

**County recorder/secretary of state—fee**
  HF646/SF762 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed.

**Dept. of Jobs/Training—created**
  HF913/SF818* (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—passed.

**Programs for nursing home councils**
  HF679/SF251* (Boo, IR-Duluth)—passed.

**Water permit fee—changes**
  HF1256/SF1450 (DonOuden, IR-Prinsburg)—passed.

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

**Thursday, May 16**

**Corrections—inmates’ earnings**
  HF484/SF521* (Sherman, IR-Winona)—passed.

**Workers’ compensation insurance premium—removes credit limit**
  HF345/SF557* (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—passed.

**Trade secrets—defined**
  HF1421/SF1148* (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed.

**Investments in federal debt—**
  mutual funds
  HF650/SF581* (Knickerbocker, IR-Prinsburg)—passed.

**Hunting and fishing—law changes**
  HF623/SF658* (Thiede, IR-Pequot Lakes)—passed as amended.

**Income taxes—penalty for failure to file**
  HF1405/SF1357* (Halberg, IR-Bloomington)—passed as amended.

**Brain damaged adults—establishment of services**
  HF1541/SF960* (Rivenson, DFL-Bloomington)—passed.

**State forests—boundary changes**
  HF998/SF664* (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—passed.

**Transit operators/providers—crimes against**
  HF788/SF650* (Valento, IR-Little Canada)—passed as amended.

**Credit card fraud**
  HF1076/SF863* (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed as amended.

**Loan assumptions—extension provided**
  HF1558/SF1278* (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—passed.

**Firefighters—exemptions from residency requirements**
  HF1282/SF1187* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed.

**Unlawful detainer actions—service**
  HF1129/SF1434* (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed.

**Income taxes—connection with some credit limit**
  HF998/SF664* (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—passed as amended.

**Hunting and fishing—some law changes**
  HF623/SF658* (Thiede, IR-Pequot Lakes)—passed as amended.

**Income taxes—penalty for failure to file**
  HF1405/SF1357* (Halberg, IR-Burnsville)—passed as amended.

**State forests—boundary changes**
  HF998/SF664* (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—passed.

**Transit operators/providers—crimes against**
  HF788/SF650* (Valento, IR-Little Canada)—passed as amended.

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  HF1129/SF1434* (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed.

**Income taxes—connection with some credit limit**
  HF998/SF664* (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—passed as amended.
• Plymouth—establishes port authority
  HF743/SF721* (Carlson, IR-Maple Grove)—passed.
• North Mankato—
establishes port authority
  HF693/SF597* (Frederick, IR-Mankato)—passed.
• Wadena—
establishes port authority
  HF1309/SF1220* (Richter, IR-Wadena)—passed.
• Breckenridge—
establishes port authority
  HF1468/SF1447* (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—passed.

Warroad—
establishes port authority
  HF594/SF616* (Tunheim, IR-Kenya)—passed.

• Health professionals—
  reporting suspicious wounds
  HF1029/SF35* (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—passed as amended.
• Physical therapy—
evaluations and referrals
  HF346/SF243* (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—passed.
• Formaldehyde standards
  HF1360/SF1279* (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—passed as amended.
• Crystal—council members
  in other public offices
  HF997/SF825* (Carlson, L., DFL-Crystal)—passed.
• Excessive soil loss controls
  HF957/SF1033 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)—passed.
• Fire services—fingerprinting
  HF1064/SF1019 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)—passed.
• Waseca—
special service district
  HF1633/SF1506* (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)—passed.

Friday, May 17
• Motor vehicle—
auctions/licensing
  HF593/SF547* (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed.
• Uniform Foreign Money
  Judgment Act
  HF891/SF566* (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—passed.
• Organic food—regulation
  HF1086/SF1225* (Omann, IR-St. Joseph)—passed as amended.
• Block grant funds—allocation
  HF828 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed.
• Poison information—
  regional centers
  HF1331/SF1320* (Omen, IR-Cokato)—passed.
• Water quality monitoring—
  private wells in metro area
  HF718/SF1202* (Nelson, D., DFL-Champlin)—passed.
• Minnesota Historical Society—
  instructional materials
  HF1243/SF1002 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed. (See Highlight)
• Uniform Conservation
  Easement Act
  HF452/SF455* (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed.
• Uniform Notarial Act
  HF1443/SF276* (Omen, IR-Cokato)—passed as amended.
• State investment board—
departmental bill
  HF817/SF319* (Kinnerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—passed.
• Agricultural products—
  registration system for buyers
  HF990/SF919* (Dinler, IR-Chanhassen)—passed as amended.
• Counties—
  funds for family reunification
  HF765 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed as amended.
• Child support—
  parental liability
  HF1018 (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—passed.
• Securities and
  real estate omnibus bill
  HF842/SF882* (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—passed as amended.
• Minimum maintenance roads
  HF723/SF675* (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—passed.
• Uniform transfers to minors act
  HF373/SF374* (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—passed.
• Watershed district law—changes
  HF1279/SF1219 (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—passed as amended.
• Three-unit truck combinations
  HF1083 (Carlson, J., IR-Moorhead)—failed as amended.
• Spearing prohibited
  on muskellunge lakes
  HF413/SF643* (Stanus, IR-White Bear Lake)—passed.
• Garnishment—farm machinery exemption increased
  HF1097/SF401* (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed as amended.

• Unclaimed property—extending coverage to corporate stock
  HF883/SF882* (Tomlinson, DFL-St. Paul)—passed.
• Landowners selling to
  beginning farmers—tax breaks
  HF587 (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—passed as amended.
• Lake of the Woods—
  public improvement bonds
  HF584/SF615* (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)—passed as amended.
• State Hospitals—
  service agreements
  HF347/SF147* (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—passed.

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• Health professionals—
  license/discipline revision
  HF1436/SF1130* (Omen, IR-Cokato)—passed as amended (now goes to the governor).
• Mentally ill—state planning council
  HF910/SF916* (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—passed as amended (now goes to the governor). (See Highlight)
• Claims against the state
  HF514/SF281* (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—passed as amended (now goes to the governor).
• Non-profit corporations—
  common trust funds allowed
  HF695/SF743* (Omen, IR-Cokato)—passed (now goes to the governor).
• Combined sewage overflow/
  state financial assistance
  HF849*/SF1009 (Valenta, IR-Little Canada)—not passed as amended. (See Highlight)
• General assistance—
  state aid to counties
  HF1258*/SF1094 (Sviggum, IR-Little Canada)—passed (Senate did not take final action).
• Health—regulating
  community health services
  HF658*/SF494 (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—passed (Senate did not take final action).
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• AVTs—
class size/associate degrees
HF476/SF563* (Heap)—Chapter 122.

• Uniform Anatomical Gift
Act—minors
HF683*/SF1223 (Johnson)—Chapter 123.

• Winona—
sale of certain county land
HF1152*/SF1078 (Sherman)—Chapter 124.

• Transcript fees—
increased by chief judges
HF1382*/SF1371 (Cohen)—Chapter 125.

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HF448/SF207* (Blatz)—Chapter 126.

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HF409/SF219* (Rose)—Chapter 127.

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HF323/SF352* (Mckasy)—Chapter 128.

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HF947/SF661* (Zaffke)—Chapter 129.

• OSHA—right-to-know changes
HF262/SF1254* (Himle)—Chapter 130.

• Child support—
enforcement incentives
HF912/SF901* (Clausnitzer)—Chapter 131.

• Moving mobile homes—
permit restriction removed
HF1457/SF1458* (Blatz)—Chapter 132.

• South St. Paul—
sewer tax increments
HF970/SF1485* (Metzen)—Chapter 133.

• Cheese sold in wineries
HF97*/SF157 (Redalen)—Chapter 134.

• Utilities—no recourse against
landlords on tenant contracts
HF143*/SF835 (Blatz)—Chapter 135.
• Local government agencies—
prompt payment of bills
HF191*/SF445 (Piepho)—Chapter 136.
• Credit union powers
HF216*/SF229 (Halberg)—Chapter 137.
• St. Louis County—
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HF231*/SF308 (Boo)—Chapter 138.
• Liquor—hours for Sunday sale
HF308*/SF333 (Frederick)—Chapter 139.
• Worthless checks
HF368*/SF1037 (DenOuden)—Chapter 140.
• Arson/fire scene investigations
HF374*/SF501 (Seaberg)—Chapter 141.
• Master plumber ad requirement
HF385*/SF385 (Himle)—Chapter 142.
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sale with mineral rights
HF521*/SF378 (Johnson)—Chapter 143.
• Regulation of firearms
HF576*/SF868 (Begich)—Chapter 144.
• Armed Forces—
spouse’s driver’s license
HF835*/SF1155 (Miller)—Chapter 145.
• South St. Paul—
bonds for sewer separation
HF380*/SF1131* (Mckasy)—Chapter 146.
• Insurance company investments
HF398*/SF375* (Skoglund)—Chapter 147.
• Fraudulent going-out-of-business sales
HF988*/SF800* (Becklin)—Chapter 148.
• Conciliation court—
limit raised
HF1075*/SF709* (McKasy)—Chapter 149.
• Vulnerable adults—
refinement of reporting act
HF1437*/SF1049* (Burger)—Chapter 150.
• Residents testifying outside state—increased fees
HF1001*/SF1077* (Backlund)—Chapter 151.
• Big Island Veterans Board of Governors—reinstated
HF1033*/SF954* (Kostohryz)—Chapter 152.
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HF43*/SF71* (Johnson)—Chapter 155.
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HF285*/SF82* (Beard)—Chapter 156.
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penalties increased
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HF636*/SF693* (Bishop)—Chapter 160.
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HF1435*/SF1358* (Quist)—Chapter 163.
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HF274*/SF414 (Ozment)—Chapter 167.
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HF345*/SF314 (Seaberg)—Chapter 168.
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HF918*/SF798* (Jaros)—Chapter 176.
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Chapter 178.
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HF1497*/SF1353* (Battaglia)—Chapter 179.
• Plymouth—reassessment of special assessments authorized
HF1490*/SF1414* (Shaver)—Chapter 180.
• Goodhue County—additional levy for historical society
HF1607*/SF1499* (Sviggum)—Chapter 181.

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

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Friday, May 17
HF1684—Carlson, J (IR)—Transportation
Traffic regulations; authorizing commis­sioner of transportation to issue special permit for three-vehicle combination ex­ceeding length and weight restrictions to travel on certain interstate highways; pre­scribing fees; amending statutes.

HF1685—Tjornhom (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; allowing car pools to use bus ramps onto controlled access high­ways; amending statutes.

HF1686—McKasy (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; changing computation of tax; amending statutes.

Monday, May 20
HF1687—Vanasek (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Metropolitan government; permitting the is­sue of bonds to make certain improve­ments to sports facilities; amending statutes.

HF1688—Solberg (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; accident and health; preserving insurability after waiving group insur­ance coverage; proposing coding for new law.

HA58—Rees (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
A proposal to investigate the commercial impacts by municipally owned and oper­ated liquor stores.

HA59—Dempsey (IR)—Commerce/Eco­nomic Development
A proposal to study municipal overburden.

HA60—Ozment (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; directing payment of certain disability benefits withheld from a member of the public employees police and fire fund.

HA61—Kalis (DFL)—Transportation
A proposal to study use of highway trust fund money.

HA62—Kelly (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
A proposal to study the costs of DWI control, enforcement, and prevention to state and local government.

HA63—Segal (DFL)—Rules/Legis­lative Administration
A proposal to study staggered legislative terms.

SF903—Berglin (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Human services; creating a procedure for reconsideration of a resident’s case mix classification; establishing approval proce­dures and requirements for hospital swing beds; restricting licensure of new nursing homes; expanding the preadmission screening program; revising statutes relating to nursing home reimbursement; re­quiring nursing homes participating in the medical assistance program to be medi­care certified; creating an appeal process for nursing home appraisals; authorizing the legislative commission on long-term health care to study cost containment strat­egies and collect data; requiring recovery of the federal share of medical assistance overpayments; authorizing bingo in nursing homes and senior citizen housing projects; requiring review by the commissioners of human services and health of proposals for revenue bond financing of health facility projects; requiring a study of the feasibility of home equity conversion to finance long­term health care; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HA51—Redalen (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
A proposal to study the Division of Energy.

HA52—Osthoff (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy
A proposal to study utility regulation in the state of Minnesota.

HA53—Miller (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
A proposal to study the Energy Assistance Program.

HA54—Frederick (IR)—Agriculture
A proposal to study agricultural commodi­ties marketing through on-farm production of ethanol.

HA55—Richter (IR)—Agriculture
A proposal to study the problem of capital flight from Minnesota Agriculture.

HA57—Sparby (DFL)—Agriculture
A proposal for an interim study on agriculture.

SF1014—Petty (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Local government; permitting the establish­ment of special service districts in the cities of Sartell, Sauk Rapids, St. Cloud, Isle, Mora, Becker, and Waite Park; providing for a regional service district in certain matters concerning territories; providing taxing and other financial authority for the cities.

SF767—Peterson, C (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; allowing for an increase in the appropriation a county may make for a county humane society in any year; author­izing the county board of Otter Tail county to adopt an ordinance for the control of dogs and cats; amending statutes.

HA50—Bishop (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
A proposal to study the effect of long-term contracts to supply electricity to municipal utilities.

SF1512—Novak (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Public safety; subjecting rules relating to drunk driving to certain provisions of the administrative procedure act; repealing rules; providing for the application of cer­tain traffic regulations; eliminating resul­tant and surplus language; requiring courts to furnish information relating to prior con­victions without charge in gross misde­meanor prosecutions of the driving while under the influence of alcohol law; clarifying the prosecution for failure to appear in court; providing for notice to grandparents in certain matters concerning juveniles; pro­viding for rights of grandparents at hear­ings concerning juveniles; requiring revo­cation of the drivers license of a person who flees in a motor vehicle from a peace officer; authorizing criminal trials with petit juries composed of six persons for gross misde­meanor prosecutions; clarifying the receipt of a copy of a confession or admis­sion; admitting into evidence for impeach­ment purposes certain convictions of prior driving offenses; amending statutes; pro­posing coding for new law.

HA62—Kelly (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
A proposal to study the costs of DWI control, enforcement, and prevention to state and local government.

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HA49—Otis (DFL)—Education
A proposal to study programs designed to serve teenaged parents.

HA50—Bishop (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
A proposal to study the effect of long-term contracts to supply electricity to municipal utilities.
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