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HIGHLIGHTS

Seminar for legislators

For legislators and staff: "Groundwater: A Renewable Resource for Economic Development in Minnesota", a seminar at the Science Museum of Minnesota in St. Paul.

The date: Wednesday, February 6. The time: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. The cost: \$20 for legislators and other government employees. Fee includes materials, lunch, and reception. For information call (612) 221-9438.

Seminar topics are: current issues and economic implications of groundwater use and protection in the state; legislative concerns in the monitoring of groundwater; groundwater as a renewable resource, its potential uses, and its role in future economic development in the state.

Speakers include: "Mr. Groundwater", Dr. Jay Lehr, president of the National Waterwell Association; Calvin Alexander of the University of Minnesota; Linda Bruemmer, State Planning Agency; and Jerrold Peterson from the U of M, Duluth. All are specialists in their fields, ranging from geology, geophysics, and hydrology to economics.

Sponsors are: The Minnesota Science and Technology Resource Council and The Science Museum of Minnesota, in cooperation with the Minnesota House Research Office, the Legislative Reference Library, the State Planning Agency, and the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

Business issues

On Jan.24, members of the Commerce and Economic Development Committee had a briefing on issues they can expect to confront this session. The committee covers the areas of consumer affairs, economic development, and business regulation (including liquor laws), and housing.

Issues to expect include: updating Minnesota liquor laws; the sale of wine in grocery stores; raising the drinking age to 21; corporate takeover law; credit card interest charge; small business legislation; manufactured homes; and state housing programs, according to members of the House Research staff.

The committee meets Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m.

Tax study commission

Minnesota's current tax system "hides more than it reveals," says St. Paul Mayor George Latimer. Latimer chairs the governor's 16-member Tax Study Commission, and he and other commission members gave the Tax Committee a general review of their findings and recommendations at a Jan. 24 meeting.

"This is a great opportunity for us in a bipartisan way to reform this tax policy and make it more plain, more competitive, and more fair," said Latimer. The commission studied tax policies for the past 18 months. Its recommendations present a major overhaul of the state's tax system.

The report calls for sharply reduced personal income taxes, extension of the sales tax to clothing and personal services, simplification of property taxes, and other changes. The committee plans several more hearings to study the report in depth.

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PERA

Throughout the week, the House Governmental Operations met to determine the fate of the Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) board. On Jan. 21, Senate Committee Aide Mike Norton briefed House members on Senate findings about PERA.

Norton said the PERA acting interim director, now under suspension with pay, the former executive director, and some board members were responsible for numerous abuses and questionable practices.

On Jan. 23, Rep. Gerald Knickerbocker (IR-Hopkins) presented to the committee a proposal he said will help restore confidence in the organization among PERA retirees. Knickerbocker said, at this point, he wants to look at the issue of board reorganization and set personalities aside.

Knickerbocker's proposal would abolish the current 15-member board, and replace it with 11 members—5 elected, 5 appointed, and the state auditor. The Senate version of the bill calls for a 7-member appointed board.

In a Jan. 24 meeting, members discussed the board makeup and whether members should be appointed, elected, or a combination of both.

Carol Ogren, an elected minority member on PERA's divided board, supports appointment. "I think the elective process only works when there's an informed electorate. Under the present situation, I don't know how you can have an informed electorate voting for members of the PERA board," says Ogren.

The committee meets next week to hear further testimony and take up reorganization legislation.

Highways

Highway jurisdiction—the question of who owns the roads and who ought to own them is an issue as old as the century, John Williams told members of the Transportation Committee Jan. 23.

Williams, a staffer from the House Research Office, reviewed a report the Highway Study Commission put together. It covers such areas as highway financing, road network, and the history of the state highway systems.

The report noted that Minnesota has too many roads with inappropriate jurisdiction; it recommends the Legislature set up a jurisdiction realignment process.

In other business, the committee passed a resolution memorializing Congress to enact an Interstate Cost Estimate bill.

Agricultural trends

Members of the House Agriculture Committee tracked agricultural trends at its Jan. 23 meeting.

Staff members from state departments, farm businesses and groups, and lending institutions warned members that Minnesota could lose 1300 farmers in the next two years if farm prices continue to drop, operating costs and land prices continue to climb and fall, farm debts go unpaid, and interest rates stay on the upswing.

Carroll Rock, Department of Agriculture, said trends show most farmers earn more income off the farm than on. He said farm income which peaked in 1973, has not kept pace with inflation in the state. Rock said interest expenses and rising farm costs take up most of the pay farmers do get.

Outlining farmland price trends, Dr. Phillip Raup, University of Minnesota, said the state has now come out of the worst inflation in land values. Land that once sold for \$1310 per acre in 1981, has now dropped to below \$1000 per acre.

Raup warned legislators that using a meat-axe to solve a problem (land price declines) that calls for a scalpel is going to risk doing more damage. He calls for a write-down in interest rates and debt renegotiation.

Lenders at the meeting pledged their continued support and commitment to Minnesota agriculture. Others shared their views on some of the farm issues legislators will hear this session.



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Pressure on schools

For the first time since 1967, public school enrollments have increased in Minneapolis and are likely to go up throughout the state. Minnesota kindergarten enrollments are also climbing fast.

Growing numbers of children with learning problems, large numbers of student pregnancies, and a steady influx of out-of-state children with learning difficulties will continue to put increasing pressure on Minnesota's public education system.

These were some of the concerns public education groups aired at the Education Committee's meeting Jan. 23 as committees continue to gather background information on legislative issues they'll need to act on this session.

The Education Committee next meets at 8 a.m., Monday, Jan. 28.

Higher education funding

The extension of state scholarship funds to older and part-time students was one of the proposals of Dr. David Longanecker of the Higher Education Coordinating Board. Longanecker appeared before the Minnesota House Appropriations Committee Jan.23.

Scholarship money for part-time students would go up from \$600,000 to \$9 million under the proposal. And Longanecker said funds would be "targeted to those who need it most" and that "we have to increase quality and define standards and let the students know early what is involved in a post-secondary education." The state plans to give out \$110 million in loans and grants in 1985.

Commissioner of Education Ruth Randall's budget request was for \$23 million in state funds for 1985. She also introduced to the committee the Governor's Education Plan which would ultimately return most responsibility for student curriculum and education to local districts. Ken Keller, interim president of the University of Minnesota, presented his institution's requests, including \$120 million for capital improvements. Buildings would include electrical engineering centers in Minneapolis and Duluth and an animal sciences building.

Keller said the University ranks last or near the bottom among Big Ten schools in spending on equipment, faculty, students, engineering, physical science, and computer science. He said the system "will need a 12 percent increase or \$100 million in addition to the \$870 million base to stand still, to simply not lose any ground, and an additional 12 percent to deal with the quality issue of the instructional problem."

DWI laws are not new

Drunk driving laws have been on Minnesota's law books since 1911. In 1957, the law included the concept of blood-alcohol concentrations and illegal levels. Four years later, the state adopted the implied-consent law. Under implied consent, arrested motorists can lose their licenses for refusing to take a chemical test for drunkenness.

In a Jan. 23 meeting of the House Crime and Family Law Committee, House Research analysts gave committee members a historical account of DWI laws, and talked about the impact recent legislation is having.

Currently, drivers with an alcohol concentration of .10 or more, or who drive under the influence of alcohol, are subject to criminal penalties, such as jail or fines, and stand a chance of losing their licenses. And, drivers who refuse chemical testing lose their licenses for a year.

House researchers say changing social attitudes about drinking and driving and the fear of getting caught are increasing public awareness on the issue. As a result, many people have changed their drinking and driving habits and influencing others to do the same.

Though DWI arrests have stayed about the same, researchers said their studies of public perceptions, professionals' observations, and statistics show the number of people drinking and driving is down.

State budget outlook

Forecasting how much revenue the state will have for the 1986-87 biennium got the attention of both the House Tax and Budget Committees during the third week of the session. Finance Commissioner Gus Donhowe presented the state's budget outlook to the legislators at Jan. 22 and 23 committee hearings.

Donhowe projects that the state will have \$12 billion for the next biennium, with \$500 million for a reserve, \$600 million for a tax cut, and \$11 billion for spending. The \$11 billion for spending represents a 12.8 percent increase over last biennium.

Speaker David Jennings (IR-Truman), chair of the newly created House Budget Committee, said the committee plans to look at the state's revenue picture and what the economy is likely to do over the next couple of years, and then come to some decision as to what the state budget should be. The committee will then adopt a resolution on that budget.

Jennings said the Budget Committee and the budget resolution is a "bit of an experiment in Minnesota, but we believe it is a responsible approach . . . that will bring better revenue planning to the budget process."

The Budget Committee will meet next week to review the governor's proposed budget along with responses to the budget. Commissioner Donhowe said his department will release the budget on Monday, Jan. 28.

Unemployment insurance

"Workers' compensation is going to take a back seat to unemployment insurance this session," Subcommittee Chair Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) said at the first meeting of the Minnesota House of Representatives Unemployment Insurance-Workers' Compensation Division.

The system could be as much as \$300 million in debt by April of this year; Rep. Jim Heap (IR-Plymouth) said that although the compensation debt is seasonal, "unless something changes the system is doomed to debt."

Health and human services

"Smoking related diseases are the primary cause of death in Minnesota," announced Sister Mary Madonna Ashton, Commissioner of Health. She appeared before the Minnesota House Appropriations Committee to present an overview of her department Jan. 22. According to Ashton the three primary causes of death in the state are cancer, heart disease, and stroke.

Ashton also introduced six major issues her department plans to push for in the session:

- omnibus nonsmoking bill
- block grant funds for maternal and child health care
- community health service subsiby
- licensure of home health care
- swing bed limit and licensure
- mosquito control study and program

Commissioner Len Levine of the Human Services Department reviewed the department's structure. "Welfare programs are designed to be short term, our programs are structured to promote independence and self-sufficiency," he said.

The total 1984 spending for the Human Services Department was \$1.9 billion, of this, the state provided \$845 million.

Levine cautioned lawmakers about the economical affects of the rising number of aged in our society. Aid to nursing homes and to people over 65 make up nearly 45% of the medical assistance payments. Their numbers of older Minnesotans will continue to grow, said Levine. By the year 2010 the number of women in that age group will be up 250 percent from 1985, he said.

Environment program

A \$603 million, ten-year program to improve the state's \$1 billion-a-year hunting and fishing industry is coming up for consideration in the House Environmental and Natural Resources Committee. That's what Rep. John Rose (IR-Roseville), chair of the committee, told reporters at a Jan. 22 press conference where he outlined the committee's session agenda.

Changes to the state's hazardous waste superfund law, now under discussion in a governor's task force, and remedies to the sewer overflow problems in the metro area are among other issues that will also go on the agenda, Rose said.

The committee will look, too, into a proposal that would mean an added six cents to the tax on leaded gas, he said.

"The potential for causing lead poisoning is of great concern for many people, particularly in the metro area. It is suspected that brain damage in children is caused by the continued use of leaded gas," said Rose.

He said alternatives to the sixcent increase include lower taxes on unleaded gasoline, or a combination of the two options.

In addition to those four issues, Rose said other upcoming legislation may deal with trespassing laws relating to hunters and fishermen, peatlands, landfills, and recreation laws.

Health Economics Office

"We are becoming very aware that no matter how good our services are, unless they're affordable and accessible to the people in the state, they have very little meaning," says Sister Madonna Ashton, Minnesota Department of Health Commisssioner.

She made her comments when she explained the recent establishment of the Health Economics Office to the Health and Human Resources Committee at its Jan. 22 meeting.

Other Health Department officials at the meeting described functions and goals of the department and answered committee members' questions.

State departments report

"One of the most unique and modern maximum security facilities in the nation" is Orville Pung's description of Minnesota's new Oak Park Heights maximum security prison.

Pung, commissioner of Corrections, was one of three commissioners who reported on the health and well being of their departments at a Monday, Jan. 21 meeting of the full Appropriations Committee. He said that Minnesota has one of the smallest prison populations in the country and a low 20 percent rate of people who return after release (over a period of three years). It also has 30 percent of the prison population working in the prison industry.

Barbara Beerhalter, commissioner, Department of Economic Security, says her department, needs \$330 million for fiscal year 1985. The state will provide \$80 million, this includes funding of MEED, the Minnesota Emergency Employment Development program.

The department helps with the problems of the unemployed and disadvantaged in the state. And Beerhalter said, in Minnesota, the increase in the number of single parent families is the largest single cause of growth in numbers of people living below the poverty line.

Nina Rothchild, commissioner, Department of Employee Relations, announced that Minnesota has fewer public employees per population than the national average. She also said the number of minorities in the state work force and women in managerial positions in state employment has gone up.

Utility rates

Utility regulations was the topic of the first meeting of the Regulated Industries and Energy Committee Jan. 21.

Cynthia Kitlinski, chair of Public Utility Commission (PUC) and Commissioner Ray Bohn of the Department of Public Service (DPS) briefed committee members on day-to-day functions.

Kitlinski said the commission regulates the rates and practices of the state's 301 gas, electric, and telephone utility companies and reviews requests for rate increases from these companies.

After the commission reviews the request, she said DPS begins investigations to enforce the commission's order. The department, which until 1980 was part of one organization with the Utility Commission, works to protect Minnesota ratepayers from unfair rates.

Plus its regulatory duties, the department and commission govern such matters as:

- miscellaneous tariff changes
- fuel and purchased energy adjustments
- depreciation certification
- cold weather rule

The department also has a Weights and Measures Division that handles commercial weighing and measuring transactions.

Farm crisis rally

After their hour-long farm rally on the Capitol steps, many farmers on Jan. 21, piled into the St. Paul Armory where members of the Agriculture Committee set up microphone and podium to continue hearing public testimony on the farm crisis.

At the Armory, farmers told members that they need their help. They asked legislators to support a moratorium for agriculture, to give them a fair price for their crops, lower loan interest rates, guarantee farm operating loans, and help them restructure farm debt.

The committee will hear more about the farm crisis when it meets with the Groundswell Farm Crisis Group.

More on the farm crisis

"The people of rural America are suffering severe financial stress," rally organizer Bobbi Polzine told an overflow crowd at the State Capitol Jan. 21. The rallying farmers, businesspeople, and supporters, an estimated 10,000 people, came to call attention to Minnesota's troubled farm industry.

Among the group's demands is a moratorium on farm, home, and business foreclosures, a program of guaranteed farm operating loans, and support for high enough prices on farm products to give farmers a 15 percent return on production.

Polzine says the goal of the Groundswell group, organizers of the rally, is to reclaim rural Minnesota for family farmers, independent businesspeople, and laborers, and to fight social and economic injustice.

"We're threatened by corporate control of our nation's food supply and economic disaster in our rural communities," says Polzine.

Gov. Perpich and legislative leaders at the rally pledged to work with farmers for improved policies at the state and federal levels.

Perpich said he planned to appoint a panel of farm leaders, legislators, and lenders to review the group's requests and make recommendations on farm relief to the Legislature.

After the rally, some attended a meeting of the House Agriculture Committee, while others visited the offices of state representatives and senators.

Budgeting for education

At a Monday meeting, the House Education Committee reemphasized the role of education in Minnesota.

Noting that 41% of the 1984 state budget went to education, Chair Wendell Erickson (IR-Hills) said education is the single most important function of state government.

Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park) also pledged ner continuing strong support for "Minnesota's fantastic education system."

COMMITTEE ACTION

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 HF110 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—
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PERA reorganization
 HF110 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—
 Heard. (See Highlight)

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

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TAXES (31 members)

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	Dimler-R	Redalen-R	
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	Jennings, D-R	Tjornhom-R	
	Kvam-R	Tomlinson-D	
	McKasy-R	Valento-R	
	Marsh-R	Vanasek-D	
	Minne-D	Voss-D	
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BILL INTRODUCTIONS

Bill Introductions

Monday, Jan 21

HF112—Sviggum (IR)—Governmental Operations

Veterans; authorizing certain American Legion officers and employees to elect state employee benefit coverage at their own expense; amending statutes.

HF113—Thiede (IR)—Judiciary

Initiative; proposing an amendment to the Constitution, authorizing initative on laws; providing a statute implementing the amendment; providing for the manner of petitioning and voting on initiative measures; providing for disclosure of campaign costs on ballot issues; providing that expenditures to promote or defeat a measure may not be taken as a deduction or credit against income taxes; providing for judicial review; providing penalties; amending statutes.

HF114—Knuth (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; authorizing elderly hunters to take deer of either sex; amending statutes.

HF115-Carlson, D (IR)-Transportation

Motor vehicles; taxation; accelerating distribution of motor vehicle excise tax by six months; amending statutes.

HF116—Begich (DFL)—Judiciary

Local government; setting authority to regulate firearms and related matters; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes

HF117—Battaglia (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Town of Tofte; authorizing the establishment of a detached banking facility.

HF118—Vellenga (DFL)—Health/Human Services

Health; changing eligibility requirements for catastrophic health expense protection; including insurance premiums; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF119—Forsythe (IR)—Transportation

Traffic regulations; requiring the use of seat belts by motor vehicle drivers and passengers; amending statutes.

HF120-Minne (DFL)-Judiciary

Real property; providing that the mortgage and contract for deed moratorium become permanent law; applying moratorium to holders of any mortgage or contract for deed to homestead property; abolishing exclusionary provision; allowing mortgagor to petition for postponement of foreclosure sale for up to 12 months; abolishing sunsetting provision; amending statutes.

HF121—Battaglia (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; authorizing imposition of sales tax on lodging in towns and unorganized territories; amending statutes.

HF122—Staten (DFL)—Taxes

State investment policy; requiring divestiture of investments in banks, financial in-

stitutions, and companies doing business in or with South Africa or Namibia; providing for reinvestment of proceeds from required sales in institutions or companies which invest or conduct business operations in Minnesota; proposing new law.

HF123—Marsh (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the United State Constitution to protect human life.

HF124—Thiede (IR)—General Legislation/ Veterans Affairs

Minnesota Constitution; proposing an amendment providing for the recall of elcted officials.

HF125—Blatz (IR)—Judiciary

Real property; eliminating the necessity of a court order before requiring registered land surveys; authorizing the use of registered land surveys for multi level tracts; amending the provisions relating to corporate resolutions of dissolution and to instruments executed by owners whose fee title is held in trust; amending the requirements for joint tenancy clearances; amending statutes.

HF126—Blatz (IR)—Health/Human Services Human services; extending the community work experience program; amending statutes.

HF127—Solberg (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; exempting residential use of electricity from the sales tax; amending statutes.

HF128—Price (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; sales and use; extending the definition of capital equipment to include replacement equipment; providing for reduced rates and exemption for sales of capital equipment; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF129—Skoglund (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; sales; exempting sales of child restraint systems; amending statutes.

HF130-Minne (DFL)-Taxes

Taxation; motor vehicle excise; exempting sales of certain cars; amending statutes.

HF131—DenOuden (IR)—Labor-Management Relations

Unemployment compensation; providing for refunds of erroneous contributions; amending statutes.

HF132—Jaros (DFL)—Appropriations

Claims against the state; providing for payment of a claim for workers' compensation and attorney fees; appropriating money.

HF133-Marsh (IR)-Crime/Family Law

Corrections; creating a corrections board; requiring inmates to satisfactorily participate in rehabilitative programs as a condition of accruing good time reduction in their sentences; requiring the sentencing guidelines commission to amend the dispositional line on the sentencing guidelines grid and to change the severity level of certain offenses relating to controlled substances; authorizing bonds to be issued for increasing the cell capacity of correctional facilities; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF134-Uphus (IR)-Agriculture

Agriculture; providing for establishment of certain fees by rule; changing certain fees and procedures; appropriating money; amending statues; repealing statutes.

HF135-Uphus (IR)-Agriculture

Agricluture; changing requirements for certain adulterated milk or cream; providing a penalty; amending statutes.

HF136—Tunheim (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; providing for refunds of certain gasoline taxes paid by resorts; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF137—Himle (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; conforming to federal treatment of contributions to individual retirement plans and certain other pension plans; amending statutes.

HF138—Rose (IR)—Appropriations

Appropriations; reducing appropriations to the pollution control agency for solid waste and hazardous waste pollution control; amending laws.

HF139—Blatz (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; reducing rates for individuals, estates, and trusts; amending statutes.

HF140-McKasy (IR)-Judiciary

Financial institutions; providing for deposits by minors and deposits in multi-party accounts; regulating multi-party accounts; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF141—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary

Property; changing effective dates for provisions relating to validation of foreclosure sales; amending statutes.

HF142—Jacobs (DFL)—General Legislation/ Veterans Affairs

Minnesota Constitution; proposing an amendment which prohibits lotteries.

HF143—Blatz (IR)—Regulated Industries/ Energy

Utilities; providing that gas and electric utilities may not seek compensation from landlords for delinquent bills incurred through a service agreement solely with the tenant; proposing new law.

HF144—Blatz (IR)—Financial Institutions/ Insurance

Insurance; health and accident; requiring coverage for scalp hair prostheses in certain circumstances; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF145—Dimler (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

Property; local and metropolitan government; transportation; providing for acquisition and relocation assistance in cases of hardship to owners of homestead property located in a proposed state highway corridor; amending statutes.

HF146—Kelly (DFL)—Crime/Family Law

Liquor; providing that an individual may not purchase, possess, or consume or be given or sold various alcoholic beverages until the age of 21; providing penalties; amending statutes.



HF147—Sviggum (IR)—Labor-Management Relations

Unemployment compensation; benefit requalification after voluntary quit or discharge for misconduct; amending statutes.

HF148—Olsen, S (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; allowing spouses to apportion the federal tax deduction as they elect; amending statutes.

HF149—Quist (IR)—Regulated Industries/ Energy

Energy; repealing the prohibition on installation of decorative residential gas lamps; repealing statutes.

HF150—Sviggum (IR)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; guaranteeing public employees retirement benefits; proposing new law.

HF151—Thiede (IR)—Education

Education; prohibiting a school district from commencing the school year prior to Labor Day; amending statutes.

HF152—McPherson (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; sales and use; exempting capital equipment and special tooling; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

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HF153—Osthoff (DFL)—General Legislation/Vetererans Affairs

Minnesota Constitution; proposing an amendment allowing the legislature to authorize lotteries operated by the state with net revenues dedicated to tax relief and lotteries operated by nonprofit organizations for charitable purposes.

HF154—Kelly (DFL)—Taxes

Motor vehicles; exempting purchase or use of a motor vehicle manufactured prior to 1936 from the motor vehicle excise tax; amending statutes.

HF155—Carlson, D (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development

Weights and measures; specifying the contents of a cord of freshly cut rough green aspen; amending statutes.

HF156—Olsen, S (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Hazardous waste; establishing a hazardous substance compensation trust account; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF157—Waltman (IR)—General Legislation/ Veterans Affairs

Elections; requiring that a candidate for school district office be a qualified voter; amending statues.

HF158—Solberg (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs Tayation: increasing the amount statutory

Taxation; increasing the amount statutory cities and towns may levy for a public cemetery; amending statutes.

HF159—McLaughlin (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Employment and economic development act (MEED III); giving priority to persons eligible for aid to families with dependent children and certain farm households; limiting eligible applicants in certain service delivery areas; increasing authorized expenditures; increasing job placements in permanent private jobs; providing for temporary non-profit jobs; providing incentives; approproiating money; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF160—Staten (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Affirmative action; providing for affirmative action review in state government; providing penaltiies; proposing new law.

HF161—Kelly (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

No-fault automobile insurance; clarifying legislative intent concerning stacking of insurance policies; coordinating the priority of applicability of security for payment of certain benefits; increasing residual liability benefits; increasing certain uninsured benefits; establishing tort threshold limitations on uninsured motorist coverage; amending statutes.

HF162—Simoneau (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy

Public utilities; requiring single zone for telephone service in metropolitan area; proposing new law.

HF163—Krueger (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to design the 1985 farm bill to preserve the family farm system.

HF164—Solberg (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; sales and use; eliminating accelerated payment of liability; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF165—Stanius (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; conforming to federal treatment of contributions to individual retirement plans and certain other pension plans; amending statutes.

HF166—Tomlinson (DFL)—Taxes

Finance; adopting federal taxable income for income tax purposes; simplifying income tax law; increasing the budget reserve account; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF167—Olsen, S (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; allowing a final deduction in 1985 for certain taxes paid in 1981 or 1982 tax year; amending statutes.

HF168—DenOuden (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration

Minnesota Constitution; proposing an amendment providing that neither house of the legislature may consider appropriations until after all tax bills have been passed.

HF169—Heap (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration

Legislature; reducing the number of members of the senate and house of representatives; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF170—Welle (DFL)—Health/Human Services

Health; encouraging philanthropic support of nonprofit hospitals and nursing homes; providing that funds derived from specified types of gifts or grants shall not be deducted from the operating costs of a nursing home; proposing new law.

HF171—Krueger (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing the United States Congress to propose an amendment to the Constitution to abolish the electoral college and replace it with direct popular election of the President.

HF172—Jaros (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

Minnesota Constitution; proposing an amendment providing for a senate of 33 members and a house of representatives of 66 members.

HF173—Krueger (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; providing an exemption from sales tax for the gross receipts from sales of tangible personal property, admission charges, and sales of food, meals, or drinks at certain events sponsored by certain non-profit organizations; amending statutes.

HF174—Neuenschwander (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; exempting hunters on licensed game farms in the northern portion of the state from the requirement of a pheasant stamp; amending statues.

HF175—Neuenschwander (DFL)— Education

Education; prohibiting school districts from beginning the school year before Labor Day; amending statutes.

HF176—Kvam (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; property, changing property tax payments, settlement, and distribution dates; amending statutes.

HF177—Valento (IR)—General Legislation/ Veterans Affairs

Veterans; directing the commissioner of veterans affairs to place a memorial to veterans of the Korean conflict in the Court of Honor; appropriating money.

HF178—Frederick (IR)—Education

Education; authorizing Independent School District No. 79 to transfer money from the bus purchase account to the capital expenditure fund.

HF179—Johnson (IR)—Transportation

Taxation; motor fuels; expanding definition of qualified service station for purposes of the excise tax on gasoline; amending statutes.

HF180—McDonald (IR)—Education

Independent School District No. 108 (Norwood-Young America); authorizing a permanent fund transfer.

HF181—Ogren (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy

Energy; requiring legislative approval for contruction of a nuclear fission electrical generating plant in Minnesota; amending statutes.

HF182—Ogren (DFL)—Education

Education; pupil transportation; authorizing Independent School District No. 1, Aitkin, to transfer moneys appropriated for bus purchases to the unappropriated fund balance account of the transportation fund; providing for local approval.

HF183—Himle (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development

Commerce; modifying the finance charge on certain open end credit sales; amending statutes.

HF184—Simoneau (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing Congress to balance the federal budget.

HF185—Redalen (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy

Utilities; prescribing membership on the public utilities commission; amending statutes.

HF186—Sherman (IR)—Health/Human Services

Mental health services; authorizing interstate contracts for mental health services; proposing new law.

HF187—Hartle (IR)—Education

Independent School District No. 202, Dodge Center; permitting a permanent fund trasfer; requiring local approval.



January 28 - February 1, 1985

ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

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

PLEASE NOTE

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

Monday, January 28 8:00 a.m.

EDUCATION, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: Presentations by post-secondary education systems.

8:30 a.m.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: Continue consideration of PERA reorganization bill.

9:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan. Agenda: Organizational meeting.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Organizational meeting; overview of the Judicial physical plant.

10:00 a.m.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE/ Crime & Family Law, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. John Hartinger. Agenda: HF102 (Schafer) relating to alcoholic beverages; increasing the age for licensing, sale, consumption, possession, and furnishing.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Elton Redalen. Agenda: Panel presentations from coops; investor owned utilities; regulated telephone companies. Rate case description, Dept. of Public Service.

11:00 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, Rm. 120 Capitol. Chr. Sen. Tom Nelson. Agenda: Election of chair and vice chair. Review of Pay Equity report, Dept. of Employee Relations; review of PERB report on the possible consolidation of the Public Employment Relations Board and the Bureau of Mediation Services; and review the final report of the Advisory Council on Bargaining Impasse Resolution.

12:00 noon

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Review of key document, "School District Profiles 1982-83." Mildred Mueller, MN Dept. of Education.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Jim Heap. Agenda: Dept. of Employee Relations overview, Commissioner Nina Rothschild and staff; Dept. of Labor and Industry overview, Commissioner Steve Keefe. LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Terry Dempsey. Agenda: Overview of purposes of local government aids. Speakers: David Fricke, executive director, MN Association of Townships; Morris Anderson, executive director, Association of MN Counties; and Mary Anderson, president, League of MN Cities.

2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

2:30 p.m.

TAXES, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: Minnesota Economy - presentation by MN Tax Study Commission staff. Reaction from Wilbur Macki, state economist, MN Dept. of Finance; and Dick Todd, economist, Research Staff, Minneapolis Federal Reserve Bank.

Tuesday, January 29 8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Mary Forsythe. Agenda: AVTI system; Community Colleges system; State Universities system.

HIGHER EDUCATION DIVISION/Education, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Mark Piepho. Agenda: Organizational meeting; Higher Education Coordinating Board overview.

TAXES, Rm. 15 Capitol. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: Minnesota Business Climate/Fiscal Comparisons. Presentations from MN Tax Study Commission staff. Reactions from Lee Munich, policy analyst, MN Dept. of Energy & Economic Development; and Jim Steubner, former president, National Association of Industrial and Office Parks.

8:30 a.m.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: Continue consideration of PERA reorganization bill.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOP-MENT, Tour. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: Tour of Retail Credit Operation.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. John Rose. Agenda: Report from Citizens Committee to Promote Hunting and Fishing in Minnesota. Hugh Price, Frank Schneider and Glen Nyquist will make the report.

12:00 noon

JUDICIARY, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. Charles Halberg. Agenda: Orientation and operational meeting.

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE & WORKERS' COMPENSATION DIVISON/Labor-Management Relations, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Steve Sviggum. Agenda: Assessment of the unemployment insurance problem and potential solution. Speaker: Francis Fitzgerald, MN Association of Commerce & Industry (MACI).

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Tour. Chr. Rep. Don Valento. Agenda: Metro Council Orientation tour. (Bus will leave promptly at 12:00 noon from the east entrance of the State Office Building.)

12:45 p.m.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Tour. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Tour the facilities of the Veterans Dept; Fort Snelling; and the Hastings Veterans Home, Hastings.

3:00 p.m.

BUDGET, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. David Jennings. Agenda: Testimony on budget spending priorities.

Wednesday, January 30 8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Mary Forsythe. Agenda: Dept. of Revenue; Dept. of Energy & Economic Development.

EDUCATION, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: MN Higher Education Coordinating Board, overview and presentation of Teacher Education study.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. K. J. McDonald. Agenda: 1) Agricultural policy activities - State Planning Agency. 2) MN Dept. of Energy & Economic Development - programs supporting agricultural production and processing: Agricultural loan guarantee program and agricultural loans to farmers and farm lenders program. 3) HF52 (Kvam) regulation of agricultural processing facilities. 4) HFxxx Relating to the agricultural loans program administered by the Dept. of Energy & Economic Development.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Tour. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Tour the Dept. of Energy & Economic Development, 150 E Kellogg Blvd, St. Paul.

CRIME & FAMILY LAW, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Blatz. Agenda: Informational meeting on plea negotiation practices.

12:00 noon

TRANSPORTATION, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Doug Carlson. Agenda: Representatives from transportation-related interest groups.

1:00 p.m.

TAXES, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: State taxation of corporations - tax policy affecting business location decisions. Joint meeting with Senate Tax Committee. Presentations from: James Papke, professor, Purdue University; Jennifer Brooks, professor, William Mitchell College of Law; Gerald Goldberg, executive director, California Franchise Tax Board; and Prentiss Willson, Jr., Morrison and Foerster, San Francisco. Presentation sponsored by William Mitchell College of Law and a grant from MN Dept. of Energy & Economic Development.

Thursday, January 31 8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Mary Forsythe. Agenda: Dept. of Public Safety; Dept. of Transportation.

TAXES, Rm. 15 Capitol. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: MN Tax Study Commission - property tax. Presentations and reactions from commission members.

8:30 a.m.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: Presentation by Dept. of Employee Relations Commissioner on trends in the state workforce, pay equity, labor relations overview.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOP-MENT, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: To be announced.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. John Rose. Agenda: Dept. of Natural Resources, overview and legislative agenda.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Tony Onnen. Agenda: Dept. of Finance presentation on entitlement programs and the state budget.

12:00 noon

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Dave Fjoslien. Agenda: Presentations from Bill Gregg, Commissioner, Dept. of Veterans Affairs; and Secretary of State's office re: election laws.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Tour. Chr. Rep. Don Valento. Agenda: League of Cities orientation tour. (Bus will leave promptly at 12:00 noon from the eact entrance of the State Office Building.)

2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

2:30 p.m.

TAXES, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: MN Tax Study Commission - income tax, sales tax, and other recommendations. Presentations from Fred Bassinger, chairman, Governor Quie's tax simplification task force; representatives of the MN Society of CPAs; and the MN Bar Association's tax section.

Friday, February 1 9:00 a.m.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Budget hearings from the Dept. of Administration.



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