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HIGHLIGHTS

PERA board

The Governmental Operations Committee continued this week to discuss a bill that would reorganize the Public Employee Relations Association (PERA) board.

Internal struggles nd allegations of abuse have rocked the board over recent months. On Jan. 29, Acting Interim Director John Allers, under suspension with pay, defended himself against numerous charges by the Senate.

Allers also told committee members if they find he is the problem, "I would tender my resignation as a result of a vote of this committee within 24 hours notice."

In a Jan. 31 meeting, John Chenoweth, executive director and chief investment officer of the Minneapolis Employees' Retirement Fund (MERF), pointed out problems in abolishing a board where PERA members have elected 11 of the 15 members, as legislation suggests.

Chenoweth asked legislators to preserve the current PERA board structure, and take Allers up on his offer to resign.

"There's a very simple answer to all of this," said Chenoweth. "Take John Allers' resignation. If you don't like the current board, it's very simple — you can add members to the board, and no one can fight you in court on that."

The committee plans to meet again on Feb. 4 for more testimony and possibly a vote on a reorganization bill.

Dram-shop insurance

Minnesota's Dram-Shop Act dates back to 1911. It requires any licensed establishment that sells intoxicating liquors to have liquor-liability insurance.

At a Jan. 31 meeting of the Commerce and Economic Development Committee, Commissioner Mike Hatch said dram-shop insurance is the first of many issues the Department of Commerce will face this year.

Hatch says problems with dramshop insurance traditionally exist across the country. For Minnesotans in the business, Hatch says the rates are too high and coverage isn't good. Also, he says many insurance companies aren't selling dram-shop insurance.

The Department of Commerce, which regulates securities, real estate, and financial industries in the state, is holding a hearing Monday, February 4. At that meeting, Hatch hopes to come up with a decision on whether to authorize an assigned risk plan that would set up a state-operated dram-shop insurance fund for those without insurance.

Outdoor recreation fees

Fees for outdoor activities may have to go up, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) testified at the Environment and Natural Resources Committee meeting Jan. 31.

The Department says it needs more money to cover expenses in providing outdoor recreation.

Don Davison, Division of Parks and Recreation, says cost of park permits may have to increase from \$10 to \$15 to pick up part of the tab on next year's budget.

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Mandatory seat belts

Mandatory seat belt legislation with a \$25 penalty for violators was one item on the legislative agendas lobbyists brought to the Jan. 30 meeting of the Transportation Committee.

Other issues include:

- The transfer of the motor vehicle excise tax from the general fund to transportation. Under current law, three-fourths of the tax goes to the state highway fund, another fourth to the transit assistance fund, and the remainder to the general fund.
- Indexing state gasoline taxes. This tax would increase automatically as gasoline consumption drops and highway maintenance costs go up.
- Raising the drinking age to 21. If the state does not raise the drinking age to 21 by Oct. 1986, it risks losing federal highway funds.
- Easing truck weight restrictions. The plan is to open all state roads to 80,000-pound trucks. The problem is how to pay for the added maintenance costs.

Some of the lobbying groups attending the meeting were: Seat Belt Coalition, Minnesota Permit Trucking Association, Motor Transport Association, and Minnesota Good Roads.

Farm aid

An interest "buy down" program is the first of a series of ideas the governor is proposing to solve the state farmers' financial crisis, said Tom Triplett of the State Planning Agency. At an Agriculture meeting Jan. 30, Triplett said the governor has set aside \$9 million for such a program.

Triplett says the governor has declared an economic emergency for some parts of the state. And he's setting up a special commission of legislators and some state agency heads to review and give advice on pending proposals. The proposals include use of state funds to help underwrite farm operating loans and determining a way to target aid to farmers who can best benefit. The commission expects to meet with the governor within 30 days.

Plea bargaining

Plea bargaining. Some see it as wheeling and dealing with criminals — an easy sentence in exchange for a guilty plea.

People who work in the judicial process gave their opinions in a Jan. 30 meeting of the Crime and Family Law Committee. Among them, Judge Joseph Summers of Ramsey County District Court.

"Prosecutors generally have two reasons for negotiating pleas," said Summers. First, alternatives such as the workhouse or treatment sometimes protects the public's best interest more than sending a defendant to prison.

And second, plea negotiations stand a better chance of getting convictions than jury trials because juries hesitate to convict, said Summers.

He cited a recent St. Paul case where prosecutors went to trial on the top charge of murder and got an acquittal.

"That's the kind of case that frequently ends up in acquittals," said Summers. "It makes more sense to plea bargain and get a conviction than have the defendant take a walk."

The committee is looking into the practice of plea bargaining and whether prosecutors should follow more strict guidelines when negotiating pleas.



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Commissioners' reports

On Jan 30, Finance Commissioner Art Roemer told the Appropriations Committee that in 1984, his department: processed nearly 5 million returns; collected \$4 billion in income, sales, and corporate taxes; and returned \$1.7 million to individuals. All returns were machine audited, and three out of four errors were in the taxpayers favor. As a result, the state collected \$15 million last year.

Mark Dayton, Commissioner of the Department of Energy and Economic Development, presented a brief overview of his diverse \$250 million department. Included are plans for increased efforts in marketing the state and its business climate.

Hunting and fishing

"Reinvest in Minnesota" was the plea. The place, the Environment and Natural Resources Committee meeting, Jan. 29.

"We've got a \$1 billion-a-year hunting and fishing industry here — one of the top industries in the state," said Glen Nyquist from the Governor's Commission to Promote Hunting and Fishing in Minnesota. "At the minimum, it produces \$60 million a year in sales tax revenues," he said."

If the state wants to increase the return on its natural resource assets and reverse the current trend of using them up, Minnesotans are going to have to start paying, said Nyquist.

All Minnesotans benefit, though dollars come from hunters and anglers through license fees and federal excise dollars, he said. The commission's recommendations include: investing \$60 million a year in fish and wildlife over a period of 10 years, improving promotional efforts, and tapping other sources to make more money available for the fishing and hunting industry.

"We don't want to starve the goose laying the golden egg," said Commission member Sybil Smith.

Labor vs. Business

Two different opinions were aired at a Jan. 29 meeting of the Workers' Compensation/Unemployment Insurance Division of the Labor-Management Relations Committee.

Dan Gustafson of the Minnesota AFL-CIO wants the Legislature to expand eligibility to include more of the 150,000 presently unemployed. According to Gustafson, only 30 percent of the jobless presently receive benefits.

Francis Fitzgerald from the Minnesota Association of Commerce and Industry sees it differently. "We feel the problem is in the benefit payout system," he said.

According to testimony, the program is \$200 million in debt in a period of high employment, and has one of the nation's highest tax rate and benefit payout plans.

Budget reactions

The state auditor and individuals representing groups brought their reactions to the governor's budget before the Budget Committee on Jan. 29.

State Auditor Arne Carlson opposes the proposed budget. For one thing, he says it continues a pattern of spending increases in excess of inflation.

A linkage between taxing and spending is what Minnesota businesses are looking for, said Mark Anderson, general counsel for the Minnesota Association of Commerce and Industry (MACI). He said MACI recommends reduction of individual income taxes, commercial property taxes, corporate income taxes, and sales tax on capital investments.

Other groups recommending limits on future spending growth were the Minnesota Business Partnership and the Minneapolis and St. Paul Chambers of Commerce.

Juvenile court judges

Current juvenile court judges in Hennepin and Ramsey Counties would get to keep their appointments under a bill the Judiciary Committee recommended to pass on Jan. 29.

HF83 (Forsythe, IR-Edina) would remove the restriction that juvenile court judges in those counties can serve for no more than 6 years out of any 12-year period. Chief author Mary Forsythe said this restriction currently applies to only Hennepin and Ramsey counties. The bill would bring those counties into conformity with the other 85. The chief judges in Hennepin and Ramsey counties make the appointments to juvenile court.

Supporters of the bill say current juvenile court judges in those counties have, over the years, developed expertise in juvenile law which the judicial system can't afford to waste.

Scholarship aid

The three education officials who spoke before the Appropriations Committee Jan. 29 endorsed the Higher Education Coordinating Board's proposal to expand scholarship aid to older and part-time students.



"The state university system is well positioned to serve the state culturally, socially, geographically, and now more than ever, economically," said Dr. Jon Wefald, chancellor of the state university system.

Joseph Graba, state director of the state's 33 area vocational-technical institutes, said his program has three goals:

- be responsive to students;
- be responsive to employers; and
- do the first two as efficiently as possible.

Gerald Christenson, chancellor of the state's community college program, reinforced the need for the state to provide quality education. "We have to invest in training and education. Education ought to be for all us — and life long," he said.

Orientation tour

Members of the Local and Urban Affairs Committee toured the downtown chambers of the Metropolitan Council Jan. 29. And Sandra Gardebring, chair of the Council, gave them a rundown on the Council's mission.

She said it is to oversee the orderly and economic development of the Twin Cities through planning and coordination.

State and federal legislation authorizes the 16-member Council to plan for transportation, sewers, parks and open space, airports, air and water quality, health, housing, aging, arts, and land use. The Council publishes over 150 studies annually.

The Council's efforts at coordination include strengthening relationships with the Legislature and local governments, unifying focus, and improving internal workings.

Minnesota's elderly

One in four Minnesotans over the age of 65 will someday live in a nursing home. Typically, they will come from families with few or no daughters, says Len Levine, commissioner of the Department of Human Services.

Broken arms and hips from falls on Minnesota's icy sidewalks take a large part of the \$100,000 the state spends every hour, every day on long-term care for the elderly — the most costly use of Medical Assistance in the state, according to Levine.

The community programs now in effect save about \$4 in nursing home care for every \$1 the state spends, Levine told the Health and Human Services Committee Jan. 24 and 29.

He said Minnesota must develop more of these programs as the over-85 population continues to grow.

Local government aid

Representatives from organizations for cities, townships, and counties came before the Local Government Aids Division on Jan. 28 to present their proposals on local government aid.

David Fricke, executive director of the Minnesota Association of Townships, said the Association needs over \$15 million for the biennium, bringing them to what they received in 1983. He said over \$11 million will go to improve the rural road system.

The Association of Minnesota Counties is also asking for their previous level of aid (\$29 million) for the next biennium, according to Morris Anderson, executive director of the Association.

Cities will want a change in the local government aid formula if members of the League of Minnesota Cities (LMC) adopt a policy statement the League presented to the committee. Mary Anderson, president of LMC, said the proposed statement recommends a formula which reflects a city's need and its local revenue-raising policy. The system now focuses on past aids and levies or levy limits.

Supreme Court building

Associate Supreme Court Justice Lawrence Yetka appeared before the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee Jan. 28. He asked for the Legislature's continued support for plans to relocate the Supreme Court on the present site of the Minnesota Historical Society.

The original relocation plans of 1913 got side-tracked, but the reasons are still there, according to Yetka.

"The present situation is an administrative nightmare. The research libraries are scattered over three locations. Boards are located everywhere, and the Appeals Court is in the Amhoist Tower," he said.

Yetka reported that the selection process is on schedule. The 1982-83 Legislature appropriated money for choosing an architect and a plan for the remodeling.

Reviews and overviews

The Higher Education Finance Division of the Education Committee met briefly Jan. 28 for reviews and overviews from the departments of Education and Finance.

Discussion centered around responsibility for financial budgeting, accounting, reporting, and funding of education in Minnesota.

The next meeting is Feb. 4.

Utility regulation

Should Minnesota loosen up utility regulation? According to some gas, electric, and telephone company representatives who testified at a meeting of the Regulated Industries and Energy Committee Jan. 28, the state may have to if competition keeps up and these companies are to stay in business.

The competition these utility reps are talking about is a result of partial deregulation of natural gas, the break up of AT&T, energy conservation, and new attitudes toward energy use which marked changes in gas and electric supplies and pricing.

Under the law now, the Public Utility Commission (PUC) regulates the rates and practices of the state's 301 public, cooperative, and investor-owned utility companies and reviews their requests for rate increases.

After the commission reviews a request, the Department of Public Service (DPS) begins investigative hearings to enforce the commission's order. A hearing examiner then prepares an advisory report of findings, conclusions, and recommendations for the PUC. The PUC must issue a final order on the rate increase request within 10 months of the filing date.

Utility reps at the meeting agreed that this process is fair and reasonable. But, they say, if they are to keep up with competition which, in most cases, isn't as regulated as they are, they need to price utilities and provide services at the levels of their competitors.

Pig's Eye tour

On Jan. 25, the Local and Urban Affairs Committee toured the Metropolitan Wastewater Treatment Plant (Pig's Eye) on the Mississippi River south of St. Paul.

Members looked over the 165acre plant and met with Metropolitan Waste Control Commission officials to discuss current policy and future concerns.

The plant currently serves 1.5 million people in the metropolitan area and can handle an average of 220 million gallons of wastewater daily.

After the recent completion of a \$300 million dollar improvement program, the cleanliness of the discharged water surpasses federal standards by 40 to 60 percent.

Legal drinking age

Minnesota's legal drinking age dropped from 21 to 18 in 1973 only to climb to 19 in 1976. Almost every year since, proposals to raise the legal age back to 21 have come before the House and Senate.

This year's no different, except that lawmakers have more incentive to vote for a drinking age of 21. Under federal regulation, states that don't adopt the higher legal age by Oct. 1986 stand to lose federal transportation aid in 1987 and '88. To Minnesota, that would mean at least \$31 million, if not more.

In a Jan. 28 meeting of the Criminal Justice subcommittee, members heard from people who support age 21.

Dennis Johnson of Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD), told members that the threat of lost highway money is not the only reason to vote for the bill.

He addressed another side of this issue — that of human suffering. "For every person that dies there are mothers and fathers, brothers and sisters, good friends and relatives that must live out the rest of their lives without that loved one," he said.

No one testified against HF102 at the subcommittee meeting.

Members plan to vote on the bill Feb. 4.

House rules

In a seven-hour debate on Jan. 24, the Minnesota House adopted rules for governing the body.

Most of the debate was over a rule that calls for the speaker of the House to determine whether a bill or an amendment to a bill raises taxes or appropriations above limits the newly appointed Budget Committee sets.

The rules passed on a vote of 72 to 55.

COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Wednesday, Jan. 30

Dairy Plant—
 licensing
 HF52 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—heard and referred to subcommittee on Products and Marketing.

JUDICIARY

Tuesday, Jan. 29

Juvenile judges—
 Hennepin, Ramsey counties
 HF83 (Forsythe, IR-Edina)—
 recommended to pass. (See Highlight)





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Chief Clerk's Office Rm 211, State Capitol St. Paul, MN 55155 (612) 296-2314

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Legislators' districts, addresses, phone numbers, office locations, biographical details, and photos.

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What legislation did your representative introduce?

The House Index Department has a Cathrode Ray Tube (CRT) which shows information on a television-like screen. The CRT lists each member's name and the bills s/he sponsored in the current session. Staff members will help you use the CRT.

Where members sit in the House Chamber

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You can call the *House Bill Status Line*, a 24-hour recorded message on the day's committee action on bills, (612) 297-1264).

Which bills became law?

Bills that became law are on the CRT in House Index, and the House Information Office publishes brief summaries of new laws each session. Contact the Information Office to get on the mailing list for the summaries.

Committees

For committee meeting schedules

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Committee action during interim

The House Information Office summarizes committee action during the interim (the time between the end of one session and the beginning of the next) in *Interim* magazine. (Same mailing list as for new law summaries).

Standing committees and committee assignments

The Members Directory and the Official Directory, list committees and committee assignments. Both are available in the House Information Office and Chief Clerk's Office.

Government

The Legislature—how it works

The House Information Office has brochures on Minnesota and its government, including: How a Bill Becomes a Law; Citizen's Participation Course, a test-yourself quiz on the legislature; and the Government is for Everyone information packet with single sheets on: how to contact your legislator, where to get information, Minnesota facts, how legislators make voting decisions, and an explanation of the differences between state and federal government.

For youngsters, the House Information Office provides *The Road to Minnesota Laws*, a cartoon version of how a bill becomes a law; and *Joey's Visit*, a coloring book.

Proceedings in the House

The Chief Clerk's Office can answer your questions. The office publishes the *Journal of the House*, the official daily record of legislative action.

House Agendas

The Chief Clerk's Office has copies of the schedules of House floor action (e.g. Calendar, General Orders).

Structure of Government

The House Information Office publishes *Three Branches of Government*, a wall chart showing the structure of state government. Staff members will help you find various state departments and agencies, and furnish phone numbers.

Capitol Tours

The Minnesota Historical Society gives regular daily tours of the State Capitol, (612) 296-2881.

In the Senate

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1985 House of Representatives Standing Committee Schedule/by day

All meeting rooms are in the State Office Building.

Monday	Chair
Appropriations 8 am Education 8 am	Room 200 Erickson
Governmental Operations	Knickerbocker Room 400N
Crime and Family Law	
10 amEducation Finance Div./Ed	Room 500S
12 noon	Room 500N
12 noon	Room 400S
12 noon	Room 400N
Tuesday Appropriations	Forsythe
8 am Governmental Operations	Room 200
8 am Taxes	Room 400N
8 am	Room 500S
Commerce/Economic Development	Room 300N
Environment/Natural Resources	Room 500S
Health/Human Services	Room 500N
Judiciary	Halberg
Local/Urban Affairs 12 noon	Valento
Wednesday	
Appropriations	
Education	Erickson
Governmental Operations 8 am	Knickerbocker
Agriculture	
Crime and Family Law	Blatz
Financial Institutions/Insurance	
Transportation	Carlson, D.

Thursday	Chair
Appropriations	
8 am	Room 200
Governmental Operations	Knickerbocker
Taxes	Schreiber
8 am	Room 500S
Commerce/Economic Development	
10 am	
Environment/Natural Resources	
10 amHealth/Human Services	Room 500S
10 am	
General Legislation/Veterans Affairs	
12 noon	Room 400N
Local/Urban Affairs	
12 noon	Room 200
Friday	
Taxes	Schreiber
8 am	Room 500S
Education Finance Div./Ed	
10 am	Room 500N
Divisions may meet when	
the full committee does not meet:	
Appropriations:	
Ag., Transportation & Semi-State Div	Valan
Education Division	Haukoos
Human Services Division	
Joint Senate/House Subcomm. On Claims	
Education:	
Education Finance Division	(listed above)
Higher Education Division	Piepho
Labor-Management Relations:	
Unemploy. Ins.—Workers' Comp. Div	Sviggum
Taxes:	
Local Government Finance Division	(listed above)

The Budget Committee (Jennings, D., Room 454) and the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration (Levi,

Room 400S) meet at the call of the Chair.



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BILL INTRODUCTIONS

Bill Introductions

Monday, Jan 28

HF188—Vellenga (DFL)—Crime/Family Life Children; allowing name changes for minor children; amending statutes.

HF189—Begich (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs Libraries; permitting Arrowhead Library System cities to reduce their budgets for public library service; amending statutes.

HF190—Begich (DFL)—Agriculture

Animals; providing for forfeiture of animals abused by their owners; proposing new law.

HF191—Piepho (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs Local government; requiring prompt payment of local government bills; proposing new law.

HF192—Piepho (IR)—Governmental Operations

State government; requiring state agencies to calculate interest due on late payments of bills; amending statutes.

HF193—Elioff (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development

Liquor; authorizing St. Louis county to issue one off-sale liquor license.

HF194—Anderson, R (IR)—Appropriations State government; appropriating interest from the budget reserve account for debt retirement only; amending statutes.

HF195—Welle (DFL)—Transportation

Drainage; changing the definition of the term 'repair' for ditch systems; amending statutes.

HF196—Knickerbocker (IR)—Health/Human Services

Human services; establishing limits on payments to vendors of services in the medical assistance and general assistance programs; amending statutes.

HF197—Stanius (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; closing of lakes to taking of fish by angling and spearing; prohibiting spearing in designated muskellunge lakes; amending statutes.

HF198—Kahn (DFL)—Regulated Industries Energy

Boxing; prohibiting boxing; providing a penalty; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

HF199—DenOuden (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; providing state paid credits for homestead agricultural property.

HF200—Backlund (IR)—Labor-Management Relations

Insurance; workers' compensation; requiring notice of premium increases to insureds; proposing new law.

HF201-Nelson, D (DFL)-Education

Education; establisng an incentive program to attract talented teachers into critical need subject areas; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF202—Minne (DFL)—General Legislation/ Veterans Affairs

Elections; providing for a presidential primary election; regulating the selection of convention delegates; providing major political party registration for voting the presidential primary ballot; changing the primary date and certain related dates; providing the manner of changing major political party preference for the presidential primary; specifying application information for absentee ballot requests; providing certain procedures for verifying right to vote, marking ballots, and reconciliation of the number of ballots cast; requiring certain information on certain election reports; providing for the preparation of a presidential primary ballot for each major political party; providing certain requirements for municipalities using voting machines or electronic voting systems for a presidential primary; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF203—Krueger (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; priority of certain landowners in drawings for doe permits; amending statutes.

HF204—Piepho (IR)—Education

Higher education; creating a student advisory council to the higher education coordinating board; amending statutes.

HF205—Begich (DFL)—Labor-Management/ Relations

Unemployment compensation; eliminating the waiting week; amending statutes.

HF206—Olsen, S (IR)—Taxes

Property taxation; discontinuing the revenue equity aid and levy formula; changing the basic maintenance mill rate to 20 mills; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF207—Sviggum (IR)—Governmental Operations

Public employee labor relations; regulating public employee mediation; regulating mediation and strikes concerning teachers; providing for arbitration awards in principal and assistant principal disputes; amending statutes.

HF208—Sviggum (IR)—Agriculture

Agriculture; changing requirements for state livestock weighing services; removing the limitation on certain fees; amending statutes.

HF209—Redalen (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; income; providing for exclusions from gross income for deposits in or interest earned on certain accounts used to provide agricultural loans; amending statutes.

HF210—Heap (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development

Corporations; providing for the shareholder vote required to amend articles of incorporation in certain cases; amending statutes.

HF211—Segal (DFL)—Education

Education; removing revenue equity aid subtraction; repealing statutes.

HF212-Voss (DFL)-Education

Education; authorizing the payment of referendum levy equalization aid to school districts; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF213—Stanius (IR)—Crime/Family Law

Crimes; authorizing parents of children in day care facilities to be informed of abuse reports under the reporting of maltreatment of minors act; amending statues.

HF214—Begich (DFL)—Governmental Operations

State government; regulating application deadlines for certain state jobs; proposing new law.

HF215—Kahn (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing the United States Congress to again propose an amendment to the United States Constitution providing for equal rights for women.

HF216—Halberg (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Financial institutions; credit unions; specifying certain powers; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF217—Solberg (DFL)—Health/Human Services

Public welfare; authorizing the establishment of employment demonstration projects for recipients of public assistance; granting rulemaking authority; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF218—Quist (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; accident and health; providing for the extraterritorial application of mandated maternity benefits for unmarried women; amending statutes.

HF219—Staten (DFL)—Crime/Family Law Crime; defining "mentally impaired"; amending statutes.

HF220—Seaberg (IR)—Judiciary

Judges; providing for the manner of filling vacancies in the office of judge; proposing new law.

HF221—Kalis (DFL)—Transportation

Highways; designating the George Mann Memorial Highway; amending statutes.

HF222—Kalis (DFL)—Taxes

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

HF223—Metzen (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

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

HF224—Gutknecht (IR)—Labor/Management/Relations

Unemployment compensation; changing the requirements for quarterly reporting of wages; amending statutes; repealing statutes.



HF225—Erickson (IR)—Education

Collection and dissmemnation of data; classifying names of finalists for postion of president of the University of Minnesota as private data; amending statutes.

HF226—Riveness (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; gasoline tax; reducing the excise tax on unleaded gasoline and raising the excise tax on leaded gasoline; amending statutes.

HF227—Minne (DFL)—Regulated Industries/ Energy

Horse racing; providing for racing days at county fairs; amending statutes.

HF228—Schafer (IR)—Agriculture

Agriculture; providing for agricultural limited partnerships of limited duration; preserving their eligibility for classification as home-steads; providing for nonrecognition of gain from the discharge of farm indebtedness in certain instances; abolishing farm loss modifications; amending statutes; proposing new law; repealing statutes.

Thursday, January 31

HF229—Dempsey (IR)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; early retirement without reduction in annuities; amending statutes.

HF230—Ozment (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

State lands; authorizing the sale of certain surplus state land in Dakota county to the city of Hastings.

HF231—Boo (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

St. Louis county; authorizing a private sale of certain tax-forfeited land.

HF232—Schafer (IR)—Appropriations
Taxation; motor vehicles; accelerating distribution of motor vehicle excise tax proceeds; amending statutes.

HF233—Elioff (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; changing the method for computing benefits for members of the Buhl police relief association; amending law.

HF234—Governmental Operations

Retirement; authorizing benefit increases for retired Eveleth police officers, firefighters, and surviving spouses.

HF235—McKasy (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development

Securities; modifying fees payable on certain security registrations; amending statutes.

HF236—Kelly (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Public safety; requiring the commissioner of public safety to administer an automated fingerprint identification network system; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF237—Boo (IR)—Governmental Operations Retirement; authorizing state aid for the University of Minnesota police department; amending statutes.

HF238-Redalen (IR)-Agriculture

Agriculture; changing requirements for a soil conservation tillage program; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF239—Redalen (IR)—Agriculture

Agriculture; regulating milk handling equipment installers; requiring a license; setting a fee; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF240—Schafer (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; sales and use; reducing the general rate to five percent; amending statutes.

HF241—Dempsey (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development

Commerce; modifying certain motor vehicle sale and distribution regulations; amending statutes.

HF242—Bennett (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development

Commerce; requiring manufacturers to make certain new motor vehicle warranty disclosures directly to consumers; amending statutes.

HF243—Metzen (DFL)—Taxes

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

HF244—Metzen (DFL)—General Legislation/ Veterans Affairs

Veterans; authorizing the American Veterans to use space in the veterans service building; amending statutes.

HF245—Segal (DFL)—Crime/Family Law

Crimes; clarifying elements of the crime of depriving another of custodial or parental rights; amending statutes.

HF246-McKasy (IR)-Taxes

Taxation; income; allowing individuals who do not itemize deductions a deduction for charitable contributions; amending statutes.

HF247—Olsen, S (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs Local government; providing conditions for the adoption or amendment of comprehensive municipal plans; amending statutes.

HF248-Olsen, S (IR)-Taxes

Taxation; income; repealing the suspension of inflation adjustments; repealing statutes.

HF249—Sherman (IR)—Education

Education; establishing criteria for a post-secondary student to be considered independent of parental support; clarifying the intent of scholarships and grants-in-aid; amending statutes.

HF250—Skoglund (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; requiring certain payments by the metropolitan airports commission to the Minneapolis employees retirement fund; amending statutes.

HF251-Johnson (IR)-Agriculture

Farm loans; eliminating the adoption of federal limitation on the gross receipts of those farms eligible for economic development loans; amending statutes.

HF252—Dempsey (IR)—Health/Human

Health; authorizing an additional rural doctor for the Springfield service area.

HF253—Solberg (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; motor vehicle excise; exempting certain sales of motor vehicles; redefining "Purchase price"; amending statutes.

HF254—Krueger (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Elections; prohibiting certain campaign activities; requiring certain expenditures to be allocated to candidates; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF255—Dempsey (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Courts; practice and procedure in dram shop actions; amending statutes.

HF256—Bennett (IR)—Transportation

Motor vehicles; defining terms; regulating van-type motor homes; amending statutes.

HF257—Onnen (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; sales and use; exempting certain sales by nonprofit organizations; amending statutes

HF258—Schoenfeld (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; providing for restructuring of farm and small business debt; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF259—Heap (IR)—Budget

State government; requiring selected state agencies to undergo a periodic zero-based budget review; creating a legislative committee to selct an independent evaluator; proposing new law.

HF260—Onnen (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

Game and fish; discharge of firearms and access to agricultural lands; amending statutes.

HF261—Onnen (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; providing for the computation of interest on tax overpayments; amending statutes; proposing new law.

HF262—Onnen (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; providing for timely payment of certain income tax withholding and sales and use txes; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF263—Tunheim (DFL)—Education

Educatin; directing the commissioner to grant a capital loan to Independent School District No. 690, Warroad

HF264—Heap (IR)—Judiciary

Crimes; imposing criminal liability on persons who cause the death of another by permitting an animal, known to have caused prior bodily harm, to be unconfined or improperly confined; imposing a penalty; proposing new law.

House Advisories

Monday, January 28

HA1—DenOuden (IR)—Financial Institutions/ Insurance

A proposal to study responsibilities of parties connected with transactions/transfers of secured properties.

Thursday, January 31

HA2-Johnnson (IR)-Appropriations

A proposal to study state user fees and revenue dedication.





Feb 4 - Feb 8, 1985

ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

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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, February 4 8:00 a.m.

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Bob Haukoos. Agenda: University of MN - introduction to requests; ranking adjustments; permanent univeristy fund/endowed chairs; indirect cost recovery.

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson. Agenda: 1) Organization and introductions. 2) "Minnesota State Hospital System: A Foundation for the Future". Speakers: Colleen Wieck, State Planning Agency, briefing on the "State Hospital Study and Plan"; Tom Beers, AFSCME, state employees proposal; John Clawson, assistant commissioner of Human Services, briefing on the Department's perspective. 3) Update on waivered services for the mentally retarded. Speakers: Paul McCarron, Anoka County Commissioner; Al Hanzal, assistant commissioner of Human Services.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Housing Finance Agency budget hearing.

EDUCATION, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: Private College Council; MN Alliance for Science report; Board of Teaching.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: Continue consideration of HF110 (Knickerbocker)/SF122 (Moe, D.) PERA reorganization bill. Also HF98 (Knickerbocker) the availability of actuarial services appropriation.

10:00 a.m.

CRIME & FAMILY LAW, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Blatz. Agenda: Referral of bills to subcommittee.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Elton Redalen. Agenda: Introduction to horse racing regulations, John Williams, House Research; overview from Racing Commission, Richard Evans; Canterbury Downs Progress report, Bruce Malkerson and Stan Bowker.

10:20 a.m.

CRIMINAL JUSTICE SUBCOMMITTEE/ Crime & Family Law, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. John Hartinger. Agenda: HF102 (Schafer) Relating to increasing the age for licensing, sale, consumption, possession, and furnishing of alcoholic beverages. (Further testimony.) HF78 (Staten) Defining the crime of owning or operating a disorderly house.

FAMILY LAW SUBCOMMITTEE/Crime & Family Law, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Art Seaberg. Agenda: HF213 (Stanius) Authorizing parents of children in day care facilities to be informed of abuse reports under the maltreatment of minors act.

12:00 noon

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Presentations on budget overview; special new thrusts; overview proposed education aids budget document and highlights of Governor's new initiatives.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Jim Heap. Agenda: Workers' comp overview (concerns/problems). Speakers: Steve Keefe, Commissioner, Dept. of Labor & Industry; Reynaud Harp, Deputy Commissioner, Dept. of Commerce; Dan Gustafson, President, AFL-ClO; Francis Fitzgerald, MN Association of Commerce & Industry (MACI).

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Terry Dempsey. Agenda: Overview of local government aid proposal. Speakers: Mryt Wegener, League of Small Cities; Bob Renner, Municipal Legislative Commission; John Anderson, Municipal Caucus; Roger Peterson, Association of Metropolitan Municipalities; Duke Addicks, City of Minneapolis; Maureen Warren, City of St. Paul; and Tim Flaherty, Coalition of Outstate Cities.

2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

Tuesday, February 5 8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan. Agenda: Informational meeting on equipment leasing: Depts. of Finance, Transportation and Public Safety.

JOINT MEETING EDUCATION DIVISION/ Appropriations & HIGHER EDUCATION DIVISION/Education. Rm. 200. Chrs. Reps. Bob Haukoos & Mark Piepho. Agenda: Basic funding principles for higher education - MN Higher Education Coordinating Board and Department; Dale Nelson, Dept. of Finance.

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 N, Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson.

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STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Dept. of Revenue budget hearing.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: Continue consideration of HF110 (Knickerbocker)/SF122 (Moe, D.) PERA reorganization bill. Also HF98 (Knickerbocker) the availability of actuarial services appropriation.

TAXES, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: 1) Dorothy McClung, Director, Legal Research, Dept. of Revenue, will discuss items affecting the Revenue Dept. including: a) Excise tax on beer/wine; b) systems development; c) management studies. 2) Discussion on MN Tax Study Commission report.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOP-MENT, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: Overview Dept. of Energy & Economic Development. Speaker: Commissioner Mark Dayton.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. John Rose. Agenda: Agency overviews and legislative agendas. Speakers: Tom Triplett, State Planning Agency; Tom Kalitowski and Mike Robertson, Pollution Control Agency; Robert Dunn and Tom Johnson, Waste Management Board; and Sue Robertson, Legislative Commission on Waste Management.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Tony Onnen. Agenda: Presentation and discussion of Dept. of Finance executive budget briefing papers: Health care program and strategy on aging.



12:00 noon

UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE & WORKERS' COMPENSATION DIVISION/Labor-Management Relations, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Steve Sviggum. Agenda: To be announced.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Don Valento. Agenda: Metro-state-local relationships.

2:00 p.m.

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Bob Haukoos. Agenda: University of MN - comments on average cost funding; requisition; fixed costs; faculty retirement deficit; MERTKA; fuel and utilities; operation of new space; hazardous wastes; civil service comparable worth; major repairs; intercollegiate athletics.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Terry Dempsey. Agenda: Fiscal health of cities and uniform chart of accounts. Speaker: Arne Carlson, State Auditor.

4:00 p.m.

BUDGET, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. David Jennings. Agenda: Further testimony on the budget resolution; consideration of the budget resolution.

Wednesday, February 6 8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan. Agenda: Overview Dept. of Commerce.

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Bob Haukoos. Agenda: Governor's recommendations for higher education and Dept. of Education - Dept. of Finance staff.

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson. Agenda: Continue Dept. of Economic Security budget hearing.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Continue Dept. of Revenue budget hearing.

EDUCATION, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: Citizens for Educational Freedom; MN High School League; discussion of Permanent School Fund.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: Overview Dept. of Administration, Commissioner Sandra Hale.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. K. J. McDonald. Agenda: Update on Federal response to farm finance situation, Dr. Rollin Denistoun. SF54 (House author: Redalen) Relating to farm finance.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Continue Dept. of Revenue budget hearing.

CRIME & FAMILY LAW, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Blatz. Agenda: Presentations by Governor and Attorney General's Joint Task Force on Victims' Rights. Speakers: Attorney General Hubert H. Humphrey III; Dr. Bill Kosiak; Peter Halbach.

12:00 noon

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSUR-ANCE, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Adolph Kvam. Agenda: Rural banking problems - presentation by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation.

TRANSPORTATION, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Doug Carlson. Agenda: Dept. of Transportation overview; Citizens League Highway study review.

2:00 p.m.

RURAL ECONOMY SUBCOMMITTEE/Agriculture, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Carol Dyke. Agenda: HF35 (Dimler) Relating to the Family Farm Security program.

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Bob Haukoos. Agenda: Continue Governor's recommendations (from morning meeting.)

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Continue presentations on education aids budget.

3:15 p.m.

HENNEPIN COUNTY DELEGATION, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. Mary Forsythe. Agenda: Local legislative program.

Thursday, February 7 8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan. Agenda: Overview Public Utilities Commission and Dept. of Public Service.

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Bob Haukoos. Agenda: University of MN - program accommodation remodeling; U of MN Duluth Engineering; library materials; supplemental medical benefits for retirees; international business education; Sea Grant College.

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson. Agenda: Testimony on proposed budget for Dept. of Economic Security.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: IRRRB (Iron Range Resources Rehabilitation Board) budget hearing.

HIGHER EDUCATION DIVISION/Education, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Mark Piepho. Agenda: Missions/strategic planning. Presentations by: Elmer L. Anderson, former governor of Minnesota, and State University representatives.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: Nina Rothchild, Commissioner, Dept. of Employee Relations: presentation on trends in the state workforce; pay equity; and labor relations.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOP-MENT, Tour. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: Tour Dept. of Energy & Economic Development.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. John Rose. Agenda: Presentations by private environmental groups. Speakers: Kevin Proescholdt, Audubon Council; Jody Thomas, Clean Water Action Project; Erika Sitz, Izaak Walton League; Jean Crampton, League of Women Voters; Al Farms, MN Conservation Federation; Rachel Roiblatt, MPIRG; Carol Lee Baudler, Nature Conservancy; and John Grzybek, Sierra Club.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Tony Onnen. Agenda: Presentation and discussion of Dept. of Finance executive budget briefing papers: Jobs program and income support program.

12:00 noon

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Dave Fjoslien. Agenda: Overview charitable gambling, lottery, and other related gambling matters.

2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

Friday, February 8 8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Mary Forsythe. Agenda: Continue Dept. of Human Services overview. Also Dept. of Finance and House Research presentation on fees.

EDUCATION, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: Science Museum of Minnesota. Joint House-Senate meeting. Topic: MN School Effectiveness programs.

9:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS MARKET-ING SUBCOMMITTEE/Agriculture, Tour. Chr. Rep. Don Richter. Agenda: Tour the First District cheese plant in Litchfield MN.

2:00 p.m.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS MARKET-ING SUBCOMMITTEE/Agriculture, Watkins MN. Chr. Rep. Don Richter. Agenda: Hearing on HF52 (Kvam) regulating the licensure and construction of new dairy processing plants.



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