HIGHLIGHTS

Lemon law change

On Feb. 28, the Commerce and Economic Development Committee recommended to pass HF242, a bill to amend the “lemon law,” the state’s auto warranty law.

The law has been on the books for about 21 months. It requires car manufacturers or authorized dealers to repair — free of charge — any reported defect or problem that the warranty covers. It gives consumers the option of getting a replacement or a refund of the full purchase price, if the defect or problem is not corrected in a reasonable number of attempts.

It also requires manufacturers to give consumers written notification, upon purchase, of the right to replacement or refund. It’s this section of the law that Rep. Tony Bennett (IR-Shoreview) wants to amend.

“Manufacturers have found a way get around this requirement,” Bennett says. “They’ve sent sample notices informing consumers of the new auto law, to dealers to give to auto buyers.” In other words, the responsibility has shifted from manufacturers to dealers, he said.

Bennett says that the intent of the lemon law is to make manufacturers responsible for the consumer notice. His amendment would require manufacturers to give directly to consumers, a written notice of their rights under the lemon law.

Walleyed pike production

“Operation Walleye,” a non-profit corporation, stands to get funding of about $140,000 under a proposed bill before the Natural Resources subcommittee of the Environment and Natural Resources Committee on Feb. 28. The group is involved in lake management and fingerling production, and works in conjunction with the Department of Natural Resources (DNR).

Rep. Dave Fjoslien (IR-Brooklyn), author of the bill, HF488, says though fishing is still good where he comes from in the west-central part of the state, it can still be better. “Operation Walleye” would work to do that, giving the DNR a hand, he says.

“We’re very concerned about our fishing resource,” says Fjoslien, “... tourism is a very large part of our economy, and the primary thing tourists come to do is fish.”

The DNR isn’t fond of the idea, however. Richard Hassinger, chief of fisheries, says passage of the bill would mean another $140,000 to increase walleye production, when the state already has a program that reaches its quota.

Also the DNR has a number of volunteer cooperative rearing programs around the state, Hassinger says, and he’s not sure how the funding of one will affect the others.

The bill got a unanimous recommendation to pass. It moves on to the full Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

Income tax update

Minnesota could get over $50 million in added revenue from income taxes during the next biennium under HF538, a bill the Taxes Committee approved Feb. 28. The bill would make changes in state tax law to conform with 1984 federal tax changes.
Chief author Tony Onnen (IR-Cokato) says the governor has already included the additional revenue in his budget. Also, the Department of Revenue, which initiated the bill, assumed the Legislature would pass the measure. As a result, they included any changes affecting taxpayers in 1984 in the 1984 tax forms and instructions.

Some of the many changes relate to the capital gain deduction holding period, ACRS depreciation, installment sales, travel expenses, and volunteer mileage. The changes would affect individual, corporate, and partnership taxpayers.

The bill now goes to the floor of the House.

BCA budget request

The Bureau of Criminal Apprehension (BCA) presented its $557,000 budget request and reviewed its duties before the Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-States Division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 28

The BCA, a division of the Department of Public Safety, assists local law enforcement agencies in investigating criminal cases.

The BCA may enter a case only upon request of the local agency, another state agency, or the attorney general’s office. The cases usually involve defendants and witnesses in numbers too large for small municipalities.

The budget request includes a number of new machines. One the state will soon be getting is a laser fingerprint reader. This device is capable of lifting prints off human corpses and manufactured items such as styrofoam cups.

Only the FBI and a few other states have this machine, said Bureau Superintendent John Erskine. “This will be a big help to local agencies because it isn’t practical to expect them to have this equipment or expertise.”

Farmers’ problems

Farmers who are losing crops and livestock to animals and who have hunters trespassing on their land want to see legislation pass to take care of these problems.

In most cases, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) handles farmers’ complaints of crop and livestock losses by granting permits to destroy animals such as wolves and beavers that are under the protection of Minnesota law. So far this year, the DNR has given out 23 permits. At a Feb. 27 Agriculture Committee meeting, legislators from farm districts told people from the DNR that they’d like to step-up procedures to get rid of the animals.

Also at that meeting, Faribault County officials said they want to see the committee introduce legislation changing current trespassing law so that farmers could verbally inform hunters when they are trespassing. Law now only backs farmers when they post “no trespassing” signs on their property.

Drinking age amendment

Drunk driving is more socially unacceptable than it used to be, and it costs more if you’re caught at it. In the Crime and Family Law Committee Feb. 27, lawmakers heard an amendment to the 21 drinking age bill (HF102) that would tug still harder on the purse strings of DWI offenders.

The proposed amendment which Rep. Gloria Segal (DFL-St. Louis Park) offered would increase the license reinstatement fee from $100 to $150 for those who get a license suspension. The departments of Public Safety and Education would split the additional $50 (which would mean about $1 million to each department) to provide alcohol education and prevention programs.

Segal said there were 43,500 license suspensions last year. Though Minnesota has good DWI laws on the books and spends millions of dollars on chemical treatment, she says, the state needs more work on prevention to work alongside current laws and treatment programs.

On the bill itself, author Rep. Gary Schafer (IR-Gibbon) encouraged members to support the higher drinking age for three reasons.

Says Schafer, “I believe it will save lives, and slow the trickle-down effect on young people in high school. And ... the federal government has told us that either we raise it, or we won’t receive all of our federal funds.”

Schafer said ignoring the federal mandate would mean the loss of at least $33 million during the biennium, and another $50 million in discretionary funds from the federal government.

The committee plans further action on the amendment and the bill next week.
Education trends, responses

The Higher Education Division of the Education Committee is developing legislation in response to changing trends in post-secondary education.

With more students than ever attending and completing post-secondary programs in nontraditional ways, legislators and education officials agreed the time's come to make some changes.

According to Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls), 20 percent of Minnesota college students and 47 percent of students attend community colleges on a part-time basis. They typically take 5-1/2 years to complete a four-year degree, but they can get aid for four consecutive years only.

Under HF46, a bill Virgil Johnson (IR-Caledonia) and Rep. Timothy Sherman (IR-Winona) are sponsoring, students would still be eligible for the same four years of financial aid, but they could get it in non-consecutive years. Students could then take time out for jobs, internships, and other responsibilities without losing aid eligibility.

To help keep financial aid programs and distributions current with student needs, HF204, a bill Rep. Mark Piepho (IR-Mankato) and Rep. Dave Gruenes (IR-St. Cloud) have introduced would provide for a student advisory council to the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB). This non-voting council would give the HECB “news from the front” and would give students more input on financial aid distribution policy decisions.

Both bills got division approval as amended and were passed on to the Education Committee for consideration.

Superfund changes

A bill that would make changes to the personal liability section of the state's Superfund law got the Judiciary Committee's attention on Feb. 26. HF268 (Svigum, IR-Kenyon) would make three changes in the law as it stands now.

First, it would take away the law's causation section law which sets up the amount and kind of evidence needed to prove the relationship between an injury and an accused party. Supporters of the bill said this makes it easier for victims of hazardous waste releases to show that certain actions caused their injuries.

Second, changes would mean that companies would be liable for deaths, injuries, or economic loss for generating, transporting, or disposing of hazardous wastes on or after July 1, 1983 (when the Superfund law went into effect). The law now states that liability goes back to Jan. 1, 1960.

Third, the bill would eliminate the section of law relating to joint and several liability and let common law apply. “Joint and several liability” means that a court may hold anyone who handles hazardous waste responsible for any damage it may cause. Common law allows such liability only when the person claiming the injury can show there’s no single source for the injury. The Superfund law removes this showing by the claimant.

Several members offered amendments to change the retroactive provision, but the committee rejected them. The committee did, however, adopt an amendment stating that the passage and repeal of the Superfund law is not legislative intent. The committee plans to hear more testimony on HF268 before taking action next week.

Higher education

Dr. David Longanecker, executive director of the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB), reviewed his report on the post-secondary education system before the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 26.

Longanecker said the University of Minnesota, the ATVI's, the community colleges, and the State University System have problems of overlap, integration between systems, cooperation between public and private schools, and a general conflict in mission goals and statement. He also mentioned a need for consistent and common planning procedures to determine long range goals.

Human life amendment

A bill that would encourage a human life amendment to the United States Constitution faced a room full of cameras, newsmen, supporters, and opponents at a Feb. 26 meeting of the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee.

The bill, HF123 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids), would send a resolution to Washington asking Congress to start procedures that would eventually put a human life amendment into the Constitution. It would leave the writing of laws to support the amendment up to the individual states.

The bill will appear next on the agenda of the Health and Human Services Committee for further hearings.

Farm equipment sales tax

Earmarking it a “farm aid” bill, author Rep. David Fjoslien (IR-Brandon) explained HF53 to the Taxes Committee on Feb. 25. The bill would lower to three percent the general sales and use tax on new and used farm equipment and machinery parts. The rate now is four percent on new and used farm equipment and the full, general six percent on farm machinery parts.

The bill's main thrust is to “get us in line with our neighbors,” said Fjoslien. North and South Dakota both have a three percent rate, Iowa charges four percent, and Wisconsin has no tax on farm equipment and parts. Most of the farmers along the border cross state lines to buy farm machinery and parts because they can save a lot of money, he said.

The average farmer spends between $5,000 and $10,000 a year on farm machinery parts and would save a considerable amount of money if the Legislature cuts the rate, said Fjoslien.

Longanecker returns to the committee next week to answer questions raised by his report.
Though the committee took no final action on the bill, it amended HF53 to make it effective for sales after March 31, 1985. Rep. Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park), committee chair, said he would like to keep the bill in the committee until "we can reach a meeting of the minds with the leadership of the Senate as to the scope of the bill."

Emergency farm loans

An emergency farm loan bill passed the House on a vote of 125-5 on Feb. 25. The bill, HF32/SF54* (Redalen, IR-Fountain), would provide $25 million in interest subsidies to farm lenders. They, in turn, would give low interest rates on loans to eligible farmers. The interest rate buydown would work like this: the state would pay 5-1/2 percent and the local lender would forego 1-1/2 percent, creating a reduction of about 7 percent. The largest loan any qualified farmer could have would be $75,000.

To be eligible, farmers would have to show they could at least break even if they could borrow at lower rates. And they would need a debt-to-asset ratio of about 50 percent. Farmers also may have to attend farm-management classes which lenders would pay for, in part.

The Department of Agriculture would officially handle the program, but the banks would make most of the decisions on who would be eligible for loans.

The bill goes now to a House and Senate conference committee to work out its final form.

Child abuse reporting

"How much knowledge of abuse or neglect constitutes a suspicion?" On Feb. 25, a subcommittee of the Crime and Family Law Committee looked at child abuse reporting legislation that Rep. Connie Levi (IR-Dellwood) sponsors.

Her bill, HF275, responds to Judge Charles A. Porter, Jr.'s decision over two teachers at the Children's Theatre Company and School in Minneapolis. Last fall, both faced misdemeanor charges of failing to report suspected child sexual abuse. Porter dismissed the case saying Minnesota's mandatory child abuse reporting law was too vague.

Law now says teachers and other professionals like doctors, social and child care workers, and law officers must tell the proper authorities when they suspect child abuse or neglect.

Rep. Levi's bill tries to spell out how sure of abuse or neglect people must be before they report it.

The Family Law subcommittee hears the bill for the third time on March 4.

Faribault schools

A report from the state legislative auditor's office recommends phasing out the Minnesota Braille and Sight-Saving School at Faribault over the next three years. The Education Division of the Appropriations Committee heard from Allan Baumgarten, author of the report, Feb. 22.

Baumgarten said the reasons for the recommendation include declining enrollments and rising costs ($35,000 per student per year).

The report also suggests major changes in the operation of the Faribault's Minnesota School for the Deaf: stricter admission requirements, improved diagnostic procedures, and more support for mainstreaming programs.

It also recommends more cooperation with local school districts for both schools.

Committee deadlines

On Feb. 25, the House set the following deadlines:

- Committee deadlines
  - Bills in house of origin
  - Bills in other house
- Thursday, April 4
- Friday, April 19
- Motion for Reconsideration
- Monday, April 22
- Conference committees
- Monday, May 13

COMMITTEE ACTION

APPROPRIATIONS

Thursday, Feb. 21
- Farm operating loan program
  - HF32/SF54* (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—recommended to pass as amended. (See Highlight).

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Thursday, Feb. 28
- Leman law—amendment
  - HF242 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—recommended to pass as amended. (See Highlight).
- Car loans—permanent usury rate
  - HF273 (McKasy, IR—Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass.
- Liquor—hours for Sunday sale
  - HF308 (Frederick, IR-Mankato)—recommended to pass.

CRIME & FAMILY LAW

Wednesday, Feb. 27
- Disorderly houses—crime of owning/operating
  - HF78 (Staten, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Peace officers—arrest authority
  - HF266 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Drinking age—raised to 21
  - HF102 (Schafer, IR-Gibbon)—heard. (See Highlight)

EDUCATION

Monday, Feb. 25
- U of M—presidential candidates' privacy
  - HF223 (Erickson, IR-Hills)—not recommended to pass.
- Education mission statement
  - HF282 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)—recommended to pass as amended.

Wednesday, Feb. 27
- Vo-tech districts—joint establishment
  - HF470 (Erickson, IR-Hills)—recommended to pass as amended.

Higher Education

Div/Education

Tuesday, Feb. 26
- Financial aid—over any four year equivalent
  - HF46 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Education Committee. (See Highlight).
- Student advisory council to HECB
  - HF204 (Piepho, IR-Mankato)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Education Committee. (See Highlight).
Thursday, Feb. 28
- Independent student—changes in definition
  HF249 (Sherman, IR-Winona)—heard.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
Thursday, Feb. 28
- Sales tax income tax update
  HF287 (Rose, DFL-Stillwater)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.
- Local governments—Severance pay inclusion
  HF457 (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—heard.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE
Wednesday, Feb. 27
- Detached facility—Sanitation
  HF520 (Brinkman, DFL-Richmond)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.
- Detached facility—Cannon Falls
  HF307 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
- Detached facility—Tofta
  HF117 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
Monday, Feb. 25
- Council on Asian-Pacific Minnesotans
  HF90 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended.

Tuesday, Feb. 26
- Fingerprin identification network
  HF236 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
- State Planning Agency
  Housekeeping changes
  HF466 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—recommended to pass.

JUDICIARY
Tuesday, Feb. 26
- Superfund changes
  HF268 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—heard; placed over until next week. (See Highlight).

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
Monday, Feb. 25
- Tip credit freeze
  HF284 (Heap, IR-Plymouth)—heard.

Unemployment Insur.—Workers’ Compensation Div./Labor-Management Rel.
Tuesday, Feb. 26
- Unemployment insurance overpayments—refund interest
  HF131 (DenOuden, IR-Princeton)—heard.
- Severance pay inclusion
  HF457 (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—heard.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS
Friday, Feb. 28
- Local governments—comprehensive municipal plans
  HF247 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Consolidation
  Int’l Falls, South Int’l Falls
  HF1 (Neuenschwander, DFL-Int’l Falls)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Local Governments—joint insurance arrangements
  HF267 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—heard.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY
Monday, Feb. 25
- PUC membership changes
  HF185 (Redalen, IR—Fountain)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Governmental Operations.

RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION
Tuesday, Feb. 26
- Human life amendment
  HF123 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids) recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Health & Human Services Committee. (See Highlight).

TAXES
Tuesday, Feb. 26
- Sales tax on farm equipment—reduced
  HF53 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—heard; placed over until next week. (See Highlight).

Thursday, Feb. 28
- Department of Revenue—income tax update
  HF538 (Onnen, IR-Cokato)—recommended to pass as amended. (See Highlight).

Local Government Finance Div./Taxes
Mon./Tue., Feb. 25/26
- Private activity bonds—changing allocation method
  HF544 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—heard; laid over until next week.
- IDB authority—allocation
  HF495 (Pauly, IR-Eden Prairie)—heard; laid over until next week.

FLOOR ACTION
CONSENT CALENDAR
Thursday, Feb. 21
- Pension Commission—actuarial services funding
  HF98 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—passed.

CALENDAR
Thursday, Feb. 21
- Mortgage subsidy bonds—tax free interest
  HF2/SF100* (Pauly, IR-Eden Prairie)—passed.

CONSENT CALENDAR
Monday, Feb. 25
- Testamentary trustees—qualification not required
  HF68 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed.

SUSPENSION OF RULES
Monday, Feb. 25
- Farm operating loan program
  HF32/SF54* (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—passed as amended.
- Charitable gambling—effective date
  SF328 (Disterich, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended.
Bill Introductions

Monday, Feb 25

HF574—Gruenes (IR)—Education
Education; requiring school districts to provide special instruction and services for handicapped children under the age of four and their families; requiring certain agencies and political subdivisions to maintain certain services and funding levels for young handicapped children and their families until agreements are reached; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF575—Gutknecht (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Animals; establishing a rabies control program; proposing coding for new law.

HF576—Begich (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Local government; setting authority to regulate firearms and related matters; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF577—Piper (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Agriculture; declaring a public economic emergency to exist; prohibiting mortgage foreclosure sales for one year; prohibiting repossession, foreclosure sales, and foreclosure sales of agricultural personal property for one year; providing for an application to the court to allow foreclosure sales; prohibiting actions for deficiency judgments; providing for the parties to compromise; providing legal representation by the attorney general's office for certain persons; repealing the act after one year.

HF578—Krueger (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Minnesota Constitution; proposing an amendment to combine the offices of state treasurer, state auditor, and secretary of state into the office of state comptroller.

HF579—Valento (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Hazardous waste; establishing a hazardous substance compensation trust account; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF580—O'Connor (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Economic development; providing for the election of certain community development corporation directors; amending statutes.

HF581—Frerichs (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; establishing a commission to collect the data necessary to design a financially sound, statewide farm program; appropriating money.

HF582—Boo (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; establishing a family subsidy program for families with children with developmental disabilities; amending statutes.

HF583—Tunheim (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; teachers retirement association; changing the effective date of retirement for certain annuitants; transferring revenues to the postretirement investment fund.

HF584—Tunheim (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Lake of the Woods county; authorizing the issuance of bonds for the construction of jetties and related public improvements; and authorizing the levy of special assessments.

HF585—Anderson, G (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; providing for exceptions to conflict-of-interest rules; regulating local officials; amending statutes.

HF586—Mceachern (DFL)—Transportation
Advertising devices; allowing "star city" signs on interstate highways; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF587—Waltman (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; providing income tax incentives to landowners who sell or lease agricultural land to beginning farmers and to banks who make loans to beginning farmers; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF588—Marsh (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; creating a community work experience program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF589—Segal (DFL)—Transportation
Drivers licenses; increasing fee for restoration of certain revoked licenses; dedicating revenue to programs for prevention of alcohol-impaired driving and for education on avoidable health hazards; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF590—Bishop (IR)—Judiciary
Legal services; repealing the sunset provision of the law providing for surcharges on civil filing fees; repealing laws.

HF591—Clark (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Economic development and job training; creating the office of economic adjustment; providing for the duties of the office in the assistance of economic adjustment and economic conversion; creating a task force to assist the office of economic adjustment; requiring the reporting of certain economic information; providing a penalty; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF592—Dempsey (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of New Ulm; permitting the establishment of special service districts; providing taxing and other financial authority for New Ulm.

HF593—Dempsey (IR)—Transportation
Motor vehicles; regulating motor vehicle auctions; prescribing licensing and bonding requirements for motor vehicle dealers; amending statutes.

HF594—Tunheim (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Warroad; permitting the establishment of a port authority.

HF595—Simoneau (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; income providing a credit for volunteer services; amending statutes.

HF596—Zaffire (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Hubbard county; authorizing county levies and appropriations for agricultural society, park, and recreation purposes.

HF597—Ozment (IR)—Transportation
Motor vehicles; taxation; defining terms; reclassifying pickup trucks used in the business of farming for tax purposes; amending statutes.

HF598—Ots (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Human services; allowing a greater amount of income be disregarded for general assistance recipients and placed in trust until discharge; amending statutes.

HF599—Metzen (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Veterans; requiring the commissioner of veterans affairs to provide certain grave markers; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF600—Carlson, J (IR)—Taxes
Taxes; sales and use; exempting sales of materials used to modify motor vehicles for private use by handicapped persons; amending statutes.

HF601—Halberg (IR)—Judiciary
Real property; clarifying notice period required for cancellation of contract for deed; amending statutes.

HF602—Marsh (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Alcoholic beverages; allowing certain extensions of credit; amending statutes.

HF603—Marsh (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Non-intoxicating malt liquor; permitting holders of on-sale and off-sale intoxicating liquor licenses to sell non-intoxicating malt liquor without further license; amending statutes.

HF604—McDonald (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; eliminating license requirement for fur farmers; establishing a registration system; providing definitions; defining agricultural products and pursuits related to fur farming; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF605—Knickerbocker (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Commerce; authorizing certain investments in obligations of or guaranteed by the United States and certain other authorized securities; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
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**HF607—Sviggum (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs**
Retirement; authorizing municipalities to establish and finance defined contribution plans for municipal ambulance and rescue volunteers; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

**HF608—Piper (DFL)—Judiciary**
Agriculture; allowing persons to buy farm products from persons engaged in farming free of a security interest; allowing a person who sells goods for another including a commission merchant to take the goods free of a security interest; amending statutes.

**HF609—Sviggum (IR)—Health/Human Services**
Health; providing for the distribution of maternal and child health block grant funds to special projects; amending statutes.

**HF610—Dempsey (IR)—Taxes**
Local government; providing for transfer to certain federal payments in lieu of taxes from the county to the city or town; proposing coding for new law.

**HF611—Cohen (DFL)—Governmental Operations**
Retirement; authorizing retired St. Paul health bureau employees to rescind previously elected options and elect coverage under the public employees retirement association.

**HF612—Segal (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources**
Environment; creating a hazardous substance injury compensation fund; establishing a board to administer compensation; limiting compensable losses; prescribing claims procedures; allowing partial subrogation rights; providing for partial recoupment of expenditures from hazardous waste generators; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

**HF613—Rees (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance**
Insurance; modifying certain continuing education requirements; amending statutes.

**HF614—McKasy (IR)—Governmental Operations**
Minnesota Constitution; combining the offices of state treasurer, state auditor, and secretary of state into the office of state comptroller.

**HF615—Onnen (IR)—Governmental Operations**
Creating an advisory council to study the possibility of the creation of a unicameral legislature in Minnesota.

**HF616—Begich (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs**
Taxation; property; eliminating the required county board approval prior to confession of judgement for delinquent taxes; amending statutes.

**HF617—Minne (DFL)—Education**
Education; increasing the compensation for election judges in school district consolidation elections; amending statutes.

**HF618—Solberg (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs**
Partition fences; amending certain responsibilities and procedures; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

**HF619—Erickson (IR)—Education**
Education; Minnesota Education Computing Corporation; removing some limits on its powers; amending statutes.

**HF620—Boo (IR)—Health/Human Services**
Human services; providing for a larger state share of general assistance costs; amending statutes.

**HF621—Gruenes (IR)—Health/Human Services**
Mental health; revising the language of statutes concerning persons with mental illness and mental retardation and revising the language of statutes concerning state treatment facilities; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

**HF622—Hartinger (IR)—Health/Human Services**
Human services; authorizing the commissioner of human services to pay rewards for information in certain cases of crimes involving public assistance; requiring restitution for certain crimes involving public assistance; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

**HF623—Thiede (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources**
Wild animals; altering certain provisions regarding taking and possession, and penalties related thereto; amending statutes.

**HF624—Johnson (IR)—Transportation**
State government; transportation; reorganizing certain motor carrier regulation and enforcement responsibilities in state agencies.

**HF625—Gruenes (IR)—Education**
Hazardous substances; providing an appropriation to the state university board for the purpose of creating a hazardous materials incident response training center at St. Cloud state university.

**HF626—Gruenes (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy**
Energy; delaying the effective date of energy efficiency ratings for certain devices sold in Minnesota; amending statutes.

**HF627—Price (DFL)—Health/Human Services**
Human services; requiring that marriage license fees be used in the county where the fee originates; amending statutes.

**HF628—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources**
Game and fish; enhancement of fish and wildlife; planning and implementation of wildlife management; conservation of marginal agricultural lands; habitat management; aspen recycling program; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

**HF629—Kiffmeyr (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development**
Malt beverages; defining terms requiring registration numbers and records; providing a penalty; proposing coding for new law.

**HF630—Boerboom (IR)—Transportation**
Transportation; motor carriers; establishing certain motor carrier regulation and enforcement responsibilities; amending statutes.

**HF631—Carlson, D (IR)—Governmental Operations**
School districts; providing for self-insured, statewide fringe benefit coverages for employees; proposing coding for new law.

**HF632—Zaffke (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development**
Commerce; registering and regulating membership camping clubs; providing for disclosure, rescission rights, civil liabilities, and criminal penalties; proposing coding for new law.

**HF633—Valan (IR)—Transportation**
Traffic regulations; providing for book racks and "MN" designation on school buses; amending statutes.

**HF634—Shaver (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs**
Elections; limiting the number of registration applicants for whom a person may vote; amending statutes.

**HF635—Neuenschwander (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources**
Natural resources; exempting forestry development projects from certain bonding requirements; requiring a bid deposit for contracts for forestry development projects; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

**HF636—Bishop (IR)—Crime/Family Law**
Crimes; providing for forfeitures of communications devices and proceeds derived from commission of designated offenses; amending statutes.

**HF637—Dempsey (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs**
City of New Ulm; permitting the establishment of special service districts; providing taxing and other authority.

**HF638—Bishop (IR)—Crime/Family Law**
Criminal sentences; authorizing a stay of execution of a portion of a criminal sentence; amending statutes.

**HF639—Carlson, D (IR)—Judiciary**
Hazardous waste; establishing a hazardous waste compensation fund for the payment of certain claims for personal injuries caused by hazardous waste; providing for administration of the fund and for payment of claims; providing for payment of medical expenses from other sources; providing a penalty; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

**HF640—Wynia (DFL)—Health/Human Services**
Employment; providing for a study relating to employment of developmentally disabled persons; appropriating money.

**HF641—Fjoslien (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs**
Gambling; providing an exemption from state regulation for certain lawful gambling; amending statutes.
HF642—Erickson (IR)—Education
Education; establishing a science and technology resource center; appropriating money for the technological-economic development initiative at Southwest State University to establish a program dealing with food production, food processing, and food distribution and for an interactive television network among high schools in southwestern Minnesota; proposing coding for new law.

HF643—Bishop (IR)—Judiciary
Marriage dissolution; clarifying factors to consider in awarding maintenance; amending statutes.

HF644—Backlund (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Arrest; providing for the extradition and rendition of accused persons, escapees, and other persons subject to orders in criminal proceedings; enacting the uniform extradition and rendition act; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF645—Bishop (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; specifying elements that may be contained in an order for restitution and the procedures for issuing that order; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF646—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary
Local government; providing for fees of the county recorder and registrar of titles; amending statutes.

HF647—Dimler (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; abolishing the gross earnings tax on telephone companies; providing for property taxation of real property of telephone companies; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF648—Sparby (DFL)—Governmental Operations
State departments and agencies; transferring authority for administration of the rural rehabilitation corporation trust liquidation act from the state executive council to the commissioner of energy and economic development; creating a governor’s rural development council; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF649—Jaros (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
St. Louis county; fixing the maximum amount of the county emergency fund; amending statutes.

HF650—Cohen (DFL)—Judiciary
Judgments; clarifying the procedure and cost for filing foreign judgments; clarifying the procedure to be used in securing a judgment and execution; amending statutes.

HF651—Segal (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; authorizing inclusion of physical fitness therapies in grant programs for the mentally ill; amending statutes.

HF652—Kalas (DFL)—Education
Post-secondary education; excluding the value of a family farm and its equipment from consideration for student financial assistance in certain cases; proposing coding for new law.

HF653—Kalas (DFL)—Governmental Operations
State government; directing the state board of investment to invest any surplus unrestricted balance in the general fund, up to $500,000,000, in investment programs within the state that benefit rural Minnesota; amending statutes.

HF654—Marsh (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; establishing mandatory minimum terms of imprisonment for the crimes of residential burglary, burglary of an occupied dwelling, and selling cocaine, heroin, and hallucinogens; amending statutes.

HF655—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; specifying nursing home correction order or noncompliance violations and penalties; amending statutes.

HF656—Anderson, R (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
County humane societies; allowing for an increase in the appropriation a county may make for a county humane society in any year; amending statutes.

HF657—Levi (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Dissemination of data; prohibiting public access to data identifying certain youthful victims of criminal sexual behavior; amending statutes.

HF658—Zaffke (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; regulating community health services; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF659—Bennett (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Intoxicating liquor; prohibiting discrimination in sales; amending statutes.

HF660—Minne (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; property; allowing taxes on commercial-industrial property to be composed to the uniform probate code and clarifying laws relating to intestate succession, spouse’s elective share, and omitted spouses and children; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF661—McKay (IR)—Judiciary
Probate; adopting provisions of the uniform probate code and clarifying laws relating to intestate succession, spouse’s elective share, and omitted spouses and children; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF662—Hartinger (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; requiring new public places to provide equal accommodations for smoking and nonsmoking areas; amending statutes.

HF663—Price (DFL)—Education
Education; requiring competency testing for teachers; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF664—Wenzel (DFL)—Education
Education; establishing the foundation aid formula allowance for 1986-1987; amending statutes.

HF665—Cohen (DFL)—Education
Education; requiring a plan for environmental education in schools; proposing coding for new law.

HF666—Piepho (IR)—Education
Education; reducing the tuition component required to pay in part for instructional costs; requiring the higher education coordinating board to arrange for a tuition study; amending statutes.

HF667—Piepho (IR)—Education
Education; reducing the applicant’s contribution toward the cost of attendance in determining state scholarships and grants; amending statutes.

HF668—Rose (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Charitable gambling; exempting certain organizations that conduct raffles from regulation by the charitable gambling control board; amending statutes.

HF669—Tjornhom (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration
A resolution memorializing the Congress of the United States to provide an amendment to the Constitution of the United States to provide the President with the authority to veto individual line items in appropriations bills.

House Advisories

Monday, Feb 25
HA4—Clark (DFL)—Crime/Family Life
A proposal to the legislature to study group home availability for racial minority juveniles.

HA5—Rees (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
A proposal to study the availability of environmental impairment liability insurance.

Senate Files/1st. Readings

Monday, Feb 25
SP85—Berg (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Agriculture; declaring a public economic emergency to exist; prohibiting mortgage foreclosure and foreclosure sales for one year; prohibiting repossession, foreclosure, and repossessions of personal property and one year; providing for an application to the court to allow repossession, foreclosure, and repossession; prohibiting actions for deficiency judgments; providing for the parties to compromise; repealing the act after one year.
Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-States Division/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Marilyn Valan. Agenda: Budget hearings for: Dept. of Public Safety; Criminal Apprehension, Fire Safety, State Patrol; POST Board.

Education Division/Appropriations, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Bob Haukoos. Agenda: Budget hearings for University of MN: academic salaries request; special market and retention; skilled trades increases; equipment amortization; instructional computing equipment. Testimony from faculty groups.

State Departments Division/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Budget hearings for: Office of Administrative Hearings; Capitol Area Architectural and Planning Board (CAAPB); State Investment Board.


10:00 a.m.

Criminal Justice Subcommittee/Crime & Family Law, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. John Hartinger. Agenda: HF274 (Ozmek) Defining "dangerous weapon" to include flammable liquids. HF284 (Heap) 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. HF448 (Blatz) Defining sports bookmaking. HF335 (Bishop) Removing certain information from the certified record for commitment of persons convicted of a felony or gross misdemeanor.


12:00 noon


2:00 p.m.

The House of Representative will meet in session.

Tuesday, March 5

Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-States Division/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Marilyn Valan. Agenda: Budget hearings for: Dept. of Public Safety, Driver and Vehicle Licensing.


State Departments Division/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: SF412/HF438 (House author: Dempsey) Housing regulations; revising and use taxes. HF533 (Rose) Relating to non-intoxicating malt liquor. HF428 (Pauly) Relating to city of Eden Prairie; authorizing one annual one-day liquor license.


Health Care Subcommittee/Health & Human Services, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Dave Gruenes. Agenda: HFxxx (Gruenes) Mental retardation/mental illness statute; revising language. HF533 (Rose) Concerning the practice of veterinary graduates allowing foreign veterinary graduates to be admitted to practice under certain conditions. HF252 (Dempsey) Authorizing an additional rural doctor for the Springfield service area.

12:00 noon

JUDICIARY, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Charles Halberg. Agenda: HF268 (Svig­gum) Relating to the environment; remov­ing statutory provisions for joint and sev­eral liability and causation for personal injury.


2:00 p.m.

EDUCATION DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 200. Chr. Rep. Rep. Bob Haukoos. Agenda: Budget hearings for University of MN: Professional College tuition off­set; President Ken Keller and Dave Berg; reciprocity offset; medical and dental fel­lowships; tuition fellowships/graduate students. Testimony from student groups.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVI­SION/Taxes, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Terry Dempsey. Agenda: Presentation of Dept. of Revenue Production Valuation report.

4:00 p.m.

HEALTH CARE SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Human Services, Rm. 500 S. Chr. Rep. Dave Gruenes. Agenda: HF294 (Blatz) Relating to insurance; health mainte­nance organizations; prohibiting certain exclusive agreements with providers.

7:00 p.m.


Wednesday, March 6

8:00 a.m.


STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Budget hearing for Legislative Commission on MN Re­sources (LCMR).


GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: HF360 (Speck) Fee and fee adjustments for agency services regu­lated. HF362 (Thorson) Beltrami County annual expenditures for tourist, agricul­tural and industrial developments increased.

8:30 a.m.


10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. K. J. McDonald. Agenda: HF587 (Waltman) Relating to tax incentives for beginning farmers. HF408 (Svig­gum) Relating to the State Livestock Weighmaster Program. HF581 (Frisch) Establishing an agricul­tural financial information network. HF427 (Redalen) Relating to conserva­tion of marginal agricultural land.

CRIME & FAMILY LAW, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Blatz. Agenda: HF102 (Schafer) Increasing the age for licensing, sale, consumption, possession and fur­nishing alcoholic beverages. HF511 (Bishop) Clarifying the elements of the crime of assault in the second degree. HF374 (Selig) Race driving arson in the third degree and negligent fires. HF329 (S. Olsen) Requiring a person seeking ap­pointment as a part-time peace officer to provide the board of peace officer stan­dards and training with proof that he or she has complied with appointment re­quirements. Bills passed out of subcom­mittee if time permits.

12:00 noon

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSUR­ANCE, Rm. 5. Chr. Rep. Adolph Kwan. Agenda: HF255 (Dempsey) Relating to courts; practice and procedure in drug shop actions. HF345 (Seaberg) Relating to insurance; no-fault automobile; provid­ing mandatory underinsured motorist coverage; clarifying legislative intent con­cerning stacking of insurance policies.


2:00 p.m.

AGRICULTURAL LAND USE SUBCOM­MITTEE/Agriculture, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Gary Schafer. Agenda: HF94 (Re­dalen) Relating to funding priorities of soil and water conservation district. HF226 (Krueger) Relating to appeals in the “pub­lic waters” inventory process.

AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTS MARKET­ING SUBCOMMITTEE/Agriculture, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Don Richter. Agenda: HF604 (McDonald) Relating to licensing of fur farms.


EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Edu­cation, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Discuss Article 1 aids (summer instruction; summer education improvement; subject area inservice training).

SALES TAX SUBCOMMITTEE/Taxes, Rm. 454. Chr. Rep. Sidney Pauly. Agenda: Informal meeting with Dorothy McCullogh and members of the Dept. of Revenue staff to discuss sales tax administration.


3:00 p.m.

ENVIRONMENT, NATURAL RE­SOULCES, Rm. 5. S. Chr. Rep. John Rose. Agenda: HF483 (Neuenschwander) Es­tablishing an aspen recycling program.


Thursday, March 7


GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: HF389 (Burger) Incentive bon­uses provided for certain state employees.

8:15 a.m.

TAXES, Rm. 5. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: HF556 (Dempsey) Modifying certain procedures relating to taxpayer appeals; requiring apportionment of lev­iew in specific situations. HF403 (Mc­Kasy) Reducing the estate tax to the amount of the federal credit for state death taxes.

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 N. Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson. Agenda: HF530 (Waltman) Relating to commerce; regulating transient mar­chants. HF535 (Sherman) Relating to public health; prohibiting the use of lead in solder in certain instances.
ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 5. Chr. Rep. John Rose. Presentations by: Steve Thorne, Dept. of Natural Resources; Evile Gorham, Regents' Professor, University of MN; Dennis Asmussen, Dept. of Natural Resources; Ron Visness, Dept. of Natural Resources; Michael Lawlich, Commissioner, Natural Resources Research Institute; John Gephart, MN Peat Association; David Brostrom, Great Lakes Peat Company.

HEALTH CARE SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Human Services, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Dave Gruenes. Agenda: HFxxx (Zaffke) CHS formula. HFxxx Non-smoking. HF535 (Sherman) Prohibits the use of lead solder in certain instances.

SOCIAL SERVICES SUBCOMMITTEE/Health & Human Services, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Al Quist. Agenda: HF186 (Sherman) Interstate contracts for mental health boards. HFxxx Transfer of mentally ill and dangerous. HFxxx Clarification of relative adoption. HFxxx Confidentiality of chemical dependency records.

12:00 noon
GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Dave Fjoslien. Agenda: Subcommittee reports HF157 (Waltman) Requiring that a candidate for school district office be a qualified voter. HF415 (Minne) Permitting certain reports to be made by certified mail. Hearings on HF381 (Uphus) Delaying the applicability of certain handicapped accessibility provisions to towns. HF536 (Sparby) Regulating transportation of firearms and bows. HF575 (Gutknecht) Establishing a rables control program.


2:00 p.m.
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Friday, March 8
8:00 a.m.
STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Budget hearings for: Legislative Reference Library; World Trade Center; Dept. of Human Rights.

10:00 a.m.
EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Discuss Article 6 aids (Summer Institute financial aid; Interdistrict cooperation); discuss Article 2 aids (Interdistrict transportation.)

11:00 a.m.
VETERANS SUBCOMMITTEE/General Legislation & Veterans Affairs, Rm. 400 N. Chr. Rep. Chuck Dimler. Agenda: HF316 (Thorson) Providing for the appointment of an additional assistant adjutant general for the army national guard. HF317 (Fjoslien) Relating to the National Guard; changing minimum pay for certain enlisted persons.

12:00 noon
GAMBLING SUBCOMMITTEE/General Legislation & Veterans Affairs, Rm. 400 S. Chr. Rep. Gil Gutknecht. Agenda: HF408 (Fjoslien) Exempting certain organizations who conduct bingo from licensing.