HIGHLIGHTS

'Session Weekly'

The "Session Weekly" is part of the Minnesota House of Representatives public information service. Each week it includes: 1) highlights of House committee and floor action, 2) a list of committee and floor action on bills, 3) a list of bill introductions, and 4) an advance committee schedule. You may want to save each issue to trace action on bills.

Highlights of committee and floor action provide a general overview of what happened from Thursday (2 p.m.) to Thursday (2 p.m.).

Beginning next week, the listing of committee and floor action on bills will provide concise information so that you can follow particular bills. Because of time constraints, we don’t index the "Session Weekly." Therefore, you may want to mark bill titles and/or House File (HF) numbers of special interest to you.

Coverage of committee action will tell you if a committee recommended a bill to pass; to pass as amended; recommended that a bill not pass; or rereferred it to another committee for further consideration.

Coverage of floor action will tell you what happens to a bill after it leaves a committee and appears on a calendar for action by the full House.

Bill introductions provide you with HF numbers, authors, committee assignments, and brief descriptions of bill contents.

The advance committee schedule gives you the information you need to attend committee meetings, all of which are open to the public.

For further help in following the Legislature, or for answers to general questions you may have, call the numbers in the left-hand column on this page.

Medical malpractice insurance

Doctors may see some relief from high medical malpractice insurance rates this legislative session. On Jan. 30, the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee heard testimony on HF1764 which takes up the medical malpractice insurance problem.

"Our nation is facing a medical malpractice insurance crisis," said author Kathleen Blatz (IR-Bloomington). The increasing number of complaints and the amounts and awards of settlements has had a negative effect on the cost of insurance, Blatz told the committee.

"Consequently, the health care market has been adversely affected ."

According to Blatz, HF1764 would help reduce insurance rates by trying to lower the amounts of the awards and the frequency of litigation. One change would prevent an injured person from collecting from his insurer and the doctor's insurer.

Another would put a cap of $250,000 on non-economic damages such as pain and suffering. A third change would prohibit the injured person from collecting punitive damages.
One provision would require the attorney for the plaintiff to file an affidavit saying an expert has reviewed the facts of the case and there are grounds for the complaint or time was too short to get a review. This provision aims to reduce the number of frivolous lawsuits, said Blatz.

The committee will hear the bill again on Feb. 5.

**Farm relief**

A farm relief package offering farmers some $22 million in interest subsidies for spring operating loans got full support from the Agriculture Committee Jan. 29.

Under the interest subsidy program, nearly the same as last year's program, the state would pay 40 percent and the lenders 10 percent of any interest subsidy on an operating loan up to $100,000. Farmers with a debt-to-asset ratio of more than 50 percent and who lenders feel are a good credit risk can apply for the loans. Applicants must also take an approved adult farm management course.

Critics of the 1985 program say it got off to a late start, and as a result, farmer and lender participation was low. Rep. K.J. McDonald (IR-Watertown), author of HF1775, says that early action should mean more participation.

Other provisions in the bill would:
- beef up the Family Farm Advocate Program by setting up procedures; increasing part-time advocates from 14 to 25; and outlining qualifications and duties of farm advocates;
- shift resources for the wage subsidy program so that more of the those funds go to distressed rural counties;
- suspend for 60 days, lenders actions to foreclose on or repossess farm property with a $5,000 or more value to allow mediators trained by the University of Minnesota Agricultural Extension Services to help farm lenders and borrowers with refinancing, restructuring, or paying off the debt;
- allow farmers to pay their property taxes by Nov. 15 rather than Oct. 15 without penalty; and
- make a number of changes in the state income tax code.

**Minnesota High School League**

High school athletes could switch schools without giving up a year's eligibility and could play their sport freely during the summer under terms of a proposed bill the Education Committee discussed Jan. 29.

The bill, which limits the authority of the Minnesota State High School League on those issues, grew out of a task force study of rules for high school and amateur athletics.

The bill reduces league powers by giving students who haven't changed residence the right to transfer to another school and begin playing right away, if both school principals agree. It also adds a senator, house member, and average citizen to the high school league board; sets penalties for recruiting violations; and grants a grievance procedure and court review to students who feel they've been wronged.

Also, students could play their chosen sport outside school, without much restriction. Now, students can't play on summertime teams if most of the team members are on the school team.

Author Craig Shaver (IR-Wayzata) said the bill addresses specific complaints about the league because "they have not changed—at least to the degree that we would like to see—with the changing face of sports here in Minnesota."

But Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls.) said, in the past, the Legislature always let the league be independent and he objected to what he called "top-down" intervention in its affairs.

**Home health care**

Rep. Tony Onnen (IR-Cokato) stepped out of his role as chair of the Health and Human Services Committee Jan. 28 to urge support for HF370, his bill to license the agencies or individuals who provide home health care to the elderly and disabled.

"Health care is becoming big business," Onnen said. He stressed the Legislature's responsibility to direct policy for vulnerable adults, particularly in light of recent reports about home-health-care abuse. His bill would make Minnesota the thirty-third state to license home health care.
Most committee debate centered on the bill’s language and on its differences from SF51 (Berglin, DFL-Mpls.), a companion bill that, according to Onnen, would not centralize home-health-care services as effectively as HF370.

Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls.) asked that Onnen add the phrase “quality of care” wherever the bill referred to a patient’s welfare, safety, or well-being. Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls.) said that because the bill centralizes services with county boards, it could conflict with each county’s role of hiring pre-admission screeners.

The committee will take up the issue again to consider recommended changes to the bill.

Wastewater treatment plants

Private individuals could own wastewater treatment plants in Minnesota cities if a proposed privatization bill becomes law.

On Jan. 28, the Local and Urban Affairs Committee considered the proposal that lets cities sell existing wastewater treatment plants or persuade individuals to build and own new ones.

Author and committee chair, Don Valento (IR-Little Canada), said the privatization bill would give cities another way to deal with pressing Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) deadlines on wastewater treatment rules.

New owners would pay operating costs and—if the plant performs well—receive service fees from the city. Cities then would bill residents for the services, much as they do now.

Guidelines for contractors

Labor-Management Relations Committee members dealt with affirmative action in the employment of women and other guidelines for contractors in state-awarded jobs at their Jan. 27 meeting.

Commissioner Linda Johnson of the Department of Human Rights (DHR) defined those guidelines for the committee. Recently, she said, the department temporarily dropped a requirement of two women on each job site because of complaints from members of the Association of General Contractors and others on this and other contractor-compliance rules.

Chair Jim Heap (IR-Plymouth) led a discussion on the question of whether the state should tell contractors of their non-compliance with state human rights laws before they bid on a job or after they get the job.

Charles Shaffer, director of the Small Business Association Office in the Department of Energy and Economic Development, said small businesses risk losing a bid while they work on complying with affirmative action quotas.

Johnson stressed that the DHR enforces rather than creates the Legislature’s guidelines, and that one of her department’s major objectives is to help businesses develop and enforce a human rights plan.

“Our rules are not static rules,” she said. “They are dynamic.” State agencies, by law, cannot award jobs over $50,000 to non-certified contractors. The department omits vendors who don’t comply with human rights guidelines from the list of state-approved contractors.

Canterbury Downs

If you couldn’t find a place to sit at Canterbury Downs last year, you’ll welcome the news from the Regulated Industries and Energy Committee.

Canterbury Downs General Manager Stan Bowker told the committee Jan. 23, the racetrack will add 1,800 seats to the grandstand. He said they’ll also double the length of the season and add quarterhorse and harness racing.

Bowker said they pushed their expansion schedule ahead because the track was so popular in its first year.

“To say the least,” he said, “racing in Minnesota has gotten off to a great start. The enthusiastic response that we have received from the people of Minnesota is strong indication that we have only just begun in offering a new form of sports and entertainment for this area.”

Bowker said thoroughbreds will race from April 25 through Labor Day, when quarterhorses will take the track until mid-September. Harness racing will finish the season, which ends Oct. 30.
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INFO

How a bill becomes a law

- **A bill is an idea** for a new law, or an idea to abolish or change an existing law. Several thousand bills enter the legislative process in Minnesota each time the Legislature meets.

- **Minnesota has a bicameral Legislature**, or two groups of elected citizens—senators in the Senate—representatives in the House of Representatives—who study, discuss, and vote on bills, acting for the people of Minnesota. Bills begin their legislative journey in either the House or Senate, or both. To become a law, all bills must pass both the House and Senate and go to the governor for his approval and signature.

- **The Idea**
  Anyone can propose an idea for a bill—an individual, a consumer group, corporation, professional association, a governmental unit, the governor. Most ideas come from members of the Legislature. The revisor of statutes puts the ideas into proper legal form as a bill for introduction. Only legislators can introduce bills into the process.

- **Chief Author**
  The legislator who sponsors and introduces the bill in the Legislature is the chief author. The chief author's name appears on the bill with the bill's file number to identify it as it moves through the legislative process. The chief author may select other authors, whose names also appear on the bill—no more than five authors on a bill.

- **Introduction in the legislature**
  When the author introduces a bill in the House, it gets a House File (HF) number (HF264, for example), indicating the chronological order of the bill's introduction. In the Senate the bill gets a Senate File (SF) (SF224, for example). Each HF usually has a companion SF in the Senate. All revenue-raising bills must begin in the House.

- **Conference committee**
  If the House and Senate do not agree on a bill, a conference committee of three to five senators, and an equal number of representatives, meets to reach an agreement. If both bodies then pass the bill in compromise form, it goes to the governor.

- **Governor**
  When a bill arrives at the governor's office, he may: sign it, and the bill becomes law; veto it (return it, with a "veto message," stating his objections); pocket veto the bill (after final adjournment of the Legislature); exercise his right to line veto portions of appropriations bills. If he does not sign or veto a bill within three days after receiving it, while the Legislature is in session, the bill becomes law.

- **Committee consideration**
  At introduction, the bill has its first reading (the Minnesota Constitution requires three readings for all bills—on three separate days). The presiding officer of the House or Senate refers it to an appropriate standing committee for Committee action. All committee meetings are open to the public.

  A committee may: recommend passage of a bill in its original form; recommend passage after amendment by the committee; or make no recommendation, in which case a bill may die when the session ends.

  After acting on a bill, the committee sends a report to the House or Senate, stating its actions and recommendations.

- **General orders**
  After adoption of the committee report in the House and Senate, the bill has its second reading and goes onto General Orders of the Day. In the Committee of the Whole, legislators discuss bills on General Orders. They may debate the issues, adopt amendments, and present arguments. They may vote to recommend that a bill "do pass," recommend postponement, or recommend further committee action.

- **Calendar**
  The calendar is a list of bills the Committee of the Whole recommends to pass. At this point a bill has its third reading. Amendments to the bill must have the unanimous consent of the entire body. Legislators vote on it for the final time.

By committee recommendation, non-controversial bills can by-pass General Orders and go directly onto a Consent Calendar, usually passing without debate. Every bill requires a majority vote of the full membership of the House and Senate to pass.
## Bill Introductions

**Note:** During the interim, the following bill introductions were filed with the speaker. In accordance with House Rule 9.5, the chief clerk's office gave them file numbers and the speaker unofficially referred them to standing committees. The bills get introduced and a first reading when the House reconvenes on Feb. 3, 1986. After that, committees can officially recommend action.

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House Advisories

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HA65—Stanius (IR)—Education
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HA67—Clark (DFL)—Education
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HA68—Clark (DFL)—Education
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HA69—Sviggum (IR)—Governmental Operations
A proposal to investigate the issuance of severance payments by units of local government.

HA70—Wenzel (DFL)—Agriculture
A proposal to study the potential for state participation in school milk and lunch programs.
Monday, February 3

8:00 a.m.


10:00 a.m.

**CRIME & FAMILY LAW**, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Blatz. Agenda: SF1757 (Schraiber) Imposing a tax on marijuana and controlled substances. SF31 (Diessner)/HF456 (Blatz) Relating to motorboat safety; strengthening prohibitions and penalties regarding operation of motorboat while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.


12:00 noon

**EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education**, Rm. 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Dan Loritz, MN Dept. of Education will overview the following reports required by the 1985 Omnibus Education Law (1985 First Special Session, Ch. 12): Special education guidelines criteria (Art. 3, Sec. 26); Fund transfer (Art. 7, Sec. 8, Subd. 7); Arts Board (Art. 5, Sec. 8); Occupational Therapy study (Art. 3, Sec. 21); Other reports.


Tuesday, February 4

8:00 a.m.

**APPROPRIATIONS**, Rm. 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Mary Forsythe. Agenda: Dept. of Finance will present the latest revenue forecast and an overview of the Governor’s 1986 budget recommendations. Speakers: Jay Kiedrowski, Commissioner; Nellie Johnson, Deputy Commissioner; Glenn Nelson, State Economist; Brian Roberthy, Assistant Commissioner, Budget Services.

8:15 a.m.

**TAXES**, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: 1) HF1725 (Schreiber), HF1701 (Waltman), HF1716 (S. Olsen) Repeal of indexing. 2) Dept. of Revenue presentation of background information on the Governor’s compliance initiatives.

10:00 a.m.


**HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES**, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Tony O’Neill. Agenda: Governor’s budget initiatives—review and discussion with the following: Dept. of Finance; Dept. of Human Services; and Dept. of Health.

12:00 noon


Wednesday, February 5

8:00 a.m.


2:00 p.m.


3:00 p.m.


**AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations**, Rm. 400 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Marilyn Valan. Agenda: Estimated revenue and supplemental budget recommendations; Dept. of Transportation.
HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson. Agenda: Begin budget hearings for Dept. of Health; Dept. of Corrections; and Dept. of Jobs & Training.

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Effects of the "shortfall"—discussion with the Dept. of Natural Resources (DNR).

EDUCATION, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: Reports from: Gifted and Talented; Academic High School League Task Force; and MN Academic Excellence Foundation.


10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. K.J. McDonald. Agenda: Review information from the Agricultural Data Collection Task Force; review the results of a financial survey of all large animal veterinary practitioners in the state; review new farm legislation.


12:00 noon


TRANSPORTATION, Rm. 400 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Doug Carlson. Agenda: 1) Reports from the following interim task forces: Administrative Efficiency; Rules & Regulations; Traffic Distribution & Construction Standards; 2) Testimony from cities adjacent to the I-494 strip: Bloomington; Eden Prairie; Richfield; Edina.

2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

After Session

ST. PAUL HOUSE DELEGATION, Rm. 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga. Agenda: St. Paul Public Schools update; special service district; state development for housing; charitable gambling; child car sliding fee; fingerprinting of firefighters; home health care license; fiscal disparities; tax increment financing; alternative care grants; local government aid; metropolitan licensing of taxicabs; St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center.

Thursday, February 6

No meetings are scheduled. All House & Senate members are invited to attend a day-long conference, "Minnesota's Rural Economic Crisis—Challenge for the Future."

Friday, February 7

8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan. Agenda: Supplementary budget recommendations: Oversight Dept. of Finance; Police Officers Standards & Training (P.O.S.T.) Board; and MN Historical Society.

8:15 a.m.


10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 300 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: To be announced.

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Consider proposed recommendations to the Taxes Committee relating to fiscal disparities. Discussion continued from the Jan. 21 division meeting.


GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 400 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Dave Fjoslien. Agenda: Motion to approve the appointment of Tony Eckstein to the Ethical Practices Board. Bills from the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, including: HFxxx Establishing a revolving account for receipts and expenditures connected with non-VA users of Veterans Home facilities. HFxxx Makes veterans with bad conduct discharges ineligible for certain benefits. HFxxx Establishing a state veterans cemetery. HF1599 (Fjoslien) Native American memorial. HF124 (Thiede) Recall of elected officials. HF1588 (Knickerbocker) Ethics in government act; making changes relating to campaign bills, complaints and investigations, contributions and transfer of funds.


1:00 p.m.


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Medical malpractice insurance

A bill that aims at reducing insurance rates for the medical profession and making health care more available got a boost on Feb. 5 in the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee. The committee gave its recommendation to pass to HF1764 and rereferred it to the Judiciary Committee.

According to Author Rep. Kathleen Blatz (IR-Bloomington), the bill would help reduce insurance rates by trying to lower the amounts of awards and frequency of litigation.

Mark Hallberg, a Minneapolis attorney who practices medical malpractice law, said the bill would make several drastic changes in the law. "I respectfully submit that the evidence is not here for a drastic change," he said. "But there is some evidence for minor changes that will tighten up our system of civil justice and hopefully weed out bad claims."

Legal assistance for farmers

Financially distressed farmers could get needed legal assistance under a bill waiting action in the Agriculture Committee.

HF1837 (McDonald, IR-Watertown), which the committee heard Feb. 5, would set up a legal assistance program for farmers that the Minnesota Supreme Court would administer. It calls for the Supreme Court to contract with legal assistance providers whose work could include: serving as legal backup to attorneys representing a farmer in a credit dispute or providing legal training and/or advice to farmers.

The program, which would cost the state about $850,000, has the endorsement of the Minnesota Bar Association. Farmers with a debt-to-asset ratio greater than 40 percent and who made less than $20,000 in the previous taxable year would be eligible for it.

The committee will meet next Wednesday to hear testimony on HF1837 and to tighten up some of the bill's language.

DNR budget cuts

The governor's recommended budget cuts for the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) "hack away" at a "well-developed, well-planned, and well-maintained" state park system, DNR Deputy Commissioner Steve Thorne told the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 5.

Over the next two years, the governor's plan cuts $17 million out of the department's $90 million annual budget. Affected areas include administration, forest management, fleet liability insurance, and field service programs, bringing the DNR's annual budget to .8 percent of the total state budget.

Reductions in water resource management would be $300,000 during FY'86 and FY'87. And in state park maintenance, reductions would be $470,000 for the same period, said Thorne.

"Water is a high priority for this state," he said. "I don't think we ought to be doing these things." The department will reduce its flood reduction and shoreline management programs, and eliminate several full- and part-time staff positions.
Also, budget cuts mean staff reductions for parks and recreation. Split Rock Lighthouse, in contrast to an earlier plan, will remain unstaffed; five small state parks will close for the rest of the biennium; and the state will reduce its marketing budget for the parks, which includes money for trail, hiking, and waterway maps.

**House budget resolution**

Reacting to a projected $734 million budget shortfall, the Budget Committee, on Feb. 4, adopted a budget resolution calling for $384 million in cuts or adjustments to the current budget.

The resolution, which agrees with the governor’s proposal to reduce the deficit, provides that $100 million stay in the reserve fund and sets state spending at $10.209 billion.

Rep. Gordon Voss (DFL-Blaine) said the resolution does not spell out where the cuts will be. “Let’s add some details so it means something,” said Voss. “I don’t understand why we are ratifying the governor’s budget.”

“The Budget Committee is determining what the maximum amount of spending should be and what the reserve fund should be,” said Chair David Jennings (IR-Truman). “It puts in place a clearly identified limit for everybody.” He said subsequent legislation will fill in the details.

The resolution now goes to the floor of the House. If the House adopts the resolution, the speaker will have the power to rule out of order any bill or amendment that raises taxes or appropriations above the limitations in the resolution.

**Income tax indexing**

Taxpayers may get a break this year. On Feb. 4, the Taxes Committee approved HF1725, a bill that would repeal the law that automatically suspends income tax indexing in the event of a budget shortfall. Indexing adjusts income tax brackets, credits, and the standard deduction for inflation.

Repeal of the suspension of indexing would save Minnesota taxpayers between $75 and $76 million this year, according to Assistant Commissioner of Revenue John Haynes.

Chair William Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Center), author of the bill, said all of the legislative leaders have agreed to the repeal, and “from a tax policy standpoint, we should pass this legislation early in the session.”

“The timing strikes me as abysmal.” said Rep. Paul Ogren (DFL-Blaine). “We are facing a shortfall of $734 million. We are facing dramatic cuts in education. We are facing dramatic cuts in local government aids. Under these circumstances, it is highly inappropriate and scarcely prudent to pass a $75 million tax cut on top of the pressure the state is already bearing.”

The repeal measure now goes to the floor of the House.

**Tax compliance**

If Minnesota taxpayers would pay all of their past due tax bills, the state would be almost $200 million richer. And there may be another $300 million in unpaid taxes due the state from people who haven’t filed their returns or have under reported their income, said Commissioner of Revenue Tom Triplett at a Taxes Committee meeting on Feb. 4.

“There has been a dramatic increase in the state’s account receivables over the past eight years,” said Triplett. He said the state has seen a 400 percent increase in the amount of taxes owing “where we know who the taxpayer is and how much is owed.”

Triplett said the past due tax bills apply to both individuals and businesses with businesses owing $85.8 million and individuals owing $74.6 million. The commissioner said that Minnesota is not alone in experiencing non-compliance with its tax laws. He said the IRS and a majority of states have reported this phenomenon. Also, a recent national survey by the Roper polling organization found that one taxpayer in four admits to falsifying his/her tax return, Triplett said.

“We believe we do not have enough resources to deal with this problem,” said the commissioner. Some of his recommendations to the Legislature will include: hiring in-state collection agencies to pursue smaller delinquencies; permitting the filing of non-foreclosable liens on homesteads; extending the existing business clearance program past 1986 expiration; providing for the collection of alcohol sales taxes at wholesale rather than at the retail level; and expanding the department’s phone collection efforts.
Smokeless tobacco

Is smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco and snuff) a cancer threat? Health experts and some people in the tobacco industry are at odds over the question. And it has caused a flood of state legislatures to consider ordering health warnings on such products.

On Feb. 4, the Commerce and Economic Development Committee moved in that direction when it recommended HF1773 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights) to pass. The bill would prohibit the manufacture, sale, or promotion of unlabeled smokeless tobacco products in the state.

Estimates are that about 22 million people in the United States dip snuff or chew tobacco, and experts say the number's growing. Some users say they get a nicotine high from these packaged tobacco products. Others say they use them to relax.

But people, like Attorney General Hubert Humphrey, and several doctors who testified at the meeting, fear these users chew and dip tobacco without knowing it's harmful.

"Many people are given the mistaken impression that smokeless tobacco is harmless. The tobacco industry has a well-financed advertisement campaign to push smokeless tobacco and much of this campaign is oriented for the youthful user," Humphrey told committee members.

Unemployment reform

Rep. Gil Gutknecht's (IR-Rochester) unemployment insurance reform plan, HF1847, got a recommendation to pass from the Labor-Management Relations Committee Feb. 4 by a 12-0 margin. The bill, said Gutknecht, "guarantees solvency" for a system that faces a possible $8 million deficit this year.

The reform plan would freeze the maximum weekly benefit at $208 on July 1, 1986, and at $216 on July 1, 1987. Minnesota's maximum weekly benefit now is $228, the third highest in the nation. It would also restrict benefits to seasonal workers, at a projected cost savings of $66 million over the next five years. All told, Gutknecht says his bill would cut $552 million in worker benefits during that five-year period and decrease employers' taxes by $190 million.

Two doctors at the meeting said medical studies show that 10 to 25 percent of all high school students chew tobacco. And its use by young people is on the increase.

"We want to warn young people and their parents," Humphrey says, "of the potential health risks associated with smokeless tobacco—cancer of the mouth, gum disease, tooth decay, high blood pressure, and heart disease."

If HF1773 becomes law the smokeless tobacco warning label would read:

Warning: Use of this product is addicting and dangerous to your health. It may cause oral cancer or other diseases of the mouth.

Public Utilities Commission

Lack of rules, procedures, and ethical codes of conduct decrease the public's confidence in the five-member Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (MPUC) and interfere with the commission's work, according to a Minnesota Department of Administration study presented Feb. 3 to the Regulated Industries and Energy Committee.

"Most organizations are guilty of writing too many rules. This commission doesn't write enough," said Fred Grimm of the department's Management Analysis Division. "The result is that the commission has no consistency, no predictability."

The investigation began last October at the request of the 1985 Legislature. The report's 19 recommendations include:

- develop pre- and in-service training programs and a manual of job duties for new commissioners;
• stop commissioners from working in Minnesota's regulated industries for two years following their commission posts;
• replace commission chair selection-by-colleagues with gubernatorial appointment;
• reorganize the reporting structure of the 23-member MPUC staff and clearly specify their job duties;
• provide an interlinking, computerized data system that will allow staff and commissioners to review previous rate decisions;
• establish routine decision-making procedures for commissioners and staff; and
• rewrite Minnesota's telephone law of 1915 (Chapter 237) to reflect current telecommunications issues and technological advances.

The commission is expected to respond to the study at the committee's Feb. 7 meeting.

World Trade Center

Minnesota World Trade Center officials will reduce overseas travel, postpone a pre-opening event, and put off hiring a telecommunications consultant to cut $63,500 from their budget over the next two fiscal years. So said Acting Director John Kari before the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 3.

The governor recommended the center cut $40,000 in FY'86 and $23,500 in FY'87. Those reductions will most directly affect face-to-face meetings with world trade center directors around the world, Kari said. Officials canceled a trip to centers in Seoul, Korea, and Tokyo, Japan, in favor of meeting those directors this spring at a previously arranged conference in New York.

Trade center officials expect to hire an executive director by late April or early May. That person's responsibilities will include making the center's services and businesses financially self-sufficient, said Kari. He predicts the center will be free of state subsidy by 1993.

Illegal drugs

Drug dealers would register with the state and would pay taxes on their illegal merchandise under terms of a bill the Crime and Family Law Committee discussed Feb. 3 and 5.

HF1767 would require people who sell marijuana or other controlled substances in Minnesota to buy a license or registration at $500 to sell marijuana and $1,000 to sell other illegal drugs. Dealers would also pay a $100 tax on each ounce of marijuana they sell and $5,000 an ounce for other controlled substances, such as cocaine or heroin.

The bill applies to dealers—those who possess more than an ounce of marijuana or half an ounce of other drugs—rather than occasional users. Judges could put dealers in jail for five years and force them to pay the tax and a fine of the same amount.

Author Rep. William Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) said the bill would be a tool to help convict drug offenders. It may be easier to get a drug dealer under tax evasion laws than criminal laws, in the way that officials caught Chicago gangster Al Capone, he said. At least, officials can seize some of the dealers' ill-gotten assets, which is difficult under current law, he said.

As originally written, the law required dealers to obtain licenses, but some members objected to that provision. Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL St. Paul) asked, "Aren't we telling people that we're condoning the use of marijuana?"

The bill was laid over until the next meeting, when members will consider an amendment that eliminates licenses but requires dealers to register with the state. Schreiber said the registration procedures should turn back a legal challenge by dealers who argue they would have paid the taxes but didn't have a way to do it.

Farm resolution

Action on the first day of the 1986 legislative session focused on the farm crisis when the House passed HF1816 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca) on a 115 to 15 vote.

The bill would memorialize the U.S. Congress to reopen the 1985 federal farm bill and amend it to provide adequate income opportunities for Minnesota farmers.

Several members rose to speak for HF1816. Others argued to refer it to the Agriculture Committee to work out the changes the committee would recommend in the federal bill. Among them was Rep. Allen Quist (IR-St. Peter), who said, "The bill should point out what in the farm bill needs changing."

In other action, the House defeated a motion to spend the first three weeks of the session on issues related to the economic crisis in rural Minnesota.
AGRICULTURE
Tuesday, Feb. 4
• Farm and Small Business Relief Act
  HF1761 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—referred to the full House with no committee recommendation.

Wednesday, Feb. 5
• Farmers—legal assistance
  HF1837/SF1672 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—heard. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee) (See Highlight)

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Tuesday, Feb. 4
• Campground, mobile home park operators—food licenses
  HF1699/SF1562 (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Tobacco, smokeless—warning labels
  HF1773/SF1705 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee) (See Highlight)

CRIME & FAMILY LAW
Monday, Feb. 3
• Drug dealers—licensing/taxation
  HF1767 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—heard. (See Highlight)

Wednesday, Feb. 5
• Drug dealers—licensing/taxation
  HF1767 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—heard. (See Highlight)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE
Wednesday, Feb. 5
• Medical malpractice—law changes
  HF1764/SF1670 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Judiciary Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee) (See Highlight)

JUDICIARY
Tuesday, Feb. 4
• Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act
  HF1035/SF373 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)
• Tax court judges—attorney required
  HF1224 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass.
• Revisor’s cleanup changes
  HF1841 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended.
• Revisor’s gender changes
  HF1824 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—heard.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
Tuesday, Feb. 4
• Unemployment insurance—reform plan
  HF1847 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee. (See Highlight)

TAXES
Tuesday, Feb. 4
• Indexing—suspension repealed
  HF1725/SF1674 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee) (See Highlight)
  HF1707 (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—heard.
  HF1716/SF1647 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—heard. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Local Government Finance Div./Taxes
Monday, Feb. 3
• Farm property taxes—payment date change
  HF1759 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—heard and amended.
• Sales ratio data—12-month adopted
  HF1815 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—heard.

SUSPENSION OF RULES
Monday, Feb. 3
• Federal farm bill 1985—reopen
  HF1816 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)—passed. (See Highlight)

Wednesday, Feb. 5
• Farm and Small Business Relief Act
  HF1761 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—not passed.

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

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Monday, Feb 3

HF1815—Dempsey (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; real property; prescribing requirements of the sales ratio study used by the state board of equalization; amending statutes.

HF1816—Schoenfeld (DFL)—Agriculture
A resolution memorializing Congress to amend the 1985 federal farm bill.

HF1817—Johnson (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Water; appropriating money to the commissioner of natural resources for dam reconstruction in Winona county.

HF1818—McEachern (DFL)—Education
Education; making modifications in the post-secondary enrollment options act; amending statutes.

HF1819—McPherson (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Counties; making optional a county building commission law; amending statutes.

HF1820—McPherson (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local improvements; permitting counties to make certain improvements anywhere within their territory; amending statutes.

HF1821—McPherson (IR)—Judiciary
Real property; requiring condominium plats after July 31, 1986; requiring certification by a registered land surveyor only, that condominium plat accurately depicts certain required information; amending statutes.

HF1822—McKasy (IR)—Judiciary
Trusts; providing for the standard of care of trustees; authorizing certain investments of trust property; providing for powers of trustees; amending statutes.

HF1823—Uphus (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Agriculture; delaying deficiency judgments for two years on real and personal agricultural production property secured prior to January 1, 1986; prohibiting deficiency judgments against real and personal agricultural production property secured after January 1, 1986; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1824—Bishop (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration
Statutes; adopting a gender neutral revision of Minnesota Statutes; providing for no substantive change; granting certain editorial authority to the revisor of statutes; amending statutes.

HF1825—McEachern (DFL)—Transportation
Motor vehicles; providing for special license plates for emergency services volunteers; amending statutes.

HF1826—Fjoslien (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
A resolution memorializing the government of the United States and the Social Republic of Vietnam to take all possible actions to determine the fate of persons missing in action in Southeast Asia; joining with the families of those who are missing in the hope that their long wait will soon be over.

HF1827—McKasy (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; updating income tax and property tax refund provisions to the Internal Revenue Code; making technical corrections and administrative changes to income tax and property tax refund laws; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1828—Rest (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Financial institutions; requiring notice of tax consequences of forgiving a mortgage loan; proposing coding for new law.

HF1829—Rest (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; prohibiting employers from mandating employee choice of alternative plans of health coverage; prohibiting related employees of the same employer from being considered dependents of each other under each respective plan of health coverage; amending statutes.

HF1830—Riveness (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; property; providing a state paid small business property tax credit; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1831—Rest (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF1832—Carlson, D (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; extending the pension exclusion to recipients of federal law enforcement officers’ pensions under age 65; amending statutes.

HF1833—Carlson, D (IR)—Education
Independent school district No. 97, Moose Lake; authorizing an excess capital outlay levy for two years.

HF1834—Segal (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Animals; prohibiting theft of dogs or cats for research purposes; prescribing a penalty; proposing coding for new law.

HF1835—Bishop (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; prohibiting the solicitation of children to engage in sexual conduct; imposing a penalty; proposing coding for new law.

HF1836—Rest (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; corporate income; providing quick refunds of overpayments of estimated tax; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1837—McDonald (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; establishing a legal assistance program for family farmers; prescribing eligibility requirements for persons to receive legal assistance; providing for the legal assistance provider; requiring reports; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF1838—Richter (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; defining “milk,” “skim milk,” and “lowfat milk”; amending statutes.

HF1839—Johnson (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration
Legislature; expanding when fiscal notes must be prepared on statutes, executive orders, or rules; requiring fiscal notes for new or increased fees; amending statutes.
HF1840—Bishop (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; making it a felony to assault or injure a pregnant woman; expanding the crime of criminal vehicular operation; imposing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1841—Bishop (IR)—Judiciary
Minnesota statutes; correcting erroneous, ambiguous, omitted, and obsolete references and text; eliminating certain redundant, conflicting, and superseded provisions; providing instructions to the revisor; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1842—Dimler (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; removing the liability of persons who buy farm products; repealing the notification and registration system for security interests in farm products; amending statutes; repealing laws.

HF1843—Kostohryz (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Lotteries; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution to repeal the prohibition against lotteries and the sale of lottery tickets; establishing a state lottery agency and a state lottery board; authorizing a state lottery and providing for its operation and administration; providing penalties; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1844—Dempsey (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; making it a felony to cause the death of or injure an unborn child; prescribing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1845—Kostohryz (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Charitable gambling; imposing restrictions on expenditure of profits; allowing licensed organizations to conduct gambling, including casino games, without a license under certain circumstances; providing for exemptions from criminal laws for gambling under the charitable gambling law; amending statutes.

HF1846—Redalen (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; establishing filing requirements, enforcement, and priority of veterinarian’s lien; amending statutes.

HF1847—Gutknecht (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Unemployment compensation; altering the public policy statement; changing the taxable wage base; defining credit week; providing for employer charging; increasing the eligibility requirement; eliminating certain tax rate limitations; changing the weekly benefit amount; setting the maximum weekly benefit; providing for the duration of benefits; increasing the duration of benefits for claimants in counties with high unemployment; providing for seasonal employees; making the waiting week nonreimbursable; amending the benefit offset for severance pay; increasing the period of time and earnings necessary for requalification; changing the definition of suitable work; transferring duties to the office of administrative hearings; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1848—Waltman (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; requiring a certain program of studies for applicants for resident insurance agent licenses; amending statutes.

HF1849—Bishop (IR)—Judiciary
Civil action; providing the manner of claiming punitive damages; proposing coding for new law.

HF1850—Bishop (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Intoxicating liquor; authorizing the city of Rochester to issue an on-sale license to a concessionaire at the Mayo civic auditorium.

HF1851—McKasy (IR)—Judiciary
Civil actions; providing a cause of action for sexual exploitation; proposing coding for new law.

HF1852—Bennett (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Commerce; regulating those who package soft drinks and other nonalcoholic beverages; increasing certain vending machine inspection fees; clarifying authority to inspect vending machines; clarifying rulemaking authority of commissioner of agriculture; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1853—McPherson (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Public indebtedness; permitting home charter and statutory cities to incur debt for warning systems; amending statutes.

HF1854—Welle (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; property; providing a state paid small business property tax credit; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1855—Riveness (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; income; individual income; permitting certain unmarried individuals to file joint returns; amending statutes.

HF1856—Stanius (IR)—Education
Children; requiring certain information at initial enrollment in a school; requiring periodic bulletins on missing children; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1857—Richert (IR)—Education
Education; requiring the department of education to make certain recalculations involving independent school district No. 545, Henning.

HF1858—Carlson, D (IR)—Governmental Operations
Arts; changing the membership requirements for the board of the arts; changing the qualifications for certain grants; amending statutes.

Wednesday, Feb 5
HF1859—Clark (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; accident and health; providing group coverage for ambulatory mental health services; amending statutes.

HF1860—Forsythe (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Metropolitan government; permitting the metropolitan mosquito control commission to issue certificates of indebtedness; amending statutes.

HF1861—Carlson, L (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; delaying the effective date of the repeal of the residential energy credit; amending laws.

HF1862—Nelson, K (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; granting an annuity increase to a certain annuitant of the public employees retirement association.

HF1863—Seaberg (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; clarifying the crime of failing to file a tax return; creating a presumption that property acquired during the course of certain crimes are "proceeds" of the crime for purposes of forfeiture law; providing a court procedure to freeze bank funds of persons charged with certain crimes; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1864—Dyke (DFL)—Agriculture
Agriculture; family farm security program; providing an interest subsidy payment for certain seller sponsored loans; amending statutes.

HF1865—Greenfield (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Criminal procedure; providing for an in camera hearings on certain evidentiary issues in criminal sexual conduct cases; amending statutes.

HF1866—Rodoslovich (DFL)—Taxes
Individual income taxation; providing a subtraction for interest on seller sponsored family farm security loans; amending statutes.
HF1867—Rodovovich (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Human services; allowing counties to adopt family day care and group family day care regulations; proposing coding for new law.

HF1868—Rodovovich (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Human services; exempting certain rural providers of day care from the human services department day care rules; amending statutes.

HF1869—Valento (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government entities; authorizing the privatization of facilities for the treatment of wastewater and the furnishing of water; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1870—Fosslien (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Veterans; providing for free motor vehicle license plates for former prisoners of war; amending statutes.

HF1871—Fosslien (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Veterans; clarifying certain terms; providing for payment of compensation to certain patients and residents of state institutions; amending statutes.

HF1872—Kiftmeyer (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Health; limiting recovery on medical malpractice claims; creating a patient's compensation fund; creating a residual malpractice insurance authority; establishing medical review panels; proposing coding for new law.

HF1873—Svigum (IR)—Labor/Management Relations
Workers' compensation; regulating the obligations and administration of the special compensation fund; regulating the payment and right to benefits; compensation court of appeals; regulating attorneys' fees; providing for the administration of claims; providing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1874—Svigum (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Energy; providing renewable residential energy grants; appropriating money.

HF1875—Kelly (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; creating a public corporation to provide health care services and research; providing that subsidiaries governed by St. Paul Ramsey Medical Center and a physicians and dentists association; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1876—Brandl (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Minneapolis; permitting the city to establish a consolidated city personnel system.

HF1877—Tjornhom (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; authorizing the commissioner of revenue to make payments of police and fire aids directly to qualified recipients; clarifying the business license clearance requirements and removing the sunset; changing the dates for payments of property tax credits to the counties; clarifying the use of mortgage registration and deed tax receipts; clarifying the power of the counties to print deed tax stamps; and authorizing the commissioner of revenue of the state to enter into reciprocal fuel tax compacts; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1878—Norton (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF1879—Clausnitzer (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; authorizing the commissioner of commerce to adopt rules related to financial affairs of health maintenance organizations; requiring certificates of authority to be issued by the commissioner of commerce; providing for supervision of health maintenance organizations; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1880—Clausnitzer (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; providing for a change in medical assistance and general assistance medical care reimbursements for treatment of mental illness; providing for a utilization restraint system of impatient mental health care; amending statutes.

HF1881—Governmental Operations
State agricultural society; prohibiting certain contract provisions; amending statutes.

HF1882—Svigum (IR)—Agriculture
Gasoline; changing the definition of agricultural alcohol gasoline; changing the identification marking on gasoline-alcohol blends; amending statutes.

HF1883—Upshus (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; clarifying the exceptions to prohibition against manufacture of food from adulterated milk or cream; amending statutes.

HF1884—Upshus (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; rescinding the repeal of the income tax exclusion for interest earned on certain family farm security loans; amending statutes.

HF1885—Neuenschwander (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; employees of the Falls nursing home who are members of the public employees retirement association.

HF1886—Friederichson (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; changing the notice requirements for proposed special assessments; amending statutes.

HF1887—Knuth (DFL)—Transportation
Drivers' licenses; providing for motorized bicycle instruction permits; setting a fee; amending statutes.

HF1888—Knuth (DFL)—Transportation
Traffic regulations; requiring damage vehicle release sticker on motor vehicle damaged in accident; amending statutes.

HF1889—Ellis (DFL)—Education
Education; requiring the state board for community colleges to develop upper division programs at the Arrowhead Community College.

HF1890—Ellis (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; Butl police relief association; authorizing the board of trustees to amend its bylaws to provide for the payment of benefits to the survivors of deceased members.

HF1891—McEachin (DFL)—Transportation
Motor vehicles; providing for special license plates for Vietnam era veterans; amending statutes.

HF1892—Bennett (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Energy; changing the administration of the state energy code from the commissioner of energy and economic development to the commissioner of administration; amending certain provisions of the state energy code; amending statutes.

HF1893—Seaberg (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Juvenile court; revising and recodifying current laws governing the apprehension, detention, adjudication, and disposition of minors who commit unlawful acts or who are in need of protection or services; providing additional due process protections for minors and other parties who are subject to juvenile court jurisdiction; placing limitations on voluntary out-of-home placements of minors; providing for substitute care review; establishing a procedure for the review of residential admissions of minors to chemical dependency and mental illness treatment programs; requiring court review in certain cases; establishing criteria for the assessment and treatment of minors; requiring licensing of treatment programs; establishing minor patients' rights; creating a state office of youth advocate and county youth advocates; imposing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new laws; repealing statutes.
Monday, February 10
8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan; Agenda: Dept. of Public Safety; Crime Reparations Board; Police Officers Standards & Training (P.O.S.T.) Board; Historical Society.


EDUCATION, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: Reports on Teacher/Staff Development; "6-M." HF1846 (Stanius) Missing children.

8:30 a.m.


10:00 a.m.


CRIME & FAMILY LAW, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Blatz. Agenda: HF1767 (Schreiber) Imposing a tax on marijuana and controlled substances. HF1730 (Blatz) Making corrections in criminal sexual conduct statutes. SF31 (Diessner)/HF456 (Blatz) Relating to motorboat safety; strengthening prohibitions and penalties regarding operation of motorboat while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY, Rm. 500 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Elton Redalen. Agenda: HF1664 (Redalen) Regulating contracts for the purchase of fuel by municipally owned power plants. HFxxx (Kostohryz) Tightens prohibition on off-tract pari-mutuel wagering. HF1165 (Jacobs) Authorizes municipalities to allow advertisements on outdoor telephone booths. Also further testimony relating to the Dept. of Administration Management Study of the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) from the Dept. of Public Service, Public Utilities Commission and others wishing to testify.

12:00 noon

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Discussion and actions on Governor's proposed budget reductions.

GENERAL LEGISLATION SUBCOMMITTEE/Labor-Management Relations, Rm. 300 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Dale Clausnitzer. Agenda: Non-union Fair Share concept as it relates to teachers and other union groups.


LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 500 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Jim Schreiber. Agenda: HF643 (Frenich) Modifying the method of determining certain adjusted assessed value; modifying the method of determining agricultural market value for property tax purposes. HF1759 (Dempsey) Payment date change for agricultural property. HF1815 (Dempsey) Adopting 12-month sales ratio data.

2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

6:30 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE TO REVIEW ADMINISTRATIVE RULES, Rm. 118 State Capitol. Chr. Rep. Carl Kroening. Agenda: 1) Staff Report: Dept. of Corrections, Office of Adult Release, policy and rules governing supervised release/parole (MN Rules, Ch. 2940); 2) Other Business: Notice of complaint received: Environmental Quality Board, Parts 4410.4300 and 4410.4400, Mandatory EAW and EIS categories; Staff information about Research Project on 180-day rule notice requirement in M.S. 14.12.

Tuesday, February 11
8:00 a.m.


STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Continue testimony, if any, from state departments/offices which were scheduled but not heard from on Friday, Feb. 7; Judicial branch and Secretary of State's office comments on Governor's recommended budget reductions and departmental/offices recommendations—Speakers: Sue K. Dosal, State Court Administrator and Elaine Voss, Deputy Secretary of State, discussion on the farm production lien filing requirements in federal farm bill and the costs of implementing a centralized system.


8:15 a.m.


10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 300 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: HF1892 (Bennett) Relating to energy. HF1852 (Bennett) Regulating those who package soft drinks and other non-alcoholic beverages.
Operations
HF1894—Becklin (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Environment; providing terms and conditions for the administration of wastewater treatment plant construction grants and loans; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1895—Voss (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Anoka county; directing the department of energy and economic development to refund a bond deposit; appropriating money.

HF1896—Nelson, K (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Vital statistics; authorizing Minneapolis and Hennepin county to merge their registration districts; amending statutes.

HF1897—Bennett (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Commerce; motor fuel franchises; extending the temporary prohibition on certain building alterations that eliminate service bays; amending laws.

HF1898—Knuth (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Real property; expanding class of persons who may receive duplicate certificate of title to registered land at direction of examiner of titles; providing that size of registered land drawings conform to uniform size for other plats; amending statutes.

HF1899—Rees (IR)—Judiciary
State government; eliminating joint liability in tort for the state and municipalities; amending statutes.

HF1900—Poppenhagen (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; changing certain incorporation requirements for domestic insurance corporations; amending statutes.

HF1901—Johnson (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Commerce; exempting certain dredge material from requirements for state permits; proposing coding for new law.

HF1902—Ellingson (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; establishing a youth conservation corps to promote employment of youths and young adults; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1903—Shaver (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; authorizing local units of government to reimburse homeowners' associations for the cost of maintaining certain roadways; proposing coding for new law.

HF1904—Richter (IR)—Education
Independent school district No. 820, Sabetha: allowing a fund transfer.

HF1905—Osthoff (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Education; providing for a tuition exemption for veterans; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1906—Minne (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; public employees retirement association; expanding conditions under which members of the association may purchase prior service credit; amending statutes.

HF1907—Backlund (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; accident and health; providing group coverage for residents who are not otherwise eligible to obtain this coverage; proposing coding for new law.

HF1908—Riveness (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; requiring planning for services for persons with brain impairment; establishing a statewide clearinghouse for caregiver information; reconvening the task force on need for persons with brain impairment; amending statutes.

HF1909—Piepho (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Utilities; prohibiting utilities from conducting energy-related activities in competition with business except in circumstances that will ensure fair competition; authorizing and directing the public utilities commission to adopt rules; imposing penalties; proposing coding for new law.

HF1910—Kostohryz (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Horse racing; prohibiting certain betting practices; prescribing penalties; amending statutes.

House
Advisories

Monday, Feb 3
HA64—Clark (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations
A proposal to study the impact on youth from federal and state reductions in funding for youth development programs.

HA65—Stanius (IR)—Education
A proposal for an interim study of special education.

HA66—Carlson, D (IR)—Transportation
A proposal to study methods of improving legislative oversight of highways and highway programs.

HA67—Clark (DFL)—Education
A proposal to study the issue of illiteracy in Minnesota.

HA68—Clark (DFL)—Education
A proposal to examine student loan repayment.

HA69—Governmental Operations
A proposal to investigate the issuance of severance payments by units of local government.

HA70—Wenzel (DFL)—Agriculture
A proposal to study the potential for state participation in school milk and lunch programs.

Wednesday, Feb 5
HA71—Ozment (IR)—Governmental Operations
A proposal to study the state building code in relation to state buildings and...
Wednesday, February 12
8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Marilyn Velan. Agenda: Dept. of Transportation, Transit Administration, and Outstate Transit Assistance; Regional Transit Board, Metropolitan Transit Assistance, Dept. of Commerce; Accountancy Board; Boxing Board.


LOCAL GOVERNMENT, Metropolitan. Agenda: HFxxx (Stanius) Metropolitan Home care regulation. HF543 (Forstye) Chemical dependency (CD) consolidated fund.

12:00 noon


2:00 p.m.

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Continue discussion and actions on Governor's proposed budget reductions.


4:00 p.m.


GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: HFxxx (McPherson) Placing the State Council on Vocational Education director in the unclassified service. HFxxx (Knickerbocker) State Board of Investment departmental bill. HF1007 (Knickerbocker) including certain State University administrators in the State University administrators in the state unclassified retirement plan. HF1885 (Neuenschwander) Private pension bill for Falls Nursing Home employees.

8:15 a.m.

TAXES, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: HF1759 (Dempsey) Extending the second installment payment date by 30 days in the case of certain agricultural property. HF1815 (Dempsey) Prescribing requirements of the sales ratio study used by the State Board of Equalization. HFxxx Agricultural tax bill.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 300 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: To be announced.


HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Tony Onnen. Agenda: Continue agenda from Tuesday, Feb. 11 (if necessary). HF1584 (J. Carlson) Omnibus Health and Human Services policy bill (delete everything amendment). Other bills to be announced.

12:00 noon

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 400 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Dave Fjoslien. Agenda: To be announced.


PROGRAM EVALUATION DIVISION/Legislative Audit Commission, Rm. 300 S State Office Building. Agenda: Program evaluation reports on: deinstitutionalization of the mentally ill; and deinstitution-alization of the mentally retarded.

2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

7:00 p.m.

Friday, February 14

8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan. Agenda: Racing Commission; Charitable Gambling; Dept. of Public Service; Municipal Board; Minnesota/Wisconsin Boundary Commission; Voyaguer's Park; Ethical Practices; Uniform Laws.


8:15 a.m.


10:00 a.m.

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/Appropriations, Basement Hearing Room, State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson. Agenda: Continue public testimony if necessary on Human Services budget. Please limit testimony to 5 minutes and one speaker per interest group.

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Continue discussion and actions on Governor's proposed budget recommendations.

JOINT SUBCOMMITTEE ON THE STATE OFFICE BUILDING RENOVATION/Appropriations & Governmental Operations, Rm. 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Dennis Ozment. Agenda: Continue discussion of the renovation problems, building code violations and cost overruns of the newly remodeled State Office Building.

10:30 a.m.


1:00 p.m.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING & FISCAL DISPARITIES SUBCOMMITTEE/Taxes, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: Consider legislation for both issues.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Service for hearing impaired

Beginning Monday, Feb. 17, the House Public Information Office will have a new phone line to allow hearing impaired persons to communicate via telephone with the Legislature. The phone connects to a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD). A TDD looks like a modified typewriter, with a phone coupler rather than a paper carriage.

To communicate, the caller types a message, which goes over the phone line, producing a high-pitched sound. The receiver prints out a message on an adding machine-style tape.

If you wish to use this service to contact a member of the House of Representatives or the State Senate, call (612) 296-9896.

Hazardous waste

Four Minnesota sites would be off the list of possible sites for a hazardous waste treatment facility under a bill the Environment and Natural Resources Committee recommended to pass Feb. 13.

HF1968 (Rose, IR-Roseville), would also create a plan to encourage communities to volunteer local sites for the facility by offering state funds as incentives.

As amended, the bill eliminates sites in Carver, Scott, Aitkin and Marshall counties which the Waste Management Board chose as potential sites. Protests from residents persuaded the 1984 Legislature to impose a moratorium on site selection.

The bill states that the facility must treat and contain hazardous wastes instead of storing untreated wastes. The bill would offer a county $100,000 as soon as negotiations with the board begin, and $250,000 when the county signs the contract.

Income tax indexing

On Feb. 13, the House voted, 109-18, in favor of HF1725, a bill that would repeal the law that automatically suspends income tax indexing if the state has a budget shortfall. Indexing adjusts income tax brackets, credits, and the standard deduction for inflation.

Repeal of indexing suspension would save Minnesota taxpayers $75 million this year, according to Author William Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park).

The repeal measure now goes to the Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee.

School aid cuts

Summer school for grades kindergarten through 12 (K-12) would be temporarily on the shelf along with the state's fledgling arts school under a school aids amendment to HF1766 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)

The bill got a recommendation to pass, as amended, from the Education Finance Division of the Education Committee, Feb. 13.

Rejecting the Governor's proposed $95 million across-the-board cuts in education, the division chose to retain current property tax credits, basic foundation aids, and all 9-month K-12 and 12-month special education programs.

The division's amendment contains about an $11 million reduction in the 1986-88 school year, or .88 percent of the budget. Of the $11 million, about $3.5 million would come from cuts in state education agencies and transportation aids. Summer school and the other
affected programs would resume once the state's budget reserve reaches a specified level.

The division heard the governor's proposal Feb. 10, which would cut school district budgets by about six percent. According to numerous witnesses in a Feb. 11 division meeting, such cuts would mean an increase in K-12 class sizes because of teacher layoffs, and the end of many special education programs. Already in an economic depression, rural areas would face the greatest hardships, they said.

The full Education Committee hears the amendment to HF1766 Feb. 14.

Medical provider fees

Some doctors may withdraw from the Medical Assistance and General Assistance Medical Care provider programs unless the state pays them higher fees.

Tom Mahowald, a spokesman for the Minnesota Medical Association, told the Human Services Division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 12 that the state is taking advantage of doctors' "social conscience" by asking them to accept reimbursement on the basis of fees they charged seven years ago.

Payments to medical providers were at the fiftieth percentile of 1979 charges until last year, when the Legislature approved an increase to 1982 charge levels. The governor's budget would return doctor reimbursement to the previous level, saving the state $15.4 million over the next biennium.

Mahowald said physicians are "up in arms" over the proposal. He also questioned why doctors should suffer a 20 percent budget cut, while most state departments are reducing their budgets by 3.5 percent.

AVTI reorganization

Local school boards would no longer govern Area Vocational-Technical Institutes (AVTIs) under HF2049, a bill Rep. Ben Boo (IR-Duluth) is sponsoring. The Education Committee and the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee reviewed the proposal in a joint meeting Feb. 12.

The bill's provisions include:
- severing wage negotiations for AVTI instructors from K-12 teacher contracts.
- clustering the state's 34 AVTI campuses into regional administrative groups with separate boards of directors instead of local school boards.
- transferring campus properties and personnel from local to regional districts.

"Local school boards have primary responsibility for running their K-12 programs and just don't have time for AVTI issues," said Joseph Graba, state director of vocational technical education. "Most of the local boards also don't have the area-wide perspective AVTI needs. And no group or person oversees the decisions they make."

The Minnesota Higher Education Coordinating Board favors a statewide authority structure over regional organizations.

Fetal death/injury

Anyone who kills or injures a fetus would face up to life in prison under a bill that moved out of committee Feb. 12 and on to the full House.

The Crime and Family Law Committee recommended passage of HF1844 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm) that defines an unborn child and provides criminal penalties for its injury or death.

The committee also heard, but didn't recommend passage of a bill by Rep. David Bishop (IR-Rochester). Bishop's bill doesn't define a fetus but provides criminal penalties for injury to a pregnant woman that results in miscarriage, stillbirth, or the birth of an injured child.

Bishop said his bill would provide more complete and immediate protection for fetuses because it would avoid constitutional challenges on the definition of fetus and whether the fetus could live outside the womb.

But Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul) said three states already have laws that describe the victim as the fetus, not the pregnant woman. Courts haven't narrowed the scope of the law in those states, he said.

The bill provides up to life imprisonment for death of a fetus, and 10 years for harm to a fetus. The bill excludes abortions.

Troopers and tickets

Do state troopers issue traffic tickets to meet a daily or quarterly quota? That question was up for debate at a Feb. 12 meeting of the Transportation Committee. On the agenda was HF1930 (Carlson, IR-Sandstone), a bill that would prohibit state patrolers from ordering, or in any manner suggesting, that a trooper issue a certain number of tickets.

After looking at a trooper evaluation form, which has a column for "expected activity for hours worked," some legislators argued that the form sets up a quota system because it puts emphasis on the number of tickets a trooper issues.
Major Glen Gramse, from the Department of Public Safety, in response, said that Minnesota doesn’t have a quota system. But, he said, we do have an evaluation system that looks at what troopers do.

“It’s a system where you have to deal with things you can look at and measure, and we measure citations, but in a very minimum way,” he said.

Author of the bill, Rep. Doug Carlson, said whether or not Minnesota has a quota system, nothing is wrong with having this kind of legislation on the books. He said it will prevent anyone from accusing the state of having a quota system.

The committee recommended the bill to pass as amended.

Office of state treasurer

Voters may get to decide this fall whether to cut the office of state treasurer.

The Governmental Operations Committee Feb. 11 recommended to pass SF363 after amending into it the language from HF424 (Dyk, IR-Worthington). The bill would call for a constitutional amendment to eliminate the office of state treasurer by 1991. The only way to do that is to put the question before the people in a general election.

Robert Mattson now holds the office of treasurer and runs it out of a residential duplex in St. Paul. Mattson moved from his State Administration Building quarters near the Capitol when the 1985 Legislature drastically cut his duties, staff, and budget.

Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul), said the voters should decide if legislators decided wisely. “If the people of the state of Minnesota choose to abolish this office, then effective 1991, that will be the case. If they don’t, then I think we should be back here next year giving that office something more to do than what it’s currently charged with.”

The Senate version of the bill would have replaced the secretary of state, treasurer, and auditor with a comptroller.

Dyke said a committee task force examined the option, but decided the positions had such different duties it wouldn’t be logical to combine them.

The bill now goes to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee, which will decide whether to put the question on the ballot this fall. Then both Senate and House will have to agree on what the wording will be.

Sexual exploitation

Should Minnesota law give patients the right to sue their therapists for sexual exploitation?

On Feb. 11, members of the Judiciary Committee recommended a bill which would put into the statutes the right of patients to bring such actions against their therapists.

Author of HF1851, Rep. Bert McKasy (IR-Mendota Heights) says no statutory law currently exists on sexual exploitation by therapists. He says the bill would create a legislative policy against such exploitation, simplify litigation, and encourage settlement of cases.

Physicians, psychologists, nurses, social workers, clergy, and other psychotherapy workers would fall under the bill’s definition of psychotherapist. The bill would also impose certain requirements on the employers of therapists who know or have reason to know of the exploitation.

The bill now goes to the floor of the House.

Education budgets

The Department of Education may terminate 24 positions during the biennium, which will help achieve a $2.1 million savings, department officials told the Education Division of the Appropriations Committee Feb. 11. Elementary and Secondary Education, Technology and Curriculum Integration, and the Faribault Academies are among the departmental divisions that may feel the cuts.

Deputy Commissioner Curman Gaines said, in reviewing priority lists from assistant commissioners and managers, that he and Commissioner Ruth Randall kept in mind their goal to hurt the school districts least.

David Longanecker of the Higher Education Coordinating Board (HECB) said state reductions in financial aid will “cut beyond the quick” because of the prospect of rising tuition and reduced federal assistance for students. He said HECB plans include few “hard cuts” in scholarship and grant money. Instead, the HECB will cover the $1.7 million reduction in this area with a 5 percent surcharge on parental contributions to educational fees.

Longanecker said that between Gramm-Rudman’s $3.5 million cut in financial aid, and the proposed federal budget’s $9 million cut in grants and scholarships, the average student at the University of Minnesota could pay $670 more in tuition next year.

Farm valuation

Is the current system of valuing farm land fair? Many farmers don’t think so. They say the system doesn’t reflect the land’s actual value.

Several farmers testified at a meeting of the Local Government Finance Division of the Taxes Committee Feb. 10. They spoke in favor of HF843 (Frerichs, IR-Rochester), a bill that would change the farm-property valuation system.

Author Rep. Donald Frerichs says the present system bases values on a history of sales. His bill, he says, would change it to a system that bases valuation on net income and the cost of money.

“The taxation policy must be set on an ability to pay and the only system that meets this criteria is a valuation of productivity,” Frerichs says.

The division hears the bill again later in the session.

PUC code of ethics

A code of ethics the five-member Minnesota Public Utilities Commission (PUC) recently adopted came under criticism at a Feb. 10 meeting of the Regulated Industries and Energy Committee.

PUC Chair Harry Crump said the code evolved from a recom-
mendment in a Department of Administration management study.

Under the ethics code, commissioners couldn’t accept food or beverages from lobbyists. Nor could they take jobs in Minnesota utility companies for at least one year after they leave their commission posts.

Rep. Tom Osthoff (DFL-St. Paul) said, “The accessibility of commissioners would, it seems to me, be sorely hampered if they couldn’t accept drinks or eat dinner with utility representatives. My vote can’t be bought by a drink or dinner. And I doubt whether commissioners’ decisions would be influenced any more by it than mine would.”

Other committee members pointed out that the employment clause is probably unconstitutional. “I cannot believe that, legally, the state can tell anyone when or where they can or cannot work,” said Rep. Dennis Poppenhagen (IR-Detroit Lakes).

Karl Sonneman, PUC counsel, said, “To a large degree, a code of conduct is self-enforcing.” The PUC code of ethics reflects provisions in the conduct code for the executive branch of the federal government, he added.

The committee expects to continue its discussion about the PUC code next week.

Clarification

Session Weekly, Jan.31, page 1, “Medical malpractice insurance,” third paragraph, should read:

HF1764 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington) provides that if an impaired plaintiff receives payment for damages from one insurance company, the plaintiff could not collect the same payments from another insurer.

In other words, the plaintiff could not collect twice for the same damage. Nothing in the bill prohibits the plaintiff from collecting 100 percent for damages.

House budget resolution

On Feb. 10, the House voted, 101-26, in favor of a budget resolution calling for $384 million in cuts or adjustments to the current budget. The resolution, which agrees with the governor’s proposal to reduce the deficit, provides that $100 million stay in the reserve fund and sets state spending at $10.209 billion.

Under the House, the speaker will have the power to rule out of order any tax or spending bill or amendment that would exceed the levels the resolution sets.

Recall of elected officials

“Shall the Minnesota Constitution be amended to allow for the recall of elective officers by petition and special election?”

Minnesota voters could find this question on their 1986 ballot if HF124 becomes state law. On Feb. 7, the General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee approved the recall legislation and sent it on to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee.

“This is simply a mechanism to restore to the people the power to recall elected officials,” said author Paul Thiede (IR-Pequot Lakes). He said 16 states currently have recall in their statutes.

Under the bill, if the voters approve the constitutional amendment, 25 percent of the eligible voters in the most recent election of a particular geographic district could recall state elected officials by signing a petition. After the filing of a proper petition, an incumbent would stand for election in a special election unless he or she chooses to resign. HF124 would prohibit the recalling of elected officials with less than one year service in office.

“It strikes at the very foundation of the principles upon which our government has been established,” said a supporter of the bill, Tom Morehouse of Anoka County. “It promotes the principles of limited government and individual freedom.”

Helen Schendel of the League of Minnesota Cities said the league opposes the portion of the bill relating to cities. “Home rule charter cities may provide for petition and recall. And any city which chooses to be a home rule charter city has that authority to do so,” she said.

“We prefer that the Legislature not mandate it to us.”

Service station moratorium

Service station owners (franchisees) who want to repair cars and sell only gas and oil would continue to get protection under Minnesota law if the Legislature passes HF1897 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview). The bill would extend until July 1, 1988, a moratorium that stops parent oil companies from forcing franchisees to sell other merchandise and do away with service bays.

However, the bill, which the Commerce and Economic Development Committee, Feb. 7, recommended to pass would allow station owners to carry other merchandise if they want to.

The bill’s author, Rep. Tony Bennett, says HF1897 is a continuation of a two-year moratorium the Legislature passed in 1984. He says he wants to extend the moratorium until the courts decide on several court cases challenging the force conversion issue.

Committee deadlines

On Feb. 10, the full House adopted a Senate concurrent resolution providing session deadlines for the Legislature in accordance with Joint Rule 2.03.

Deadlines are:
• After Feb. 28, neither the Senate nor the House will act on committee reports on bills in the house of origin.
• After March 8, neither the Senate nor the House will act on committee reports on bills originating in the other house.
• After March 13, neither house shall act on bills other than those in: 1) reports of conference committees; 2) messages from the other house; 3) reports of the Committee on Rules and Administration in the Senate or the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration in the House; or 4) messages from the governor.
COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE
Wednesday, Feb. 12
• Farmers—legal assistance HF1837/SF1672 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee) [See Highlight]

• Agricultural alcohol gasoline—definition change HF1882/SF1895 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.

• Veterinary lien priority HF1846/SF1613 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—heard. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Friday, Feb. 7
• Service stations—two-year moratorium extended HF1897 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—recommended to pass.

Tuesday, Feb. 11
• Energy code administration changes HF1892 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee.

Thursday, Feb. 13
• Soft drink distributors—regulation HF1852/SF1703 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)

CRIME & FAMILY LAW
Monday, Feb. 10
• Pregnant woman injury—criminal penalties HF1840/SF1591 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—heard.

Wednesday, Feb. 12
• Fetal death—criminal penalties HF1844/SF1681 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended. (See Highlight)

EDUCATION
Monday, Feb. 10
• Minors—tracking missing children HF1856 (Stomus, IR-White Bear Lake)—heard; laid over.

Wednesday, Feb. 12
• Vocational-technical education—governance changes HFXXX (Boo, IR-Duluth)—heard.

Wednesday, Jan. 22
• School aid—budget cuts HF1766/SF1689 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Tuesday, Feb. 11
• School aid—budget cuts HF1766/SF1689 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Thursday, Feb. 13
• School aid—budget cuts HF1766/SF1689 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
Tuesday, Feb. 11
• Hazardous waste—containment site selection HF1968 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—heard.

Thursday, Feb. 13
• Hazardous waste—containment site selection HF1968 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended.

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE
Friday, Feb. 7
• Credit unions, state banks—IRAs allowed HF1806/SF1718 (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)

• Liability—municipal, general civil changes HF1776 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—heard.

Wednesday, Feb. 12
• Liability—municipal, general civil changes HF1776 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—heard.

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS
Friday, Feb. 7
• MIA resolution HF1826/SF1716 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Veterans and General Legislation Committee)

• POWs—free motor vehicle license plates HF1870/SF1757 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Veterans and General Legislation Committee)

• Dept. of Veterans Affairs—clarifying changes HF1871 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

• Elected officials recall—constitutional amendment HF124/SF124 (Thiede, IR-Pequot Lakes)—recommended to pass as amended by subcommittee; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in Senate Elections and Ethics Committee) [See Highlight]

• Native American memorial HF1599 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee.

Thursday, Feb. 13
• Dept. of Veterans Affairs—resources fund established HF1946 (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

• Ethics in Government Act—changes HF1568/SF1325 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Elections and Ethics Committee)

• Ethical Practices Board—disclosure of investigations HF1717 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—heard.

• Secretary of State—housekeeping changes HF2014/SF1838 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Elections and Ethics Committee)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
Monday, Feb. 10
• Unemployment insurance—reform plan HF1847 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass.

Tuesday, Feb. 11
• Constitutional officers—consolidation HF424/SF363* (Dyke, IR-Worthington)—recommended to pass as amended.

Thursday, Feb. 13
• Pension change—nursing home purchase HF1885/SF1638 (Neuenschwander, DFL-Int’l Falls)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

• State Councils—voc/ed director reclassified HF1928/SF1795 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)
• State retirement—
  investment choices expanded
  HF1926 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass as
  amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)
• State retirement—university
  officials unclassified
  HF1007/SF0707 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—amended; tabled until
  Monday, Feb. 17. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

HEALTH &
HUMAN SERVICES
Tuesday, Feb. 11
• Nursing home reimbursement
  HF1794/SF1579 (Gruenes, IR-St.
  Cloud)—recommended to pass as
  amended; placed on Consent Calendar.
  (SF is on Senate floor)
Thursday, Feb. 13
• Home care regulation
  HF370/SF51 (Onnen, IR-Cokato)—
  recommended to pass as amended;
  rereferred to Appropriations
  Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

JUDICIARY
Tuesday, Feb. 11
• Psychotherapists—
  sexual exploitation by
  HF1851/SF1619 (Mckasy, IR-Mendota
  Heights)—recommended to pass as
  amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary
  Committee)
• Revisor's gender changes
  HF1824 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—
  recommended to pass as amended.
• Restrictive covenants—
  expiration
  HF1635/SF1517 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis
  Park)—not recommended to pass. (SF
  in Senate Judiciary Committee)
• Equal Access to Justice Act
  HF1902/SF1848 (Holberg, IR-
  Burnsville)—recommended to pass as
  amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary
  Committee)
• Court administration—
  miscellaneous changes
  HF1757 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—
  recommended to pass. (SF in Senate
  Judiciary Committee)
• Court fees—increased
  HF1772/SF1857 (Dempsey, IR-New
  Ulm)—recommended to pass. (SF in
  Senate Judiciary Committee)
• Living Will
  HF1301/SF1133 (Bishop, IR-
  Rochester)—heard. (SF in Senate
  Judiciary Committee)

LOCAL &
URBAN AFFAIRS
Tuesday, Feb. 11
• Waste water treatment—
  privatization
  HF1869 (Valento, IR-Little Canada)
  recommended to pass.
• Waste water treatment—
  administration of grants, loans
  HF1894 Beckin, IR-Cambridge
  recommended to pass; rereferral to
  Environment and Natural Resources
  Committee.
• Local government—
  economic development districts
  HF1990 (Valento, IR-Little Canada)
  recommended to pass.
Thursday, Feb. 13
• Waste water treatment—
  9-county agreement
  HF1810/SF1765 (Sviggum IR-Kenyon)
  laid over until Feb. 18. (SF in Senate
  Local and Urban Government
  Committee)
• Bond deposits—reimbursement
  HF1810/SF1765 (Sviggum IR-Kenyon)
  over until Feb. 18. (SF in Senate
  Local and Urban Government
  Committee)
• Development
  authorities—coordination
  HF1807/SF1760 (Carlson, J., IR-
  Moorhead) recommended to pass as
  amended. (SF in Senate Local and
  Urban Government Committee)
• Metropolitan governance—
  revisions and corrections
  HF1991/SF1913 (Stanius, IR-White Bear
  Lake) recommended to pass as
  amended. (SF in Senate Local and
  Urban Government Committee)

REGULATED
INDUSTRIES &
ENERGY
Monday, Feb. 10
• Municipal power plants—
  fuel contract changes
  HF1664/SF1547 (Redalen, IR-
  Fountain)—recommended to pass as
  amended. (SF in Local and Urban
  Government Committee)
• Pari-mutual betting—
  expanding prohibitions
  HF1910 (Kostohryz, DFL-North St.
  Paul)—recommended to pass as
  amended.
• Advertising—
   on telephone booths
  HF1185/SF1473 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon
  Rapids)—recommended to pass as
  amended. (SF in Transportation
  Committee)

TAXES
Friday, Feb. 7
• Dept. of Revenue—
  federal update changes
  HF1827/SF1692 (McKasy, IR-Mendota
  Heights)—heard. (SF in Senate Taxes
  and Tax Laws Committee)
• Dept. of Revenue—
  miscellaneous changes
  HF1877/SF1693 (Tjernhom, IR-
  Richfield)—heard. (SF in Senate Taxes
  and Tax Laws Committee)
Thursday, Feb. 13
• Sales ratio data—
  12-month adopted
  HF1815 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—
  recommended to pass; placed on
  Consent Calendar.
• Farmers—
  income tax relief
  HF1986 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—heard.

Local Government
Finance Div./Taxes
Monday, Feb. 10
• Farm property taxes—
  payment date change
  HF1759 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—laid
  over until next meeting.
• Sales ratio data—
  12-month adopted
  HF1815 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—
  recommended to pass.
• Farm property—
  change in method of valuation
  HF843 (Ferrier, IR-Rochester)—heard.

TRANSPORTATION
Wednesday, Feb. 12
• Traffic citation
  quotes—prohibited
  HF1930/SF1818 (D. Carlson, IR-
  Sandstone)—recommended to pass as
  amended. (SF in Senate Transportation
  Committee)

FLOOR
ACTION
SUSPENSION
OF RULES
Monday, Feb. 10
• Black History Month—
  commemorated
  Resolution 39 (McLaughlin, DFL-
  Mpls.)—adopted.
• Budget resolution
  Resolution 38 (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—
  adopted.

CALENDAR
Wednesday, Feb. 12
• Campground, manufactured home
  park operators—food licenses
  HF1699/SF1562 (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—
  passed.
• Tobacco, smokeless—
  warning labels
  HF1773/SF1705 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota
  Heights)—passed as amended on
  General Orders.

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Bill Introductions

Monday, Feb 10

HF1911—Levi (IR)—Taxes
Natural resources; authorizing wa­
tershed management organizations to es­
tablish taxing districts within minor wa­
tershed units of watersheds; amending statutes.

HF1912—Frederickson (IR)—Local/Urb­
Affairs
Public administration; providing for var­
ious town powers; permitting certain sales of public property; providing con­
ditions for contractor’s bonds; amending statutes.

HF1913—Seaberg (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Appropriations; allowing appropriation to department of public safety for fingerprint identification network to be available for second year of biennium; amending laws.

HF1914—Clark (DFL)—General Legisla­
/Veterans Affairs
Cemeteries; changing procedures for dealing with certain burial sites; increasing a penalty; amending statutes.

HF1915—Waltman (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; clarifying the defini­
tion of “rule” in the administrative pro­
cedure act; assigning additional duties to the legislative commission to review ad­
ministrative rules; amending statutes.

HF1916—Voss (DFL)—Financial Institu­
tions/Insurance
Insurance; requiring notification to the is­
suing insurer when replacing a life insur­
ance policy; amending statutes.

HF1917—Begich (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; authorizing benefit increases for retired Evereth police officers, firefig­
hers, and surviving spouses.

HF1918—Nelson, D (DFL)—Environment/ Natural Resources
Health; providing that mosquito research and management activities are not eco­
logically disruptive; amending statutes.

HF1919—Levi (IR)—Education
Education; imposing a limit on participa­
tion in and making other modifications to the post-secondary enrollment options program; modifying the timelines for placing teachers on unrequested leaves of absence; amending statutes.

HF1920—Simoneau (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Appropriations; designating Anoka county as an operating agency in the administration and expenditure of an ap­
propriation for the Mississippi Regional Park.

HF1921—Pappas (DFL)—Commerce/Eco­
nomic Development
Housing; authorizing the Minnesota housing finance agency to make grants to municipalities for the provision of housing for very low income persons; ap­
propriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF1922—Ogren (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; property; providing a state paid small business property tax credit; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1923—Uphus (IR)—Regulated Indus­
tries/Energy
Utilities; abolishing electric service exten­sion exemption for certain utility customers; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1924—Anderson, R (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; extending increased survivor benefits to surviving spouses of certain public employees; amending statutes.

HF1925—Gruenes (IR)—Education
Education; permitting pupils of nonpublic schools to use the post-secondary en­
rollment options act; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF1926—Knickerbocker (IR)—Gov­
ernmental Operations
State investments; establishing various accounts within the supplemental invest­
ment fund; providing for the administra­tion of the accounts and for the invest­
ment and valuation of shares within each account; amending statutes.

HF1927—McKasy (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; increasing the maximum in­
come tax credit for political contributions; amending statutes.

HF1928—McPherson (IR)—Education
Education; placing the state council on vocational education director in the un­
classified service; amending statutes.

HF1929—Battaglia (DFL)—Education
School districts; changing the qualifying percentage of agricultural valuation for minimum aid from 60 to 50; amending statutes.

HF1930—Carlson, D (IR)—Transportation
Public safety; banning traffic citation quotas; proposing coding for new law.

HF1931—Lieder (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of East Grand Forks; permitting the establishment of a port authority; author­
zing the port authority to exercise the powers of a municipal housing and re­
development authority.

HF1932—Gruenes (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; modifying the pread­
misson screening program; establishing requirements for medical assistance rate appeals procedures for intermediate care facilities; amending statutes.

HF1933—McLaughlin (DFL)—Financial Institu­
tions/Insurance
Insurance; prohibiting discrimination in auto insurance based upon marital dis­
solution; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1934—McLaughlin (DFL)—Financial Institu­
tions/Insurance
Insurance; providing flexibility in the amount of coverages other than for the dwelling under a homeowner’s policy; proposing coding for new law.

HF1935—Segal (DFL)—Education
School districts; requiring a health aware­
ness policy and program; proposing cod­ing for new law.

HF1936—Waltman (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; rejecting legislative salary increases; eliminating the compen­sation council; amending laws; repealing statutes.

HF1937—Waltman (IR)—Education
Education; providing equity revenue to raise foundation and tier revenue in all school districts to state average; appro­
priating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF1938—Waltman (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; authorizing transporta­tion to nonpublic schools outside school district boundary within certain limits; amending statutes.

HF1939—Vanasak (DFL)—Transportation
Transportation; authorizing transporta­tion to nonpublic schools outside school district boundary within certain limits; amending statutes.

HF1940—Gruenes (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; providing for county registrars of vital statistics; amending statutes.

HF1941—Carlson, L (DFL)—Education
University of Minnesota; appropriating money for agricultural extension service and experiment station projects.

HF1942—Heap (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; public transit; increasing the training requirement for drivers in the special transportation service program; requiring that special transportation service drivers hold a class A or B driver’s li­
cense; amending statutes.
HF1943—Heap (IR)—Health/Human Services
Insurance; health and accident; excluding certain nursing home policies from regulation as a form of medicare supplement insurance; amending statutes.

HF1944—Clark (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Minneapolis; providing that certain positions be appointed in the unclassified service; amending laws.

HF1945—Heap (IR)—Governmental Operations
Military affairs; authorizing the department of military affairs to purchase certain insurance; amending statutes.

HF1946—Dimler (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Veterans affairs; providing for use of departmental resources by certain organizations; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF1947—Olsen, S (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Solid waste; prohibiting the pollution control agency from issuing solid waste processing permits to certain facilities; amending statutes.

HF1948—Gruenes (IR)—Education
Education; post-secondary enrollment options act; excluding payments for course for which post-secondary credit is taken; amending statutes.

HF1949—Gruenes (IR)—Judiciary
Courts; allowing a person 20 days to remove a cause from conciliation court; allowing service by mail when a cause is removed to county court; amending statutes.

HF1950—Halberg (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; providing immunity to municipalities for certain claims that occur as a result of the use of parks and recreation areas; amending statutes.

HF1951—Svigum (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; revising the community social services act; clarifying allocation of funds; expanding responsibilities of county boards; requiring the county boards to publish biennial plans relating to community social services; amending statutes.

HF1952—Haukoos (IR)—Education
Education; vocational; specifying use of appropriation for firefighter training programs in AVT1's; amending laws.

HF1953—Gruenes (IR)—Health/Human Services
Insurance; accident and health; regulating long-term care policies; requiring coverage for home health care and care in skilled or intermediate nursing facilities; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1954—Jaros (DFL)—Health/Human Services
A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to include the provision of dental care, hearing aids, and eye glasses under Medicare.

HF1955—McKasy (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; changing the deduction of corporate contributions to foundations; amending statutes.

HF1956—Boo (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Financial institutions; providing for open end loan account arrangements; modifying existing rules and regulations; eliminating alternative credit card plan requirements; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1957—Tompkins (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Marriage; setting out the requirements and effect of premarital agreements; enacting the Uniform Prenuptial Agreement Act; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1958—Kelly (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Crime victims; providing increased protections and rights to victims of crime; increasing the criminal witness fee; providing new laws, procedures for enforcing restitution orders; establishing local victim-witness assistance programs; making a variety of changes to the crime victim reparations act; increasing the membership of the crime victim and witness advisory council; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1959—Schafer (IR)—Education
Education; rule change; increasing or changing the post-secondary enrollment options act; requiring certification that pupils are academically prepared for enrollment; providing limitations on granting credit for certain courses; authorizing secondary to grant transferable post-secondary credit; authorizing tuition reimbursement for courses taken for post-secondary credit; limiting school district liability for student participation in this program; establishing an aid for test fees; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF1960—Dempsey (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Data privacy; providing for the classification of data in certain adoption reports; amending statutes.

HF1961—Thiede (IR)—Governmental Operations
Education; providing for the appointment of the commissioner of education by the state board of education; amending statutes.

HF1962—Halberg (IR)—Judiciary
Costs and attorney fees; providing for recovery of costs and attorney fees by prevailing parties in civil actions and contested case proceedings involving the state; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1963—Skoglund (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Metropolitan government; providing for the composition of the metropolitan airports commission; amending statutes.

HF1964—Nelson, K (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Consumer protection; regulating the labeling, advertising, and distribution of smokeless tobacco products; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1965—Nelson, K (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Utilities; providing residential telephone customers protection from unwanted commercial telephone solicitation; requiring rulemaking by the public utilities commission; imposing a penalty; proposing coding for new law.

HF1966—Bishop (IR)—Governmental Operations
Attorney general; authorizing an increase in the number of assistant attorneys general; amending statutes.

HF1967—Skoglund (DFL)—Transportation
Traffic regulations; requiring motor vehicle operators to use child passenger restraint system when transporting child under age of four; assessing court costs to violator under certain conditions; imposing penalty; amending statutes.

HF1968—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Environment; providing for the selection of locations for and developers of hazardous waste stabilization and containment facilities; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1969—Boerboom (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Mediation; providing for mediation between debtors and creditors; authorizing mediator training grants to nonprofit regional alternative dispute resolution centers; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1970—Ozment (IR)—Governmental Operations
State lands; prescribing appraisal for conveyance of surplus state land in Dakota county to city of Hastings; amending laws.

HF1971—Fricichs (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to enact the Mississippi River National Heritage Corridor Act of 1986.

HF1972—Wyke (DFL)—Governmental Operations
State government; proposing amendments to the Minnesota Constitution; abolishing the office of state treasurer; transferring or repealing the powers, responsibilities and duties of the state treasurer; amending statutes.

HF1973—Heap (IR)—Education
Vocational education; providing for cooperation among AVT1s; proposing coding for new law.
HF1984—Dimler (IR)—Governmental Operations
Commerce; establishing a computerized county filing system; assessing a surcharge on certain documents filed; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1975—Poppenhagen (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation; prohibiting use of certain benefits in calculating employer's insurance rating plan; expanding premium base; restricting liability for out-of-state injuries; eliminating minimum compensation in case of no permanent disability; assessing management fee from state compensation insurance fund to special compensation fund; authorizing use of the management fee; establishing program for administrative conferences throughout the state; postponing initial adjustment of benefits for temporary total and temporary partial disabilities; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1976—Gruenes (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; establishing a catastrophic health expense protection program for children; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1977—Waltman (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation; making the three-day waiting period nonreimbursable; eliminating supplemental benefits for new claims; amending statutes.

HF1978—Kiffmeyer (CR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; limiting when felony charges brought for depriving another of custodial or parental rights may be dismissed; amending statutes.

HF1979—Johnson (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; regulating fees for state agency services; amending statutes.

HF1980—McDonald (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; authorizing the Indian affairs council to accept grants and gifts; amending statutes.

HF1981—Schreiber (IR)—Taxes
Liquor; regulating the extension of credit to retail licensees; proposing coding for new law.

HF1982—Himle (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Liquor; prohibiting joint purchases by retailers; removing limitations on volume discounts by wholesalers, and suggested retail prices; authorizing combination purchases; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1983—Johnson (IR)—Transportation
Taxation; gasoline; clarifying the transactions for which a distributor credit or rebate is allowed; amending statutes.

HF1984—Marsh (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Commerce; regulating securities; regulating the assignment of certain real property loans and the administration of certain escrow accounts; providing certain exemptions; regulating real estate brokers and salespersons; modifying re-examination requirements; providing trust accounts required for licensees acting as principals; granting certain enforcement powers to the commissioner; providing certain remedies; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1985—Dyke (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Agriculture; reallocating certain wage subsidy money; amending statutes.

HF1986—Redalen (IR)—Taxes
Agriculture; changing certain income tax provisions; amending statutes.

HF1987—McDonald (IR)—Taxes
Agriculture; providing an alternative property tax payment date for certain agricultural property; amending statutes.

HF1988—McDonald (IR)—Appropriations
Agriculture; providing for "buy-down" of interest rates on certain farm loans; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF1989—McDonald (IR)—Governmental Operations
Agriculture; establishing a family farm advocate program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF1990—Valento (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; authorizing home rule charter for statutory cities to establish economic development districts; granting powers to authorities; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1991—Stanius (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Metropolitan government; providing for appointments, administration, reports, and duties of metropolitan agencies; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1992—Thiede (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; granting the city of Brainerd the authority to establish a port authority; authorizing the port authority to exercise the power of a municipal housing and redevelopment authority; authorizing the city to impose restrictions and limitations upon the powers and procedures of the port authority; permitting the city to choose the name of the port authority; providing for removal of port authority commissioners.

HF1993—McDonald (IR)—Judiciary
Agriculture; providing for mediation of certain agricultural loan disputes; funding upgrading of certain agricultural computer hardware and software; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

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HF1994—Carlson, L (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Health insurance; increasing the maximum lifetime benefit; amending statutes.

HF1995—Pappas (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; prohibiting the sale of candy cigarettes and other simulated tobacco products; proposing coding for new law.

HF1996—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary
Collection and dissemination of data; classifying data; proposing classifications of data as private, nonpublic, and protected nonpublic; clarifying issues relating to the administration of data; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1997—Gruenes (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; creating a single, unitary process for the determination of residence and financial responsibility for all human service programs; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1998—Shaver (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration
Minnesota Constitution; providing for a unicameral legislature; providing by law for a membership of 135 members; amending statutes.

HF1999—Clark (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; requiring a study of the special health care needs of older women.

HF2000—Vellenga (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Housing; requiring notification of the use of pesticides; amending statutes.

HF2001—Clausnitzer (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Occupations and professions; architects, engineers, land surveyors, and landscape architects; making certain technical changes related to certain licensing exceptions; amending statutes.

HF2002—Carlson, D (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; railroads; providing that railroads must first offer property to leaseholders before selling it; proposing coding for new law.

HF2003—Schafer (IR)—Education
Education; appropriating money to the department of education for grants to the Little Crow Regional Teaching Institute.

HF2004—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Human services; giving counties authority to require functionally illiterate recipients of general assistance to attend adult literacy programs; amending statutes.

HF2005—Boo (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Labor; regulating grants to area labor-management committees; amending statutes.
HF2006—Erickson (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Unemployment compensation; altering the public policy statement regarding the taxable wage base; defining credit week; providing for employer charging; increasing the eligibility requirement; eliminating certain tax rate limitations; changing the weekly benefit amount; setting maximum weekly benefit; providing for the duration of benefits; increasing the duration of benefits for claimants in counties with high unemployment; providing for seasonal employees; making the waiting week nonreimbursable; amending the benefit offset for severance pay; increasing the period of time and earnings necessary for requalification after disqualification; changing the definition of suitable work; transferring duties to the office of administrative hearings; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2007—Blatz (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Marriage dissolution; providing that a surviving spouse benefit may be awarded to certain former spouses; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2008—Kalits (DFL)—Transportation
Transportation; removing certain restrictions on road authorities to mow rights-of-way outside of cities; repealing statutes.

HF2009—McKasy (IR)—Governmental Operations
Economic development; defining the duties and terms of office of the members of the world trade center board; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2010—Shaver (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
State high school league; providing for the appointment of certain board members; providing penalties for recruiting students; providing for student athletics and activity eligibility after certain transfers; providing standards for student participation in nonscholastic activities; providing administrative appeals from various decisions; amending statutes.

HF2011—McKasy (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; changing the name of the chief staff person of the world trade center board; modifying the qualifications for that position; amending statutes.

HF2012—Marsh (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; increasing penalties for soliciting or inducing an individual under the age of 13 to practice prostitution; imposing criminal liability on persons who receive profit from prostitution if they have reason to believe it was derived from prostitution; imposing criminal penalties on persons who allow juvenile prostitutes to reside in their dwelling; amending statutes.

HF2013—Kahn (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; requiring a hospital administrator to request an organ or tissue donation for the uniform anatomical gift act; proposing coding for new law.

HF2014—Backlund (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Elections; making changes in registration, caucuses, ballots, affidavits of candidacy and withdrawal, nominations, election certificates, and election judge qualifications; amending statutes.

HF2015—Backlund (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Metropolitan government; changing the treatment of current value credits and modifying the cost allocation system of the metropolitan waste control commission; providing for a reserve fund for the commission; authorizing appointment of advisory committees by the commission to a new cost allocation system; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2016—Stanius (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; establishing a statewide cancer surveillance system; providing for rule authority to administer the system and collect and distribute data; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2017—Nelson, K. (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; making certain videotaped statements admissible in proceedings involving physical or sexual abuse against a child; amending statutes.

HF2018—Nelson, K (DFL)—Education
Education; authorizing revenue for certain full-day kindergarten programs; requiring program approval by the commissioner of education; amending statutes; amending the law.

HF2019—Quinn (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; making it a felony to cause the death of or injure an unborn child; prescribing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2020—Gutknecht (IR)—Governmental Operations
State board of investment; prohibiting investment decisions made for noneconomic reasons; amending statutes.

HF2021—Kalits (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; affording protection to crows and authorizing a season on crows; amending statutes.

HF2022—Ogren (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; property; expanding the special homestead classification for certain disabled persons; amending statutes.

HF2023—Backlund (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Elections; changing certain procedures in absentee voting; increasing minimum number of election judges in certain precincts; requiring vendor bonds for certain voting systems; requiring public notice and demonstration for new voting equipment; authorizing standard ballot format; limiting number of ballots at single counting centers; amending statutes.

HF2024—Kalits (DFL)—Taxes
Education; providing for state advances to school districts with extraordinary tax delinquency, requiring a reduction in education aids for repayment of state advances; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2025—Boerboom (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; creating legislative transportation commission; appropriating money.

HF2026—Hartinger (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; defining the justifiable use of force by certain crime victims; expanding the rights of crime victims to be notified of and involved in criminal proceedings; protecting victims and witnesses from employer retaliation; expanding victim's rights to restitution; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2027—Kalits (DFL)—Transportation
Transportation; authorizing commission of transportation to reimburse local road authorities for unofficial detour routes; amending statutes.

HF2028—Waltman (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; making it a felony to cause the death of or injure an unborn child; prescribing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2029—DenOuden (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; classifying certain financial information submitted to the energy and economic development authority as public; amending statutes.

HF2030—Fjoslien (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Veterans; establishing a veterans' cemetery; proposing coding for new law.

HF2031—DenOuden (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; making it a felony to cause the death of or injure an unborn child; prescribing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2032—Valan (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
City of Hendrum; authorizing the establishment of a detached banking facility in the city of Moorhead by a state bank located in the city of Hendrum.

HF2033—Voss (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; property; changing the payment date for taxes on certain manufactured homes; amending statutes.

HF2034—Pielpho (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; applying geographical limitations to the set-aside and preference programs; providing penalties; amending statutes.
HF2035—Gutknecht (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; police and firefighters' relief associations; standardizing auditing requirements; clarifying various duties and responsibilities in the management of local associations; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2036—Boo (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; membership of firefighters employed by the department of military affairs in the public employees police and fire fund; amending statutes.

HF2037—Kvam (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Unemployment compensation; providing that benefits resulting from acts of God are nonchargeable to an employer's account; amending statutes.

HF2038—Bennett (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Commerce; requiring disclosures in used motor vehicle transactions; proposing coding for new law.

HF2039—Tomkins (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Housing; extending the interest reduction program; amending statutes.

HF2040—DenOuden (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Environment; abolishing the waste management board and transferring certain board functions to the pollution control agency effective June 30, 1986; amending statutes.

HF2041—Price (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; application of the rule of 85 to teachers; amending statutes.

HF2042—Price (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; requiring the commissioner of health to develop a system of monitoring the costs and outcomes of organ transplant procedures; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2043—Poppenhagen (IR)—Judiciary
Credit unions; permitting certain groups to join existing credit unions; amending statutes.

HF2044—Knickherocker (IR)—Financial Institutions & Insurance
Courts; altering the responsibility for establishing the salary of the state court administrator and district court administrator; amending statutes.

HF2045—Pappas (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Utilities; prohibiting certain employment by a public utilities commissioner; amending statutes.

HF2046—Bishop (IR)—Judiciary
Probate; providing for an increased sum payable to a surviving spouse by affidavit; increasing the value of a probate estate allowed for purposes of collection by affidavit; amending statutes.

HF2047—Segal (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; establishing a statewide cancer surveillance system; providing for rule authority to administer the system and collect and distribute data; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2048—Voss (DFL)—Governmental Operations
State government; modifying requirements of the set-aside program; amending statutes.

HF2049—Boo (IR)—Education
Education; vocational; establishing area vocational technical districts; providing for the appointment of area boards and directors; transferring personnel and property to area districts; specifying powers and duties of area boards; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2050—Bennett (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Theft; modifying circumstances justifying detention of suspects in business establishments; modifying immunity from liability for detention; amending statutes.

HF2051—Vellenga (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
St. Paul; permitting the establishment of special service districts in the city and providing taxing and other authority.

HF2052—Clausonizer (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; establishing principles for serving persons with mental retardation and related conditions; providing for comprehensive review of regulations and state and county relations; governing reimbursement to intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation and related conditions; providing for alternative correction plans for state hospitals; changing the funding formula for semi-independent living services; providing for an exception to the moratorium on construction of intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation and related conditions; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2053—Cohen (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Real estate; limiting the cost of continuing education for retired real estate salespersons and brokers; amending statutes.

HF2054—Vanasek (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; permitting certain unmarried individuals to file joint returns; amending statutes.

HF2055—Minne (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF2056—Rest (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; property; providing a state paid small business property tax credit; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2057—Redalen (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; requiring the commissioner of natural resources to accept rental payments for certain agricultural land until March 1 of each year; requiring the commissioner to make certain interest payments; amending statutes.

HF2058—Vanasek (DFL)—Taxes
Individual income taxation; providing a subtraction for interest on seller sponsored family farm security loans; amending statutes.

HF2059—Skoglund (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF2060—Brinkman (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF2061—Richter (IR)—Education
Independent school district No. 820, Sebeka; allowing a fund transfer and a waiver of debt service limits.

HF2062—Carlson, D (IR)—Transportation
Highways; providing for transfers of ownership of certain highways between the commissioner of transportation and Hennepin county; adding new routes to the trunk highway system in substitution of existing routes; deleting routes from the trunk highway system; authorizing the commissioner of transportation to add certain routes to the trunk highway system; amending statutes.

HF2063—Begich (DFL)—Education
Education; providing options for swimming classes in junior high schools; proposing coding for new law.

HF2064—Ozment (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Elections; providing for postponement of precinct caucuses in case of inclement weather; amending statutes.

HF2065—McCachern (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; exempting other departments or agencies of the same county from having to be billed by county recorder for certain recording transactions; amending statutes.

HF2066—Nelson, D (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; delaying the effective date of the repeal of the residential energy credit; amending laws.
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HF2076—Tompkins (IR)—Education
Post-secondary education; requiring the higher education coordinating board to study financial aid counseling needs in post-secondary institutions.

HF2077—Bishop (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; limiting application of the open space property tax law to facilities that do not discriminate on the basis of sex; amending statutes.

HF2078—Bishop (IR)—Judiciary
Real estate; providing for cancellation of real estate contract depending upon when contract was executed; providing for determination of purchase price; amending statutes.

HF2079—Backlund (IR)—Judiciary
Judgments; clarifying the general judgment lien law; amending statutes.

HF2080—Thorson (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; declaring state policy relating to paddy-grown rice; regulating paddy-grown rice; providing land to be sold for wild rice production; licensing wild rice producers; authorizing rules; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2081—Sviggum (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; directing the commissioner of human services to create a mental health service system; setting forth requirements for a mental health service system; amending statutes.

HF2082—Sviggum (IR)—Health/Human Services
Mental health; extending the patients' bill of rights to cover people receiving outpatient mental health treatment; defining a minimum grievance procedure for health care facilities; including in the patients' bill of rights the right of access to protection and advocacy services; amending statutes.

HF2083—Segal (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; property; providing a state paid small business property tax credit; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2084—McKasy (IR)—Judiciary
Occupations and professions; limiting the civil liability of psychologists for the violent acts of patients; proposing coding for new law.

HF2085—Schreiber (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Brooklyn Park; permitting the city to establish a port authority commission.

HF2086—Schreiber (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Food; clarifying the food handling license requirements applicable to mobile and itinerant food services; amending statutes.

HF2087—Kostohryz (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; authorizing certain prior service and military service purchases.

HF2088—Begich (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; no-fault auto; removing mandatory uninsured motorist coverages; clarifying the law regarding these coverages; amending statutes; repealing laws.

HF2089—Clausnitzer (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Employment; regulating systems of sharing or pooling gratuities; defining service charges; amending statutes.

HF2090—Clausnitzer (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Taxation; removing the additional sales tax from liquor; repealing statutes.

HF2091—Wenzel (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; including replacement parts in the definition of "farm machinery" for sales tax purposes; amending statutes.

HF2092—Neuenschwander (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; eliminating the limitations on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF2093—Clausnitzer (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; establishing demonstration projects to centralize application for all food assistance programs and to promote full participation in food assistance programs; establishing a coordinated nutrition data bank; requiring the full expenditure of federal funds by agencies administering the special supplemental food program for women, infants, and children; establishing a centralized unit to supervise the food stamp program; requiring food stamps to be provided within 24 hours to persons eligible for expedited issuance; requiring that waivers be obtained, if possible, from the United States government to allow certain individuals to obtain food stamps and medical assistance to permit reimbursement of costs of home-delivered meals to the elderly, and to implement a pilot school breakfast program; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2094—Kvam (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; property; allowing certain property owners to appeal assessments directly to the tax or district court; amending statutes.

HF2095—Carlson, D (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Economic development; rural development; establishing a mineral resources program; establishing a community development division in the department of energy and economic development; transferring the independent wastewater treatment grant from the pollution control agency to the department of energy and economic development; establishing the rural development council; designating the rural development revolving fund program; establishing the state supplemental education grant program; adding criteria for allocation of private activity bonds and available insurance authority; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2096—Schreiber (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; property; changing payment dates for certain property tax reimbursements; amending statutes.

HF2097—Foslien (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Charitable gambling; providing an exemption from regulation to organizations conducting certain raffles; amending statutes.
HF2098—Nelson, D (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; permitting certain unmarried individuals to file joint returns; amending statutes.

HF2099—Sviggum (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; setting forth legislative direction for child care services; authorizing a study; ensuring safe, affordable, quality child care; directing the commissioner of human services to provide information to providers and consumers of day care; suspending administrative authority until further consideration by the legislature; indemnifying counties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2100—Sviggum (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Agriculture; state agricultural society; removing the time and geographical restrictions on the society’s ability to impose certain restrictions on performers at the state fairgrounds; amending statutes.

HF2101—Thiede (IR)—Education
Education; allowing school boards to join the Minnesota rural education association; amending statutes.

HF2102—McEachern (DFL)—Education
School districts; permitting certain fund transfers; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2103—Quinn (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF2104—Rodosovich (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; property; providing a state paid small business property tax credit; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2105—Ogren (DFL) Local/Urban Affairs
Local governments; permitting an agreement to finance library construction in McGregor.

HF2106—Hartle (IR)—Education
Education; adding post-secondary vocational technical education representation on ESV computer and UFARS advisory councils; amending statutes.

HF2107—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; reimbursing nongame wildlife account for elk removal costs; appropriating money.

HF2108—Gruenes (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; removing the limitation on negotiated rate payments for adult foster care arrangements; amending statutes.

HF2109—Clausnitzer (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; clarifying members of screening team for intermediate care facilities; amending statutes.

HF2110—Clausnitzer (IR)—Education
Education; authorizing construction at intermediate school district No. 287, suburban Hennepin.

HF2111—Clausnitzer (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Medina; authorizing a payment by the city for utility construction.

HF2112—McLaughlin (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; providing for comprehensive school-based health clinic projects; proposing coding for new law.

HF2113—NeuenSchwander (DFL)—Transportation
Public safety; barring traffic citation quotas; proposing coding for new law.

HF2114—Dyke (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Workers’ compensation; modifying definition of the maximum weekly benefit; defining spendable weekly earnings; changing the basis for calculating temporary total disability benefits, temporary partial disability benefits, economic recovery compensation and permanent total disability benefits; amending statutes.

HF2115—Demnesey (IR)—Judiciary
Statute of limitations; providing a limitation on actions against land surveyors; proposing coding for new law.

HF2116—Harterig (IR)—Transportation
Traffic regulation; requiring school zone speed limits to be in effect at all times; amending statutes.

HF2117—Harterig (IR)—Transportation
Traffic regulations; requiring warning alarm on certain motor vehicles when backing; imposing a penalty; proposing coding for new law.

HF2118—Harterig (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Courts; regulating the jurisdiction of conciliation courts in worthless check cases; amending statutes.

HF2119—Stanis (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; changing eligibility requirements for catastrophic health expense protection; including insurance premiums; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2120—Sparby (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; changing eligibility requirements for catastrophic health expense protection; including insurance premiums; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2121—Dimler (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Unemployment compensation; altering the public policy statement; changing the taxable wage base; defining credit week; providing for employer charging; increasing the eligibility requirement; eliminating certain tax rate limitations; changing the weekly benefit amount; providing for the duration of benefits; increasing the duration of benefits for claimants in counties with high unemployment; providing for seasonal employees; making the waiting week nonreimbursable; amending the benefit offset for severance pay; increasing the period of time and earnings necessary for requalification after disqualification; changing the definition of suitable work; transferring duties to the office of administrative hearings; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2122—Freichs (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; reactivating the agricultural data collection task force; declaring certain data of the task force to be “not public data”; appropriating money; amending laws.

HF2123—Himle (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Bloomington; authorizing the city to impose certain taxes; exempting certain assessed valuation within the city from metropolitan revenue distribution; permitting the city to establish a special taxing district; authorizing the port authority of the city to pledge certain tax revenues to pay certain bonds and permitting it to develop leased land; authorizing development in accordance with the Generic EIS and Generic Indirect Source Permit.

HF2124—Carlson, D (IR)—Governmental Operations
Natural resources; enacting a reorganization of the department of natural resources and requiring the commissioner of natural resources to implement the same by December 31, 1986; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2125—Carlson, D (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Environment; providing for the selection of locations for and developers of integrated facilities for the resource recovery, recycling, or stabilization and containment of hazardous waste; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2126—Gruenes (IR)—Taxes
City of St. Cloud; authorizing the city to impose certain taxes to construct, operate, and promote a convention center facility.

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SF1349—Peterson, R (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; providing that insurers or health maintenance organizations must not require a public employer to contribute toward the payment of insurance premiums or charges for insurance for retired officers or employees; amending statutes.

SF1574—Diessner (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Counties; making optional a county building commission law; amending statutes. end
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ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

All rooms are located in the State Office Building unless otherwise indicated. This schedule is subject to change. For information call House Calls at 296-9263, or contact Terri Hudoba at 296-2146. All meetings are open to the public.

Monday, February 17

8:00 a.m.


STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Gaylin DanOuden. Agenda: HF1074 (DenOuden) Minnesota Zoo Board; powers and duties clarified; chairmen’s discussions; budget reduction considerations.

EDUCATION, Rm. 5 State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: Post-secondary enrollment option.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 10 State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: HF1097 (Knickerbocker) Including State University administrators in the Minnesota State Retirement System (MSRS) unclassified retirement plan. Discussion of voluntary consolidation of local relief associations into Public Employees Retirement Association (PERA) Police and Fire. HF2035 (Gutknecht) Standardizing auditing requirements for police and firefighters’ relief associations.

8:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.
CRIME & FAMILY LAW, Rm. 500 N State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Kathleen Blatz. Agenda: HF1730 (Blatz) Making corrections in criminal sexual conduct statutes. SF31 (Diessner)/HF458 (Blatz) Relating to motorboat safety (BWI bill). HF1978 (Kiffmeyer) Limiting when felony charges brought for depriving another of custodial or parental rights may be dismissed.


12:00 noon
EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Discussion and actions on proposed budget reductions.

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

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 500 S State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Terry Dempsey. Agenda: HF1759 (Dempsey) Payment date change for agricultural property. Governor’s initiatives concerning homestead credit.

2:00 p.m.
The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

4:00 p.m.
GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 400 N State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Dave Fjoslien. Agenda: Overview of gambling issues.

Tuesday, February 18

8:00 a.m.
HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 N State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson. Agenda: To be announced.


GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 10 State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: HF1963 (Boerboom) Providing for mediation between debtors and creditors. HF1989 (McDonald) Establishing a family farm advocate program. HF2011 (McKasy) Changing the name of the title of the chief of staff of the World Trade Center. HF2009 (McKasy) Defining the duties and terms of the members of the World Trade Center. HF2044 (Knickerbocker) Setting salaries for county court administrators.

8:15 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 300 N State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: Continue discussion of HF1984 (Marsh) Regulating the assignment of certain real property loans and the administration of certain escrow accounts. HF1850 (Bishop) Authorizing the city of Rochester to issue an on-sale license to a concessionaire at the Mayo civic auditorium. HF1982 (Himie) Liquor; prohibiting joint purchases by retailers.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 10 State Office Building, Chr. Rep. John Rose. Agenda: HF1782 (R. Anderson) Creation of Pelican Lake Conservation District in Otter Tail County with certain powers. HF1869 (Valento) Authorize the privatization of facilities for wastewater treatment and water supply. HF1894 (Becklin) Terms and conditions for administration of wastewater treatment plant construction grants and loans; appropriating money. HF1817 (Johnson) Appropriating money to the commissioner of Natural Resources for dam reconstruction in Winona County. HF1793 (Johnson) Authorize stocking of fish in certain streams where public access is granted.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, Rm. 500 N State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Tony Olesen. Agenda: HF1953 (Gruenes) Relating to insurance; accident and health; regulating long-term care policies. HF2081 (Sviggum) Directing the commissioner of human services to create a mental health service system. HF2082 (Sviggum) Extending the patients’ bill of rights to cover people receiving out-patient mental health treatment. HF1840 (Gruenes) Providing for county registrars of vital statistics. Other bills to be announced.
12:00 noon

JUDICIARY, Rm. 300 N State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Charlie Halberg. Agenda: HF1635 (S. Olsen) Expiration of restrictive covenants. HF1764 (Blatz) Medical malpractice. HF1950 (Halberg) Local park and recreation limited liability. HF1949 (Gruenes) Conciliation court; removal to County Court. HFxxx (Backlund) Judgement lien on registered property.

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

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 200 State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Don Valento. Agenda: HF1810 (Sviggum) City of Red Wing; directing the Dept. of Energy & Economic Development (DEED) to refund a certain bond deposit. HF1860 (Forysthe) Local government; changing special assessment notice requirements. HF1885 (Frederickson) Local government; changing special assessment notice requirements. HF1912 (Frederickson) Town powers; permitting sales of public property and contractor's bonds. SF1574 (Diessner)/HF1819 (McPherson) Counties; making the establishment of a building commission optional. HF1820 (McPherson) Local improvements; allowing counties to assess county road improvements within city boundaries. HF1853 (McPherson) Public debt; permitting debt for warning systems outside the levy limit.

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Wednesday, February 19

8:00 a.m.


HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 N State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson. Agenda: To be announced.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: HF1892 (Bennett) Changing the administration of the state energy code from the commissioner of the Dept. of Energy & Economic Development (DEED) to the commissioner of Administration. HF1980 (McDonald) Authorizing the Indian Affairs Council to accept grants and gifts. HF2034 (Piepho) Applying geographical limitations to the set-aside and preference programs.

10:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, Rm. 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. K.J. McDonald. Agenda: To be announced.

HF1642 (Dimler) Relating to the agricultural product's rule in the Uniform Commercial Code. HFxxx (Walman) Relating to destruction of improvements to farmland by corporations. Subcommittee reports.


FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE, Rm. 5 State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Adrian Kwas. Agenda: HF1776 (S. Olsen) General liability insurance (final action). Also tentatively scheduled: HF1900 (Poppenhagen) Incorporation requirements. HF2032 (Valan) Detached banking facility. HF1752 (Kwas) Dept. of Insurance bill.


2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

Thursday, February 20

8:00 a.m.

HUMAN SERVICES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 N State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Bob Anderson. Agenda: To be announced.


8:15 a.m.


10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Rm. 300 N State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: (tentative) Hearing on gasoline prices in Minnesota.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 10 State Office Building, Chr. Rep. John Rose. Agenda: HF1947 (S. Olsen) Pollution Control Agency (PCA) permits; solid waste processing facilities. HF1345 (Tunheim) Authorize sale of certain state lands in Lake of the Woods County. HF1770 (Richter) Deer licenses and seasons for certain landowners.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Tony Oeen. Agenda: HF2099 (Sviggum) Setting forth legislative direction for child care services. Other bills to be announced.

12:00 noon


LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 200 State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Don Valento. Agenda: HF2123 (Himle) Mega Mall.

2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

3:00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS & RETIREMENT, Rm. 112 State Capitol. Chr. Sen. Donald Moe. Agenda: Pension bills.

Friday, February 21

8:00 a.m.


8:15 a.m.

TAXES, Rm. 5 State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: To be announced.

10:00 a.m.

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Discussion and actions on proposed budget reductions.

1:00 p.m.

CRIME & FAMILY LAW, Rm. 500 N State Office Building, Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: To be announced.
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HIGHLIGHTS

Balancing the budget
Chair Mary Forsythe (IR-Edina) steered a budget balancing bill through the Appropriations Committee at a five-hour meeting Feb. 19 that would spare major education cuts, but reduce the welfare budget.

Budget proposals from the Appropriations divisions—agriculture, transportation and semi-state, education, human services, and state departments—and a farm-relief package make up the omnibus bill that attempts to balance the state budget without raising taxes.

Rep. Merlyn Valan (IR-Moorhead) outlined the $19.9 million farm-relief program that includes allocations for tuition subsidies, legal services, groundwater research, and an interest buydown program.

The House Rules and Legislative Administration Committee hears the budget balancing bill next.

Farm aid package
A $20 million farm package that aims at helping financially strapped farmers and bankrupt small businesses, while beefing up some farm programs, won approval from the Appropriations Committee Feb. 19.

The package part of the omnibus budget balancing bill calls for:
• $15 million to go for an interest buy down program whereby farmers could get a total write-off of about 50 percent on spring operating loans. Farmers with a debt-to-asset ratio greater than 50 percent would be eligible for the loans;
• $360,000 for a farmer-lender mediation program. The University of Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service would contract with mediators to help farm-lenders and borrowers with refinancing, restructuring, or paying off debt;
• $70,000 for the Minnesota Family Farm Advocate Program. The purpose of the program is to help farmers get credit and continue farming. Provisions in the bill would restore funding to part-time farm advocates and outline qualifications and duties of advocates;
• $740,000 to the commissioner of agriculture to pay sellers of seller-sponsored family farm security loans; and
• $500,000 for a legal assistance program for farmers and small business operators that the Minnesota Supreme Court would administer. Other funding for the program could come from the Rural Rehabilitation Revolving Fund.

Other provisions would target funds to:
• area AVTIs to help retrain displaced farmers;
• the Agricultural Data Collection Task Force to continue its work; and
• the University of Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service for water quality research projects and other extension services like Project Support and the Farm Financial Management Program.

Medical malpractice
A bill that aims at reducing insurance rates for the medical profession and making health care more available made its way through a second committee on Feb. 19. The Judiciary Committee recommended HF1764 to pass, but not before making several changes.

The committee removed a cap of $250,000 on non-economic damages such as pain and suffering. Author of the amendment, Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester), said a cap would affect those who would need the damages the most.
Bishop, an attorney, told about a quadriplegic woman he represented who lost her children because of injuries. “Would $250,000 be enough to compensate this woman for her pain and suffering?” Bishop asked.

Punitive damages, which HF1764 originally repealed, would remain in medical malpractice law under another amendment, but attorneys would not be able to plead them in their initial complaint. Attorneys, after completing the fact-finding process, would have to come before the court and ask to amend the complaint to include punitive damages.

The bill now goes to the House floor.

Sexual requests of children

An adult who asks a child for sex would be guilty of a felony under a bill the Crime and Family Law Committee recommended to pass Feb. 19.

HF1835 calls for a three-year penalty and/or a $5,000 fine for an adult who requests a sexual favor from a child under age 16.

Author Rep. David Bishop (IR-Rochester) said the bill would close a gap in current law.

“The solicitation itself is not an offense,” he said. “It has to be accompanied by some offer, some act, some attempt, some beginning of the sexual conduct.”

If the child consents to the sexual act, the bill would not call for prosecution of the adult, but a mistake about age would not be a defense.

Rights for the mentally ill

Members of the Health and Human Services Committee unanimously recommended passage of two bills Feb. 18 that would increase services to the mentally ill and expand their bill of rights.

Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) is author of HF2081 and HF2082. The bills would require the commissioner of human services to create a comprehensive mental health system that reduces abuse of the mentally ill and attempts to stabilize their emotional health. The bills also extend the mental health bill of rights to people who are receiving outpatient treatment, and provide a written grievance procedure for in-house patients.

The bills come on the heels of a legislative auditor’s report that says state hospitals for the mentally ill overuse drugs, seclusion, and restraints, and do not adequately prepare patients for discharge. Children often are in hospitals too long, the report says, and too many services are concentrated in the metropolitan area.

The Governor’s Commission on Mental Health will spend the next year studying ways to correct those issues.

Bonding program

A bill that would authorize the commissioner of finance to sell up to $20 million dollars in bonds to bail out a farm program, got a recommendation to pass from the Agriculture, Transportation, and Semi-State Division of Appropriations Feb. 18.

HF2190 (Valan, IR-Moorhead), would instruct the commissioner to set up a program of short-term bonding to raise funds to pay lenders who loaned money to farmers under the Family Farm Security Program.

Officials from the Department of Agriculture say many borrowers going through the program can’t keep up payments on their loans. And because the state stands behind 90 percent of the loan amount, it could owe lenders $16 to $20 million if loan defaults continue to increase.

The bonding program, part of the governor’s supplemental budget plans, would pay lenders the principal balance due them upon default. Other payments due lenders, such as accrued interest costs, would come from general fund appropriations.

In the case of seller-sponsored, state guaranteed loans, qualified sellers could get a tax-exclusion payment if they agree to a three percent write-down on the balance of the outstanding loan.

Prior to 1985, sellers who sold property under the program to a farmer on a contract for deed, could deduct the earned interest on the loan from state income tax. But last year, the Legislature repealed the interest exclusion in efforts to simplify the tax form.
Appliance businesses

Golden Valley contractor, Tom Sedgwick, told members of a Feb. 18 Regulated Industries and Energy subcommittee that HF1909 (Piepho, IR-Mankato) would "put utili­ties back in their place selling power and take them out of the appliance business."

Sedgwick says Minnesota power companies unfairly undercut inde­pendent businesses by selling and servicing appliances.

HF 1909 would prohibit utilities from selling, renting or servicing energy-consuming appliances. Ac­cording to Sedgwick, who spoke for a Minnesota association of appli­ance contractors and dealers, Minnegasco's yearly appliance sales and service volumes are now about four times greater than the state's largest appliance dealer. "I don't know any small business who can compete with Minnegasco for advertising, mailings, name recognition, cus­tomer access and financing," said Sedgwick.

A Minnegasco spokesperson, Carl Cummins, said, "We admit we have a large advertising budget—just as we admit we are a big busi­ness. But our sales and service de­partments pay their own way—gas rates do not subsidize them. Our primary purpose is to see that cus­tomers have reliable appliances and service and to develop new markets for natural gas."

Loan mediation

Lenders and debtors would have an alternative to court battle under a bill the House considers soon.

On Feb. 18, the Governmental Operations Committee re­commended passage of HF1969 (Boer­boom, IR-Cottonwood) which al­lows mediation of lending disputes.

The bill would set up non-profit regional corporations that would train individuals to be mediators.

If both lenders and debtors agree, they could ask the courts for a me­diator, pay the fee, and try to come up with a solution without going to court. The agreement would be non-binding unless both sides agreed to a binding agreement and consulted an advisor before they signed it.

Steve Erickson, president of the Academy of Family Mediation Services, said mediation has been successful in some pending farm fore­closures in Minnesota. He pre­dicts mediation will become commonplace.

"There's a great deal of interest around the country in alternatives to the traditional adversarial litiga­tion process," he said.

Tax budget balancing bill

A bill providing $133.6 million to help make up a $734 million shortfall got the recommendation of the Taxes Committee on Feb. 18. The committee rejected the governor's budget-balancing recom­mendations to cut $104.4 million in property tax relief.

HF2096 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park) would provide that $106.3 million of motor vehicle excise taxes would stay in the general fund rather than go to the highways and transit fund. The remaining $27.3 million would come from a Department of Revenue tax compliance program.

Under the tax compliance pro­gram, the department would have new powers to put tax liens on homesteads; suspend the licenses of insurance agents, realtors, doctors, dentists, and accountants; and use collection agencies to go after delin­quent taxpayers. The department would report attorneys delinquent in paying taxes to the Minnesota Supreme Court and the Board of Professional Responsibility.

Other provisions of HF2096 would: give local governments a general increase of three percent in state aids next year, about the rate of inflation; give a one-time prop­erty tax refund next year to com­mercial and industrial property owners, seasonal and recreational commercial property owners, and some property owners in "enterprise zones"; and replace the 8.5 percent sales tax on liquor at the retail level with a 14.6 percent tax at the wholesale level.

The bill now goes to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. The committee plans to incorporate it along with other budget-balancing bills into one bill.

Property assessment notices

Homeowners wouldn't have to sift through newspaper print to learn of specific assessments against their property if HF1886, a bill Representative Dennis Frederick­son (IR-Windom) is sponsoring, becomes law.

The Local and Urban Affairs Committee, HR1886 recommended it to pass Feb. 18. The bill would require municipalities to inform property owners via first class mail about exact assessments against lots and land. Currently, mailings include only notices of the upcoming city council assessment hearings. To learn of specific assessments against their properties before council meetings, owners must sift through newspaper print to read assessment files in the county clerk's office or look up their assessments in the city newspaper.

"Property owners need to know what their property is being as­sessed at so they can appeal it at council hearings if they want," said Frederickson. "The way it is now, too many people are being caught unaware."
Postsecondary options

Junior and seniors in nonpublic high schools could take part in Minnesota's fledgling postsecondary options program under a bill waiting action in the Education Committee.

Heard Feb. 17, HF1925 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud) would authorize the state to reimburse colleges for private and parochial students' tuition when they take postsecondary courses as part of their high school education. Currently, only public high schoolers receive such aid.

According to Bob Wedl, Minnesota Department of Education, the postsecondary options program, which passed last year, serves primarily students who have surpassed their high school course offerings in one or two subject areas. About two percent of the program's 1,700 participants transferred last September from private to public schools solely to qualify for the reimbursements.

Wedl also pointed out that 30 percent of these 1,700 students attend postsecondary schools on a full-time basis while receiving both high school and college credits. HF1948 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud) would discourage full-time enrollment by prohibiting tuition, transportation, and book reimbursement if students take college courses for college credits.

Child abduction

Divorced parents would no longer have 14 days to return an abducted child before facing a felony charge if HF1978 (Kiffmeyer, IR-Big Lake) becomes law.

The bill, which the Crime and Family Law Committee recommended to pass Feb. 17, calls for reducing the 14-day grace period to 3 days. And it would allow no grace period if the parent does not return the child voluntarily.

Rep. Ralph Kiffmeyer, author of HF1978, says the bill clarifies existing law. It arose from a recent Minnesota case where a mother kidnapped her child, but the Court of Appeals rejected a felony charge against her because police located the child within 14 days.

Such action encourages police to delay a search, according to Paul Kempainen, special assistant attorney general. "Police and prosecutors are simply not going to take seriously child abduction cases for the first 14 days, knowing that no felony is going to come out of it," he said.

Under present law, a convicted parent would go to jail for one year, and/or pay a $3,000 fine.

Farm property taxes

Farmers with late harvests would have a one-month grace period for paying second-half property taxes under a bill the Local Government Finance Division of the Taxes Committee recommended on Feb. 17.

Author of HF1759, Rep. Terry Dempsey (IR-New Ulm) says the bill would allow owners of agricultural property more time (until Nov. 15) to pay the second half of their property taxes without penalty. If the owners failed to pay by Nov. 15, they would pay the same penalties as all other property owners, he said.

The bill now goes to the full Taxes Committee.

Boating while intoxicated

Boaters who drink and drive would face the same penalties as drunk drivers on land, under a bill that will go to the House floor.

AIDS investigations

The Health and Human Services Committee Feb. 14 adopted an AIDS amendment to HF1594 (Carlson, J., IR-Moorhead), and recommended passage of the omnibus policy bill as amended. The amendment by Rep. Joel Carlson would give the Health Department authority to investigate cases of Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).
The amendment would authorize the commissioner of health to identify suspected AIDS victims and determine their point of contact with the disease. The Health Department could not release that data to law enforcement officers, employers, landlords, insurers, or anyone else who might use it against the suspected AIDS victim.

But Rep. Karen Clark (DFL-Minneapolis) objected that the amendment's language was overly vague, and left AIDS victims open to possible bias. "My concern is over privacy," she said. "When individuals are identified for public health purposes, that information could be used against them."

The bill would also restrict further AIDS funding to contact tracing procedures that help identify potential AIDS victims. Clark argued that the bill should also finance AIDS education and testing sites.

Pound seizure law

Minnesota's pound seizure law makes it one of six states that requires community pounds to sell animals for research—if their owners don't claim them.

On Feb. 13, the General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee recommended a bill that would make several changes to that law. Under the legislation, community pounds could not give or sell dogs or cats for research. After holding the pets for five days, the pounds would have to give them away or have the animals put to sleep.

Also, beginning July 1 of next year, any institution doing research on animals could not accept dogs or cats for research unless research was the purpose for raising the animals.

Author of HF1016, Rep. Dave Fjoslien (IR-Brandon), says the main problem is the stealing of the pets: "This is going on in the district that I represent and virtually every other district in the state. The only way we are going to eliminate the stealing of animals is to dry up the use of the animals."

The bill now goes to the floor of the House.

Committee deadlines

On Feb. 10, the full House adopted a Senate concurrent resolution providing session deadlines for the Legislature in accordance with Joint Rule 2.03.

Deadlines are:
• After Feb. 28, neither the Senate nor the House will act on committee reports on bills in the house of origin.
• After March 8, neither the Senate nor the House will act on committee reports on bills originating in the other house.
• After March 13, neither house shall act on bills other than those in: 1) reports of conference committees; 2) messages from the other house; 3) reports of the Committee on Rules and Administration in the Senate or the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration in the House; or 4) messages from the governor.

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Committee action

AGRICULTURE
Wednesday, Feb. 19
• Agricultural homestead property—redemption
  HF1781/SF1660 (Uphus, IR-Sauk Centre)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)
• Double jeopardy law—repealed
  HF1842/SF1597 (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—heard. (SF is on Senate floor)

APPROPRIATIONS
Wednesday, Feb. 19
• Appropriations—budget balancing bill
  HF1766 (Olson, IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to House Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (See Highlight)
• Ag., Transportation & Semi-State Div.—Approp.
  Monday, Feb. 17
  • Farm appropriations bill
    HF1837 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to full Appropriations Committee.
  • Ag., transportation, semi-state—budget balancing bill
    HF1389 (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass; rereferred to full Appropriations Committee.
• Tuesday, Feb. 18
  • Bonding program—funding loan defaults
    HF2190/SF1959 (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to full Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee) (See Highlight)
Education
Div./Approp.
Monday, Feb. 17
• Higher education—
budget balancing bill
HF1952 (Haukoos, IR-Albert Lea)—
recommended to pass as amended.

Human Services
Div./Approp.
Tuesday, Feb. 18
• Human services—
budget balancing bill
HF2074 (Anderson, R., IR-Orttertail)—
recommended to pass as amended; 
rereferred to full Appropriations Committee.

State Departs.
Div./Approp.
Monday, Feb. 17
• State departments—
budget balancing bill
HF1074 (DenOuden, IR-Prinsburg)—
recommended to pass as amended; 
rereferred to full Appropriations Committee.

COMMERC & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
Tuesday, Feb. 18
• Rochester—
on-sale liquor license
HF1850/SF2006 (Bishop, IR-
Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Public Utilities 
and State Regulated Industries Committee)
• Real estate, mortgage 
loans, securities—regulation
HF1854/SF1592 (Marsh, IR-
Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic 
Development and Commerce Committee)

CRIME & FAMILY LAW
Monday, Feb. 17
• Boating while intoxicated
HF456/SF31 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—
recommended to pass as amended. (See Highlight)

EDUCATION
Monday, Feb. 17
• Postsecondary options—
for non-public students
HF1925/SF1876 (Gruenes, IR-St.
Cloud)—heard. (SF in Senate Education 
Committee) (See Highlight)
• Postsecondary options—
college credit bans
HF1948 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—
heard. (See Highlight)
• Resolution commending 
school bus drivers
HF1762/SF1734 (Anderson, R., IR-
Ottertail)—recommended to pass. (SF in 
Senate Education Committee)

Higher Education
Div./Ed.
Tuesday, Feb. 18
• Coordinating board—
faculty representation
HF2167/SF2021 (Piepho, IR-
Mankato)—heard; recommended to 
pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES
Tuesday, Feb. 18
• Wastewater treatment—
privatization
HF1869 (Valenta, IR-Little Canada)—
recommended to pass as amended; 
rereferred to Taxes Committee.

• Sexual abuse laws—
technical corrections
HF1730/SF1751 (Blatz, IR-
Bloomington)—recommended to pass. 
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)
• Child abduction by parent—
limiting felony dismissal
HF1978/SF1971 (Kiffmeyer, IR-Big 
Lake)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary 
Committee) (See Highlight)

Wednesday, Feb. 19
• Juvenile prostitution—
increasing penalties
HF2012/SF2007 (Marsh, IR-Sauk 
Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Crime and 
Family Law Committee)
• Sexual solicitation—children
HF1835/SF1592 (Bishop, IR-
Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Crime and 
Family Law Committee) (See Highlight)
• Court videotaping—
child statements
HF2017/SF1862 (Nelson, K., DFL-
Mpls.)—recommended to pass. (SF in 
Senate Crime and Family Law Committee)

• Liquor-case quantity,
suggested retail prices 
on-sale liquor license
HF1984/SF1854 (Marsh, IR-Sauk 
Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Public Utilities 
and State Regulated Industries Committee)
GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Monday, Feb. 17
• State retirement—university officials unclassified
  HF1007/SF0707 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—tabled until later meeting. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Tuesday, Feb. 18
• Mediation—debtors, creditors
  HF1969/SF1898 (Boerboom, IR-Cottonwood)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee) (See Highlight)

• Family farm—advocate program
  HF1989 (McPherson)—recommended to pass as amended.

• Court administrators—salary procedure
  HF2044/SF1946 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Wednesday, Feb. 19
• World Trade Center—renaming titles
  HF2011 (Mckasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass.

• World Trade Center—terms of office
  HF2009/SF2033 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee).

• Indian Affairs Council—accepting grants, gifts
  HF1980/SF1853 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

• Energy Code—transferring responsibility
  HF1892/SF1887 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Thursday, Feb. 20
• Administrative Procedures Act—rulemaking changes
  HF1915 (Walton, IR-Elgin)—recommended to pass as amended.

• Administrative Procedures Act—reform bill
  HF2267 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—heard.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Thursday, Feb. 13
• Chemical dependency consolidated fund
  HF702/SF1255 (Forsythe, IR-Edina)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Friday, Feb. 14
• Health and human services—policy bill
  HF1594/SF1115 (Carlson, J., IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee) (See Highlight)

Tuesday, Feb. 18
• Mental health service system
  HF2081/SF1969 (Svigum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee) (See Highlight)

• Patient bill of rights
  HF2082/SF1919 (Svigum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee) (See Highlight)

• Vital statistics—county registrars
  HF1940/SF1860 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

JUDICIARY

Tuesday, Feb. 18
• Restrictive covenants—expiration
  HF1635/SF1517 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)
Thursday, Feb. 20
- Local government—permitting property sales
  HF1912/SF1797 (Frederickson, IR-Windom)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)
- Bloomington stadium site—fiscal disparities exemption
  HF2123/SF1968 (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—heard. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY
Monday, Feb. 17
- Energy credits—temporary correction
  HF1874 (Svigum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
- Energy—cost adjustment
  HF2143/SF1989 (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—heard. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)

TAXES
Tuesday, Feb. 18
- Tax compliance
  HF2128/SF1825 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—heard as amended (Article 4 of HF2096, the Taxes—budget balancing bill). (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
- Taxes—budget balancing bill
  HF2096 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (See Highlight)

Thursday, Feb. 20
- Dept. of Revenue—miscellaneous changes
  HF1877/SF1693 (Tjornhom, IR-Richfield)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Dept. of Revenue—federal update
  HF1827/SF1692 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

Local Government Finance Div./Taxes
Monday, Feb. 17
- Farm property taxes—payment date change
  HF1759 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to full Taxes Committee. (See Highlight)

TRANSPORTATION
Monday, Feb. 17
- Trunk highways—transfer of ownership
  HF2062 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended.

FLOOR ACTION

CALENDAR
Thursday, Feb. 13
- Indexing—suspension repealed
  HF1725*/SF1674 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—passed. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
- Uniform Fraudulent Transfer Act
  HF1035*/SF373 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)
- Credit unions, state banks—IRAs allowed
  HF1806*/SF1718 (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—passed. (SF in Senate Economic Development Commerce Committee)
- MIA resolution
  HF1826*/SF1716 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—passed. (SF in Senate Rules and Administration Committee)
- Dept. of Veterans Affairs—clarifying changes
  HF1871/SF1992 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—passed. (SF in Senate Veterans and General Legislation Committee)
- Service Stations—two-year moratorium extended
  HF1897*/SF1806 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—passed. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)

Wednesday, Feb. 19
- Advertising—on telephone booths
  HF1185*/SF1473 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—passed as amended on General Orders. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)
- Municipal power plants—fuel contract changes
  HF1664*/SF1547 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Fetal death, injury—criminal penalties
  HF1844*/SF1681 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

CONSENT CALENDAR
Monday, Feb. 17
- Nursing home reimbursement
  HF1794*/SF1579 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Agricultural alcohol gasoline—definition change
  HF1882* (Svigum, IR-Kenyon)—passed.

Wednesday, Feb. 19
- Sales ratio data—12-month adopted
  HF1815*/SF2020 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

MOTION TO TAKE FROM TABLE
Wednesday, Feb. 19
- Mandatory seat belts
  HF119*/SF40* (Forsythe, IR-Edina)—passed. (SF returns to Senate for concurrence of House amendments)

SPECIAL ORDERS
Thursday, Feb. 13
- Unemployment insurance—reform plan
  HF1847* (Gutknetch, IR-Rochester)—passed.

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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).

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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.

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Who represents you at the State Capitol?
The House Information Office can tell you which legislative district you live in, and who represents that district.

Legislators’ districts, addresses, phone numbers, office locations, biographical details, and photos.
The House Information Office publishes the Official Directory of the Minnesota Legislature and the Members Directory with committee assignments. You can get copies in the House Information Office.

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
The House Information Office publishes a Seating Arrangement of the Minnesota Legislature with members’ photos.

United States Congress
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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.
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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.

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In the Senate
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How a bill becomes a law

- A bill is an idea for a new law, or an idea to abolish or change an existing law. Several thousand bills enter the legislative process in Minnesota each time the Legislature meets.

- Minnesota has a bicameral Legislature, or two groups of elected citizens—senators in the Senate—representatives in the House of Representatives—who study, discuss, and vote on bills, acting for the people of Minnesota. Bills begin their legislative journey in either the House or Senate, or both. To become a law, all bills must pass both the House and Senate and go to the governor for his approval and signature.

- The Idea
Anyone can propose an idea for a bill—an individual, a consumer group, corporation, professional association, a governmental unit, the governor. Most ideas come from members of the Legislature. The revisor of statutes puts the ideas into proper legal form as a bill for introduction. Only legislators can introduce bills into the process.

- Chief Author
The legislator who sponsors and introduces the bill in the Legislature is the chief author. The chief author's name appears on the bill with the bill's file number to identify it as it moves through the legislative process. The chief author may select other authors, whose names also appear on the bill—no more than five authors on a bill.

- Introduction in the legislature
When the author introduces a bill in the House, it gets a House File (HF) number (HF264, for example), indicating the chronological order of the bill's introduction. In the Senate the bill gets a Senate File (SF) (SF224, for example). Each HF usually has a companion SF in the Senate. All revenue-raising bills must begin in the House.

- Committee consideration
At introduction, the bill has its first reading (the Minnesota Constitution requires three readings for all bills—on three separate days). The presiding officer of the House or Senate refers it to an appropriate standing committee for committee action. All committee meetings are open to the public.
A committee may: recommend passage of a bill in its original form; recommend passage after amendment by the committee; or make no recommendation, in which case a bill may die when the session ends. After acting on a bill, the committee sends a report to the House or Senate, stating its actions and recommendations.

- General orders
After adoption of the committee report in the House and Senate, the bill has its second reading and goes onto General Orders of the Day. In the Committee of the Whole, legislators discuss bills on General Orders. They may debate the issues, adopt amendments, and present arguments. They may vote to recommend that a bill "do pass," recommend postponement, or recommend further committee action.

- Calendar
The calendar is a list of bills the Committee of the Whole recommends to pass. At this point a bill has its third reading. Amendments to the bill must have the unanimous consent of the entire body. Legislators vote on it for the final time.

By committee recommendation, non-controversial bills can by-pass General Orders and go directly onto a Consent Calendar, usually passing without debate. Every bill requires a majority vote of the full membership of the House and Senate to pass.

- Conference committee
If the House and Senate do not agree on a bill, a conference committee of three to five senators, and an equal number of representatives, meets to reach an agreement. If both bodies then pass the bill in compromise form, it goes to the governor.

- Governor
When a bill arrives at the governor's office, he may: sign it, and the bill becomes law; veto it (return it, with a "veto message," stating his objections); pocket veto the bill after final adjournment of the Legislature; exercise his right to line veto portions of appropriations bills.
If he does not sign or veto a bill within three days after receiving it, while the Legislature is in session, the bill becomes law.
HF2127—Kvam (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; delaying payment of second installment of property taxes on agricultural property; delaying payment of first installment of property taxes on agricultural homestead for 1986 only; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2129—McKasy (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; authorizing the commissioner of revenue to pay the cost of collection agencies; changing the payment of fees for recording certain liens; removing the homestead exemption from liens; authorizing the renewal of liens; limiting the enforcement of liens on homesteads; changing the interest rate paid on re-funds; increasing penalties for failure to file income tax returns; requiring tax clearance certificates prior to issuing or renewing business or professional licenses and removing the sunset; providing for the furnishing of certain information to the supreme court or certain professional bodies; requiring social security numbers on homestead applications; providing penalties; providing a sales tax on intoxicating liquor at the wholesale level; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2129—Nelson, K (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; providing for the membership of the city of Minneapolis and Hennepin county building commission; amending statutes.

HF2130—Sparby (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Public safety; regulating transportation of firearms and bows; amending statutes.

HF2131—Seagard (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; permitting the establishment of special service in the city of Mendota Heights; providing taxing and other of financial authority for the city.

HF2132—Kelly (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Metropolitan government; providing for the appointment of a senior citizen to the regional transit board; amending statutes.

HF2133—Segal (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; requiring a mortality study of cancer in St. Louis Park; appropriating money.

HF2134—Boo (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; creating a service for the blind and visually handicapped in the department of jobs and training; providing for appeals; providing a permit; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2135—Gutknecht (IR)—Governmental Operations
Health insurance; providing health insurance for certain retired teachers; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2136—Bennett (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Traffic regulations; requiring increased insurance coverage upon conviction of certain alcohol- and drug-related crimes; authorizing the commissioner to grant certain provisional licenses; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2137—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; designation and use of waterfowl feeding or resting areas; amending statutes.

HF2138—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; disposition of wild rice license fees; amending statutes.

HF2139—Battaglia (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; extending provisions relating to loggers permits; amending laws.

HF2140—Begich (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; reducing the taconite railroad gross earnings tax rate; reducing occupation and royalty tax rates; providing for the deduction of taconite production taxes and transportation costs; amending statutes.

HF2141—Wallman (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; requiring certain corporate owners of agricultural land to pay the state for damage to certain conservation improvements; requiring valuation of certain agricultural land held by corporations at more than the market value; amending statutes.

HF2142—Bekklin (IR)—Governmental Operations
Government operations; requiring policy on location of state buildings and facilities; requiring a study and report regarding the location and benefits of state jobs; amending statutes.

HF2143—Poppenhagen (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Utilities; permitting certain energy cost adjustments; amending statutes.

HF2144—Solberg (DFL)—Taxes
Independent school district No. 318, Grand Rapids; authorizing the transfer of certain taconite taxes to the district for payment of a portion of debt service on general obligation bonds of the district; sued to finance acquisition and betterment of school buildings and facilities; appropriating money.

HF2145—Dyke (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; continuing the subtraction for interest on certain family farm security loans; amending statutes.

HF2146—Carlson, D (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; requiring public access restrictions to be the same as lake use restrictions; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2147—Ogren (DFL)—Transportation
Public safety; barring traffic citation quotas; proposing coding for new law.

HF2147—Ogren (DFL)—Transportation
Public safety; barring traffic citation quotas; proposing coding for new law.

HF2148—Sviggum (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; gasoline; exempting certain alcohol mixtures; amending statutes.

HF2149—Bishop (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Child support; clarifying determination of support under the child support guidelines; amending statutes.

HF2150—Kvam (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; exempting from income taxation federal employees' retirement benefits paid to persons under age 65; amending statutes.

HF2151—Greenfield (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; repealing the crime of criminal syndicalism; repealing statutes.

HF2152—Price (DFL)—Education
Education; requiring secondary and post-secondary information and pupil notification of attending a post-secondary institution; requiring courses for secondary or post-secondary credit; limiting participation at a post-secondary institution; authorizing payment for post-secondary summer sessions; establishing a task force on post-secondary enrollment options; amending statutes.

HF2153—Boo (IR)—Education
Education; establishing aid and levy for adult literacy programs; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2154—Boo (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; sales and use; exempting materials consumed in certain manufacturing construction in distressed counties; amending statutes.

HF2155—Haukoos (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Credit unions; creating a credit union board to supervise and regulated credit unions; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
HF2156—Kahn (DFL)—Transportation
Traffic regulations; extending the prohibition against wearing headphones while operating a motor vehicle to include bicycles; amending statutes.

HF2157—Olsen, S (IR)—Education
Education; permitting research sites on performance-based education; permitting waiver of certain legal mandates; proposing coding for new law.

HF2158—Clausnitzer (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; establishing principles for serving persons with mental retardation and related conditions; providing for comprehensive review of regulations and state and county relations; governing reimbursement to intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation and related conditions; providing for alternative correction plans for state hospitals; changing the funding formula for semi-independent living services; providing for an exception to the moratorium on construction of intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation and related conditions; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2159—Metzen (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Veterans; requiring the commissioner of veterans affairs to provide certain grave markers; appropriating money.

HF2160—Carlson, D (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Environment; providing for rewards for information leading to recovery of civil penalties and criminal fines for hazardous waste violations; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2161—Ozmenc (IR)—Governmental Operations
Industrial development bonds; requiring the refund of application deposits to the city of Hastings.

HF2162—Haukoos (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; requiring health professionals to report certain burn injuries; amending statutes.

HF2163—Ogren (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Commerce; removing the residency and incorporation requirement for licensed distributors and operators of video games of chance; amending statutes.

HF2164—Dimler (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; ratifying the Interstate Compact on Agricultural Grain Marketing; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2165—Zaffke (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Historical sites; renaming a state historic site and establishing new boundaries; amending statutes.

HF2166—Knickerbocker (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; ratifying certain labor agreements and compensation and salary plans; granting authority to the legislative commissioner on employee relations.

HF2167—Piepho (IR)—Education
Education; adding a nonvoting member to the higher education coordinating board to represent post-secondary faculty; creating a faculty advisory council to advise the higher education coordinating board; amending statutes.

HF2168—Miller (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; changing certain procedures related to the state government; changing certain procedures related to the state archaeologist and archeological sites; amending statutes.

HF2169—Minne (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
State lands; providing for a procedure to sell state leased lands; providing for maximum lease rates; proposing coding for new law.

HF2170—McPherson (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Wild animals; authorizing the captive propagation and sale of raptors; amending statutes.

HF2171—Waltman (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; providing for reimbursement to towns for costs of reconstructing and maintaining town roads used as a major access to public outdoor recreation area under jurisdiction of a county or the state; amending statutes.

HF2172—Redalen (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; property; removing the school district basic maintenance levy from agricultural land and buildings; reducing the agricultural school tax credit on certain property; providing a separate calculation of adjusted assessed value for the basic maintenance levy; changing the assessment ratio on certain agricultural homestead property; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2173—Valan (IR)—Governmental Operations
Natural resources; creating the state board of water and soil resources and providing for its administration and powers and duties; abolishing the state soil and water conservation board and the water resources board; amending duties of the environmental quality board; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2174—Valan (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; requiring mandatory minimum sentences when a firearm or dangerous weapon is used during the commission of certain controlled substance crimes; amending statutes.

HF2175—McPherson (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Real property; requiring that property taxes be paid before condominium plans may be recorded; amending statutes.

HF2176—Minne (DFL)—Judiciary
Human rights; defining marital status discrimination to include actions against an individual because of the spouse’s political status; amending statutes.

HF2177—Krueger (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Nonprofit corporations; adoption services corporations; providing that pledges to make contributions to reimburse the corporation for expenses shall be voidable at the option of the person making the pledge and payment of expenses shall not be a prerequisite for providing adoption services; amending statutes.

HF2178—Vanasek (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Guardianships and conservatorships; establishing a standard for best interests of the ward or conservatee; requiring findings regarding best interests; amending statutes.

HF2179—Clark (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Income tax; claims; establishing a commission to investigate and resolve land claim disputes on state-held land located within the White Earth Indian Reservation.

HF2180—Marsh (IR)—Education
Education; establishing a master teacher position for industrial arts education in department of education; proposing coding for new law.

HF2181—Bishop (IR)—Judiciary
Probate; providing for the exclusion of the homestead from the augmented estate; providing for the inclusion of certain insurance and other items in the augmented estate; amending statutes.

HF2182—Gruenes (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; excluding certain programs from licensing requirements; amending statutes.

HF2183—Heap (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Labor; creating the labor interpretative center; establishing an advisory council governing policies and program purposes; appropriating money.

HF2184—Clark (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Employment; requiring training of employees who may be exposed to infectious agents; amending statutes.

HF2185—Sviggum (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; providing for the use, administration, or disposal of certain fees and property within the jurisdiction of the commissioner of administration; amending statutes.

HF2186—Clark (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Human services; reducing state aid for general assistance to counties which fail to provide literacy training; requiring certain recipients of general assistance to attend adult literacy training; amending statutes.
HF2187—Frerichs (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Olmsted county; increasing the amount the county board may appropriate annually for use as a contingent fund; amending law.

HF2188—Becklin (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; permitting the establishment of special service districts in the cities of Cambridge and Lindstrom; providing taxing and other powers to the cities of Cambridge and Lindstrom.

HF2189—Sarna (DFL)—Transportation
Local government; requiring reimbursement to the state for certain uses of the nation's funds; providing an assessment procedure; proposing coding for new law.

HF2190—Valan (IR)—Appropriations
Family farm security program; authorizing the issuance of general obligation bonds to finance certain payments to be made by the state on family farm loan guarantees; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2191—McCahern (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Becker; authorizing a development fund; authorizing the creation of a board or agency to administer it.

HF2192—Valan (IR)—Education
Education; authorizing school districts to form education districts; providing for additional aid and levy for education districts purposes; authorizing intermediate districts to use levies for education district purposes; authorizing grants to exemplary education districts; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2193—Gruenes (IR)—Education
Education; clarifying that private proprietary schools may provide certain placement information; modifying the expiration time for solicitor's permits; amending statutes.

HF2194—Carlson, D (IR)—Education
Education; establishing a task force to study the feasibility of a community college on the Fond du Lac reservation; appropriating money.

HF2195—Olson, E (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of McIntosh; authorizing the city to issue bonds in excess of its net debt limitations.

HF2196—Dimler (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; requiring adoption of certain rules; authorizing certain agreements; amending statutes.

HF2197—Clausnitzer (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Family; requiring a parent to provide health and dental insurance as support for a minor child; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2198—Shaver (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; authorizing the purchase of allowable service credit by a certain member of the public employees retirement plan; amending law.

HF2199—Levi (IR)—Education
Education; changing the petition requirements for certain petitions requiring referendum levy revocation elections; amending statutes.

HF2200—Brinkman (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
State lands; authorizing sale or Pearl Lake lakeshore parcel in Stearns county.

HF2201—Haukoos (IR)—Education
Education; vocational; allowing aid anticipated for AVTI school days; requiring state director approval of capital improvements; allowing payment of teacher retirement and FICA contributions from fiscal year 1987; amending statutes.

HF2202—McPherson (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Washington county; permitting the negotiated sale of certain property.

HF2203—Welle (DFL)—Education
Education; vocational; removing licensure requirements for post-secondary AVTI teachers, supervisors, and administrators; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2204—Welle (DFL)—Education
Education; vocational; requiring the state board of vocational technical education to adopt provisional licensing rules; amending statutes.

HF2205—Wenzel (DFL)—Transportation
Traffic regulations; modifying restrictions on loading of vehicles driven on highways; amending statutes.

HF2206—Quinn (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; sales; clarifying the application of the exemption for certain fundraising activities to certain school organizations; amending statutes.

HF2207—Rees (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Intoxicating liquor; requiring municipal on-sale liquor stores to give equal sales emphasis to nonalcoholic beverages; proposing coding for new law.

HF2208—Redalen (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; making changes related to agricultural credit and agricultural collateral; changing priority of security interests related to agricultural products; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2209—Redalen (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Agriculture; establishing a windbreak management program; exempting certain windbreaks from property taxes; providing a state-paid windbreak credit; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2210—Kvam (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; providing for reduction of the original assessed value of a tax increment financing district in the city of Litchfield.

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HF2211—Clark (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Utilities
Utilities; prohibiting certain employment by a public utilities commissioner; amending statutes.

HF2212—Shaver (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; imposing an occupation tax on persons mining metallic minerals in this state; proposing coding for new law.

HF2213—Burger (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Public employment labor relations; defining public employer, public employee, and charitable hospital; regulating the right to organize; defining appropriate units; restricting arbitration decisions to final offers; regulating the right to strike; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2214—Burger (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; authorizing county boards to set salaries and fringe benefits for its employees; amending statutes.

HF2215—Burger (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; authorizing imposition of the death penalty for murder in certain circumstances; providing a statutory framework, including procedures and criteria, consistent with due process for determining when the imposition of the death penalty is appropriate; providing for election of the mode of execution by the person under sentence of death; providing an administrative framework for implementing the death penalty; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2216—Johnson (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Land surveying; providing for the surveying of lands by a county board; providing for the establishment of an office of county auditor or the assignment of its duties; providing a penalty; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2217—Onnen (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; allowing forfeiture of a motor vehicle when used in the offense of aggravated driving while under the influence of alcohol; amending statutes.

HF2218—Marsh (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; authorizing inclusion of certain state employees in the correctional officers plan and the purchase of prior service credit; amending statutes.

HF2219—Hartinger (IR)—Health/Human Services
Children; providing for grandparents' support of children of their minor dependent children; providing a penalty; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
HF2220—Frederick (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Intoxicating liquor; allowing municipalities to issue wine licenses to clubs; amending statutes.

HF2221—Redalen (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Utilities; changing the powers and responsibilities of the chair of the public utilities commission; requiring commissioners and certain employees from engaging in certain activity after leaving the commission; requiring the commission to adopt a code of conduct; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2222—Uphus (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; changing the date by which the second installment of property taxes on agricultural property must be paid; amending statutes.

HF2223—Uphus (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; prohibiting deficiency judgments against property used in agricultural production; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2224—McDonald (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; property; removing the school district basic maintenance levy from agricultural land and buildings; reducing the agricultural school tax credit on certain property; providing a separate calculation of adjusted assessed value for the basic maintenance levy; changing the assessment ratio on certain agricultural homestead property; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2225—Schafer (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; property; removing the school district basic maintenance levy from agricultural land and buildings; reducing the agricultural school tax credit on certain property; providing a separate calculation of adjusted assessed value for the basic maintenance levy; changing the assessment ratio on certain agricultural homestead property; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2226—Pappas (DFL)—Judiciary
Probate; enacting the succession without administration provision of the uniform probate code; proposing coding for new law.

HF2227—Pappas (DFL)—Judiciary
Probate; enacting statutory provisions that a testator may adopt by reference; enacting the uniform statutory will act; proposing coding for new law.

HF2228—Wenzel (DFL)—Education
Education; reimbursing school districts for aid lost under the post-secondary enrollment options act; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2229—Stanius (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Intoxicating liquor; authorizing the city of Vadnais Heights to issue up to five additional on-sale licenses.

HF2230—Thorson (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Highway traffic regulations; clarifying the evidentiary use of partial alcohol concentration breath tests; amending statutes.

HF2231—Nelson, D (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF2232—Peterson (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; delaying the effective date of the repeal of the residential energy credit; amending laws.

HF2233—Dyke (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Commerce; regulating electricians; amending statutes.

HF2234—Ozmint (IR)—Transportation
Motor vehicles; limiting appointment of corporation as deputy motor vehicle registrar to a four-year period; providing for reappointment; amending statutes.

HF2235—Tjornhom (IR)—Transportation
Driver licensing; defining bus; amending statutes.

HF2236—Solberg (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Grand Rapids; permitting the creation of the Central School Commission.

HF2237—Solberg (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations
Labor; requiring political subdivisions to hire labor negotiators under the municipal contracting law; requiring negotiators' fees to be reported; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2238—Solberg (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; opening date for season on certain game fish; amending statutes.

HF2239—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary
County courts; specifying the prosecuting attorney for certain offenses; amending statutes.

HF2240—Sviggum (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Unemployment compensation; requiring employees to notify an employer of change of address; regulating right to benefits; amending statutes.

HF2241—Sviggum (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Unemployment compensation; regulating suitable work for certain temporary employees; amending statutes.

HF2242—Clausnitzer (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; providing for charges against persons wrongfully obtaining public assistance or food stamps; suspending a rule of criminal procedure under certain circumstances; providing penalties; amending statutes.

HF2243—Clausnitzer (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Marriage dissolution and legal separation; requiring appointment of guardians ad litem in certain child custody proceedings; amending statutes.

HF2244—Blatz (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; life; providing a limitation on investments of insurance companies; amending statutes.

HF2245—Clausnitzer (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Unemployment compensation; changing the time requirement for employers to respond to claims; amending statutes.

HF2246—Stansie (IR)—Budget
Public improvements; appropriating money for a public capital improvement in the city of White Bear Lake; providing authority for its financing and maintenance.

HF2247—Rees (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Civil actions; setting conditions of local government and state liability in certain actions; providing exclusions from liability; setting procedural and regulatory requirements; limiting indemnification; defining other conditions of liability; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2248—Kelly (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of St. Paul; permitting the imposition of an additional tax on transient lodging.

HF2249—Valan (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; providing certain automobile assigned risk coverage for school districts and transportation contractors; amending statutes.

HF2250—Hartinger (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; providing that violations involving theft of services may be aggregated for purposes of criminal prosecution; amending statutes.

HF2251—Hartle (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Unemployment compensation; altering the public policy statement; changing the taxable wage base; defining credit week; providing for employer charging; increasing the eligibility requirement; eliminating certain tax rate limitations; changing the weekly benefit amount; setting the maximum weekly benefit; providing for the duration of benefits; increasing the duration of benefits for claimants in counties with high unemployment; providing for seasonal employees; making the waiting week nonreimbursable; amending the benefit offset for severance pay; increasing the period to time and earnings necessary for requalification after disqualification; changing the definition of suitable work; transferring duties to the office of administrative hearings; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.
HF2252—Shaver (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Alcoholic beverages; authorizing issuance of on-sale and bottle club licenses for watercraft by the Lake Minnetonka conservation district.

HF2253—Clark (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Energy; clarifying the authority of a municipality to enforce certain energy efficiency standards; amending statutes.

HF2254—Shaver (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; providing for certain exemptions from charitable gambling licensure and taxation; amending statutes.

HF2255—Rose (IR)—Transportation
Traffic regulations; authorizing commissioner of transportation to issue special permit for three-vehicle combination exceeding length and weight restrictions to travel on certain interstate highways; prescribing fees; amending statutes.

HF2256—Halberg (IR)—Judiciary
Partnerships; revising the Uniform Limited Partnership Act; stating duties and powers of limited partners and partners; amending statutes.

HF2257—Redalen (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Horse racing; modifying certain set-asides for purses; modifying certain tax provisions; amending statutes.

HF2258—O'Connor (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; making it a felony to cause the death of or injure an unborn child; prescribing penalties; amending statutes.

HF2259—Ozment (IR)—Health/Human Services
Office of ombudsman; expanding the authority of the ombudsman for the department of human services; amending statutes.

HF2260—Dyke (IR)—Transportation
Capital improvements; removing conditions for the construction of certain highway rest areas; amending laws.

HF2261—Pauly (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Political subdivisions; stating tort liability for certain property and services; amending statutes.

HF2262—Segal (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Occupations and professions; modifying the membership of the board of architecture, engineering, land surveying, and landscape architecture; amending statutes.

HF2263—Heap (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Corporations; conforming to federal law; changing applicability of shareholder voting on control share acquisitions; amending statutes; repealing laws.

HF2264—Begich (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Tax-forfeited lands; requiring a conveyance of tax-forfeited land in St. Louis county.

HF2265—Levi (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Juvenile justice; providing for membership terms, removal, and filling of vacancies on the juvenile justice advisory committee; amending statutes.

HF2266—Redalen (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Financial institutions; removing loans made by the energy and economic development authority from a bank's lending limitations; amending statutes.

HF2267—Knickerbocker (IR)—Governmental Operations
Administrative procedures; providing regulatory oversight; defining a rule; creating a legislative regulatory oversight commission; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2268—Rees (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; authorizing and regulating the use of nonprofit risk indemnification trusts; prescribing the powers and duties of the commissioner; proposing coding for new law.

HF2269—Price (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations
Employment; requiring an employer to notify employees and job applicants of bankruptcy proceedings; proposing coding for new law.

HF2270—Piepho (IR)—Education
Education; establishing archeological centers; creating an advisory board to the state archeologist; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2271—Wenzel (DFL)—Agriculture
Agriculture; establishing a program to encourage milk consumption in schools; creating a special account in the treasury; appropriating money; proposing new law.

HF2272—Ogren (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Utilities; increasing salary and duties of chair of public utilities commission; prohibiting certain activities by utilities and public utility commissioners; directing commission to adopt rules of conduct; allowing rate increase settlements without a contested case hearing under certain circumstances; authorizing commission to assign mandatory filing dates for rate increases; allowing commission to suspend rate schedules for 12 or 14 months; imposing a penalty; amending statutes.

HF2273—Marsh (IR)—Judiciary
Civil actions; providing a sliding fee scale for contingent legal fees; abolishing the collateral source rule; requiring judgments to be paid in periodic installments rather than a lump sum upon request of either party; abolishing punitive damages in civil actions; placing a monetary maximum on the amount recoverable as intangible damages; abolishing the principle of joint and several liability in tort actions; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2274—Fred Ahl (IR)—Education
Education; restoring former provisions on the appointment of the commissioner; amending statutes.

HF2275—McKasy (IR)—Judiciary
Commerce; revising the Uniform Trade Secret Act; clarifying remedies; amending statutes.

HF2276—Onnen (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; authorizing the use of swing beds by patients transferred from hospitals located outside of the patient's community; amending statutes.

HF2277—Olsen, S (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Charitable gambling; changing the reporting requirements for organizations; requiring distributors to collect certain taxes; amending statutes.

HF2278—Miller (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Redwood Falls; authorizing the city to exercise development and redevelopment powers.

HF2279—Boo (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; expanding eligibility for the technology transfer credit; amending statutes.

HF2280—Metzen (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Veterans; requiring the commissioner of veterans affairs to provide certain grave markers; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF2281—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; establishing a special elk season; prescribing application for licenses, and application and license fees; appropriating money to reimburse nongame wildlife fund for elk removal; dedicating license and application fees for elk depredation; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2282—Quist (IR)—Education
Education; making technical changes to the definition of a school; establishing a task force to make recommendations about compulsory attendance laws; amending statutes.

HF2283—Redalen (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Utilities; determining membership on public utilities commission; prescribing terms of chair; delineating and prohibiting conflict of interest by public utility commissioners and certain employees of the commission and department of public service; imposing a penalty; requiring commission to adopt a code of conduct; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
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HF2284—Bishop (IR)—Governmental Operations
Minnesota historical society; defining and establishing control over 1905 Capitol furnishings; amending statutes.

HF2285—Watman (IR)—Governmental Operations
Administrative procedure; defining order; limiting certain agency actions; requiring an order to be rendered in accordance with the contested case procedures of the administrative procedure act; providing penalties; amending statutes.

HF2286—Rees (IR)—Judiciary
Liens; labor and materials; providing for the future; visible improvement; amending statutes.

HF2287—Schreiber (IR)—Taxes
State and local government obligations; providing for a method of determining compliance with the volume cap limitations of proposed federal tax law.

HF2288—Rest (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Wild animals; regulating the setting of multiple traps; directing a report to the legislature; amending statutes.

HF2289—Krueger (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Waters; permits to lower water level under certain circumstances; amending statutes.

HF2290—Krueger (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Waters; petitions for termination of watershed districts; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2291—Sparby (DFL)—Judiciary
Courts; providing for termination of the public defender system in a judicial district; requiring provision of counsel; proposing coding for new law.

HF2292—Jennings, L (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Counties; clarifying county commissioner conflict of interest provisions; authorizing counties to develop and market computer software products; providing a method for consolidation of the offices of county auditor and county treasurer; changing certain referendum provisions for adoption of optional forms of county government; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2293—Murphy (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Intoxicating liquor; removing the limit on the number of seasonal on-sale licenses which may be issued by St. Louis county; amending laws.

HF2294—Jaros (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations
Labor and independent school district No. 709, Duluth; removing certain educational assistants from civil service; amending laws.

HF2295—Boo (IR)—Governmental Operations
Independent school district No. 709; providing for severance pay for employees.

HF2296—Rees (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Pollution control agency; allowing the termination of the metropolitan sludge ash siting process.

HF2297—Freichs (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; requiring transportation services involving the use of a stretcher to meet life support transportation licensing standards; amending statutes.

HF2298—Heap (IR)—Education
Education; establishing advisory committees between certain AVTIs and community colleges; specifying composition and duties; requiring a report.

HF2299—Bishop (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Discrimination; prohibiting conditioning credit on the signature of another person if the applicant is credit-worthy; amending statutes.

HF2300—Bishop (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Utilities; restricting the use and connection of automatic dialing-announcing devices to telephone lines; proposing coding for new law.

HF2301—Beard (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; sales; exempting the sales of certain special fuels; amending statutes.

HF2302—Segal (DFL)—Education
Education; requiring the state department of education to maintain a health education specialist; proposing coding for new law.

HF2303—Freichs (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; making legislative findings; defining terms; dedicating revenue attributable to short sales of agricultural commodities; authorizing rules; increasing federal adjusted gross income related to short sales of agricultural commodities; imposing a sales tax on the short sale of an agricultural commodity contract; providing commodity transaction violations and providing exemptions; defining terms; prohibiting certain commodity trading activities; prohibiting fraudulent conduct; prescribing liability of principals; authorizing investigations, subpoenas, and enforcement actions; prescribing remedies and criminal penalties; authorizing cooperation with other agencies; authorizing rules; prescribing a procedure for orders and judicial review of orders; requiring licenses for persons dealing in commodities; prescribing license fees; authorizing examinations; requiring an annual report; prescribing postlicensing requirements; authorizing inspections; prescribing conditions to suspend or revoke a license; prohibiting enforcement of short sales of agricultural commodities; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2304—Johnson (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Small business; imposing a moratorium on the operation of the small business set-aside and preference programs; establishing a training program for owners and operators of small businesses; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2305—Kahn (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; repealing the crime of criminal syndicalism; repealing statutes.

HF2306—Piepho (IR)—Education
Education; establishing a task force to enhance and assess quality in post-secondary education; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2307—Welle (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; providing a split season opener for the migratory waterfowl season; amending statutes.

HF2308—Welle (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; setting a staggered opening date for the pike season; amending statutes.

HF2309—Valento (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Port authorities; prohibiting the use of state money or credit to pay or guarantee the debt of a port authority or its debtor; proposing coding for new law.

HF2310—McPherson (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
State waters; providing for unrestricted use of authorized boat slips by marinas on the lower St. Croix river.

HF2311—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Human Services
State departments and agencies; providing for inspections of certain facilities and imposition of fines; amending statutes.

HF2312—Greenfield (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Human services; eliminating supportive living residences as residential care facilities for persons with mental illness; providing for the establishment of a third level of care for persons with mental illness; directing the commissioner of human services to review and alter rules relating to residential care facilities for persons with mental illness; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2313—Thorson (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; directing payment of survivor benefits to the surviving spouse of a certain deceased member of the state retirement system; appropriating money.

HF2314—Johnson (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; prohibiting issuance of moose licenses to previously licensed applicants; amending statutes.

HF2315—Murphy (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
State lands; authorizing an exchange of certain state lands with the city of Thomson in Carlton county.
HF2316—Munger (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Water; prohibiting the commissioner of natural resources from issuing or approving certain permits or plans for diversion of water from certain water basins before consultation with state and Canadian officials; amending statutes.

HF2317—Zaffke (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Corporations; providing for the resignation of registered agents of foreign corporations; amending statutes.

HF2318—Waltman (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; strengthening the pesticide laws; imposing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2319—Waltman (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Environment; requiring at least four members of the pollution control agency board to be persons knowledgeable in agriculture; amending statutes.

HF2320—Gruenes (IR)—Education
Education; requiring special instruction and services for handicapped children from birth to age three; requiring district plans to include special instruction and services for children under age five; amending statutes.

HF2321—Brown (DFL)—Taxes
Individual income taxation; providing a subtraction for interest on family services to the commissioner of human services to the commissioner of health.

HF2322—Olsen, S (IR)—Education
Education; prohibiting the state board from authorizing a school board to transfer money from the debt redemption fund, except as provided in statutes; amending statutes.

HF2323—Olsen, S (IR)—Education
Education; establishing the fund transfer committee composed of the commissioners of education, finance, and revenue; enabling the fund transfer committee to authorize school boards to permanently transfer money from one fund to another; removing the authority to authorize permanent fund transfers from the state board of education; amending statutes.

HF2324—Olsen, S (IR)—Education
Education; requiring the transfer of licensure activities from the commissioner of human services to the commissioner of health.

HF2325—Olsen, S (IR)—Education
Education; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2326—Becklin (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Environment; transferring certain duties of the pollution control agency under the waste management act to the waste management board; amending statutes.

HF2327—Begich (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Economic development; establishing a mineral resources program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2328—McDonald (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Cologne; exempting certain general obligation bonds and tax levies from debt and levy limitations.

HF2329—Tompkins (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Dakota county; authorizing the issuance of bonds for the construction of library buildings and an annual levy for debt retirement.

HF2330—Schreiber (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; providing for additional withholding exemptions in certain instances; imposing a penalty; amending statutes.

HF2331—Shaver (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; providing for the taxation of lawful gambling; making unlicensed wholesaling of gambling equipment a felony; exempting certain lawful gambling from licensing and taxation; providing a penalty; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2332—Onnen (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; requiring the transfer of licensure activities from the commissioner of human services to the commissioner of health.
Monday, February 24
8:00 a.m.
EDUCATION, Rm. S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: Post secondary enrollment option—HF1818 (McEachern); HF1925 (Schaefer); HF2152 (Price); HF1811 (Svigum).


10:00 a.m.

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LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON EMPLOYER RELATIONS, Rm. S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: 1) Interim report on Local Governmental Collective Bargaining—Commission review and discussion of staff report and draft legislation. Draft includes technical and minor substantive changes to M.S. Chapter 179A. 2) State Arbitration Award—Tentative review of interest arbitration award for the collective bargaining agreement between the state and Unit No. 1, Law Enforcement. Review is tentative to arbitration award being concluded prior to the Commission meeting time.

12:00 noon

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 500 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Jerry Dempsey. Agenda: HF2077 (Bishop) Taxation; limiting application of the open space property tax law to facilities that do not discriminate on the basis of sex. HF1911 (Levine) Natural resources; authorizing watershed management organizations to establish taxing districts within minor watersheds of watershed. HF2033 (Wallace) Taxation; property taxing the payment date for taxes on certain manufactured homes. HF1502 (Simonen) Taxation; exempting certain nonprofit nursing homes from taxation. HF1869 (Valento) Local government units; authorizing the privatization of facilities for the treatment of wastewater and the furnishing of water. HF1968 (Rose) Environment; providing for the selection of location for and developers of hazardous waste stabilization and containment facilities.

2:00 p.m.
The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

4:00 p.m.
GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 400 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Dave Fjoslien. Agenda: HF1845 (Kostohryz) includes casino nights as "lawful gambling" under M.S. Chapter 349; exempts licensed non-profit organizations from certain charitable gambling laws if they conduct four or fewer gambling events and they award less than $50,000 in prizes in a year. HF1704 (S. Olsen) Exempts organizations from charitable gambling authority if event lasts 3 consecutive days or less and prizes do not exceed $10,000 in value. HF2097 (Fjoslien) Extends the exemption of non-profit conducted raffles from certain charitable gambling tax provisions to cover organizations which conduct two events a year and distribute $50,000 or less a year in prizes.

7:00 p.m.

Tuesday, February 25
8:00 a.m.
Agriculture, Transportation & Semi-States Division/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Merlin Vailan. Agenda: To be announced.

Higher Education Division/Education, Rm. 400 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Mark Piepho. Agenda: Continuation of Feb. 4 hearing on English proficiency at the University of Minnesota; John Wallace, Assistant Vice-President for Academic Affairs, U of MN. Citizen's Study Group report on University of Minnesota regent selection process; Jim Day, Associate Director, MN Alumni Association, for Academic Affairs, U of MN. Citizen's Study Group report on University of Minnesota regent selection process; Jim Day, Associate Director, MN Alumni Association, for Academic Affairs, U of MN.

7:00 p.m.
LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Terry Dempsey. Agenda: HF2221 (Redalen); HF2225 (McKasy) Taxation; property; removing the school district basic maintenance levy from agricultural land and buildings. HF2294 (Kvam) Taxation; property; allowing the city to impose certain taxes to construct, operate and promote a convention center facility. HF2248 (Kelly) St. Paul; provisions permitting the imposition of an additional tax on transient lodging.

SALES TAX SUBCOMMITTEE/Taxes, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Sidney Paul. Agenda: HF1091 (Tunheim) Aggregate removal production; changing the time at which a penalty for failure to file is imposed. HF2126 (Rose) St. Cloud; authorizing the city to impose certain taxes to construct, operate and promote a convention center facility. HF2248 (Kelly) St. Paul; permitting the imposition of an additional tax on transient lodging.


ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. John Rose. Agenda: HF1918 (Nelson) Providing that mosquito research and management activities are not ecologically disruptive. HF1770 (Rohner) Taxation; property; leases and seasons for certain landowners. HF1804 (Nelson) Requiring approval of the Pollution Control Agency for expanded capacity at Minnesota-St. Paul International Airport; HF2073 (Minne) Cross country license fees to be used for maintenance of cross country ski trails. HF2137 (Rose) Designation and use of waterfowl feeding or resting areas. HF2138 (Rose) Disposition of wild rice license fees. HF2139 (Battaglia) Extending provisions relating to loggers permits. HF2021 (Kalis) Affording protection to crows and authorizing a research study of crows.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS, Basement Hearing Room, State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Jim Hepa. Agenda: HFXXX (Miller) Repeal of the Little Davis Bacon Act. HF1743 (Vellenga) Unemployment compensation; providing for an exception to coverage for individuals providing certain day care services. HF2183 (Hepa) Creating the Labor Interpretative Center. HFXXX (Jores) Independent School District No. 709, Duluth; removing certain educational assistants from civil service. HF1620 (McLaughlin) Requiring employers to grant unpaid leaves of absence to certain parents.


HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Tony Onnen. Agenda: Continue hearing HF2099 (Sviggum) Setting forth legislative direction for child care services; and HF1642 (Gumma) Relating to insurance accident and health; regulating long-term care policies. HF1765 (Clausnitzer) Prohibiting local governments from establishing special fire code requirements for small family day care homes. HF1879 (Clausnitzer) Authorizing the commissioner of commerce to adopt rules related to financial affairs of health maintenance organizations. HF1880 (Clausnitzer) Providing for a change in medical assistance and general assistance medical requirements for treatment of mental illness. HF1908 (Riveness) Requiring planning for services for persons with brain impairment. HF1951 (Sviggum) Revising the Community Social Services act. HF2052 (Clausnitzer) Establishing principles for serving persons with mental retardation and related conditions. HF2072 (Gruenes) Providing for computer services to comply with long-term sheltered employment program evaluation criteria and for training and employment of persons with disabilities. HF2259 (Ozment) Expanding the authority of the ombudsman for the department of corrections to include the department of human services. Other bills to be announced.

JUDICIARY, Rm. 300 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Charles Halberg. Agenda: HF1880 (Halberg) Limited partnerships. HF1821 (McPherson) Condominium plats; requiring certification by land surveyor. HF1949 (Gruenes) Conciliation court; removing the superintendent of schools. HF2079 (Backlund) Clarifying judgment lien law. HF1889 (Knuth) relating to real property; registered land. HF1622 (McKay) Trust powers; amendments. HF1896 (Demsey) Data privacy. HF1781 (Frederickson) Foreclosure action redeeming farm homestead. HF2078 (Bishop) Cancellation of contract for deed. HF2181 (Bishop) Probate; excluding homesteads from augmented estate. HF1797 (Demsey) Filling of court vacancies by Supreme Court.


AGRICULTURE, Rm. 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. K.J. McDonald. Agenda: To be announced.


2:00 p.m.

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

6:00 p.m.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS & RETIREMENT, Rm. 15 State Capitol. Chr. Sen. Donald Moe. Agenda: To be announced.

Thursday, February 27

8:00 a.m.


HIGHER EDUCATION DIVISION/Education, Rm. 400 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Mark Piepho. Agenda: HF1475 (Vellenga) Establishing a pilot year program at an AVTI for a Vocational Generalist program. HF1889 (Ellof) Requiring the state board for community colleges to develop a master division program at the Arrowhead Community College. HF2194 (D. Carlson) Establishing a task force to study the feasibility of a community college on the Fond du Lac reservation.
8:15 a.m.  
TAXES, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: HF1767 (Schreiber) Imposing a tax on marijuana and controlled substances; requiring dealers in marijuana and controlled substances to obtain a license. Other bills to be announced.

10:00 a.m.  

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. John Rose. Agenda: Continue agenda from Tuesday, Feb. 25 meeting. Additional bills to be announced.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Tony Onnen. Agenda: HF2332 (Onnen) Requiring the transfer of licensure activities from the commissioner of human services to the commissioner of health. HF2276 (Onnen) Authorizing use of swing beds by patients transferred from hospitals located outside of the patient's community. HF1726 (Richter) Providing for grandparents' support of their minor dependent children.

12:00 noon  


2:00 p.m.  
The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

3:00 p.m.  
LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON PENSIONS & RETIREMENT, Rm. 112 State Capitol. Chr. Sen. Donald Moe. Agenda: To be announced.

7:00 p.m.  
ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. John Rose. Agenda: Continue agenda from morning meeting.

Friday, February 28

8:00 a.m.  
EDUCATION, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: To be announced.

8:15 a.m.  
TAXES, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: HFxxx (Shaver) Charitable gambling. Other bills to be announced.

10:00 a.m.  

Farm product liens

The Agriculture Committee Feb. 21 recommended a bill that would repeal the state's lien-notification or so-called "double jeopardy" law.

Double jeopardy refers to an exception in the state's Uniform Commercial Code (UCC). The UCC protects most buyers from lenders' claims against property or goods. However, it doesn't extend the protection to buyers of farm products. This means that farm-product buyers could be liable for liens on those products if lenders can't collect from farmers. Buyers then pay twice—once to the farmer and again to the lender.

To offer some protection to buyers, the 1985 Legislature passed the double jeopardy law which subjects both buyers and lenders to a lien-notification process. To protect their secured interest, the law requires lenders to give registered buyers a listing of all secured interests they hold. If the lender fails to notify the buyer, the buyer can take the product free of a security interest.

HF1842 (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen) would repeal the UCC exception and the lien-notification law. Buyers, then, could buy products free and clear until December. A federal law would take control after that date.

Robert Stassen from the Minnesota Bankers Association argued that repeal of the law could reduce the availability of farm credit, and put lending institutions at risk of losing collateral.

At a Feb. 27 meeting, the committee approved HF2208, a bill that would allow anyone who provides new value to have a priority claim on it, e.g., fertilizer, fuel, or seed that enables farmers to produce a crop.

Supporters of the bill say it would free up a new source of credit for farmers who can't borrow from banks. Opponents say it would destroy the current farm credit system.

Rep. Elton Redalen (IR-Fountain) is the author of the bill. It goes next to the Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee.

Budget balancing bill

The budget-balancing bill, HF1766 (Levi, IR-Dellwood) passed in the House Feb. 26 on a 70-61 vote.

The $349 million bill would reduce K-12 education by $11.5 million, mainly by eliminating summer school (except for special education), and would cut $35 million from the state's higher education budget. The human services allotment would drop by $100 million, including a proposed $35 million cut in Aid to Families with Dependent Children (AFDC) that would lower benefits to 70 percent of the standard of need.

The bill would cut transportation funds $91.6 million, including a proposed $12 million reduction in metropolitan transit assistance. And state departments would lose over $78 million from their budgets, a cut that would eliminate the Department of Energy and Economic Development (DEED) and several legislative commissions.

The bill's major allocation—$19.9 million—goes to tuition subsidies, legal services, and an interest buydown program for farmers.
General civil liability

A bill that targets reducing rising insurance costs by reforming Minnesota's civil justice system got the recommendation of the Judiciary Committee on Feb. 26, but not before the committee removed several provisions.

The committee deleted sections of HF1776 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park) that would have placed a $250,000 cap on non-economic damages, prohibited punitive awards in general liability lawsuits, and ended the "joint" obligation of a defendant in a civil suit to pay more than his/her share of an award if other defendants can't pay their share—the so-called "joint and several liability."

The amended bill would add several exceptions to state law to a municipalities' liability, prevent double recovery of damages through jury awards and other insurance, mandate periodic payments of future damages exceeding $100,000, and exempt future awards from prejudgment interest.

The bill now goes to the House floor.

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Gasohol

Is gasohol a potential boon to the Minnesota farm economy or an engine-eating fad fuel that irritates consumers and the oil industry alike?

The answer is "both," according to testimony Feb. 26 in the Agriculture, Transportation and Semi-States Division of the Appropriations Committee.

Gasohol, the commonly used term for ethanol-based gasoline, came into vogue during the energy crisis of the early 1970s. Midwesterners touted it as a new market for otherwise unusable corn and grains, while energy-conscious consumers saw it as a way to lessen the United States' dependence on foreign-bought oil.

The Minnesota Legislature responded two years ago by granting a tax credit to distributors of ethanol-based fuel. The idea was to stimulate state ethanol production, particularly on farms. To date, however, over 96 percent of the ethanol people use in Minnesota comes from other states, mainly Nebraska.

The governor's proposed elimination of the Agricultural Alcohol Gasoline Credit drew protest, nevertheless, from officials of state ethanol production plants. They say the media is overreacting to consumer reports of damaged car and snowmobile engines. Gasohol deserves the fair public hearing lead-free gasoline received over a decade ago, they contend.

Besides, asked Kathy Graf, owner of the Graf Feed & Fuel Alcohol plant in Watertown, "What are you going to do with the (unmarketable) corn now being used to produce ethanol? Ethanol production nationwide has generated $850 million for the farm economy since 1978, according to a "Washington Post" article supporters distributed at the committee meeting.

Chair Merlyn Valan (IR-Moorhead) asked committee members to think about those issues as they consider the economic and environmental impact of ethanol use.

Judicial shifting

A 1985 law that says the Minnesota Supreme Court can move judgeships throughout the state wherever needed may be in jeopardy. On Feb. 26, the Judiciary Committee approved a bill which would suspend the "sunset and transfer" law until Jan. 1, 1987.

Under the 1985 law, the Supreme Court can move judgeships to other judicial districts when judges leave office. According HF1797's author, Rep. Terry Dempsey (IR-New Ulm), the judges base their decisions on where to add or terminate positions largely on a 1980 complex study of the workload in each judicial district.

"There is some concern that the 1980 study is outdated and flawed," says Dempsey. Second Judicial District Judge Harold W. Schultz agrees, "I am appalled by the length of time since it was done." Schultz says changes have occurred since then, creating heavier workloads on the judicial system.

Supreme Court Chief Justice Douglas Amdahl said the Supreme Court has transferred three judgeships since the '85 law went into effect. "We have transferred them to the metropolitan areas where the need has been a chronic problem," he said. "These actions were taken only after a public hearing in the affected district."

The bill originally repealed the "sunset and transfer" law, but the committee amended it to suspend the law until completion of a new judicial workload study.

The bill now goes to the floor of the House.

Postsecondary options

The state would no longer foot the bill on courses high schoolers take for college credit under proposed amendments to last year's postsecondary options legislation.

The amendments to HF1919 (Levi, IR-Dellwood) which the Education Committee recommended to pass Feb. 25 would, however, require colleges and universities to grant postsecondary credit for courses pupils took for secondary credit—if those students enrolled in their institutions after high school.

Additional amendments committee members offered and adopted during the Feb. 25 meeting, would allow juniors and seniors in private schools to participate in the postsecondary options program if they do so in shared time programs with nearby public schools.

The mandatory age for compulsory attendance in Minnesota would also rise from 16 to 18 years of age or high school graduation.

Amendments to HF1919 resulted from testimony pointing out program misuse and loopholes. The amended bill would also call for:

- limiting participation in the program to six quarters or four semesters for high school juniors and three quarters or two semesters for high school seniors;
- including two-year institutions in the definition of eligible postsecondary colleges and universities;
- setting deadlines for high schools to inform students about the program;
Ramsey County Medical Center

A bill that would reorganize the Ramsey County Medical Center into a competitive health care provider got approval Feb. 25 from the Local and Urban Affairs Committee.

Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul) is author of HF1875, the bill that would restructure the medical center into a corporate entity. The center could then begin health care enterprises like home health care, research, and emergency services.

The corporation’s governing board would be exempt from the open meeting law for activities that relate to economic competition, marketing, and strategic planning.

“We’re proposing to change the medical center’s governance structure, and to provide the hospital with tools and flexibility they’ll need to compete and survive in the competitive metropolitan health care field,” said Kelly.

Currently, a commission of legislative and county board appointees governs Ramsey County Medical Center.

Public Utilities Commission

Public utilities commissioners may face gross misdemeanor charges if they accept jobs in Minnesota’s regulated industries within a year after leaving a commission post under a possible new law.

Legislation that would create that law came out of the Regulated Industries and Energy Committee Feb. 25 with a recommendation to pass.

Author of HF2221, Rep. Elton Redalen (IR-Fountain), says, “I am not satisfied with the actions of the public utilities, various former commissioners, the Department of Public Service, and media sensationalization. “The purpose of the bill is to make some changes to restore confidence in the system and make the system more accountable.”

The bill includes these provisions which would:

• expand qualifications for commissioners to include professions from finance, physical and natural sciences, production agriculture and natural resources;
• extend the term of the commission chair to two years with a limit of two terms;
• deny candidates commission posts if, in the year prior to commission candidacy, they have been employees, consultants, witnesses for or representatives of industries the commission regulates;
• require the commission to adopt, by rule, a code of conduct for commission members and employees. The commission may also adopt rules governing ex parte communications during times when a rate case is pending; and
• redefine settlement criteria for gas, electric, and telecommunications rate cases.

HF2221 is now in the Governmental Operations Committee which expects to hear testimony on the bill and take action by Feb. 28.

Airport noise

The airport noise issue landed in the State Legislature Feb. 25.

The bill, HF1804, by Rep. Ken Nelson (DFL-Mpls.), would force the Metropolitan Airport Commission (MAC) to get permission from the Pollution Control Agency (PCA) for building projects.

Whenever MAC wants to make capital improvements at the Minneapolis/St. Paul Airport that may result in increased aircraft noise, it would need permission from the PCA.

Richard Jellinger, a south Minneapolis homeowner, told the Environment and Natural Resources Committee that when he moved to the area, airport noise was a four-hour-a-day nuisance. Now, peak noise hours extend all day, except for the noon hour.

“If you can imagine one airplane taking off or landing directly overhead and multiply that and have it go all day, every day, except for an hour and a half, you have my home,” he said.

But Jeff Hamiel, airport executive director, said MAC recently formed a task force to resolve the problem. He said the bill is too drastic, and he questioned whether the PCA is the appropriate agency to oversee MAC building projects.

Convention centers

At a Feb. 25 meeting of the Sales Tax Subcommittee, the St. Cloud City Council proposed an increase in the city’s food/beverage and hotel/motel sales taxes to build, operate, and maintain a new convention center.

HF2126 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud) would authorize the tax increase to finance the project which would help make St. Cloud a tourist and convention center resource in the state.

• setting deadlines for students to inform high schools about their intent to participate in the program;
• requiring the school districts to provide counseling services and specifying the type of information they should give to students and parents or guardians; and
• granting postsecondary students course-scheduling priority over the program’s high schoolers.
Jack Fischer of the St. Cloud City Council described the proposed facility as a multi-function center totaling 50,000 square feet and costing an estimated $4.2 million. He says construction will be on city property that the city had already earmarked for a convention site.

Fischer figures the project would induce $8 million in private development. He says the need for more restaurants, offices, and motel rooms would create 200 new jobs in the area.

Likewise, the City of St. Paul seeks to raise the hotel/motel sales tax from three to five percent which would raise an estimated $500,000. According to HF2248 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul), half the revenue the tax would generate would fund a convention bureau to promote the city as a tourist and convention center.

The subcommittee recommended passage of both HF2126 and HF2248 to the full Taxes Committee.

Sex discrimination

Private golf clubs could pay up to four or five times more in property taxes if they discriminate on the basis of sex. On Feb. 25, the Local Government Finance Division recommended to the full Taxes Committee a bill that would take away a discriminating club’s favorable property tax status.

“Golfing at a private club for a single woman is nearly impossible,” said Joan Archer, a trade association lobbyist and avid golfer. She says women can get social or tennis memberships and use swimming and dining facilities, but most private clubs won’t allow women to get a golf membership.

Richard Keenan, an attorney representing the Minnesota Golf Association (MGA), told the committee that his association is very concerned about the bill. “We think it has the potential to do a great deal of damage to golf and private clubs throughout the state,” he said.

To meet some of MGA’s concerns, the committee amended the bill to allow golf clubs to have separate events for men and women as long as the hours, days, and conditions are equal for each sex. Several members questioned whether the amendment would be workable. Author of HF2077, Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester), said, “We have to have a willingness to comply with the intent of the bill without trying to detail everything for the golf courses.”

On Feb. 27, the full Taxes Committee recommended passage of the bill and sent it to the House floor.

DNR reorganization

The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would reorganize and decentralize under terms of a bill that went through a six-hour hearing Feb. 24.

The Governmental Operations Committee sent HF 2124 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone) to the Environment and Natural Resources Committee with a recommendation to pass.

The bill would allow the St. Paul DNR home office no more than one-sixth of the department’s workforce and would transfer the other employees to the six DNR regional offices across the state.

It would strengthen outstate administration and create seven-member citizen advisory boards in each region.

Workers’ compensation

Professional athletes would have limited workers’ compensation benefits under a bill the Labor-

Management Committee recommended to pass Feb. 24.

Attorneys for various players’ associations said HF1873 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon) singles out athletes, while allowing other highly paid professionals to collect workers’ compensation. In earlier testimony, Minnesota AFL-CIO President Dan Gustafson, said, “Insurance is insurance. The law is the law that (all workers) ought to be covered, and they should be covered.”

Rep. Steve Sviggum cited what he called other “?? flag” provisions, which would:

• allow, in certain cases, injured workers to draw unemployment compensation benefits while waiting for their workers’ comp benefits to begin;
• replace the maximum benefit of 66.6 percent of gross wages with 80 percent of net pay, or spendable earnings;
• hold insurance companies liable for some of a worker’s legal fees if court action reverses a company’s original decision to deny the worker’s claim; and
• provide retroactive permanent partial disability benefits for a worker’s loss of taste and smell.

Ticket quotas

If you think state troopers ticket motorists to meet a ticket quota, you’d favor a bill the House passed on Feb. 24.

The bill, HF1930, would prohibit state patrollers from ordering, or in any manner suggesting, that a trooper issue a certain number of traffic tickets.

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The issue sparked a two-hour Transportation Committee debate over whether the state's 450 troopers must meet a quota. Author of the bill, Rep. Doug Carlson (IR-Sandstone) says, a law like this on the books would clear up any doubt. Nobody could accuse Minnesota of having a quota system.

In other action on the same evening, the committee gave an okay to a HF2156 that would prohibit bicyclists from wearing headphones while riding.

The bill’s author, Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) said last summer she was almost hit by a biker wearing headphones who didn’t see her, nor hear her shouting at him to watch out. She says, bicyclists, like other traveling motorists, need to be on the alert.

The committee also recommended passage of HF1803 (Uphus, IR-Sauk Centre), a bill that would allow handicapped persons to operate four-wheel, all-terrain vehicles on city streets.

Charitable gambling law

Charitable organizations could have up to five events a year, award prizes of not more than $50,000, and not have to register with the state's Charitable Gambling Control Board. On Feb. 24, the General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee recommended a bill which would exempt these organizations from the current charitable gambling law.

Author of HF2027, Rep. Dave Fjosliem (IR-Brandon), says even though small fundraising organizations hold one or two events a year, they’re subject to the same reporting requirements as organizations with ongoing charitable gambling activities. He says this aspect of the law discourages people from volunteering to raise funds for these organizations.

Rep. Dick Kostohryz (DFL-No. St. Paul) offered an amendment which would permit “casino night” gambling under the state’s charitable gambling law. Current law allows charitable organizations to conduct bingo games, raffles, paddlewheels, tipboards, and pull-tabs to raise money for a charitable purpose.

Kostohryz says casino night gambling, which includes other types of gambling like blackjack, poker, and dice games, goes on in many communities. He says the Legislature should either legalize it or make it clear to local governments that such gambling is not legal.

The amendment failed, but the bill now goes to the House floor.

Rural aid

On Feb. 21, the Commerce and Economic Development Committee recommended passage of HF2095 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone), a bill that aims at helping rural Minnesota by addressing four different topics.

The bill would create a new agency, The Greater Minnesota Corporation, which would:

- sell bonds to promote economic development in distressed areas;
- fund a natural resource exploration and development program in northern Minnesota counties;
- give funding priority to wastewater treatment plants in distressed areas; and
- provide education retraining for unemployed rural residents.

The bill awaits funding amounts; then it goes to the Appropriations Committee.

Committee deadlines

On Feb. 10, the full House adopted a Senate concurrent resolution providing session deadlines for the Legislature in accordance with Joint Rule 2.03.

Deadlines are:

- After Feb. 28, neither the Senate nor the House will act on committee reports on bills in the house of origin.
- After March 8, neither the Senate nor the House will act on committee reports on bills originating in the other house.
- After March 13, neither house shall act on bills other than those in: 1) reports of conference committees; 2) messages from the other house; 3) reports of the Committee on Rules and Administration in the Senate or the Committee on Rules and Legislative Administration in the House; or 4) messages from the governor.

Copies of bills and resolutions are available from the Chief Clerk's Office, Room 211, State Capitol, St. Paul, MN 55155, (612) 296-2314.
AGRICULTURE

Friday, Feb. 21

- Potato industry promotion
  HF1842/SF1597 (Dimpler, IR-Chanhassen)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF sent to House Feb. 20)
- Double jeopardy law—repealed
  HF1727/SF1578 (Richter, IR-Wadena)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Milk—definition amended
  HF1838/SF1834 (Richter, IR-Wadena)—recommended to pass as amended by subcommittee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Adulterated milk
  HF1883/SF1733 (Uphus, IR-Sauk Centre)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Corporate farm owners—damage to conservation improvements
  HF2141/SF1979 (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—laid over until Feb. 26. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Agricultural liens—priority for suppliers of inputs
  HF2208/SF1559 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—recommended to pass as amended; referred to Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Friday, Feb. 21

- Rural economic recovery
  HF2095/SF1790 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF Governmental Operations Committee)
- Corporate takeover law—changes
  HF2263 (Heap, IR-Plymouth)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Board of AELS & LA—modifying membership
  HF2262/SF2062 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis park)—laid over. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)
- Corporations
  of foreign corporation agents
  HF2317 (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
- St. Louis County—seasonal liquor license
  HF2293/SF2100 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)
- Wine licenses—clubs, catering services
  HF2220/SF2134 (Frederick, IR-Mankato)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)
- Vadnais Heights—5 additional on-sale liquor licenses
  HF2229/SF1912 (Stanis, IR-White Bear Lake)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)
- Pope County—one seasonal on-sale liquor license
  HF2416/SF2200 (Uphus, IR-Sauk Centre)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)
- Non-alcoholic beverage—promotion
  HF2207/SF2202 (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)
- Corporations—adoption services
  HF2177 (Krueger, DFL-Staples)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Minnetonka Conservation Dist.—authority over liquor sales
  HF2252/SF2003 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)

CRIME & FAMILY LAW

Friday, Feb. 21

- Alcohol breath test
  HF2230/SF2065 (Thorson, IR-Bemidji)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)
- Weapons—dealer authorization
  HF1732/SF1648 (Blitz, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)
- Sexual conduct—in-camera hearings
  HF1865/SF1801 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)
- Drug dealers—taxation
  HF1767 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Tax returns—failure to file
  HF1863/SF1770 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Monday, Feb. 24

- Child support, custody
  HF2149/SF1685 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—heard and amended. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Wednesday, Feb. 26

- Child support—medical, dental insurance
  HF2197 (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—recommended to pass.
- Obscene live performances—prohibited
  HF804/SF785 (Kiffmeyer, DFL-Big Lake)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education and Humanities Committee)
- Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee—organization changes
  HF2265/SF2085 (Levi, IR-Delwood)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)
• Technology grant
  HF1958/SF1953 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

• Driving while intoxicated—repeat offenses
  HF2339/SF2098 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

EDUCATION

Monday, Feb. 24
• Postsecondary options—notification of intent
  HF1818/SF1856 (Mceachern, DFL-St. Michael)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

• Postsecondary options—requiring counseling
  HF1959/SF1800 (Schafer, IR-Gibson)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

• Postsecondary options—course ineligibility
  HF1811 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—heard.

• Postsecondary options—limits and additions
  HF2152/SF1899 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Tuesday, Feb. 25
• Postsecondary options—revisions
  HF1919/SF1771 (Levi, DFL-Dellwood)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Wednesday, Feb. 26
• Compulsory attendance—home education
  HF1744/SF1696 (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Higher Education Div./Ed.

Tuesday, Feb. 25
• Community colleges—upper division programs
  HF1889/SF1754 (Eloff, DFL-Virginia)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Thursday, Feb. 27
• Vocational generalist program
  HF1475/SF1468 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Vocational education
  Fon du Lac reservation study
  HF2194/SF2000 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Tuesday, Feb. 25
• Mosquito research
  HF1918/SF1945 (Nelson, D., DFL-Champlin)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

• Deer licenses—free to farmers
  HF1770/SF1872 (Richter, IR-Wadena)—tabled until next meeting. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

• Airport noise—PCA authority
  HF1804/SF1664 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Transportation Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

• Transportation aid—remote Robbinsdale students
  HF1749/SF1608 (Heap)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

• Fund transfers—Fergus Falls Dist. 544
  HF1799/SF1766 (Anderson, R., Ottertail)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

• Fund transfers—Sebewa Dist. 820
  HF2061/SF1874 (Richter, IR-Wadena)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

• Fund transfers—broad permission
  HF2102 (Mceachern, DFL-St. Michael)—not recommended to pass.

• Fund transfers—UFARS title change
  HF2323 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—heard.

• Fund transfers—debt service limits
  HF2324 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass.

• Fund transfers—establishing a committee
  HF2325 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—heard.

FUND TRANSFERS

High Education Div./Ed.

Tuesday, Feb. 25
• Community colleges—upper division programs
  HF1889/SF1754 (Eloff, DFL-Virginia)—heard. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Higher Education Div./Ed.

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• Airport noise—PCA authority
  HF1804/SF1664 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Transportation Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
Charitable gambling—casino nights allowed HF1845/SF1938 (Koshlozyrz, DFL-No. St. Paul)—tabled. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)

Charitable gambling—events exempted HF1704/SF1667 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—tabled as amended (language put into HF2097). (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)

Charitable gambling—certain raffles exempted HF2097/SF2026 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)

Cemeteries, burial sites—procedures changed HF1914/SF1852 (Clark, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Veterans and General Legislation Committee)

State veterans cemetery HF2030/SF1880 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Veterans and General Legislation Committee)

Voting equipment—optical scan HF2423 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.

Elected county officials—removal procedures HF2422/SF2116 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Elections and Ethics Committee)

Smoke detectors—required in apartment hallways HF1777/SF1666 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—laid on the table. (SF is on Senate floor)

Smoke detectors—required in two-family dwellings HF1778/SF1660 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—laid on the table. (SF was returned to author)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Monday, Feb. 24

DNR—reorganization HF2124 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Environment and Natural Resources Committee.

Wastewater treatment—administration of grants, loans HF1894/SF1978 (Becklin, IR-Cambridge)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

State land sale HF1970/SF1935 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

Severance pay HF2071/SF1940 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

Surplus property—disposal HF2185 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass.

Wednesday, Feb. 26

Police and firefighters—pension benefits increased HF1917/SF1785 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Police relief association—permitting survivor benefits HF1890/SF1723 (Ellof, DFL-Virginia)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

PERA service credit—authorizes purchase HF2198 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—recommended to pass as amended.

Administrative Procedures Act—reform bill HF2267 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass as amended.

Thursday, Feb. 27

Attorney General—authorizing assistants HF1966/SF1820 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Archaeology—relating to Indian affairs HF2168/SF1851 (Miller, IR-Redwood Falls)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

Debt service funds—investment options HF1751/SF1621 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Affairs Committee)

American Indians—authorizing memorial plan HF1599 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—recommended to pass as amended.

PERA benefits—county historical societies HF2348 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—recommended to pass.

State retirement—university officials unclassified HF1007/SF0707 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Governmental Operations Committee)

PERA benefits—workers' compensation offsets HF2067/SF1933 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Firefighters pension—vesting changes for Andover HF2373/SF2035 (Hartinger, IR-Coon Rapids)—tabled until later meeting. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Correctional services—Covered employees HF2218/SF1915 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Severance pay—for certain school district HF2295/SF2092 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)
HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Tuesday, Feb. 25
• Child day care regulation
  HF1765/SF1581 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Long term care insurance
  HF1953/SF1782 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Financial Institutions and Insurance Committee. (SF is in Senate Commerce and Economic Development Committee)
• Community Social Services Act
  HF1951/SF1965 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)
• Long term sheltered employment program
  HF2072/SF1441 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

Thursday, Feb. 27
• Corrections ombudsman—expanded authority
  HF2259/SF1775 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)
• Brain impairment services
  HF1908/SF1707 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• MA/GAMC reimbursement for mental illness
  HF1880/SF1654 (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—tabled. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)
• Services for the blind
  HF2134/SF2079 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)
• Physical fitness therapies—mental health programs
  HF651/SF1395 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Monday, Feb. 24
• Military employees’ compensation
  HF1945 (Heap, IR-Plymouth)—recommended to pass.
• Tip pooling
  HF2089 (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—recommended to pass as amended.
• Workers’ compensation
  HF1873/SF1903 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

Tuesday, Feb. 25
• Employees’ right to know
  HF2338/SF2161 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass.
• Entertainment agency licensure
  HF2371/SF0193 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)
• Public Employee Relations Act (PERLA)
  HF2213 (Burger, IR-Long Lake)—heard; laid over for interim study.
• Civil Service—Duluth School District 709
  HF2294 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, Feb. 25
• Grand and Highland—special service district
  HF2051/SF1883 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
• Litchfield investments—municipal power
  HF2068/SF1922 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Labor-Management Relations Committee. (SF is in Senate Employment Committee)
• Public utilities—Medina gas line loan
  HF2111/SF1994 (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)
• Cambridge, Lindstrom—special service districts
  HF2188/SF2105 (Becklin, IR-Cambridge)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)
• Ramsey County Medical Center reorganization
  HF1875/SF1710 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Dakota County—library bonds
  HF2329 (Tompkins, IR-Apple Valley)—recommended to pass.

• Housing—interest reduction
  HF2039 (Tompkins, IR-Apple Valley)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee.

• Ramsey County—library bonds
  HF1611/SF1515 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

• Regional Transit Board—senior representation
  HF2132/SF1987 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

• Mendota Heights—special service district
  HF2195/SF1998 (Olson, E., DFL-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

• Olmsted County—contingent funds
  HF2187 (Ferch, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass.

• County land surveys—subdividing townships
  HF2216 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—recommended to pass.

• Counties—products, conflicts, positions
  HF2292/SF2090 (Jennings, L., DFL-Rush City)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

Thursday, Feb. 27

• St. Louis County—appointing an administrator
  HF2344/SF2163 (Bou, IR-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government)

• Minneapolis—appointing positions
  HF1944/SF1789 (Clark, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Minneapolis/Hennepin County—vital statistics
  HF1896/SF1704 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Minneapolis uniform elections
  HF901/SF0842 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

• Minneapolis—convention center
  HF755/SF1671 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to the Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

• McIntosh bonding—to exceed net debt
  HF2195/SF1998 (Olson, E., DFL-Fosston)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)

• Anoka County—park ordinance
  HF1785/SF1680 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY

Monday, Feb. 24

• Energy—cost adjustment
  HF2143/SF1989 (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)

• Horseracing—tax provisions
  HF2257/SF2049 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)

• Public Utilities Commission—ethics and procedures
  HF2221/SF1869 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—reconsideration of action taken on Feb. 20; laid on table for further action. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Mobile homes—property tax date change
  HF2033/SF1962 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Gravel tax—penalties for failure to report
  HF1091/SF1193* (Tunheim, DFL-Kenney)—recommended to pass.

• High school organizations—exemption from sales tax
  HF2206/SF2054* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended by subcommittee. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

• Property taxes—sexual discrimination by golf clubs
  HF2077/SF1950 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended by full committee and the division. (SF is on Senate floor)

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TAXES

Tuesday, Feb. 25

• Wastewater treatment—privatization
  HF1869 (Valento, IR-Little Canada)—recommended to pass as amended.

• Dept. of Revenue—federal update changes
  HF1827/SF1692 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—reconsideration of action taken on Feb. 20; laid on table for further action. (SF is on Senate floor)

Thursday, Feb. 27

• Watershed management—taxing districts
  HF1911/SF1948 (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee)

• Mobile homes—property tax rate change
  HF2033/SF1962 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Gravel tax—penalties for failure to report
  HF1091/SF1193* (Tunheim, DFL-Kenney)—recommended to pass.

• High school organizations—exemption from sales tax
  HF2206/SF2054* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended by subcommittee. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

• Property taxes—sexual discrimination by golf clubs
  HF2077/SF1950 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended by full committee and the division. (SF is on Senate floor)

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RULES & LEGISLATIVE ADMINISTRATION

Friday, Feb. 21

• Omnibus budget balancing bill
  HF1766 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended.

Tuesday, Feb. 25

• Constitutional amendments
  HF124/SF124 (Thiede, IR-Pequot Lakes)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Elections and Ethics Committee)

• Anoka County—park ordinance
  HF397/SF368 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)
Local Government Finance Div./Taxes
Monday, Feb. 24
• Property taxes—sexual discrimination by golf clubs
  HF2077/SF1950 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—heard. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Watershed management—taxing districts
  HF1911/SF1948 (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to full Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee)
• Mobile homes—property taxes date change
  HF2033/SF1962 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)—recommended to pass; rereferred to full Taxes Committee. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Wastewater treatment—privatization
  HF1869 (Valento, IR-Little Canada)—recommended to pass; rereferred to full Taxes Committee.

TRANSPORTATION
Monday, Feb. 24
• Driver licensing—definition of buses
  HF2235/SF1809 (Tjornhom, IR-Richfield)—laid over. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)
• Bicycles—prohibition of headphones
  HF2156 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass.
• Handicapped persons—4-wheel, all-terrain vehicles
  SF1690 (Uphus, IR-Sauk Centre)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Fleet vehicle registration
  HF1746/SF1641 (Freichs, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

Wednesday, Feb. 26
• Motorized bicycle instruction permits
  HF1887/SF1826 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)
• Traffic violations—liability of lessors
  HF1454/SF1319 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF passed on Senate floor Feb. 20; sent to House Feb. 24)
• Transportation Legislative Commission
  HF2025 (Boerboom, IR-Cottonwood)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee.
• Gas tax, state park road account, truck weight
  HF2333/SF2189 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—heard. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

SPECIAL ORDERS
Monday, Feb. 24
• Traffic citation quotas—prohibited
  HF1930*/SF1818 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Court fees—increased
  HF1772*/SF1857 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)
• Revisor’s gender changes
  HF1824*/SF1752 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

Wednesday, Feb. 26
• Omnibus budget balancing bill
  HF1766*/SF1689 (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—passed as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

GOVERNOR

BILLS
THE GOVERNOR SIGNED
Monday, Feb. 24
• Mandatory seat belts
  HF119/SF40* (Forsythe)—Chapter 310.
• Campground, manufactured home park operators—food licenses
  HF1699*/SF1562 (Zaffke)—Chapter 311.

RESOLUTIONS
THE GOVERNOR SIGNED
Monday, Feb. 24
• MIA resolution
  HF1826*/SF1716 (Fjoslien)—Resolution 6.

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

MOTION TO TAKE FROM TABLE
Thursday, Feb. 20
• Interstate acquisition of banks—reciprocity
  HF671*/SF607 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—passed. (SF laid on table May 20, 1985)
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Bill Introductions

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HF2333—Carlson (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; providing for city capital improvement reserve funds; amending statutes.

HF2334—Shaver (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; providing for local improvement reserve funds; amending statutes.

HF2335—Carlson (DFL)—Education
University of Minnesota; appropriating money for agricultural extension service and experiment station projects.

HF2336—Olson, E (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; permitting counties to establish public works reserve funds; amending statutes.

HF2337—Rose (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Environment; amending statutes.

HF2338—Svigum (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Providing training opportunities for technically qualified individuals who may be exposed to hazardous substances, harmful physical agents, or infectious agents; amending statutes.

HF2339—Rest (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Public safety; creating the crimes of aggravated unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle in the first, second, third, and fourth degrees; providing for the seizure, impoundment, and forfeiture of a motor vehicle operated by a driver whose license or operating privilege is suspended or revoked; prescribing penalties for persons who operate unregistered motor vehicles on streets or highways; requiring mandatory imprisonment and other sanctions for persons convicted of driving while under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance for a third time; amending statutes; proposing codifying new law; repealing statutes.

HF2340—Clausnitzer (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; health and accident; requiring health maintenance organizations to provide chiropractic care equivalent to that provided by health insurance; amending statutes.

HF2341—Sherman (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; Winona police relief association audit, reports, funding.

HF2342—Sparby (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; establishment of a program to compensate landowners and lessees for damages done by wild animals; appropriating money.

HF2343—Begich (DFL)—Transportation
Transportation; providing for terms of regional railroad authority commissioners; amending statutes.

HF2344—Boo (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Counties; setting conditions for St. Louis County to appoint a county administrator; amending statutes.

HF2345—Rees (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; payment of combined service annuities by last fund; amending statutes.

HF2346—Sparby (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Environment; disapproving a nuclear waste repository in Minnesota; making findings on economics of nuclear power gene?ators on the economic feasibility of nuclear power; requiring nuclear power plants to be decommissioned by December 31, 1990; proposing codifying new law.

HF2347—Wynia (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Commerce; regulating licensing of installed, or certain, low-voltage electrical systems; prescribing penalties; proposing codifying new law.

HF2348—Fjoslien (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; making public employees retirement association membership optional for employees of county historical societies; amending statutes.

HF2349—Thiede (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration
A resolution memorializing Congress to propose an amendment to the United States Constitution allowing the state or Congress to override decisions of the United States Supreme Court and federal regulatory bodies in certain cases, or, alternately, applying to Congress for a constitutional convention to propose such an amendment.

HF2350—Frerichs (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; providing exemptions for certain air ambulance services; allowing certified first responders to drive basic life support transportation service vehicles; amending statutes.

HF2351—Dimler (DFL)—Governmental Operations
State real estate; permitting the sale of the old Shakopee correctional facility to the local government units.

HF2352—Johnson (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Small businesses; expanding limitations on eligibility for the set-aside and preference programs for small businesses owned and operated by socially or economically disadvantaged persons; defining "bona fide permanent place of business"; expanding the definition of a "socially or economically disadvantaged person"; imposing new conditions for participation in the set-aside and preference programs for small businesses owned and operated by socially or economically disadvantaged persons; amending statutes.

HF2353—Rees (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Environment; creating the waste management agency; transferring the duties of the waste management board and certain duties of the pollution control agency to the waste management agency; amending statutes; proposing codifying new law; repealing statutes.

HF2354—Rees (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; reducing the general sales and use tax rate; extending the sales and use tax to clothing; providing for distribution of local sales tax revenues within the metropolitan area; amending statutes; proposing codifying for new law.

HF2355—Wynia (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; requiring the licensure and regulation of home health care agencies and persons; appropriating money; proposing codifying for new law.

HF2356—Uphus (DFL)—Agriculture
Agricultural finance; renaming the agricultural resource loan guaranty board; providing powers; authorizing the board to participate in loans; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing codifying for new law; repealing statutes.
HF2357—Jennings, L (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; changing eligibility requirements for waterbank agreements; providing requirements for the director of the division of waters; requiring the director to maintain current wetlands values; amending drainage law definitions; prescribing payment of attorney fees on certain drainage issues appealed by the commissioner; prescribing general provisions for petitions; amending petition requirements; allowing drainage proceedings to be delayed; prescribing conditions for assessments against property within a municipality; prescribing extent of benefits and damages; requiring a statement and damages statement and a property owners' report; authorizing easement to access drainage system; providing drainage liens to be recorded against tracts of property; changing rates of interest to be paid during drainage proceedings; amending definition of repair; authorizing conditions for repair if design is different than original construction depth; declaring right to have drainage systems maintained; providing easement for drainage authority to inspect drainage system; requiring permanent grass strips; apportioning repair costs; renumbering sections; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2358—Tjornhom (IR)—Governmental Operations
Occupations and professions; providing for the regulation of the practice of chiropractors; establishing boards for license revocation; prescribing penalties; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2359—Jennings, L (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Human services; establishing computerized information systems; authorizing an electronic transfer system; providing for training of welfare fraud prosecutors and investigators; providing for disposition of incorrect assistance amounts recovered; regulating certain property transfers by general assistance applicants or recipients; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2360—Dimler (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; providing a penalty for failure to issue grain warehouse receipts; amending statutes.

HF2361—Nelson, D (DFL)—Education
Education; requiring the higher education representative on the board of teaching to be a teaching faculty member; allowing a counselor to serve on the board of teaching; amending statutes.

HF2362—Welle (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Energy; clarifying the method by which schedules for the repayment of district heating loans are established; amending statutes.

HF2363—Piepho (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; permitting the establishment of special service districts in the city of Mankato; providing taxing and other financial authority.

HF2364—Johnson (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; railroads; permitting transportation regulation board to approve certain rate changes and applications for transportation of goods by rail; extending time in which discontinuance of service in certain cases without a public hearing; amending statutes.

HF2365—Johnson (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; clarifying procedures in certain contested matters brought before the transportation regulation board; amending statutes.

HF2366—Sviggum (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Juvenile court; defining escape from a state juvenile correctional facility as a delinquent act; providing that committing a felony as part of, or subsequent to, escape from a juvenile correctional facility is a prima facie case for reference for adult prosecution; providing penalties; amending statutes.

HF2367—DenOuden (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; property; removing the school district basic maintenance levy from agricultural land and buildings; reducing the agricultural school tax credit on certain property; providing a separate calculation of additional ratio on certain agricultural homestead property; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2368—Miller (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; creating a legislative commission on water policy and providing for the powers and duties of the commission; appropriating money.

HF2369—Miller (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Employment; repealing provisions requiring payment of certain wages on state projects; repealing statutes.

HF2370—Johnson (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; railroads; permitting the transportation regulation board to grant clearance variances without evidentiary hearings in certain cases; amending statutes.

HF2371—McPherson (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Commerce; providing for the repeal of statutory law regulating entertainment agencies; repealing statutes.

HF2372—Van (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; creating a rural economy adjustment board; providing for the issuance of bonds or other obligations by the board and the loan of proceeds to counties for grants or loans to farmers to repay or refinance existing indebtedness; authorizing the levy and collection of taxes for the repayment of loans by counties; permitting the acquisition of easements in agricultural property; proposing coding for new law.

HF2373—Hartinger (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; Andover firefighters relief association; authority to amend bylaws.

HF2374—Van (IR)—Transportation
Traffic regulations; increasing area of state in which weight limitations on highways may be seasonally increased; providing that weight limitations are increased seasonally for transporting sugar beets and potatoes under certain conditions; increasing weight limitations under which special permits may be issued; imposing fees; amending statutes.

Wednesday, Feb 26
HF2375—Krueger (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; prohibiting certain typing arrangements; providing deposit requirements for domestic companies; extending coverage under the insurance guaranty association act; extending certain filling, approval, and disapproval dates; broadening fair plan coverage; regulating fraternal benefit societies; regulating forms; amending statutes.

HF2376—Johnson (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; bonding; reallocating proceeds of bridge bonds to counties and cities; appropriating money; amending laws.

HF2377—Munger (DFL)—Appropriations
Duluth zoo; appropriating money for its costs.

HF2378—Hartie (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Financial institutions; permitting additional detached facilities; amending statutes.

HF2379—Johnson (IR)—Agriculture
Wildlife; providing for a wildlife damage abatement and claims program.

HF2380—Boerboom (IR)—Education
Education; independent school district No. 409, Tyler; permitting a fund transfer.

HF2381—Segal (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; making it a felony to assault or injure a pregnant woman; expanding the crime of criminal vehicular operation; imposing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2382—Uphus (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; making it a misdemeanor to engage in or recklessly permit "hazing"; authorizing civil actions against student organizations for damages relating to "hazing"; proposing coding for new law.

HF2383—Blatz (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; authorizing the purchase of prior service credit for a certain city health administrator.
HF2384—Dyke (IR)—Transportation  
Public safety; drivers’ licenses; providing conditions for requiring physician reports for drivers’ license applicants who are subject to periods of unconsciousness; proposing coding for new law.

HF2385—Schreiber (IR)—Taxes  
Public indebtedness; providing for the power of municipalities to enter into repurchase and reverse repurchase agreements with qualified dealers; providing for the safekeeping of investments by qualified dealers; amending statutes.

HF2386—Sparby (DFL)—Health/Human Services  
Human services; providing for a 45-day residency requirement in Minnesota for general assistance; proposing coding for new law.

HF2387—Sherman (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources  
Pollution control agency; removing authority to impose certain fees; changing certain appropriations; amending statutes.

HF2388—McKasy (IR)—Judiciary  
Nonprofit corporations; providing for succession of fiduciary capacity in mergers and consolidations; clarifying authority for separate entities to hold church employee benefit plans; amending statutes.

HF2389—Ozment (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources  
Environment; prohibiting the storage of hazardous waste at the University of Minnesota’s Rosemount research center; proposing coding for new law.

HF2390—Minne (DFL)—Judiciary  
Civil actions; providing for changes in certain time periods relating to the commencement of civil actions; amending statutes.

HF2391—Clausnitzer (IR)—Crime/Family Law  
Human services; regulating withholding for purposes of child support; amending statutes.

HF2392—Stanis (IR)—Crime/Family Law  
Child abuse; providing immunity from liability for disclosure; amending statutes.

HF2393—Norton (DFL)—Transportation  
Motor vehicles; designating category of collector military vehicle for registration purposes; exempting certain collector military vehicles and trailers from requirement to display license plates under certain conditions; amending statutes.

HF2394—Fjoslien (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs  
Veterans; requiring the MIA-POW flag to be flown on the capitol.

HF2395—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources  
Game and fish; legislative oversight over federal fund receipts and expenditures.

HF2396—Marsh (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs  
City of Sartell; authorizing the establishment of a redevelopment district.

HF2397—Frederick (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development  
Alcoholic beverages; authorizing cities to issue temporary off-sale licenses for the sale of rare wine at auctions; amending statutes.

HF2398—Uphus (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources  
Environment; regulating release of radionuclides into groundwater; proposing coding for new law.

HF2399—Begich (DFL)—Taxes  
Taxation; amending the expansion of a certain enterprise zone; providing for the local contribution for that zone; amending statutes.

HF2400—Begich (DFL)—Health/Human Services  
Health; removing a restriction on use of hospital swing beds; amending statutes.

HF2401—Wenzel (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs  
Taxation; tax-forfeited lands; requiring payment for a certain tract in Morrison county by the state of Minnesota.

HF2402—Sherman (IR)—Transportation  
Drivers’ licenses; providing for side-profile photograph on driver’s license or identification card of person under the age of 19; amending statutes.

HF2403—Seaberg (IR)—Judiciary  
Housing; landlord and tenant; requiring heating standards; requiring notice by landlords before entering leased premises; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2404—Tjornhom (IR)—Judiciary  
Traffic regulations; authorizing insurers to obtain accident reports directly from the appropriate law enforcement agencies; amending statutes.

HF2405—Sarna (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs  
City of Minneapolis; establishing an election day for the park and recreation board.

HF2406—Zaffke (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs  
Unclaimed property; requiring that the sum payable on an abandoned warrant issued by a county be conveyed to the issuing county for deposit in the county treasury; amending statutes.

HF2407—Thiede (IR)—Governmental Operations  
State lands; directing transfer of the Croft Mine Park, and all artifacts, machinery, and other personal property used in its operations, to any one or a combination of the city of Ironon, the city of Crosby, and the Croft historical park board.

HF2408—Ogren (DFL)—Appropriations  
Public works; providing for replacement for an appropriation to the city of Cloquet for the construction of a public water facility.

HF2409—Dyke (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs  
Environment; providing for the adoption of a sewage treatment system construction code; requiring certification of sewage system contractors and inspectors in certain counties; providing for the administration of certification laws by the pollution control agency; authorizing adoption of rules; providing penalties; proposing coding for new laws.

HF2410—Bennett (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance  
Insurance; accident and health; authorizing participation by pharmacists in non-profit health service plans and health maintenance contracts; amending statutes.

HF2411—Thorson (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development  
Commerce; consumer protection; requiring the repair, refund, or replacement of new motor vehicles under certain circumstances; prescribing certain settlement procedures; amending statutes.

HF2412—Brinkman (DFL)—Education  
Independent school district No.750, Cold Spring; authorizing the district to make an equal levy for debt service over the next five years.

HF2413—McEachern (IR)—Taxes  
Taxes; permitting variable taxation within cities based on variations in services; proposing coding for new law.

HF2414—McEachern (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources  
Game and fish; authorizing special deer seasons for handicapped hunters within refuges and state parks; amending statutes.

HF2415—Miller (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs  
Local government; permitting units of local government to employ public accountants to audit records; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2416—Uphus (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development  
Intoxicating liquor; authorizing Pope County to issue one seasonal on-sale license.

HF2417—Haukoos (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy  
Utilities; prohibiting public utility commissioners from accepting gifts; amending statutes.

HF2418—Price (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs  
Washington county; permitting the county to finance water systems on behalf of cities and towns in the county by the issuance of county general obligation bonds.

HF2419—Osthoff (DFL)—Judiciary  
Civil court actions; prohibiting a claim for punitive damages in an initial complaint; amending statutes.
HF2420—Tompkins (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Metropolitan waste control; appropriating money to reimburse Farmington for excess charges.

HF2421—Pappas (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Criminal law; abolishing the crime of criminal syndicalism; repealing statutes.

HF2422—McKay (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Elections; providing for recall of certain elected county officials; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2423—Shaver (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Elections; providing for the use of certain optical scan electronic voting systems; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2424—Anderson, R (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; authorizing certain refunds of sales tax paid on agricultural electricity; amending statutes.

HF2425—Scheid (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; authorizing the commissioner of commerce to collect specific information from insurers; amending statutes.

HF2426—Scheid (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; specifying the authority of the commissioner of commerce to approve or disapprove insurance rates; creating procedures for approval or disapproval of rates; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2427—Norton (DFL)—Governmental Operations
State lands; authorizing exchange of state property with Minnesota transportation museum property.

HF2428—Knickbocker (IR)—Governmental Operations
Public employment labor relations; regulating fair share fees; regulating arbitration; defining employer and employee; amending statutes.

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HF2429—Ozment (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; adding new route to trunk highway system in substitution of existing route; allowing old highway to be turned back to city of Willmar; permitting commissioner of transportation to exchange transportation facilities under conditions of clear public benefit; providing for variance from rules for certain tank motor vehicles; providing that the use of certain high occupancy lanes by vehicles carrying more than one person to be considered by commissioner of transportation; directing revisor of statutes to make route substitutions; amending statutes.

HF2430—Zaffke (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Dogs; prohibiting certain dog houses; imposing a penalty; proposing coding for new law.

HF2431—Waitman (IR)—Health/Human Services
Public assistance; requiring the provision of general assistance medical assistance to certain persons in hospitals; amending statutes.

HF2432—Stansius (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; authorizing the commissioner of commerce to regulate the financial affairs of health maintenance organizations; requiring the commissioner of health to approve quality assurance programs in health maintenance organizations; prohibiting exclusive dealing agreements; requiring certain medical assistance recipients to enroll in prepaid health plans; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing.

HF2433—Sherman (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Solid waste disposal; deferring the application of certain Minnesota pollution control agency rules for certain counties until September 1, 1988.

HF2434—Kostohryz (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Economic development; establishing a state lottery; creating a state lottery board; prescribing its powers and duties; providing for the disposition of revenues from the state lottery; creating certain funds in the state treasury; appropriating money; providing penalties; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution; repealing article XIII, section 5 which prohibits lotteries; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2435—Otis (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration
A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to adopt legislation preventing state and local governments from providing corporate welfare.

HF2436—Knickbocker (IR)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; early retirement; extending the time for retirement under the Rule of 85; amending statutes.

HF2437—Redalen (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; requiring the board of equalization to use involuntary sales in the sales ratio study under certain conditions; requiring certificates of value to be recorded by 90 days after a sale; amending statutes.

HF2438—Welles (DFL)—Transportation
Transportation; providing an alternative procedure to record town roads; proposing coding for new law.

HF2439—Wynia (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Human services; requiring nursing home providers to refund excess charges within a certain time period; providing for treble damages.

HF2440—Heap (IR)—Appropriations
Appropriations; changing the recipient of a grant for development of an invention support system; amending laws.

HF2441—Blatz (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Criminal procedure; providing for joinder of trials when two or more defendants are charged with criminal sexual conduct; proposing coding for new law.

HF2442—Ellingson (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Hennepin county; creating a county housing and redevelopment authority; applying the provisions of the municipal housing and redevelopment act to Hennepin county; providing for local approval of projects.

HF2443—Price (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Economic development; creating the district 56 development association and providing for the powers and administration of the association; proposing coding for new law.

HF2444—Ogren (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Cloquet; permitting the establishment of a port authority; authorizing the port authority to exercise the powers of a municipal housing and redevelopment authority.

HF2445—Tjernhom (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Corporations; regulating derivative suits; authorizing board-appointed and court-appointed committees; regulating dissolution; amending statutes.

HF2446—Tjernhom (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; municipal state-aid streets; authorizing cities to use municipal state-aid funds to purchase emergency traffic light systems; amending statutes.

HF2447—Sarna (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; dedicating revenues from the fishing license surcharge, small game surcharge, migratory waterfowl stamp, pheasant stamp, and trout and salmon stamp; requiring preparation and presentation of work plans before fishing license surcharge appropriation is spent; clarifying allowed administrative expenses from dedicated receipts; amending statutes.

HF2448—Thiede (IR)—Judiciary
Civil actions; limiting the amount of damages for noneconomic loss; proposing coding for new law.

HF2449—Vanasek (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; revocation and ineligibility for game and fish licenses upon certain convictions; amending statutes.
HF2450—Voss (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; creating a joint underwriting association; requiring participation by insurers; proposing new law.

HF2451—Svigum (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; providing a penalty for assaulting correctional officers; amending statutes.

HF2452—Osthoff (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Saint Paul; providing for the redesign, reconstruction and widening of Larpenteur avenue; amending laws.

HF2453—Rodosovich (DFL)—Governmental Operations
State lands; authorizing conveyance of certain state easement.

HF2454—Sherman (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Solid waste disposal; providing assistance to Winona county; appropriating money.

HF2455—Peterson (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; rescinding the repeal of the income tax exclusion for interest earned on certain family farm security loans; exempting certain shelterbelts from tax; reducing the price of food retail to be labeled on foods; establishing a program to facilitate buyers and seller of premium quality agricultural commodities; investigating feasibility of premium quality agricultural markets; requiring a report to the legislature; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2456—Peterson (DFL)—Agriculture
Conservation; requiring county soil loss ordinances by the commissioner of agriculture; prohibiting removal of conservation practices implemented with cost-sharing funds; authorizing remedies and penalties for removing certain conservation practices; making certain conservation practices easements on the land; prohibiting burning or tilling road right-of-ways unless vegetative cover is being established; requiring a report on road right-of-way mowing and grass strip maintenance on drainage ditches; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2457—Peterson (DFL)—Agriculture
Agriculture; increasing the amount of an agricultural or business loan subject to usury limits; modifying exemptions; requiring notices; providing remedies for failing to notify; exempting family farm corporations from usurious defense prohibitions; extending farm loans and to provide for partial payment of interest on loans to farmers; amending statutes.

HF2458—Peterson (DFL)—Agriculture
Agriculture; requiring data collection and reports on the state’s farmers’ financial condition and farm ownership; requiring the farmers’ percentage of food retail price to be labeled on foods; establishing a program to facilitate buyers and seller of premium quality agricultural commodities; investigating feasibility of premium quality agricultural markets; requiring a report to the legislature; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2459—Uphus (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; reducing the tax credit for agricultural alcohol gasoline; providing for payments to producers of agricultural alcohol; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2460—Valan (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; establishing a program of state-guaranteed real estate and operating loans for certain beginning and reentering farmers; authorizing issuance of bonds; proposing coding for new law.

HF2461—Burger (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; requiring licensure to practice naturopathy; providing for conditions of licensure; qualifications and exemptions; establishing a state board of naturopathic physicians; providing for discipline and penalties; proposing coding for new law.

HF2462—Voss (DFL)—Judiciary
Courts; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article VI, by adding a section to provide for a legislative commission on attorney discipline; implementing the commission process; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2463—Voss (DFL)—Judiciary
Courts; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article VI, by adding a section to provide for a legislative commission on judicial discipline; implementing the commission process; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2464—Omann (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Bowlus; permitting the city to exceed its debt limit for a firehall.

HF2465—McKasy (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; modifying the taconite homestead credit; providing a taconite credit for certain property; reducing the occupation tax rate; allowing full deduction of the production tax and certain transportation expenses in calculating the occupation tax; decreasing the production tax rate; eliminating the indexed increases in the taconite production tax rate; changing the distribution of the taconite production tax in certain areas; amending statutes.

HF2466—Svigum (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; authorizing additions to and deletions from certain state parks and recreation areas.

HF2467—Schreiber (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; tax increment financing; modifying the computation of school aids for districts receiving excess increments; modifying the definition and duration of tax increment financing districts; modifying procedures; limiting the purposes for which tax increments may be expended; providing for reimbursement of county expenses; amending statutes.

HF2468—Carlson, J (IR)—Governmental Operations
Historical associations; providing procedures and limits for certain state assistance; amending statutes.

Senate Files/1st. Readings
Monday, Feb 24
SF1587—Diesner (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Public indebtedness; permitting home rule charter and statutory cities and towns to incur debt for warning systems; amending statutes.

SF1597—Berg (I)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Agriculture; removing the liability of persons who buy farm products; repealing the notification and registration system for security interests in farm products; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF1612—Wegscheid (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; changing certain incorporation requirements for domestic insurance corporations; changing certain investment requirements for life insurance companies; amending statutes.

SF541—Langaeth (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; changing the date by which the second installment of property taxes on agricultural property must be paid; amending statutes.

SF1319—Lantry (DFL)—Transportation
Motor vehicles; removing liability of motor vehicle lessors for unpaid citations for traffic violations committed by operators of leased or rented motor vehicles; proposing coding for new law.

SF1531—Davis (DFL)—Agriculture
Agriculture; ratifying the Interstate Compact on Agricultural Grain Marketing; proposing coding for new law.

SF1645—Merriam (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Crime; using force or threat of force against revenue department employees; amending statutes.

SF1575—Diesner (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Local improvements; permitting counties to make certain improvements anywhere within their territory; amending statutes.
Monday, March 3
8:00 a.m.
EDUCATION, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: To be announced.


10:00 a.m.
CRIME & FAMILY LAW, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Blatz. Agenda: SF1914 (Petty)/HF2250 (Hartinger) Theft of services. SF1730 (Speer)/HF2050 (Bennett) Shoplifting. SF2100 (Petty)/HF2243 (Claisen) Guardian ad litem in child custody (abuse). SF923 (Spear)/HF1278 (Marsh) Prescribing "small amount" of marijuana. SF1014 (Petty)/HF851 (Marsh) Subjecting rules relating to drunk driving to provisions of administrative procedure act.


12:00 noon

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 500 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Terry Dempsey. Agenda: HF2094 (Kvam) Allowing certain property owners to appeal assessments directly to the tax or district court. HF1968 (Rose) Providing for the selection of locations for and developers of hazardous waste stabilization and containment facilities.

2:00 p.m.
The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

After Session

5:00 p.m.

Tuesday, March 4
8:00 a.m.

8:15 a.m.
TAXES, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bill Sch. agenda: HF2210 (Kvam) Litchfield; providing for reduction of the original assessed value of a tax increment financing district. HF1990 (Valento) Authorizing home rule charter for statutory cities to establish economic development districts. HF2154 (Bock) Sales and use tax; exemption materials consumed in certain manufacturing construction in distressed counties. HF2123 (Himle) Bloomington; authorizing the city to impose certain taxes.

10:00 a.m.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. John Rose. Agenda: HF1793 (Johnson) Authorizing stocking of fish in certain streams where public access is granted. HF1652 (Rose) Recodifying laws governing wild animals in general, the taking and possession of game and fish, and the management of natural resources. Other bills to be announced.


12:00 noon
JUDICIARY, Rm. 300 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Charles Halberg. Agenda: HF1796 (Frederickson) Agriculture; right to crops or crop value. HF1949 (Gruenes) Conciliation court; removal to county court. HF2079 (Backlund) Clarifying judgement lien law. HF1822 (McKay) Trust powers, amendments. HF2275 (McKay) Trade secrets law, amendments. HF2388 (McKay) Non-profit corporation law, amendments. HF2239 (Dempsey) Specifying local prosecuting attorney for certain offenses. HF1996 (Dempsey) Data privacy. HF2181 (Bishop) Probate; augmented estate. HF2346 (Bishop) Probate: collection by affidavit. HF2078 (Bishop) Cancellation of contract for deed. HF394 (Bishop) Judicial modification of statutes. HF1301 (Bishop) Living Will.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Don Valento. Agenda: To be announced.

2:00 p.m.

5:00 p.m.

Wednesday, March 5
8:00 a.m.

EDUCATION, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: To be announced.


10:00 a.m.

12:00 noon


2:00 p.m.
The House of Representatives will meet in Session.
Thursday, March 6
8:00 a.m.

8:15 a.m.
TAXES, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: HF2126 (Gruenes) St. Cloud; authorizing the city to impose certain taxes to construct, operate, and promote a convention center facility. HF2248 (Kelly) St. Paul; permitting the imposition of an additional tax on transient lodging. HF1755 (Greenfield) Minneapolis convention center bill.

8:30 a.m.
LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMISSION, Rm. 107 State Capitol. Agenda: 1) Proposed budget cuts to Legislative Auditor’s Office; 2) Audit jurisdiction of metropolitan agencies; 3) General status report on program evaluation and financial audit activities.

9:00 a.m.
PUBLIC LANDS COMMITTEE/Legislative Commission on Minnesota Resources, Rm. 70 State Office Building. Chr. Sen. Earl Renneke. Agenda: Consider approval of the 115 acre parcel on Dago Lake.

10:00 a.m.
ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. John Rose. Agenda: To be announced.

12:00 noon
GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Don Valent. Agenda: To be announced.

2:00 p.m.
The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

5:00 p.m.

Friday, March 7
8:00 a.m.

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HIGHLIGHTS

Milk stabilization board

Legislation that calls for a state control milk board to set milk prices that producers, wholesalers, and retailers can charge, moved out of the Agriculture Committee March 5, despite opposition from the Minnesota Grocers Association and the Minnesota Farm Bureau.

The seven-member milk stabilization board's job would be to come up with a fair pricing and marketing program in the state for dairy products, says Rep. Sylvester Uphus (IR-Sauk Centre), sponsor of the legislation.

Uphus, whose district is in Stearns County, one of the largest dairy counties in the state, says the current pricing system doesn’t work. He says the proposed program would give farmers a better chance at a good price for their products, and consumers a reasonable price at store counters.

Opponents argue that the bill is not on the side of the consumer, nor the retailer, nor the dairy farmer. They say more states are abandoning milk control boards, and Minnesota should not adopt one.

HF1719, which the Minnesota Dairy Producers, Farmers Union, and the Department of Agriculture supports, goes before the Governmental Operations Committee for approval before moving to the House floor.

All-terrain vehicles

The estimated 130,000 all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) in Minnesota have "no legal place to operate or run," Rep. Douglas Carlson (IR-Sandstone) told the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee March 5.

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That’s why Carlson—and the committee—recommended passage of HF1015, his ATV regulation bill that stalled in the Legislature last year.

The bill would fix registration fees for the vehicles, and decide who could operate them and where. It also would use money from an ATV account for development of local off-road trails and safety programs.

Like snowmobiles 20 years ago, ATVs have become popular recreational vehicles. But that has caused problems in outstate Minnesota, Carlson said, where a lack of state regulation has led to drag races at airports and vehicle interference on hunting land.

The full Appropriations Committee hears the bill next.

Education cooperation

School districts may have an opportunity to combine their resources into a cooperative learning package under a bill the Education Committee recommended to pass March 5.

Now in the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee, HF2192 would allow individual districts to join in cooperative education districts. These districts, could share faculty and students, thus broadening possible program offerings within local communities.

The bill's sponsor is Rep. Merlyn Valan (IR-Moorhead). He told committee members that education districts would be a logical way to stretch the limited budgets that plague small schools—and a crucial option for improving education in rural Minnesota.
Living wills

Living wills allow people to forbid the use of medical procedures that would prolong their lives if death is imminent. March 4, the Judiciary Committee heard HF1301, a bill that would give Minnesota a law to permit such wills.

The bill's author, Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester) says living wills are appearing with more and more frequency, but until the state adopts a law, they may face court challenges and reluctant doctors.

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"The engineer can't see what's going on at the end of the train, but the caboose conductor can, he said. "If something falls off the train, or if the train is blocking an emergency vehicle from crossing the intersection, or if brush fires are starting from train sparks, the conductor can radio the engineer to stop the train so that the problem can be taken care of."

Responding to concern over agricultural transportation costs, the committee amended HF789 to mandate cabooses only on trains that are longer than 55 cars, so the legislation would not affect the shorter, grain-bearing trains.

The bill is now in the Labor-Management Relations Committee.

Juvenile justice recodification

Revision of Minnesota's juvenile justice code, which has been under discussion for about two years, will take at least another year.

On March 3, the Crime and Family Law Committee narrowly voted to lay over HF1893 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights) for further study during the interim.

The Senate passed its version, but House committee members decided the bill would make too many changes to hustle it through in a short session.
The House also approved an amendment that would limit the amount of contingency fees an attorney could collect in most civil actions. The limits would be 33 percent of the first $200,000 recovered, 25 percent of the next $200,000, and 10 percent of any amount over $400,000.

House amendments to the medical malpractice bill, HF1764 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington), would put a cap of $400,000 on non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering, tighten the standard for awarding punitive damages, and require insurance companies who write liquor and products liability and medical malpractice lines of insurance to provide extensive financial data to the state each year.

Other provisions of the bill would: prohibit a plaintiff from collecting twice for the same damage (collateral source rule); mandate periodic payments of future damages over $100,000; exempt judgments for future damages from prejudgment interest; and reduce from 19 years to 6 years the tolling period a minor has before the statute of limitations begins to run in all civil actions.

The restored provisions in the general civil liability bill, HF1776 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park), include: a $250,000 cap on non-economic damages, a prohibition on punitive awards in all civil actions, and an end to the “joint” obligation of a defendant in a civil suit to pay more than his or her share of an award if other defendants can’t pay their shares—the so-called “joint and several liability.”

The amended bill would add several exceptions to a municipality’s liability under state law. It would prevent double recovery of damages through jury awards and other insurance, mandate periodic payments of future damages exceeding $100,000, and exempt future awards from prejudgment interest.

On Feb. 28, the General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee recommended the bill that calls for modification of league rules. However, the law would not go into effect if the league adopts rules substantially similar to those in the bill by March 1 of next year.

Parents and others have criticized the league for controlling activities of high school athletes during summer vacation and in the off-seasons of various sports. Former Olympic hockey coach Herb Brooks told the committee league rules are too restrictive and a threat to high school hockey.

“High school hockey is going to become a club sport in Minnesota, because the hockey people will withdraw their support and form very sophisticated junior leagues throughout the state,” Brooks said.

“You will see high school hockey go down. You will see the student involvement in the school activities diminish. And I think that is a very crucial thing,” he said.

Farm credit

A bill supporters say could pump as much as a billion dollars into the staggering farm market, won the Agriculture Committee’s preliminary approval Feb. 28.

The new capital would come under HF2372, a bill that would create a two-tier loan program which the state would finance through the sale of state bonds.

Rep. Marcus Marsh (IR-Sauk Rapids) suggested interim hearings to help resolve the concerns of some groups that oppose the bill, including hospitals and therapists.

Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul) urged the committee to act. Such a complicated, far-reaching bill will never please all parties and they’ve been discussing the bill long enough, he said.

Marsh’s motion prevailed.

The bill does not deal with juvenile crime, but addresses programs for mentally ill and chemically dependent juveniles.

Medical malpractice, general civil liability

Two bills that target rising insurance costs in both general civil liability and medical malpractice cases passed the House on March 3. The House restored several provisions in the bills which the Judiciary Committee had removed.

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High School League

The Minnesota State High School League, a voluntary association of public and private high schools that governs interschool athletics, may have to alter its rules some if HF2010 (Schafer, IR-Gibbon) becomes law.
The program works like this:

Part one would create the Rural Finance Administration (RFA) to issue state revenue bonds, the proceeds of which would buy participation interest in loans that lenders would make available to farmers to either restructure their debts or to finance farm operations. RFA could purchase up to 85 percent of participation interest in the loans.

Part two would set up a security fund that would function as credit enhancement for the revenue bonds the state would issue to finance the loan program. Proceeds from the sale of general obligation bonds the commissioner of finance would sell at the request of RFA, would go into the fund. The commissioner could transfer monies from the fund to RFA, if the revenues of the loan participation are not enough to make payments of principal and interest due on the revenue bonds.

Rep. Merlyn Valan (IR-Moorhead), author of the bill, says the program could help farmers’ cash flow, reduce their interest costs, and help them to reorganize.

Parental leave of absence

The Labor-Management Relations Committee Feb. 28 tabled a bill that would have allowed new parents up to one year of unpaid work leave. The bill would have prevented employers from penalizing natural or adoptive parents who gave reasonable notice for time off.

Some people call HF1620 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls.) the “yuppie” bill. But it applies to parents of any income, the author said.

“This bill is more than well-intentioned,” Rep. Peter McLaughlin told the committee. “It’s trying to address the way the workplace and the family coincide in this society. ‘Ozzie and Harriet’ is not what the world is about anymore.”

Parents and child-care workers testified in favor of the bill. But Francis Fitzgerald, a spokesman for the Minnesota Association of Commerce and Industry (MACI), said the bill presents three problems: 1) the cost of training replacement workers, 2) the rise in unemployment taxes upon the replacement’s release, and 3) the possibility that the replacement or the replacement’s spouse will become pregnant.

The committee plans an interim study on the issue.

Elk hunts

State legislators want to try a new approach to the troublesome elk problem in northern Minnesota. They’re suggesting a hunt.

Under terms of HF2281 (Rose, IR-Roseville), which the Environment and Natural Resources Committee recommended Feb. 27, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would establish a limited hunting season for the animals.

The bill comes from the DNR’s unsuccessful attempts to carry out last year’s legislation that required them to move the state’s last 50 elk away from a northern area where they were damaging farm land.

Wildlife and environmental groups support the bill. John Moriarty of the Wildlife Society’s Minnesota Chapter said other states found that hunting made the elk wary of humans and helped to rejuvenate the herd.

But Mary Ann Satre, a northern Minnesota farm wife, opposed the bill. A hunt on “tame” elk will do nothing to stop crop damage, she said. “Other states have succeeded in moving them. What’s wrong with it?” she asked.

The bill would require a $200 license elk-hunting license that two people could share. The money from license and application fees would go to reimburse farmers for land damages.

Wild rice

On Feb. 27, the Environment and Natural Resources Committee acted to help Minnesota regain its place as the nation’s leading producer of wild rice.

The committee recommended passage of HF2080 (Thorson, IR-Bemidji). Under the bill, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would sell up to 10,000 acres of northern Minnesota public land annually for cultivated-wildrice farming.

Harold Kosbau, chair of the Minnesota Wild Rice Council, told the committee that California pulled ahead of Minnesota last year as the top wild rice growing state in the nation—a position Minnesota always claimed.

Last year, California produced nearly 10 million pounds of cultivated wild rice to Minnesota’s four million.

Minnesota growers want to expand production to meet growing consumer demand, but the best land in northern Minnesota is publicly owned, according to Kosbau.
Agriculture
Friday, Feb. 28
• Agricultural Resource Loan Guaranty Program—changes
  HF2356/SF2153 (Uphus, IR-Sauk Centre)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
• Interstate Wildlife depredation program
  HF2342/SF2281 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
• Wisconsin—soft drinks, non-alcoholic
  HF1955/SF1815 (Anderson, IR-Mayo) recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
• Minnesota Rural Finance Administration Law of 1986
  HF2372/SF2091 (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee) (See Highlight)
• Interstate grain marketing compact
  HF2164/SF1531 (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF passed; sent to House Feb. 20)
• Milk stabilization board—created
  HF1719/SF1595 (Uphus, IR-Sauk Centre)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF is on Senate floor) (See Highlight)

Appropriations
Ag., Transportation & Semi-State Div./Approp.
Thursday, March 6
• Soft drinks, non-alcoholic beverages—registration
  HF1852/SF1703 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)
• Fleet vehicles—registration
  HF1746/SF1641* (Frenchs, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (HF language amended into SF)

State Departs.
Div./Approp.
Wednesday, March 5
• All-terrain vehicle—regulation
  HF1015/SF1065 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF is on Senate floor) (See Highlight)

Commerce & Economic Development
Tuesday, Feb. 18
• Rochester—on-sale liquor license
  HF1850/SF2006 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)
• Real estate, mortgage
  Loans, securities—regulation
  HF1984/SF1854 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)

Crime & Family Law
Monday, March 3
• Theft of services—technical changes
  HF2250/SF1914 (Hartinger, IR-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass. (SF sent to House March 3)
• Guardian ad litem—mandated for child abuse
  HF2243/SF2102 (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Criminal law—procedure changes
  HF851/SF1014 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
• Juvenile justice—recodification
  HF1893/SF1646 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—laid over for the interim. (SF in Senate Rules and Administration Committee) (See Highlight)
• Juvenile credentials
  HF2366/SF1982 (Sviggum)—heard. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Wednesday, March 5
• Shoplifting—detention clarified
  HF2050/SF1730 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate floor)
• Child support—withholding rules clarified
  HF2391/SF1721 (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate floor)
• Child abuse—immunity for disclosure
  HF2392/SF2135 (Staus, IR-White Bear Lake)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate floor)
• Marijuana—terms clarified
  HF1278/SF923† (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.

Education
Friday, Feb. 28
• Library service fees
  HF1677/SF1540 (Thorson, IR-Bemidji)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)
• AVTI representation on UFARS and ESV councils
  HF2106/SF2233 (Hartlie, IR-Owatonna)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)
• Proprietary schools—placement information rules
  HF2193/SF1909 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Rural Education Association
  HF2101/SF1698 (Thiede, IR-Pequot Lakes)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Fund transfers—debt service limits
  HF2324/SF2242 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)
• Transportation—remote Robbinsdale students
  HF1749/SF1608 (Heap, IR-Plymouth)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Wednesday, March 5
• State leased lands—selling procedure
  HF2169/SF2023 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Cooperative education—through districts
  HF2192/SF1750 (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee) (See Highlight)
• Performance-based education—research sites
  HF2157/SF2010 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

Environment & Natural Resources
Thursday, Feb. 27
• Wild rice—state land sale
  HF2080/SF1967 (Thorson, IR-Bemidji)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee) (See Highlight)
• Wild rice—license fee disposition
  HF2138/SF2015 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass and rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Pollution Control Agency—terminate siting procedures
  HF2296/SF2131 (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Sewage treatment—codes, certification
  HF2409 (Dyke, IR-Worthington)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Loggers permits—extending provisions
  HF2139/SF1951 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Under ground storage tanks—depositing regulations
  HF2337/SF2186 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Raptors—propagation, sale
  HF2170/SF1925 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Waterfowl—feeding, nesting areas
  HF2137/SF2014 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- St. Croix marina—expanded slip use
  HF2310/SF2096 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—not recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Water diversion—permits, specifications
  HF2316/SF2037 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Elk—hunting season established
  HF2281/SF2060 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- State parks—changing boundaries
  HF2466/SF2217 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- DNR—game, fish fund
  HF2395/SF2236 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

Tuesday, March 4
- Fish stocking—authorized in certain private lands
  HF1793/SF1659 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)
  HF1652/SF1526 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

Thursday, March 6
- Mississippi River Act—resolution
  HF1971/SF1829† (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate floor)
- State historical site—renaming, changing boundaries
  HF2165/SF2018† (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—recommended to pass.
- Lake public access—restrictions
  HF2146/SF1949* (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Hazardous waste dumping—rewards for information
  HF2160/SF2017 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate floor)
- Drainage and wetlands—revision
  HF2357/SF2104 (Jennings, L., DFL-Rush City)—heard. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Pearl Lake lakeshore—sale authorized
  HF2200/SF1743* (Brinkman, DFL-Richmond)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate floor)

Thursday, March 6
- Apportionment—Ottawa township changed
  HF1247/SF1151 (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- School elections—comply with election laws
  HF1140/SF1132 (Minnie, DFL-Hibbing)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Elections and Ethics Committee)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Friday, Feb. 28
- Public Employee Labor Rel.—defining, regulating
  HF2428 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass as amended.
- State land—easements conveyed
  HF2435/SF2259 (Radosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Historical interpretive ctrs—providing procedures, limits
  HF2468 (Carlson, J., IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass.
- Chiropractic regulations
  HF2358/SF2151 (Tjernhom, IR-Richfield)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)
- Crosby, Ironton—land transfer
  HF2407 (Thiede, IR-Pequot Lakes)—recommended to pass.
- State High School League—changes
  HF2100/SF2029 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee) (See Highlight)
- Firearms, bows—transportation of
  HF2130/SF2194 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

Thursday, Feb. 27
- Non-profit organizations—trust funds authorized
  HF2268/SF2078 (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)
- Bank liability limits—DEED loans excepted
  HF2266/SF2073 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)
- Savings associations—open end loan accounts allowed
  HF1956/SF1823 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Replacement life insurance—notification required
  HF1916 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)—recommended to pass as amended.
- Group health insurance—provided for ineligibles
  HF1907 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—heard.

Wednesday, March 5
- Retired public employees—insurance, HMO policies
  HF1330/SF1349* (Becklin, IR-Cambridge)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
- Long term care insurance
  HF1953/SF1782 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Game and fish laws—reclassification
  HF1652/SF1526 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Finance legislation & veterans affairs

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- Public Employee Labor Rel.—defining, regulating
  HF2428 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass as amended.
- State land—easements conveyed
  HF2435/SF2259 (Radosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Historical interpretive ctrs—providing procedures, limits
  HF2468 (Carlson, J., IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass.
- Chiropractic regulations
  HF2358/SF2151 (Tjernhom, IR-Richfield)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)
- Crosby, Ironton—land transfer
  HF2407 (Thiede, IR-Pequot Lakes)—recommended to pass.
- Public Utilities Commission—structural changes
  HF2221/SF1869 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)
Monday, March 3
• State employees—contract ratifications
  HF2166/SF1916 (Knickrocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)
• Fees for agency services—regulated
  HF1979/SF1850 (Johnson, V., IR-Calhoun)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

Tuesday, March 4
• Shakopee correctional facility—sale authorized
  HF2351/SF2115 (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)
• State property—exchange authorized
  HF2427/SF2173 (Norton)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
• Diversitute—prohibited
  HF2020/SF2185 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee) (See Highlight)

Wednesday, March 5
• Libraries—surplus documents
  HF720/SF496 (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—recommended to pass. (SF sent to House)
• Administrative Procedures Act—clarifying emergency rules
  HF1101/SF985 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)—recommended to pass. (SF O Senate floor)

Thursday, March 6
• Economic development—rural
  HF2095/SF1790* (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—heard.
• Food assistance
  HF2093/SF1868 (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—tabled temporarily. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)
• Licensing requirements—excluding certain programs
  HF2182/SF2082 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Intermediate care facilities—life safety requirements
  HF1774/SF1580 (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Life support services—licensing requirements
  HF2297/SF2147 (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Air ambulance services—certain exemptions
  HF2350/SF2171 (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Developmental disabilities—family subsidy program
  HF582/SF6060 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)
• Adoption subsidies
  HF2490/SF1980 (Stanis, IR-White Bear Lake)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Inspection of agencies
  HF2311/SF1774 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

JUDICIARY
Tuesday, March 4
• Farm foreclosures—right to crop value
  HF1796/SF1604 (Frederickson, IR-Windom)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Conciliation court—removal to county court
  HF1949/SF1897 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Judgment lien procedures—clarified
  HF2079/SF1939 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF sent to House)
• Trust powers—changes
  HF1822/SF1714 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—heard, laid over. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Uniform Trade Secrets Act—revised
  HF2275/SF2016 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Non-profit corporations
  HF2388/SF2094 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Prosecuting attorneys—offenses specified
  HF2239/SF2087 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS
Friday, Feb. 28
• Unemployment compensation—change of address notification
  HF2240/SF1995 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS
Thursday, March 6
• Bowlus firehall—exceeding debt limit
  HF2464/SF2223 (Omann, IR-St. Joseph)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
• Washington County—bonds for water systems
  HF2418/SF2205 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
• Cologne fire hall—exceeding debt limit
  HF2328/SF2127 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Grand Rapids—central school commission
  HF2236/SF2052 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Minneapolis—park board—setting elections
  HF2405/SF1965 (Sonna, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Metropolitan waste control—uniform rates
  HF2015/SF1963 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Sartell—redevelopment district
  HF2396/SF2196 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
• Unclaimed county property
  HF2406/SF2160 (Zaffke, IR-Bucks)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)
• McGregor library—
  construction financing
  HF2105/SF1793* (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY
 Monday, March 3
• Railroads—requiring cabooses
  HF789/SF421* (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Labor-Management Relations Committee. (See Highlight)
• Solicitation—automatic dialing
  HF2300/SF1631* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—laid over.
• Energy efficiency—
  municipal enforcement
  HF2253/2132 (Clark, DFL-Mpls.)—heard. (SF is on Senate floor)

TAXES
 Friday, Feb. 28
• Charitable gambling—
  taxation changes
  HF2331 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—heard as amended.

Tuesday, March 4
• Litchfield—
  tax increment financing district
  HF2210/SF2040 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
• Local government—
  economic development districts
  HF1990/SF1996 (Valanto, IR-Little Canada)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
• Distressed counties/const. materials—sales tax exempt
  HF2154/SF2048 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
• Bloomington stadium site—
  fiscal disparities exemption
  HF2123/SF1968 (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—heard as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Thursday, March 6
• Bloomington stadium site—
  fiscal disparities exemption
  HF2123/SF1968 (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—heard as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
• St. Cloud convention center—taxes authorized
  HF2126/SF1966 (Greunes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Local Government
 Finance Div./Taxes
 Monday, March 3
• Property owners—
  appeals directly to court
  HF2094 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—recommended to pass as amended.
• Hazardous waste—
  containment site selection
  HF1968/SF1952 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to full Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee)

TRANSPORTATION
 Thursday, Feb. 27
• Truck sizes, weights—
  10 percent overload district
  HF2374/SF2181 (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)
• Transportation omnibus bill
  HF2429 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass as amended.
• Bigelow, St. Cloud travel information center cost
  HF2260/SF2119 (Dyke, IR-Worthington)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Friday, Feb. 28
• Motor vehicles—
  loading restrictions
  HF2205/SF2013 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)
• Gas tax, state park road account, truck weight
  HF2333/SF2189 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Taxes Committee (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Wednesday, March 5
• Railroads—
  sale of leased property
  HF2002/SF1546 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF passed; sent to House March 4)
• Collector military vehicles
  HF2303/SF2035 (Norton, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF is on Senate floor)

Thursday, March 6
• Three-vehicle trailer combinations—interstate hwys.
  HF2255 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended.

FLOOR ACTION

CONSENT CALENDAR
 Thursday, Feb. 27
• Local improvements—
  county road assessments
  HF1820/SF1575* (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed.
• Local debt—warning systems
  HF1853/SF1587* (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed.

Monday, March 3
• Dakota County, Hastings—
  state land sale
  HF1970*/SF1935 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Litchfield investments—municipal powers
  HF2068*/SF1922 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Energy—cost adjustment
  HF2143*/SF1899 (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—passed. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)

Monday, March 2
• Duluth School District 709—
  civil service
  HF2294*/SF2130 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Corporations—
  foreign corporation agents
  HF2317*/SF2184 (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—passed. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Wednesday, March 5
• Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee—organization changes
  HF2265*/SF2085 (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• American Indians—
  authorizing memorial plan
  HF1599*/SF2268 (Fjaslien, IR-Brandon)—passed. (SF in Senate Veterans and General Legislation Committee)
• Real property—
  condominium plats
  HF1821*/SF1682 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Attorney General—authorizing assistants Hf 1966*/SF 1820 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed. (SF is in Senate Finance Committee)

Architects, engineers, land surveyors—licensing exception Hf 2001*/SF 2265 (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—passed. (SF is in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)

• Loggers permits—extending provisions Hf 2139*/SF 1951 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—passed. (SF is in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

• Raptors—propagation, sale Hf 2170*/SF 1925 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed. (SF is in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

• PERA membership—HF 2453*/SF 2259 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—passed as amended. (SF is in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

• Metropolitan governance—state councils—HF 1757/SF 1600* (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed as amended.

• Clay County, Moorhead—development authorities Hf 1802*/SF 1760 (Carlson, J., IR-Moorhead)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)

• State land—easements conveyed HF 2453*/SF 2259 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—passed as amended. (SF is in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

Monday, March 3

• Incorporation requirements HF 1900/SF 1612* (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—passed as amended. (SF is on House floor)

• Medical malpractice—law changes HF 1764*/SF 1670 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

BILLS

SPECIAL ORDERS

Thursday, Feb. 27

• Court administration—miscellaneous changes HF 1757/SF 1600* (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed as amended.

• State retirement investment choices expanded Hf 1926*/SF 1796 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—passed. (SF is in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

• State councils—vac/ed director reclassified HF 1928*/SF 1795 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed. (SF is in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

• Metropolitan governance—revisions and corrections HF 1991*/SF 1913 (Stanis, IR-White Bear Lake)—passed. (SF is in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

• Secretary of State—housekeeping changes HF 2014*/SF 1838 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Sexual abuse laws—technical correction HF 1730*/SF 1751 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Raptors—propagation, sale HF 2170*/SF 1925 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed. (SF is in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

• Court administration—state councils—HF 1757/SF 1600* (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed as amended.

• Property assessments—requiring notification HF 1886*/SF 1955 (Frederickson, IR-Winona)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Mediation—debtors, creditors HF 1969*/SF 1898 (Boerboom, IR-Cottonwood)—passed. (SF is in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Monday, March 3

• Incorporation requirements HF 1900/SF 1612* (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Municipal, general civil changes HF 1776*/SF 1936 (Olsten, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—passed as amended. (SF is in Senate Judiciary Committee) (See Highlight)

Wednesday, March 5

• Restrictive covenants—expiration HF 1635*/SF 1517 (Olsten, IR-St. Louis Park)—passed as amended. (SF is in Senate Judiciary Committee)

• Vital statistics—county registrars HF 1940*/SF 1860 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Child abduction by parent—limiting felony dismissal HF 1978*/SF 1971 (Kiffmeyer, IR-Big Lake)—passed as amended. (SF is in Senate Judiciary Committee)

• Real estate, mortgage loans, securities—regulation HF 1984*/SF 1854 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—passed. (SF is in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)

• Police, fire pensions—auditing requirements HF 2033*/SF 2112 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Court administrators—salary procedure HF 2044*/SF 1946 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Mental health service system HF 2081*/SF 1969 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Sexual solicitation—children HF 1835*/SF 1592 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• World Trade Center—terms of office HF 2009*/SF 2033 (McKays, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Juvenile prostitution—increasing penalties HF 2012*/SF 2007 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—passed as amended. (SF is in Senate Judiciary Committee)

• Double jeopardy law—repealed HF 1842*/SF 1597* (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—passed as amended.

GOVERNOR

 Monday, March 3

• Local government—permitting building commission HF 1819/SF 1574* (McPherson)—Chapter 312.

 Wednesday, March 5

• Incorporation requirements HF 1900/SF 1612* (Poppenhagen)—Chapter 313.

• Local debt—for warning systems HF 1853/SF 1587* (McPherson)—Chapter 314.

• Local improvements—county road assessments HF 1820/SF 1575* (McPherson)—Chapter 315.

• Nursing home reimbursement HF 1794*/SF 1579 (Gruenes)—Chapter 316.
### Bill Introductions

**Monday, Mar 3**

**HF2469—Frerichs (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development**
- Public safety; restricting local requirements for stairways to be enclosed in certain buildings; requiring local governing bodies to consider certain facts before enacting ordinances affecting housing; defining the term "stories"; amending statutes.

**HF2470—Bishop (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development**
- Occupations and professions; barbers; providing for compensation of board members for the performance of their examination duties; amending statutes.

**HF2471—McDonald (IR)—Laid over**
- A memorial resolution urging the United States Congress, the United States General Accounting Office, and the Congressional Research Service to investigate the incidence of dirty grain shipped from the United States, and its effect on American agricultural exports.

**HF2472—McDonald (IR)—Laid over**
- A resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to repeal the Federal Reserve Act.

**HF2473—Metzen (DFL)—Transportation**
- Motor vehicles; increasing the amount of the bond required of self-propelled recreational vehicles dealers; amending statutes.

**HF2474—Skoglund (DFL)—Crime/Family Law**
- Crimes; making it a felony to assault or injure a pregnant woman; expanding the crime of criminal vehicular operation; imposing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

**HF2475—Frerichs (IR)—Transportation**
- Compacts; enacting enabling language for Minnesota to join driver license compact; allowing exchange of driver license information with other states; promoting consolidated, complete driver record; proposing coding for new law.

**HF2476—Frerichs (IR)—Transportation**
- Public safety; motor vehicles; eliminating redundant and surplus language; correcting inconsistent provisions in statutes; requiring certain information on petition for judicial review of license revocation determination; changing fee for motorized bicycle permit renewal for persons 18 years of age; permitting donor designation on minor donor's driver's license or identification card; amending automatic reinstatement of revoked or suspended driving privilege of nonresident in certain circumstances; extending effective period for provisional drivers' licenses by one year; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

**HF2477—Riveness (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance**
- Insurance; creating a joint underwriting association; requiring participation by insurers; proposing coding for new law.

**HF2478—Riveness (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance**
- Insurance; prohibiting certain tying arrangements; providing deposit requirements for domestic companies; extending coverage under the insurance guaranty association act; extending certain filing, approval, and disapproval dates; broadening fair plan coverage; regulating fraternal benefit societies; regulating forms; amending statutes.

**HF2479—Riveness (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance**
- Insurance; requiring certain annual reports of property and casualty insurers; regulating rates and forms; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

**HF2480—Haukoos (IR)—Governmental Operations**
- State government; requiring a study on the feasibility of building a parking ramp on certain property.

**HF2481—Vellenga (DFL)—Health/Human Services**
- Human services; providing for outpatient commitment; defining 'incapacitated person' to include one who needs mental health services; providing for guardianship and conservatorship to alleviate mental illness; amending statutes.

**HF2482—Sherman (IR)—Crime/Family Law**
- Crime victims; authorizing the payment of certain reparations to victims of the crime of tampering with a witness; amending statutes.

**HF2483—Gruenes (IR)—Governmental Operations**
- Retirement; public employees retirement association; permitting the purchase of prior service credits by certain employees; amending statutes.

**HF2484—DenOuden (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs**
- Minnesota zoological garden; authorizing a lease and management contract; abolishing the state zoological board; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

**HF2485—Erickson (IR)—Education**
- Education; requiring instruction in stewardship of land and water resources; in all schools; authorizing aid for education in stewardship of land and water resources; requiring the commissioner of education to perform certain duties; requiring the board of teaching to amend rules relating to teacher preparation institutions and entrance licenses; proposing coding for new law.

**HF2486—Omann (IR)—Crime/Family Law**
- Corrections; authorizing the commissioner of corrections to contract for an inmate visitation program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

**HF2487—Stanius (IR)—Health/Human Services**
- Human services; regulating work activities of handicapped persons in state facilities; amending statutes.

**HF2488—Stanius (IR)—Health/Human Services**
- Human services; expanding the commissioner's power to grant funds for services for mentally ill persons; amending statutes.

**HF2489—Stanius (IR)—Health/Human Services**
- Human services; providing for conditions requiring monthly reporting by recipients of aid to families with dependent children; amending statutes.

**HF2490—Stanius (IR)—Health/Human Services**
- Human services; exempting certain nursing homes from financial statement audits; amending statutes.

**HF2491—Sherman (IR)—Taxes**
- Taxes; exempting certain real property from taxation; amending statutes.

**HF2492—Sherman (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs**
- Winona county; permitting the county to convey certain real estate to a county agricultural society.

**HF2493—Stanius (IR)—Health/Human Services**
- Human services; providing for compensation of board members for the performance of their examination duties; amending statutes.

**HF2494—Shaver (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development**
- Commerce; authorizing payment of a certain nominal referral fee by timeshare developers; amending statutes.

**HF2495—Zaffke (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy**
- State government; establishing an oil furnace audit program; amending statutes.

**HF2496—Simoneau (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations**
- Unemployment compensation; regulating benefits and contribution rates; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

**HF2497—Bishop (IR)—Judiciary**
- Venue of actions; modifying venue in actions to recover possession of personal property; amending statutes.

**HF2498—Ozment (IR)—Taxes**
- Taxation; providing for reduction in the rate of excise tax on gasoline sold for marine use at qualified service stations; amending statutes.

**HF2499—Dyke (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources**
- State parks; requiring a permit for the use of metal detectors in state parks and other public areas; providing penalties; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

**HF2500—Begich (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations**
- Transportation; prohibiting railroad company from holding employees liable for negligence resulting in damage to company property during the course of employment; proposing coding for new law.
HF2501—McDonald (IR)—Laid over
Game and fish; establishing a program to compensate landowners and lessees for damages done by wild animals; appropriating money.

Wednesday, Mar 5
HF2502—Dyke (IR)—Taxes
Homesteads; increasing rural homestead exemption to 160 acres; amending statutes.

HF2503—Boo (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; joint self-insurance employee health plans; providing an exemption from regulation and general statutes.

HF2504—Gutknecht (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; exempting from taxation the gasoline purchased by certain transit systems; amending statutes.

HF2505—Ogren (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Human services; requiring federal mental health block grants to be used for qualified community mental health centers; amending statutes.

HF2506—Pappas (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; delaying the effective date of the repeal of the residential energy credit; amending laws.

HF2507—Krueger (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF2508—Stanius (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; affecting eligibility for medical assistance and general medical assistance care; augment the state's power to recover payments from third parties; abolishing the requirement of a separate application for general medical care; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2509—Dimler (IR)—Taxes
Taxes; exempting from gasoline excise tax propane fuel for vehicles operating under permit; amending statutes.

HF2510—Spary (DFL)—Agriculture
A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to investigate and take action to effect changes in the wheat grading and marketing process.

HF2511—Shaver (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Prohibiting the use of electronically prerecorded messages in telephone solicitations; proposing coding for new law.

HF2512—Simoneau (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations
Unemployment compensation; regulating benefit and contribution rates; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2513—Bennett (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
State government; prohibiting public entities from engaging in business in competition with the private sector; establishing a private enterprise review commission; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2514—McEachern (DFL)—Education
Education; establishing exemplary centers for learning opportunities; requiring the state board of education to select exemplary programs; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2515—Nelson, K (DFL)—Education
Education; requiring the state board of education to study its school desegregation rules and recommend changes.

HF2516—Gruenes (IR)—Governmental Operations
State departments and agencies; creating a commission for the quincentennial of the Hispanic presence in the western hemisphere.

HF2517—Segal (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Adoption; requiring counseling prior to the adoption of foreign born children; making foreign born children eligible for subsidized adoption payments; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

Thursday, Mar 6
HF2518—Brandl (DFL)—Education
Education; authorizing a second chance educational program for certain children and pupils; proposing coding for new law.

HF2519—Bishop (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; providing for a declaration by competent adults that life-sustaining treatment be withheld or withdrawn; adopting provisions of the uniform right to die act; providing for creation of a durable power of attorney for health care; imposing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2520—Begich (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; imposing levy limits on certain towns and cities; altering provisions governing wild animals in general, the taking of wild animals; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2521—Segal (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; creating a joint underwriting association; requiring participation by insurers; proposing coding for new law.

Outstanding Issues

HF2522—Miller (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Utilities; public safety; allowing certain counties to petition public utilities commission and department of administration to delay implementation of 911 emergency telephone services for two years; prohibiting 911 access charges in areas where 911 is not available; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2523—McKasy (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Minnesota high school league; requiring due process on certain conference matters; establishing a second chance program for expelled by a conference; amending statutes.

HF2524—Clark (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration
A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to declare that the United States will refrain from testing nuclear weapons and negotiate a test ban treaty with the Soviet Union.

HF2525—Forsythe (IR)—Appropriations
Military affairs; providing for pay of public employees in certain military service; amending statutes.

House Advisories

Monday, Mar 3
HA73—Seaberg (IR)—Crime/Family Law
A proposal to study revisions to Juvenile Court Act and other laws relating to juveniles.

Tuesday, Mar 5
HA74—Forsythe (IR)—Crime/Family Law
A proposal to study amendments to the juvenile code.

HA75—Marie (DFL)—Education
A proposal to study preschool programs in the state.

HA76—Oshoff (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration
A proposal to appoint a special committee to investigate actions of the Ethics Practices Board.

HA77—Boo (IR)—Education
A proposal to study the issue of adult literacy in Minnesota.

HF78—Johnson (IR)—Appropriations
A proposal to study asphalt cement pricing.

Senate Files/1st. Readings

Thursday, Mar 6
SF1526—Merriam (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Costs and attorney fees; providing for recovery of costs and attorney fees by prevailing parties in civil actions and contested case proceedings involving the state; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF1848—Willet (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Costs and attorney fees; providing for recovery of costs and attorney fees by prevailing parties in civil actions and contested case proceedings involving the state; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF695—Merriam (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Costs and attorney fees; providing for recovery of costs and attorney fees by prevailing parties in civil actions and contested case proceedings involving the state; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
Monday, March 10
8:00 a.m.
STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: HF1946 (Dimitier) Veterans affairs; providing for use of departmental resources by certain organizations. HF2073 (Minne) Cross country ski license fees to be used for maintenance of trails.

8:30 a.m.

12:00 noon
The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

Tuesday, March 11
8:15 a.m.
TAXES, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: HF2333 (D. Carlson) Providing for use of county state aid highway funds on highways providing access to outdoor recreation areas. HF2333 (Gutknecht) Gas tax exemption for certain transit systems. HF2148 (Svigsgum) Exempting certain alcohol mixtures.

12:00 noon
The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

Wednesday, March 12
8:15 a.m.

12:00 noon
The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

Thursday, March 13
8:15 a.m.
TAXES, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: To be announced.

Friday, March 14
8:15 a.m.
TAXES, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: To be announced.
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HIGHLIGHTS

Action update

Working toward a March 17 adjournment date, the Legislature has completed its work on a number of bills and sent them to the governor. And the governor has signed eight into law, among them, the state’s first mandatory seat-belt law.

Other issues are in conference committees where House and Senate conferees are attempting to settle differences. Those include: the budget-balancing bill which would cut state agency budgets in an effort to offset a revenue shortfall; a legislative farm package; the 21 drinking age bill; (RIM) the reinvest in Minnesota bill; and the tax budget-balancing bill.

Among bills yet to make it through before Monday’s adjournment, are legislation to crackdown on drunk boaters, a bill to raise the state’s gas tax; reform plans for the state’s workers’ compensation and unemployment insurance systems; bills making changes to the Post-secondary Enrollment Options Act and to State High School League rules; a smokeless tobacco regulatory bill; and a bill calling for changes to the state’s charitable gambling law.

Still pending in the House, are several bonding proposals to help rural Minnesota’s economy and to bolster the Family Farm Security Program.

White Earth Reservation

“White Earth is not for sale” was the message tribal members of the White Earth band delivered on the T-shirts they wore and the speeches they gave before the Minnesota House Appropriations Committee March 12.

Many of them live on the White Earth Indian Reservation in northwestern Minnesota. And they came to voice objections to HF2138 (Rose, IR-Roseville), a bill that would extend until 1990 Minnesota’s investigation into Indian charges that the state holds thousands of acres of land that belongs to them.

Tribal members say Minnesota violated an 1867 treaty with the Chippewa tribe. And as a result, the titles to over 100,000 acres are now “clouded,” making the land difficult to sell or use as loan collateral. They supported Reps. Karen Clark (DFL-Mpls.) and Phyllis Kahn’s (DFL-Mpls.) unsuccessful amendment which would have called for appointment of a commission to investigate land claim disputes and report its findings to the Legislature by 1988.

On March 13, the committee recommended HF2138 to pass. It goes to the full House next.

High School League

On a vote of 85-30, the House March 12 endorsed a bill to modify some High School League rules for athletes.

In debate, supporters said HF2010 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata) would prevent the league from enforcing mediocrity in high school athletics. But opponents charged that it would let some schools dominate others.

Author Rep. Craig Shaver said the bill underwent numerous changes from its first proposal, including some changes the league suggested.
"We have gone the extra mile to try to be accommodating to the state High School League," he said. "As a result, we have a very good product that they can go forward and use in the development of their rules and regulations."

But Rep. David Battaglia (DFL-Two Harbors) disagreed. He called the bill "elitist" and said it would reverse the league's attempts to provide a level playing field for all schools in high school sports.

The bill would prohibit recruiting, relax rules that say when transfer students can play sports, allow students freedom to play as they wish during the summer, and allow individuals to mediate their disputes with league decisions.

Boating while intoxicated

The House passed the boating-while-intoxicated bill March 12 after a long debate and a series of unsuccessful amendments.

SF31 would subject boaters who drink and drive to the same penalties as drunk drivers on land. It would apply to all watercraft, not just motorboats. Department of Natural Resources officers would be able to stop boaters for probable cause, administer tests at the scene, and take the boater in for a breathalyzer test.

The House turned back amendments to apply the bill only to Lake Minnetonka and to apply the bill only to boats with motors higher than 40 horsepower. It also rejected an attempt to eliminate a section that would allow officials to use a blood alcohol content of .05 to indicate whether the person may be drunk.

Sex discrimination

Private golf clubs could pay up to four or five times more in property taxes if they discriminate on the basis of sex. On March 12, the House voted (109-3) in favor of a bill that would take away a discriminating club's favorable property tax status under the state's open space property tax law.

Under the bill, golf clubs could have separate events for men and women no more frequently than one weekday each week or one weekend each month to retain their favorable tax status. Golf clubs could have additional separate events as long as the hours, days, and conditions are equal for each sex.

To qualify for the favorable tax status, a club would have to submit an affidavit to the county assessor saying the bylaws or rules of the club meet the eligibility requirements of the bill.

Author of HF2077, Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester), told the House, "You have women working all day, working all week, wanting to play golf on the weekends with their husbands, with their partners, and with their friends," he said. "They don't see any reason why the good old boys should dominate Saturdays and Sundays."

The bill went to the Senate for concurrence of House amendments. On March 13, the Senate refused to concur. The bill now goes to a conference committee.

Illegal drugs

On March 11, the House passed HF1767 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park), a bill to tax illegal drugs, but rejected including tobacco.

Rep. William Schreiber said his bill would be another way to arrest and convict illegal drug dealers and tap "the large sums of money that are transferring hands without any taxes being imposed."

Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls.) offered an unsuccessful amendment to include a tax on tobacco which she called one of the state's most harmful drugs. Her amendment would have subjected tobacco to taxes of $100 an ounce.

As it passed in the House, the bill would tax marijuana at $100 an ounce; other controlled substances sold by weight at $5,000 an ounce; and each 50-dosage unit of a controlled substance not sold by weight at $2,000.

Home health care

Should Minnesota regulate home health care via licensing or registration? That question sparked debate in the Appropriations Committee March 10, and marks the major difference between the House and Senate versions of the home health care bill.

HF370 (Onnen, IR-Cokato) would have the Health Department, counties and service providers examine the pros and cons of licensure, and then report to the Legislature. Rep. Tony Onnen's bill could lead to licensure, or it might conclude—as have many other states—that registration is adequate and less restrictive.

SF51 (Berglin, DFL-Mpls.) by contrast, proposes consumer protection through licensure.

Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls.) argued the Senate's position before the committee saying, "A registration system alone doesn't guarantee a level of service," he said. "It only says that if you aren't registered, then you can't say you are."
The committee amended the House File language into SF51. The bill now goes to a conference committee.

**Drinking age**

House and Senate conferees decided March 10 that Minnesota's legal drinking age should be 21, no matter what the border states do.

The border-state issue became controversial as the House and Senate worked on a plan that would meet the federal government's requirement that states raise the drinking age to 21 or lose federal highway funds.

Rep. Gil Gutknecht (IR-Rochester) objected to a proposal by Sen. Clarence Purfeerst (DFL-Faribault) that would call for cancellation of the bill on enactment day—if any border state had a lower drinking age. Gutknecht said the Legislature shouldn't make its decisions based on what other states do.

But Purfeerst defended his amendment, saying a 21 age here would send younger adults across the border to drink.

The amendment failed.

The conferees agreed on a bill that would raise the drinking age to 21 beginning Sept. 1, except for those who turn 19 before then.

The bill requires state officials to give pamphlets that describe alcohol's effects to driver's license applicants and requires the driver's license manual to include the information. It also forbids liquor dealers from serving alcohol at on-campus events.

**Home education**

Children who get their education at home or in unlicensed, sectarian schools could expect to take annual achievement tests under HF1744 (Quist, IR-St. Peter).

An amendment to the bill that the House adopted at a March 10 session calls for the local school district superintendent to select the test.

In the home education bill’s original form, superintendents would have decided whether to test home-school children and the home school would have chosen the type of test to use.

"Some individuals in home schools feel that some standardized achievement tests may be somewhat prejudicial against their particular program," said the bill's sponsor, Rep. Allen Quist. "Therefore, they feel they should have some say over which particular achievement test is used."

During floor debate, Rep. Len Price (DFL-Woodbury) pointed out that local superintendents already suffer enough political pressure without “putting them in the position about having to choose” whether to test home school children. Furthermore, the local school district would be paying for the tests.

“The home school ought to be tested like all the other children in that district—with that same achievement test—the one that the school district uses,” he said.

Under HF1744, which passed as amended by a 112-11 margin, home schools would have to provide local school superintendents with the names and ages of children who’ve enrolled in their schools. Like licensed Minnesota schools, home schools would operate 175 days a year and teach all basic courses in the English language. Another amendment from the floor would require all schools to make daily class attendance records.

The Minnesota Supreme Court spurred the legislation by deciding that the state's compulsory attendance laws regarding home schooling were vague and unenforceable.
• Chiropractic—regulations
  HF2358/SF2151 (Fornhom, IR-Richfield)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Wednesday, March 12
• Agricultural Resource Loan Guarantee Program—changes
  HF2356/SF2153 (Uphus, IR-Sauk Centre)—recommended to pass. (SF in Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

Thursday, March 13
• Wild rice license fees/
  Indian land settlement
  HF2138/SF2013 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee) (See Highlight)
• Higher education—
  budget balancing bill
  HF1952/SF2222 (Haukoos, IR-Albert Lea)—technical amendment to bill: recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Bigelow, St. Cloud travel information center costs
HF2260/SF2119 (Dyke, IR-Worthington)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Thursday, March 13
• Trunk highways—
  transfer of ownership
  HF2062/SF2051 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Ag, Transportation & Semi-State Div./Approp.
Wednesday, March 12
• Bigelow, St. Cloud travel information center costs
  HF2260/SF2119 (Dyke, IR-Worthington)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Thursday, March 13
• Transfer of ownership
  HF2062/SF2051 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

COMMERCe & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT
(Last week’s Session Weekly did not include bill listings for March 4 and 6.)

Tuesday, March 4
• Minnesota
  Electrical Act—changes
  HF2233/SF1642 (Dyke, IR-Worthington)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF passed; sent to House March 4)

Wine auctions
HF2397/SF1879 (Frederick, IR-Mankato)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Rodenticide—
  disclosure notice to tenants
  HF2000/SF1884 (Vellenga, IR-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

Thursday, March 6
• Lemon law—extended to
  leased vehicles, farm tractors
  HF2411/SF2179 (Thorsen, IR-Worthington)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF passed; sent to House March 4)
• Used car disclosure labels
  HF2036/SF958 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—laid over for interim study. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Multiple dwelling housing
  HF2469/SF2423 (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• Board of barbers—
  increase per diem
  HF2479/SF1977 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

CRIME & FAMILY LAW
Thursday, March 6
• Child custody, support—revision
  HF948/SF1732 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS
Tuesday, March 11
• Lottery prohibition—removed
  HF141/SF1* (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—not recommended to pass as amended.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS
Friday, March 7
• Economic development—rural
  HF2095/SF1790* (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended.
• School districts—
  statewide fringe benefits
  HF631/SF747 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
Friday, March 7
• Food assistance
  HF2093/SF1868 (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

• Hazardous substances
  HF1144/SF0871 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• AFDC monthly reporting
  HF2489/SF1810* (Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake)—recommended to pass as amended.
• Child care resource, referral
  HF1068/SF11196 (Clark, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
• State hospital work activities
  HF2487/SF1931 (Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)
• MA/GAMC—third-party payment
  HF2508/SF1878 (Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

JUDICIARY
Friday, March 7
• Data privacy—classifications
  HF1996/SF1961 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

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Room 211, State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155, (612) 296-2314.
• Contracts for deed—cancellation
  HF2078/SF1930 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF sent to House)

• Probate—wages to surviving spouse, estate collection
  HF2046/SF1735 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF sent to House)

• Probate, augmented estate—
  HF2181/SF1974 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF sent to House)

• Living will
  HF2519/SF1706 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—not recommended to pass as amended. (Same language as HF1301) (SF is on Senate floor)

• Judicial modification of statutes
  HF394/SF857 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—not recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

TRANSPORTATION

Friday, March 7
• Transportation omnibus bill
  HF2429/SF1910* (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF passed; sent to House March 3)

• Public Safety omnibus bill
  HF2476/SF1842 (Freericks, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (SF is on Senate floor)

TAXES

Friday, March 7
• Hazardous waste—
  containment site selection
  HF1968/SF1952 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

• Property owners—appeals directly to court
  HF2094/SF2301 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

• Charitable gambling—
  taxation changes
  HF2331/SF2304 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

• Bond deposits—reimbursement
  HF1810/SF1765 (Sviguum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Monday, March 10
• Bloomington stadium site—tax exemptions
  HF2133/SF1968 (Hinne, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

• Minneapolis convention center
  HF1755/SF1671 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—laid over until March 11. (SF is on Senate floor)

• St. Paul—
  increased hotel-motel tax
  HF2248/SF2129 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul) laid over until March 11. (SF is on Senate floor)

Tuesday, March 11
• Minneapolis convention center
  HF1735/SF1671 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• St. Paul—
  increased hotel-motel tax
  HF2248/SF2129 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Gas tax, state park road account, truck weight
  HF2333/SF2189 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Wednesday, March 12
• Transit systems—exempt from gas tax
  HF2504 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended.

• Ethanol development fund—created
  HF2148/SF2024 (Sviguum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

• Tax increment financing—bond allocations
  HF2287/SF1847 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

• Sartell—tax increment district
  HF2396/SF2196 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Mineral taxation
  HF2465 (McKosy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended.

• Clay County, Moorhead—development authorities
  HF1807*/SF1760 (Carlson, J., IR-Moorhead)—repassed as amended by Senate.

• Waste management—9-county agreement
  HF1800*/SF1767 (Anderson, R., IR-Ottertail)—repassed as amended by Senate.

• Interstate acquisition of banks—reciprocity
  HF671*/SF667 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—repassed as amended by Senate.

CONSENT CALENDAR

Friday, March 7
• State veterans cemetery
  HF2030/SF1880* (Foslien, IR-Brandon)—returned to General Orders. (SF passed; sent to House March 4)

• Archaeology—relating to Indian affairs
  HF2166/SF1851* (Miller, IR-Redwood Falls)—passed. (SF passed; sent to House March 4)

• Libraries—access to state documents
  HF720/SF496* (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—passed. (SF passed; sent to House March 3)

• State property—exchange authorized
  HF2427*/SF2173 (Norton, DFL-St. Paul)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)

• State property—insurance, HMO policies
  HF1330/SF1349* (Becklin, IR-Callaway)—passed.

• Grand Rapids—central school commission
  HF2236*/SF2052 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
**SPECIAL ORDERS**

**Thursday, March 6**
- County land surveys—subdividing townships
  - HF2216*/SF2252 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Olmsted County—contingent funds
  - HF2187*/SF2209 (Frenich, IR-Rochester)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Dakota County—library bonds
  - HF2329*/SF2150 (Tompkins, IR-Apple Valley)—passed. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
- Waste management—9-county agreement
  - HF1800*/SF1767 (Anderson, R., IR-Ottertail)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Surplus property—disposal
  - HF2185*/SF2137 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—laid over. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Wastewater treatment—privatization
  - HF1869*/SF2166 (Valento, IR-Little Canada)—passed. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)
- Grand Ave., Highland Park—special service districts
  - HF2051*/SF1883 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—passed. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
- Transportation Regulation Board—track abandonment
  - HF2364*/SF2144 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Transportation Regulation Board—contested cases
  - HF2365*/SF2143 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—passed. (SF in Senate Transportation Regulation Committee)
- Lake improvement districts—authorization
  - HF1782*/SF1599 (Anderson, R., IR-Ottertail)—passed. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- Corporate farm owners—damage to conservation improvements
  - HF2141*/SF1979 (Waltman, IR-Elgin)—passed as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- State Fair performer contracts—restrictions allowed
  - HF2100*/SF1792 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed. (SF failed on Senate floor)
- Court videotaping—child statements
  - HF2017*/SF1862 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls.)—passed. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)
- Transportation—remote Robbinsdale students
  - HF1749*/SF1608 (Heap, IR-Plymouth)—passed. (SF in Senate Education Committee)
- Duluth School Dist. 709—severance pay
  - HF2295*/SF2092 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—passed. (SF in Senate Education Committee)
- St. Louis County—appointing an administrator
  - HF2344*/SF2163 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)

**Friday, March 7**
- Administrative Procedures Act—reform bill
  - HF2267*/SF2125 (Knickerbocker)—passed. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)
- Shakopee Correctional Facility—sale authorized
  - HF2351*/SF2115 (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—passed. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)
- State parks—changing boundaries
  - HF2466*/SF2217 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—laid over. (SF is on Senate floor)

**Wednesday, March 12**
- Collector military vehicles
  - HF2393*/SF2335* (Norton, DFL-St. Paul)—passed as amended. (SF passed; sent to House March 7)
- Medina—gas line loan
  - HF2105*/SF1793* (Ogren, DFL-Airkin)—passed.
- Surplus property—disposal
  - HF2185*/SF2137 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

**Tuesday, March 11**
- Minneapolis Park Board—setting elections
  - HF2405*/SF1985 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls.)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- McGregor library—construction financing
  - HF2103*/SF1793* (Ogren, DFL-Airkin)—passed.
- Dakota County—library
  - HF2405*/SF1985 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed.
- State historical site—renaming, changing boundaries
  - HF2165*/SF2018* (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—passed.
- Special orders

**Monday, March 10**
- Physical fitness therapies—mental health programs
  - HF651*/SF1395 (Segel, DFL-St. Louis Park)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Military employees’ compensation
  - HF2082/SF1919* (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed as amended.

**Constituents’ requests**
- Dakota County—library
  - HF2405*/SF1985 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed.
- Surplus property—disposal
  - HF2185*/SF2137 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed as amended.
- Local government—permitting property sales
  - HF1912/SF1797* (Frederickson, IR-Windom)—passed.
- Military employees’ compensation
  - HF2082/SF1919* (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed as amended.
- Special orders

**March 10**
- Physical fitness therapies—mental health programs
  - HF651*/SF1395 (Segel, DFL-St. Louis Park)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Military employees’ compensation
  - HF2082/SF1919* (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed as amended.
- Special orders

**March 9**
- Physical fitness therapies—mental health programs
  - HF651*/SF1395 (Segel, DFL-St. Louis Park)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Military employees’ compensation
  - HF2082/SF1919* (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed as amended.
- Special orders

**March 8**
- Physical fitness therapies—mental health programs
  - HF651*/SF1395 (Segel, DFL-St. Louis Park)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- Military employees’ compensation
  - HF2082/SF1919* (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed as amended.
- Special orders
• Energy code—
administration change
HF 1892*/SF1887 (Bennett, IR- 
Shoreview)—passed. (SF in Senate
Energy and Housing Committee)

• Pollution Control Agency—
terminate siting procedures
HF 2285SF 2131 (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—
returned to author. (SF in Senate
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Committee)

• Entertainment agency licensure
HF 2371SF 1993 (McPherson, IR-
Stillwater)—not passed. (SF is on Senate
floor)

• Supreme Court—
filling vacant judicial offices
HF 1797*/SF 1677 (Dempsey, IR-New
Ulm)—passed as amended. (SF in Senate
Judiciary Committee)

• Watershed management—
taxing districts
HF 1911*/SF 1948 (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—
passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Compulsory attendance—
home education
HF 1744*/SF 1696 (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—
passed as amended. (SF in Senate Education
Committee) (See Highlight)

• Crosby, Iron—land transfer
HF 2407*/SF 2271 (Thiede, IR-Pequot
Lakes)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Omnibus tort liability changes
HF 1950*/SF 1727 (Halberg, IR-
Burnsville)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)

Tuesday, March 11

• Library service fees
HF 1677*/SF 1540 (Thorson, IR-
Bemidji)—passed. (SF in Senate Education
Committee)

• Tax return—failure to file
HF 1863*/SF 1770 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota
Heights)—passed as amended. (SF in Senate
Judiciary Committee)

• Tip pooling
HF 2089*/SF 2231 (Clasnutzer, IR-Maple
Grove)—passed. (SF in Senate Employment
Committee)

• Waste processing—
site restrictions
HF 1947*/SF 2059 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis
Park)—passed as amended. (SF in Senate
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Committee)

• Drug dealers—taxation
HF 1767 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—
passed. (See Highlight)

• Local government—
economic development districts
HF 1900*/SF 1996 (Valento, IR-Little
Canada)—passed as amended. (SF in Senate
Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

• Milk—definition amended
HF 1838*/SF 1834 (Richter, IR-
Wadena)—passed. (SF in Senate
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Committee)

• Equal Access to Justice Act
HF 1962*/SF 1848 (Halberg, IR-
Burnsville)—passed as amended.

• Uniform Limited Partnership Act—changes
HF 2256*/SF 2018 (Halberg, IR-
Burnsville)—passed.

• Ramsey County
Medical Center—reorganization
HF 1875*/SF 1710 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—
passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Crime victims—rights defined
HF 1958*/SF 1953 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—
passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Firearms, bows—transporting
HF 2130*/SF 2194 (Sparby, DFL-Thief
River Falls)—passed as amended. (SF in Senate
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Committee)

• State employees—
contract ratifications
HF 2166*/SF 1916 (Knickerbocker, IR-
Hopkins)—passed. (SF in Senate
Finance Committee)

• Wild rice—state land sale
HF 2080*/SF 1967 (Thorson, IR-
Bemidji)—passed as amended. (SF in Senate
Agriculture and Natural Resources
Committee)

McIntosh bonding—
to exceed net debt
HF 1995*/SF 1998 (Olson, E., DFL-
Fosston)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Postsecondary options—revisions
HF 1919*/SF 1771 (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—
passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

Wednesday, March 12

• Hendrum—
detached banking facility
HF 2032*/SF 1886 (Vaaron, IR-
Moorhead)—passed. (SF passed; sent to House March 11)

• Handicapped persons—
4-wheel, all-terrain vehicles
HF 1803*/SF 1690 (Upah, IR-Sauk
Centre)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Property taxes—sexual
discrimination by golf clubs
HF 2077*/SF 1950 (Bishop, IR-
Rochester)—passed as amended. (SF passed; sent to House March 4) (See Highlight)

• State High School
League—changes
HF 2010*/SF 2029 (Shaver, IR-
Wayzata)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor) (See highlight)

• Anoka County Park ordinance
HF 1785*/SF 1680 (Backlund, IR-
Fridley)—passed as amended. (SF passed; sent to House March 4)

• Traffic violation—
liability of lessors
HF 1454*/SF 1319 (Dempsey, IR-New
Ulm)—passed. (SF passed; sent to House Feb. 20)

• Charitable gambling—
taxation changes
HF 2331*/SF 2304 (Shaver, IR-
Wayzata)—passed as amended. (SF in Senate
Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

• Fish stocking—authorized
in certain private lands
HF 1793*/SF 1659 (Johnson, IR-
Caledonia)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Constitutional
offices—reorganized
HF 242*/SF 363* (Dyke, IR-
Worthington)—passed as amended. (SF passed; sent to House May 9, 1983)

• Boating while intoxicated
HF 845*/SF 31* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—
passed as amended. (SF passed; sent to House May 8, 1985) (See Highlight)

• State leased lands—
selling procedure
HF 2169*/SF 2023 (Minne, DFL-
Hibbing)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

• Plumber’s apprentice—
registration
HF 324*/SF 125* (O’Connor, DFL-St.
Paul)—passed. (SF passed; sent to House Feb. 28, 1985)

• Bloomington stadium site—
fiscal disparities exemption
HF 2130*/SF 1968 (Himle, IR-
Bloomington)—not passed. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

GOVERNOR

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Tuesday, March 11

• Court administration—
miscellaneous changes
HF 1757*/SF 1600* (Dempsey)—Chapter
317.

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HF2527—Wenzel (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
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HF2528—Simoneau (DFL)—Taxes
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HF2529—Olsen, S (IR)—Regulated Industries
Energy; providing for compensation by utilities of solid waste resource recovery facilities in metropolitan counties for electricity generated; setting term; amending statutes.

HF2530—Pappas (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; authorizing the commissioner of commerce to collect specific informa­tion from insurers; amending statutes.

HF2531—Kelly (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
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Monday, Mar 10
HF2532—Redalen (IR)—Regulated Industries
Natural resources; authorizing spending for acquiring and bettering public land and buildings for a fish hatchery; author­izing issuance of state bonds; appropriat­ing money.

HF2533—Rees (IR)—Education
Transportation; authorizing transporta­tion to nonpublic schools outside school district boundary within certain limits; amending statutes.

HF2534—Segal (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration
A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to declare that the United States will refrain from testing nuclear weapons and to negotiate a test ban treaty with the Soviet Union.

HF2535—Anderson, G (DFL)—Agriculture
A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to in­vestigate and take action to prevent changes in the wheat grading and mar­keting process.

HF2536—Schreiber (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; property; modifying the metro­politan revenue distribution system; phasing out certain exemptions; provid­ing a variable contribution percentage; equalizing commercial-industrial as­sessed valuations; changing certain de­finitions; eliminating the administrative auditor’s functions; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

Tuesday, Mar 11
HF2537—Wynia (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension in­come exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF2538—Nelson, K (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; delaying the effective date of the repeal of the residential energy credit; amending statutes.

HF2539—Kalis (DFL)—Taxes
Individual income taxation; providing a subtraction for interest on seller spon­sored family farm security loans; amending statutes.

HF2540—Voss (DFL)—Taxes
Sales taxation; compensating retailers for the cost of collection; amending statutes.

HF2541—Scheid (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; permitting certain unmarried individuals to file joint returns; amending statutes.

HF2542—Kalis (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; property; providing a state paid small business property tax credit; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2543—Scheid (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; property; providing a state paid small business property tax credit; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2544—Skoglund (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Utilities
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HF2545—Quinn (DFL)—Agriculture/Natural Resources
Water; establishing a deadline for the for­mation of certain watershed manage­ment organizations; amending statutes.

HF2546—Quinn (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; establishing the insurance consumers board; giving the board au­thority to collect and disseminate infor­mation; establishing a surcharge on in­surance contracts; appropriating money collected by the surcharge to the board; proposing coding for new law.

HF2547—Dimler (IR)—Transportation
Traffic regulations; requiring certain in­formation on the uniform traffic ticket; providing that certain violations of maxi­mum lawful speed not be kept on driving records; amending statutes.

HF2548—Segal (DFL)—Health/Human Services
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Thursday, Mar 13
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Agriculture; establishing partial state payment for certain farm loan interest costs; providing for a refund of certain agricultural property tax payments; appro­priating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2551—Ogren (DFL)—Appropriations
Natural disasters; establishing a natural disaster compensation board to compen­sate persons who incur economic loss as a result of natural disasters; appropriat­ing money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2552—Wenzel (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government aids; modifying the de­finition of municipal levy; amending statutes.

HF2553—Wenzel (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Elections; providing for a presidential pri­mary election; amending statutes.

HF2554—Staten (DFL)—Taxes
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HF2555—Dempsey (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
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HA80—Frederick (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
A proposal to study the feasibility of using ethanol or butanol as gasoline octane boosters.

HA81—Omann (IR)—Crime/Family Law
A proposal to study the feasibility of an inmate visitation program.

HA82—McPherson (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
A proposal to study the Minnesota Department of Human Rights.

HA83—Backlund (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
A proposal to study the need to regulate occupied railroad cabooses.

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HA84—Valento (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
A proposal for a study of concurrent annexation and detachment of land among political subdivisions in the metro area.

HA85—Boo (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
A proposal for interim study of procedural and evidentiary issues concerning the valuation of contaminated property subject to condemnation under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 117.

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SF1886—Moe, R (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
City of Moorhead; authorizing the establishment of a detached banking facility in the city of Moorhead by a state bank located within 30 miles of the city of Moorhead.

SF2035—Laidig (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Motor vehicles; designating category of collector military vehicle for registration purposes; exempting certain collector military vehicles and trailers from requirement to display license plates under certain conditions; amending statutes.

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SF1801—Peterson, Donna (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Criminal procedure; providing for in camera hearings on certain evidentiary issues in criminal sexual conduct cases; amending statutes.

SF2086—Johnson, Doug (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Tax-forfeited lands; providing a conveyance of tax-forfeited land in St. Louis County.

SF2159—Peterson, C (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
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SF2090—Adkins (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Counties; clarifying county commissioner conflict of interest provision; authorizing counties to develop and market computer software products; providing a method for consolidation of the offices of county auditor and county treasurer; changing certain referendum provisions for adoption of optional forms of county government; exempting other departments or agencies of the same county from having to be bill by county recorder for certain recording transactions; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

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**SF2160—Willet (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Unclaimed property; requiring that the sum payable on an abandoned warrant issued by a county be deposited in the issuing county's general fund; amending statutes.

**SF1909—Hughes (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
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**SF2204—Bertram (DFL)—Education**
Independent school district No. 750, Cold Spring; authorizing the district to make an equal levy for debt service over the next five years.

**SF2016—Petty (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Commerce; revising the Uniform Trade Secret Act; clarifying remedies; amending statutes.

**SF2094—Petty (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
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**SF2161—Dicklich (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Employment; providing training opportunities for technically qualified individuals who may be exposed to hazardous substances, harmful physical agents, or infectious agents; amending statutes.

**SF1580—Berglin (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Municipal civil service systems; personnel boards; permitting city councils to set the compensation of board members and secretaries; providing that certain positions in the city of Minneapolis be appointed in the unclassified service; amending statutes.

**SF1789—Peterson, Donna (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
Municipal civil service systems; personnel boards; permitting city councils to set the compensation of board members and secretaries; providing that certain positions in the city of Minneapolis be appointed in the unclassified service; amending statutes.

**SF1808—Peterson, Donna (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**
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SF2082—Peher (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

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SF1942—Spear (DFL)—Judiciary

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SF1892—Novak (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

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SF2111—Lantry (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

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SF1774—Peterson, Donna (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

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SF2069—Hughes (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

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SF1897—Peterson, R (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

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SF1980—Peterson, R (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

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SF1701—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

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SF1196—Spear (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

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SF2057—Wegscheid (DFL)—Taxes

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SF871—Peher (DFL)—Health/Human Services

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SF1581—Berglin (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

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**HIGHLIGHTS**

**Session ends**

A pre-dawn decision to adjourn “Sine Die” ended the 74th Legislative Session for the House on March 18 after 19 continuous hours of floor action.

Adjournment came without passing the tax and budget bills which are in conference committees.

To get final action on the two major revenue bills, the governor can decide to call a Special Session. However, the Constitution gives the governor authority to make whatever financial decisions he decides would remedy this year’s budget shortfall—without legislative approval.

The House budget bill includes the education omnibus bill and proposals for reorganizing the Department of Natural Resources.

About 200 revisions, amendments or introductions to Minnesota’s law texts could result from House action during these past six weeks. Major session highlights follow this article.

**Farm package**

A $16-million farm package that supporters say targets aid to three different groups of farmers, won unanimous approval from the House, just short of the March 18 adjournment date.

After undergoing a week of conference committee battles, the proposal, now enroute to the Senate chamber for approval, targets funds for a variety of farm programs including interest buy-down and farm-debt mediation programs. It includes, too, legal assistance for farmers facing foreclosure and a bonding program whereby the state would sell general obligation bonds for farm-debt restructuring.

Says Rep. K.J. McDonald (IR-Watertown), a conferee who helped draft the proposal, “After traveling the state, meeting with farmers and many farm groups, we recognize three economic conditions in rural Minnesota that require a unique response from the Legislature. This proposal tries to treat these groups—farmers struggling to keep from losing ground financially, farmers on the brink of insolvency, and farmers irrevocably committed to liquidation—with unique remedies.”

McDonald and others say the main feature in the bill is the debt-restructuring program that the newly created Rural Finance Administration (RFA) would oversee.

Under the program, the state would sell $50 million in general obligation bonds. RFA would use the bond proceeds to pay back 25 percent of loans private lenders make to qualified farmers.

The program is expected to pump in as much as a billion dollars of new capital into the farm market for use by as many as 4,000 to 6,000 farmers.

Says Rep. Jerry Schoenfeld (DFL-Waseca), “This program will address many of the problems rural Minnesota is currently facing.

Provisions in the bill would send funds to:
• the Minnesota Farm Advocate Program;
• the family farm interest exclusion;
• the area AVTs to help retrain displaced farmers;
• the Agricultural Data Collection Task Force; and
• the University of Minnesota Agricultural Extension Service.
Other provisions would call for a priority lien study, permanent conservation practices, a redemption of agricultural homesteads, a capital gains income exclusion, and would make the state party to an interstate grain marketing compact.

Workers’ compensation

In the early morning hours March 18, the House repassed HF1873 (Svigum, IR-Kenyon) as amended by the Senate, a bill that would change the way the state compensates injured workers.

The bill’s author, Rep. Steve Svigum, said the original bill the House passed included some controversial “red flags.” One such provision would have held an insurance company liable for an injured worker’s legal fees if a court awarded a claim the company had denied.

The legislative negotiation process removed that provision and several others, including the prospective elimination of supplementary benefits to make up for inflation.

The Senate’s version of the workers’ comp bill differs significantly from his original proposal, Svigum said. “It’s changed dramatically since the time it left. It’s probably more notable for what it doesn’t have in it now than what it does have in it.”

Nevertheless, the House approved the compromise 106-19. “This is what the Senate felt they could go along with,” Svigum said, “and at this late hour, this is the bill we have.”

HF1873 now awaits the governor's signature.

Postsecondary options

A conference committee deleted a House floor amendment to HF1919 (Levi, IR-Dellwood) that would have allowed certain private school students to participate in the state’s postsecondary options program.

However, Senate conferees agreed to add a provision requiring a legislative task force to study the issue and make recommendations to both the Senate and House.

“It was the best we could do, folks,” said bill author Rep. Connie Levi.

HF1919, if signed into law, would tighten up last year’s Postsecondary Enrollment Options Act. The House adopted the conference committee’s report during the March 18 session and repassed the legislation.

Charitable gambling changes

Charitable organizations that have up to five events a year and award prizes of not more than $50,000 would not have to register with the state’s Charitable Gambling Control Board. On March 17, the House voted, 93-34, in favor of the bill that’s on the way to the governor for his signature. It would exempt these organizations from the current charitable gambling law.

Organizations would have to notify the board and their local government in writing 30 days before each lawful gambling occasion. Thirty days after the occasion, the organization would again have to notify the board of the total receipts, prizes, expenses, the distributor of their gambling equipment, and expenditures of net profits. Failure to file a report on time would be a $250 fine.

Under HF2331 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata) a tax on the sale of pull-tabs by distributors would replace the current tax on a non-profit organization’s gross receipts on pull-tabs. It would also impose a maximum prize limit of $250 on pull-tabs and prohibit organizations from selling them for more than $2 each.

The bill would also prohibit organizations from expending more than 50 percent of their gross receipts from bingo for expenses and no more than 40 percent for expenses for all other forms of lawful gambling. It would authorize the board to specify allowable expenses.

Child abuse trust fund

A bill which began as an income tax checkoff program for child abuse prevention programs, but ended as a $2 surcharge on birth certificates for such programs got the approval of the House, 103-18, March 17.

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During the 1985 session, the House had passed the income tax checkoff program, but this session, the Senate replaced it with the surcharge on birth certificates.

The bill, HF450 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington) would give the commissioner of public safety the authority to disburse money from the trust fund to any public or private nonprofit agency for child abuse prevention programs. The commissioner would also provide statewide educational and public informational seminars to develop public awareness on preventing child abuse.

To receive money from the trust fund, applicants would have to match 30 percent of the money. The commissioner would have to consider the extent to which applicants demonstrate a willingness and ability to continue the prevention program or service in case the trust fund money no longer exist. Another consideration would be their willingness and ability to provide prevention program models.

The bill now goes to the governor for his signature.

Medical malpractice, general civil liability

A compromise bill that aims at rising insurance costs in both general civil liability and medical malpractice actions passed the House, 124-9, on March 17 and is awaiting the governor’s signature.

The bill, SF2078 (Halberg, IR-Burnsville) would create a joint underwriting association, which would make insurance available when state law requires coverage or when insurance is essential for business. Under the bill, each member of the joint underwriting association would share its losses and expenses, depending on the number of total premiums written the member writes.

The compromise also made several changes to the state's general civil liability laws, including a $400,000 cap on “intangible losses”, such as embarrassment, emotional distress, and loss of consortium (not pain, disability, or disfigurement).

Other changes include: prohibiting attorneys from including punitive damages in their initial complaint, but allowing them to amend if the court finds a factual basis for the claim; preventing a double recovery of damages through jury awards and other insurance (except life insurance, social security, or pension payments); and, reducing from 19 years to 7 years the tolling period a minor has before the statute of limitations begins to run in medical malpractice actions.

Hazardous waste sites

The House repassed a bill March 17 governing hazardous waste siting that would eliminate four sites from the current list of hazardous waste treatment facility locations.

The bill also would create a plan to encourage communities to volunteer local sites by offering state funds as incentives.

The Senate amended the bill to require settlement of siting disputes in Hennepin County within 120 days and to prohibit constructing facilities in areas where harm to the groundwater is a possibility.

The bill would eliminate sites in Carver, Scott, Aitkin and Marshall Counties which the Waste Management Board had chosen as potential sites. Protests from residents persuaded the 1984 Legislature to impose a moratorium on site selection.

The bill is on its way to the governor.

Boating while intoxicated

The House repassed a boating-while-intoxicated bill March 17 that is a little less strict than the one the House originally passed.

Last week, the House passed a version of SF31 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington) that would have applied to all watercraft, but a House/Senate conference committee decided the bill should apply only to motorboats.

It would subject boaters who drink and drive to the same penalties as drunk drivers on land. Department of Natural Resources officers would be able to stop boaters for probable cause, administer tests at the scene, and take the boater in for a breathalyzer test.

The bill, which would go into effect May 15, would not prohibit open bottles in boats and would not apply to passengers.

The bill goes next to the governor.

Child custody

Joint legal custody would be the rule—not the exception—if the Senate repasses a bill the House approved March 17 on a 119 to 4 vote.

SF1732 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm) would require judges to presume joint legal custody unless it wouldn’t be in the child’s best interest. It would exclude a current spouse’s income when figuring a biological parent’s support payment, and it would require courts to offer mediation to divorcing parents if they’re arguing over custody.
In committee, the bill also provided that both parents' net income would determine child support payments. The non-custodial parent would pay child support based on his/her percentage of the total net income.

But Rep. Dempsey amended his bill on the floor to eliminate that provision, saying it would dramatically increase the non-custodial parent's child support payments.

The Senate repassed the bill and it's on its way to the governor.

**High School League**

On March 17, the House refused to adopt a conference committee report on the high school league bill, killing it for this session.

The bill, HF2010 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata), would have eliminated league rules that limit the athlete's right to play during the summer and would have allowed private athletic trainers to instruct the athletes during the school year.

Transfer students who changed residence could have played sports immediately. Those who transferred for other reasons would have waited 90 days to be eligible.

Supporters argued the bill would prevent the league from enforcing mediocrity but opponents said it would allow some schools to dominate.

**Sex discrimination**

Headed for the governor is SF1950 (Bishop, IR-Rochester), a bill that passed the House March 17. If the governor signs it, private golf courses that discriminate on the basis of sex would pay up to four or five times more in property taxes.

Courses could restrict play to one gender just one weekend day a month or two weekdays a week.

Proponents of the bill said it would eliminate a system that prevents women from golfing on the weekends. Opponents said it would slow play and lead to radical changes in the way golfers play the game.

The Senate had already approved the bill that the House passed by a 127 to 2 margin. It's headed for the governor.

**Reinvest in Minnesota**

Farmers will be “reinvesting in Minnesota” under terms of a bill the Minnesota House passed March 15.

HF628 (Rose, IR-Roseville), commonly known as the RIM bill, would appropriate $16 million for a conservation program that would convert marginal agricultural land to wildlife habitat.

The state would use a $10-million fund to pay farmers up to $75 an acre for land in the program. In return, farmers would plant trees or grass on the parcels, which must be at least five acres in size.

The bill also allocates $2.5 million to fish and wildlife projects, $2.5 million for a habitat protection program the private sector would match, and $1 million for an aspen recycling program.

The Senate also repassed the conference committee report, sending the bill on its way to the governor.

**Metro properties**

The Minneapolis Convention Center and the Bloomington Stadium site received attention on the House floor March 15.

After the House adopted Senate language to HF1755, Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls.) amended his Minneapolis Convention Center bill to cap the project's construction costs at $118 million and level the combination of state and city-imposed liquor, food and hotel/motel taxes at 12 percent. The bill awaits Senate concurrence.

Just a step ahead of the Convention Center bill is legislation concerning the Bloomington Stadium site. Concurring with Senate amendments, the House repassed HF2123 (Himle, IR-Bloomington). The amended bill would exempt the Bloomington stadium site from contributing to the metro fiscal disparities pool, but requires the City of Bloomington to pay back the exempted funds. Also, the city would have to repeal any city-imposed sales taxes on the site once project bonds are retired.

The bill is now on the governor's desk.

**Farm tractor lemon law**

Consumers that get stuck with a lemon farm tractor could sweeten the sour deal under a bill that would set up a lemon law for farm vehicles, similar to the law for autos.

Under SF2179, which won House approval March 15, the farm tractor lemon law would work like this:
• a buyer must give written notice of the problem to the manufacturer or its authorized dealer during the warranty period or first year of delivery, and allow an opportunity to repair it;
• the manufacturers or dealers must repair, free, any reported defects or problems their warranty covers;
• if a reasonable number of repair attempts, (i.e. four or more repair attempts, or the vehicle is out for repair purposes for 60 or more business days), do not correct the defect or problem, the buyer has the option of a replacement or refund of the full purchase price;
• if a manufacturer has a federally approved alternative dispute settlement program, the consumer must use this procedure before suing under the law to obtain replacement or refund;
• manufacturers are required to give buyers a written notice of their rights to replacement or refund;
• a buyer must give written notice of the problem to the manufacturer or its authorized dealer during the warranty period or first year of delivery, and allow an opportunity to repair it;

Drinking age

The bill to increase Minnesota's legal drinking age from 19 to 21 passed in the House March 15. Under the bill, SF5 (Schaffer, IR-Gibbon), the age would go from 19 to 21 on Sept. 1, except for those who are 19 and 20 years old on that date.

The Legislature considered the bill under a federal threat to cut off highway funds if states don't raise the legal drinking age.

On March 14, the House had refused to adopt the conference committee report but on the following day, the first order of business was to reconsider the bill the Senate had already passed. The House vote was 68 to 64.

Health, human services

The Health and Human Services Committee met for the last time March 7, after a week that witnessed three long meetings, an abundance of public testimony, and the recommended passage of 16 bills—a record for Rep. Tony Onnen's (IR-Cokato) committee.

Onnen's home health care bill, HF370, was among the committee's more visible and widely debated pieces of legislation this session. In contrast to its counterpart in the Senate, the House bill favors home health care registration over licensure.

Rep. Joel Carlson's (IR-Moorhead) omnibus policy bill and Onnen's Mandate Control Act also dominated the committee's time. Carlson's bill would establish a statewide cancer surveillance system and mandate screening of individuals for social security eligibility. Onnen's bill would allow local governments flexibility in the delivery of state-supervised, county-administered public service systems.

Mental health and child-related issues were other priorities. Rep. Steve Sviggum (IR-Kenyon) authored bills providing for a mental health service system and a patient bill of rights. Rep. Dale Clausnitz-
The committee also recommended passage of bills to: repeal entertainment agency licensure (a provision that died on the House floor); to set up a Labor Interpretive Center under the auspices of the Minnesota Historical Society; and to define a restaurant’s system of sharing or pooling gratuities.

The committee tabled Rep. Peter McLaughlin’s (DFL-Mpls.) parental leave of absence bill—which would provide up to one year of unpaid leave for natural or adoptive parents—but voted to conduct an interim study on the issue.

Conference committee bill status

Not all conference committee bills have yet received action by both houses of the Minnesota Legislature. Here’s the status of these bills:

*Rule of 85
HF229*/SF312 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—repassed by the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Sentencing guidelines bill
HF654*/SF663 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—repassed by the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Job evaluation—fire and police exemption
HF418*/SF438 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—repassed by the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Farm relief package
HF1599*/SF2268 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—repassed by the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Compulsory attendance—home education
HF1744*/SF1696 (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—repassed by the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Omnibus tax bill
HF1815*/SF2020 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—out of conference; not considered by either the House or the Senate.

*Property assessments—requiring notification
HF1886*/SF1955 (Frederickson, IR-Windom)—repassed by the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Traffic citation quotas—prohibited
HF1930*/SF1818 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—repassed by the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Budget balancing bill

*State High School League changes
HF2010*/SF2029 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—committee report not adopted by the House.

*Secretary of State—housekeeping changes
HF2014*/SF1838 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—repassed in the House as amended in conference. Awaits action in the Senate.

*Administrative Procedures Act—clarifying emergency rules
HF1101/SF985* (Voss, DFL-Blaine)—in conference.

*Weapons—dealer authorization
HF1732/SF1648* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—in conference.

Revisor’s cleanup changes
HF1841*/SF1993 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—in conference.
• Credit unions,
• Municipal power plants—fuel purchase
  HF1664*/SF1547 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Credit unions,
• State banks—IRAs allowed
  HF1806*/SF1718 (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Advertising—on telephone booths
  HF1185*/SF1473 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Vital statistics—county registrars
  HF1940*/SF1860 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Dept. of Veterans Affairs—clarifying changes
  HF1871*/SF1992 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Sexual abuse laws—technical corrections
  HF1730*/SF1751 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Physical fitness therapies—mental health programs
  HF651*/SF1395 (Segol, DFL-St. Louis Park)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Real estate, mortgage loans, securities—regulation
  HF1984*/SF1854 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Shakopee Correctional Facility—sale authorized
  HF2351*/SF2115 (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• St. Louis County—appointing an administrator
  HF2344*/SF2163 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Litchfield investments—municipal powers
  HF2068*/SF1922 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Escape from custody—mental patients
  HF839*/SF810 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• County land surveys—subdividing townships
  HF2216*/SF2252 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Watershed management—taxing districts
  HF1911*/SF1948 (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• POW-MIA flag—flown over State Capitol
  HF2394*/SF2235 (Fjoslen, IR-Brandon)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Milk—definition amended
  HF1838*/SF1834 (Richter, IR-Wadena)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Police, fire pensions—auditing requirements
  HF2035*/SF2112 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Court videotaping—child statements
  HF2017*/SF1862 (Nelson, K., DFL-Mpls.)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• State Fair performer contracts—restrictions allowed
  HF2100*/SF1792 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Tobacco, smokeless-warning labels
  HF1773*/SF1705 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**

Monday, March 17
• Mental health service system
  HF2081*/SF1969 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Grand Ave., Highland Park—special service districts
  HF2051*/SF1883 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Court fees increased
  HF1772*/SF1857 (Dempsey, New Ulm)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• State parks—changing boundaries
  HF2466*/SF2217 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Crosby, Ironront—land transfer
  HF2407* (Thiede, IR-Pequot Lakes)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Fish stocking—authorized in certain private lands
  HF1793*/SF1659 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Hazardous waste—containment site selection
  HF1908*/SF1952 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Child abuse prevention trust fund created
  HF450*/SF492 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Uniform Limited Partnership Act—changes
  HF2256*/SF2081 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Minneapolis Park Board—setting elections
  HF2405*/SF1985 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls.)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Raptors—propagation, sale
  HF2170*/SF1925 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Court administrators—salary procedure
  HF2044*/SF1946 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
• Transportation regulation board—track abandonment
  HF2364*/SF2144 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
- Dakota County/Hastings—state land sale
  HF1970*/SF1935 (O'Gorman, IR-Rosemount)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- Corporate takeover law—changes
  HF2263*/SF2122 (Heap, IR- Plymouth)—repassed as amended by Senate.**
- Juvenile prostitution—increasing penalties
  HF2012*/SF2007 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
- Sexual solicitation—children
  HF1835*/SF1592 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—repassed as amended as amended by the Senate.**
- Crime victims—rights defined
  HF1958*/SF1953 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by the Senate.**
- Workers' compensation
  HF1873*/SF1903 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—repassed as amended by Senate.**

CONFERENCE COMMITTEE

Friday, March 14
- Drinking age—raised to 21
  HF102/SF5* (Schaffer, IR-Gibbon)—returned to conference. (See March 15 conference committee action)

Saturday, March 15
- Drinking age—raised to 21
  HF102/SF5* (Schaffer, IR-Gibbon)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Comparable worth
  HF418*/SF438 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Reinvent in Minnesota (RIM)
  HF628*/SF273 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—repassed as amended by conference.**

Monday, March 17
- Lake improvement districts—authorization
  HF1782*/SF1599 (R. Anderson, IR-Ottertail)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Revisor's gender—changes
  HF1824*/SF1752 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Mosquito control—seasonal debt permitted; metro governance
  HF1860*/SF1588 (Stanislaw, IR-White Bear Lake)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Secretary of State—housekeeping changes
  HF2014*/SF1838 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Duluth School
  Dist. 709—civil service
  HF2294*/SF2130 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Sentencing guidelines bill
  HF654*/SF663 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—repassed as amended by conference.***
- Boating while intoxicated
  HF456/SF51* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Property taxes—sexual discrimination by golf clubs
  HF2077/SF1950* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—repassed as amended by conference.***
- State leased lands—selling procedures
  HF2169*/SF2023 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Traffic citation quotas—prohibited
  HF1939*/SF1818 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—repassed as amended by conference.***
- Compulsory attendance—home education
  HF1744*/SF1798 (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—repassed as amended by conference.***
- Ramsey County Medical Center—reorganization
  HF1875*/SF1710 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Farm relief package
  HF1599*/SF2268 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—repassed as amended by conference.***
- Property assessments—requiring notification
  HF1886*/SF1955 (Frederickson, IR-Windom)—repassed as amended by conference.***
- Charitable gambling—taxation changes
  HF2331*/SF2026 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—repassed as amended by conference.***
- Tax increment financing—bond allocation
  HF2287*/SF1847 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Postsecondary options—revisions
  HF1919*/SF1771 (Levi, IR-Delwood)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- State High School League—changes
  HF2010*/SF2029 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—report not adopted.
- Mineral taxation
  HF2520*/SF2280* (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Transportation omnibus bill
  SF1910* (Johnson, D., IR-Wilmot)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Public Utilities Commission—ethics and procedures
  HF2221/SF1869* (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Tax return—failure to file
  HF1863*/SF1770 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Lake public access—restrictions
  HF2146/SF1949* (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- Rule of 85
  HF2279*/SF312 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—repassed as amended by conference.**
- East Grand Forks—port authority, econ. dev. dist.
  HF1931/SF1725* (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)—repassed as amended by conference. (Language of HF1990 - Local government—econ. dist. was amended into conference committee report).**
- McGregor library—construction financing
  HF2105*/SF1793* (Ogren, IR-Aitkin)—repassed as amended by conference.**

CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, March 13
- Intermediate care facilities—life safety requirements
  HF1774/SF1580* (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—passed.**
- Non-profit corporations
  HF2388/SF2094* (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed.**
- Judgment lien procedures—clarified
  HF2079/SF1939* (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—passed.**

MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION

Friday, March 14
- Bloomington stadium site—taxes exemptions
  HF2123*/SF1968 (Himle)—passed.**

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Thursday, March 13
- Tax increment financing—bond allocations
  HF2287*/SF1847 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)—passed as amended.**
  (HF1990*/SF1996: Local government—economic development districts, and HF1869*/SF2160: Wastewater treatment—privatization were amended into the bill) (See March 17 conference committee action)
SPECIAL ORDERS

Thursday, March 13

- Cemeteries—
maintenance by towns
  HF1801/SF1701* (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—passed.**
- Precinct caucuses—
  postponement for bad weather
  HF2064/SF2069* (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—passed.**
- Services for the blind
  HF2134/SF2079* (Boo, IR-Duluth)—passed.**

Friday, March 14

- Psychotherapists—
  sexual exploitation by
  HF1851/SF1619* (McKay, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed as amended.**
- Litchfield—tax
  increment financing district
  HF2210*/SF2040 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—
  passed as amended.***
- Savings associations—
  open end loan accounts allowed
  HF1956/SF1823* (Boo, IR-Duluth)—
  passed.**
- Theft of services—
  technical changes
  HF2250/SF1914* (Hartinger, IR-Coon Rapids)—passed.**
- Workers' compensation
  HF1873*/SF1903 (Svigum, IR-Kenyon)—passed as amended.**
  (See March 17 conference committee action)
- Hazardous waste—
  containment site selection
  HF1968*/SF1952 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—passed.**
  (See March 17 conference committee action)
- Long term sheltered employment program
  HF2072/SF1441* (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—passed.**
- Distressed counties/const.
  materials—sales tax exempt
  HF2154*/SF2048 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—passed.***
- Minnesota
  Electricians Act—changes
  HF2233/SF1642* (Dyke, IR-Watertown)—passed.**
- State retirement—university
  officials unclassified
  HF1007/SF707* (Knickebocker, IR-Hopkins)—passed as amended.
  (Senate did not concur)
- Long term care insurance
  HF1953/SF1782* (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—passed as amended.**
- Public Utilities
  Commission—structural changes
  HF2221/SF1869* (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—passed as amended.**
  (See March 17 conference committee action)
- Transportation omnibus bill
  /SF1910* (Johnson, D., IR-Willmar)—passed as amended.**
  (See March 17 conference committee action)
- Chemical dependency
  consolidated fund
  HF943/SF912* (Forsythe, IR-Edina)—passed.**
- Life support services—
  licensing requirements
  HF2297/SF2147* (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—passed as amended.***
- Cologne fire station,
  city hall—exceeding debt limit
  HF2328/SF2127* (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—passed.**
- Revisor's cleanup changes
  HF1841/SF1933* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed as amended. (In conference)
- Shoplifting laws
  HF2050/SF1730* (Bennett, IR-Willmar)—passed.**
- Fees for agency services—
  regulated
  HF1979/SF1850* (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—passed.**
- Employees right to know
  HF2338/SF2161* (Svigum, IR-Kenyon)—passed as amended.**
- State veterans cemetery
  HF2030/SF1880* (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—passed.**
- Election contest
  laws—recodification
  HF2075/SF1839* (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—passed.**
- Administrative Procedures
  Act—clarifying emergency rules
  HF1101/SF985* (Knickebocker, DFL-Hopkins)—passed as amended. (In conference)
- Counties—
  products, conflicts, positions
  HF2292/SF2090* (Jennings, L., DFL-Duluth)—
  passed.***
- Mendota Heights—
  special service district
  HF2131/SF2067* (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed.**
- Veterans bonus claims
  HF1459/SF164* (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—passed as amended.**
- Wastewater treatment—
  administration of grants, loans
  HF1894*/SF1978 (Becklin, IR-Cambridge)—passed as amended.***
- Vadnais Heights—five additional
  on-sale liquor licenses
  HF2229/SF1912* (Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake)—passed as amended.***

Saturday, March 15

- Minneapolis Convention Center
  HF1755/SF1671* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—passed as amended.**
- State retirement—university
  officials unclassified
  HF1007/SF707* (Knickebocker, IR-Hopkins)—passed as amended. (Senate did not concur)
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BILLs

Bills the Governor Signed

Friday, March 14
- Potato industry promotion
  HF1727*/SF1578 (Richter) — Chapter 318.
- Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee — organization changes
  HF2265*/SF2083 (Levi) — Chapter 319.
- Libraries — surplus documents
  HF720*/SF496* (Quist) — Chapter 320.

- Retired public employees
  insurance, HMO policies
  HF1330/SF1349* (Becklin) — Chapter 321.
- Double jeopardy law — repealed
  HF1842/SF1597* (Dimler) — Chapter 322.
- Archaeology
  Precluding to Indian affairs
  HF2168/SF1851* (Foslien) — Chapter 323.

Monday, March 17
- Precinct caucuses — 
  postponement for bad weather
  HF2064/SF2069* (Ozment) — Chapter 324.
- State historical site
  renaming, changing boundaries
  HF2165/SF2018* (Zaffke) — Chapter 325.
- Mental health
  patient bill of rights
  HF2082/SF1919* (Sviggum) — Chapter 326.
- Local government
  permitting property sales
  HF1912/SF1797* (Frederickson) — Chapter 327.
- Washington County
  building sale to hospital
  HF2202/SF1794* (McPherson) — Chapter 328.
- Military employees' compensation
  HF1945/SF1742* (Heap) — Chapter 329.
- Drinking age — raised to 21
  HF102/SF5* (Schafer) — Chapter 330.
- Corporations — foreign corporation agents
  HF2317*/SF2184* (Zaffke) — Chapter 331.

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

Who represents you at the State Capitol?
The House Information Office can tell you which legislative district you live in, and who represents that district.

Legislators' districts, addresses, phone numbers, office locations, biographical details, and photos.
The House Information Office publishes the *Official Directory of the Minnesota Legislature* and the *Members Directory* with committee assignments. You can get copies in the House Information Office.

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
The House Information Office publishes a *Seating Arrangement of the Minnesota Legislature* with members’ photos.

**United States Congress**
The House Information Office can give you names of Minnesota’s members of Congress.

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Want to know a bill's author, status, or committee assignment?
The computerized House Index tracks all bills through the legislative process. You can get the information you want about bills on the CRT. House Index lists bills by committee and by over 150 topics (e.g. environment, taxes, education) on the CRT.

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.

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### Committees

For committee meeting schedules
Call *House Calls*, (612) 296-9283, for a 24-hour recording of up-to-date information on committee schedules (time, place, and agendas). The House Information Office and the Chief Clerk’s Office have copies of daily schedules.

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**
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**In the Senate**
The Secretary of the Senate’s Office (612) 296-2343 and Senate Index (612) 296-4392, Rm 231, State Capitol, provide services similar to the Chief Clerk’s Office and House Index.

Senate Public Information services similar to those of the House Information Office are also available in Rm 231 of the State Capitol, (612) 296-0504, or 296-0504. For Senate committee meeting schedules, Call the Senate Hotline, (612) 296-8086.
How a bill becomes a law

- A bill is an idea for a new law, or an idea to abolish or change an existing law. Several thousand bills enter the legislative process in Minnesota each time the Legislature meets.

- Minnesota has a bicameral Legislature, or two groups of elected citizens—senators in the Senate—representatives in the House of Representatives—who study, discuss, and vote on bills, acting for the people of Minnesota. Bills begin their legislative journey in either the House or Senate, or both. To become a law, all bills must pass both the House and Senate and go to the governor for his approval and signature.

- The Idea
Anyone can propose an idea for a bill—an individual, a consumer group, corporation, professional association, a governmental unit, the governor. Most ideas come from members of the Legislature. The revisor of statutes puts the ideas into proper legal form as a bill for introduction. Only legislators can introduce bills into the process.

- Chief Author
The legislator who sponsors and introduces the bill in the Legislature is the chief author. The chief author's name appears on the bill with the bill's file number to identify it as it moves through the legislative process. The chief author may select other authors, whose names also appear on the bill—no more than five authors on a bill.

- Introduction in the legislature
When the author introduces a bill in the House, it gets a House File (HF) number (HF264, for example), indicating the chronological order of the bill's introduction. In the Senate the bill gets a Senate File (SF) (SF224, for example). Each HF usually has a companion SF in the Senate. All revenue-raising bills must begin in the House.

- Committee consideration
At introduction, the bill has its first reading (the Minnesota Constitution requires three readings for all bills—on three separate days). The presiding officer of the House or Senate refers it to an appropriate standing committee for committee action. All committee meetings are open to the public.
A committee may: recommend passage of a bill in its original form; recommend passage after amendment by the committee; or make no recommendation, in which case a bill may die when the session ends. After acting on a bill, the committee sends a report to the House or Senate, stating its actions and recommendations.

- General orders
After adoption of the committee report in the House and Senate, the bill has its second reading and goes onto General Orders of the Day. In the Committee of the Whole, legislators discuss bills on General Orders. They may debate the issues, adopt amendments, and present arguments. They may vote to recommend that a bill "do pass," recommend postponement, or recommend further committee action.

- Calendar
The calendar is a list of bills the Committee of the Whole recommends to pass. At this point a bill has its third reading. Amendments to the bill must have the unanimous consent of the entire body. Legislators vote on it for the final time.

By committee recommendation, non-controversial bills can by-pass General Orders and go directly onto a Consent Calendar, usually passing without debate. Every bill requires a majority vote of the full membership of the House and Senate to pass.

- Conference committee
If the House and Senate do not agree on a bill, a conference committee of three to five senators, and an equal number of representatives, meets to reach an agreement. If both bodies then pass the bill in compromise form, it goes to the governor.

- Governor
When a bill arrives at the governor's office, he may: sign it, and the bill becomes law; veto it (return it, with a "veto message," stating his objections); pocket veto the bill (after final adjournment of the Legislature); exercise his right to line veto portions of appropriations bills.
If he does not sign or veto a bill within three days after receiving it, while the Legislature is in session, the bill becomes law.
### Bill Introductions

**Thursday, Mar 13**
- **HF2555**—McLaughlin (DFL)—Taxes
  Taxation; corporate income; limiting the maximum small business investment credit; providing a tax credit for neighborhood assistance program expenditures and contributions; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
- **HF2556**—Dempsey (IR)—Rules/Legislative Administration
  Legislation; requiring the establishment of an affirmative action plan for the legislature; creating a staff position of director of legislative equal employment opportunity; providing for immediate action to be taken in furtherance of equal employment opportunity; proposing coding for new law.
- **HF2557**—Marsh (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
  Commerce; requiring the filing and publication of certain organizational information of financial institutions and limited partnerships; requiring publication of notice of incorporation; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
- **HF2558**—Ogren (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
  Game and fish; authorizing the issuance of free deer licenses to persons 65 years of age or older; amending statutes.
- **HF2559**—Staten (DFL)—Taxes
  Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.
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- **HF2561**—Staten (DFL)—Taxes
  Taxation; providing a state paid small business property tax credit; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
- **HF2562**—Staten (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy
  Utilities; creating legislative utility rate study commission; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.
- **HF2563**—Staten (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
  Insurance; establishing the insurance consumers board; giving the board authority to collect and disseminate information; establishing a surcharge on insurance contracts; appropriating money collected by the surcharge to the board; proposing coding for new law.
- **HF2564**—Wenzel (DFL)—Taxes
  Taxation; sales; clarifying the definition of farm machinery; amending statutes.
- **HF2565**—Marsh (IR)—Crime/Family Law
  Crimes; authorizing upward departures from presumptive sentences in certain aggravating cases; extending the mandatory minimum sentencing law to certain controlled substance offenses; amending statutes.
- **HF2566**—Solberg (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
  Fishing licenses; prescribing a fee for a 14-day angling license; amending statutes.
- **HF2567**—Kvam (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
  Agriculture; requiring an appropriate committee of the legislature to conduct a study of the necessity for a central filing system for agricultural credit instruments.
- **HF2568**—Shaver (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
  Elections; requiring fair campaign practices; imposing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

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- **HF2569**—Poppenhagen (IR)—Taxes
  Taxation; income; providing a personal credit for mentally retarded persons; amending statutes.
- **HF2570**—Brandl (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy
  Utilities; requiring recorded telephone solicitation devices to disconnect from the telephone line when the person called hangs up; imposing a penalty; proposing coding for new law.
- **HF2571**—Staten (DFL)—Appropriations
  Housing; appropriating money to the Minnesota housing finance agency for low interest housing loans.
- **HF2572**—Wenzel (DFL)—Education
  Education; naming state scholarships the Christa McAuliffe Minnesota State Scholarships; amending statutes.
- **HF2573**—Staten (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration
  Legislation; requiring each body to prepare a set of standards by which the ethical conduct of its members will be judged.
- **HF2574**—Stamos (IR)—Governmental Operations
  Government data; classifying reports and records collected or maintained by the medical examiners board; providing a physician under investigation with access to certain board records; amending statutes.
- **HF2575**—Wenzel (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
  Crimes; prohibiting waiver of certain mandatory minimum sentencing provisions; repealing statutes.
- **HF2576**—Wenzel (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
  Crimes; increasing penalties and imposing mandatory minimum sentences for certain criminal sexual conduct crimes; amending statutes.
- **HF2577**—Segal (DFL)—Health/Human Services
  Child abuse; creating a child abuse prevention fund to be used for the training of peace officers and child protective workers; increasing the birth certificate filing fee for the purpose of funding the child abuse prevention fund; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
- **HF2578**—Boo (IR)—Health/Human Services
  Human services; establishing a board of social work examiners; licensing and regulating social workers; providing penalties; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
- **HF2579**—Wenzel (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
  Crimes; increasing penalties and imposing mandatory minimum sentences for certain homicides; amending statutes.
HF2580—Wenzel (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; clarifying the elements of manslaughter in the first degree; increasing penalties for certain crimes committed against children; amending statutes.

Monday, Mar 17
HF2581—Quist (IR)—Health/Human Services
Health; requiring licensure to practice massage; establishing a board of examiners in massage; providing for exemptions, conditions, and qualifications of licensure; proposing coding for new law.

HF2582—Staten (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; exempting certain persons age 65 or over from income and sales taxes; amending statutes.

HA86—Clark (DFL)—Health/Human Services
A proposal to study legislative responses to the problems of osteoporosis.

HA94—Redalen (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
A proposal to consider the recodification of Chapter 237, relating to telecommunications regulation.

HA95—Ozment (IR)—Governmental Operations
A proposal for an interim study of the structure of water agencies to review water allocation needs.

HA96—McLaughlin (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
A proposal to study standards for licensing private detectives.

HA97—Rose (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
A proposal to study future funding for the Reinvest in Minnesota Resources programs.

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SF1725—Moe, R (DFL)—Rules suspended
City of East Grand Forks; permitting the establishment of a port authority; authorizing the port authority to exercise the powers of a municipal housing and redevelopment authority.

HA101—Gustafson (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Claims against the state; providing for payment of various claims; appropriating money.

HA103—Peal (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; granting the city of Brainerd the authority to establish a port authority; authorizing the port authority to exercise the power of a municipal housing and redevelopment authority; authorizing the city to impose restrictions and limitations upon the powers and procedures of the port authority; permitting the city to choose the name of the port authority; providing for removal of port authority commissioners; requiring local approval.

House Advisories
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A proposal to study legislative responses to the problems of osteoporosis.

HA87—Jacobs (DFL)—Education
A proposal to study the transferability of AVTV credits.

Saturday, Mar 15
HA88—Pappas (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
A proposal to study the effectiveness of the Veterans' Preference Laws.

HA89—Onnen (IR)—Health/Human Services
A proposal to study welfare reform.

HA90—Omann (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
A proposal to study the effects of stray electricity.

HA91—Redalen (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy
A proposal to study various problems in the area of energy-efficiency in housing.

HA92—Staten (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration
A proposal for the development of ethical standards for house members.

HA93—Kvam (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
A proposal to study issues relating to the various state and federal agricultural liens.

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SF164—Dahl (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
State lands; authorizing sale of Peal Lake lakeshore parcel in Stearns county.

SF2014—Merriam (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Game and fish; designation and use of waterfowl feed or resting areas; amending statutes.

SF2222—Bertram (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration
Education; vocational; specifying use of appropriation for firefighter training programs in AVTV’s; amending laws.

SF1702—Samuelson (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; granting the city of Brainerd the authority to establish a port authority; authorizing the port authority to exercise the power of a municipal housing and redevelopment authority; authorizing the city to impose restrictions and limitations upon the powers and procedures of the port authority; permitting the city to choose the name of the port authority; providing for removal of port authority commissioners; requiring local approval.
SF1956—Ramstad (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Plymouth; authorizing establishment of a capital improvement reserve fund.

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SF1584—Peterson, C (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; providing that nonresident athletes and entertainers are exempt from the income tax; imposing an alternative tax on their income; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF1703—Wegscheid (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Commerce; regulating those who package soft drinks and other nonalcoholic beverages; increasing certain vending machine inspection fees; clarifying authority to inspect vending machines; clarifying rulemaking authority of commissioner of agriculture; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF2280—Johnson, Doug (DFL)—Rules suspended
Taxation; imposing levy limits on certain towns and cities; altering provisions governing distribution of certain taconite tax proceeds; reducing the taconite railroad gross earnings tax rate; reducing occupation and royalty tax rates; providing for the deduction of taconite production taxes and transportation costs; appropriating money; amending statutes.

Saturday, Mar 15
SF1660—Frederickson (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Real property; allowing designation, sale, and redemption of a homestead that is executed on and sold as part of other property; allowing designation, sale, redemption of a homestead foreclosed on or part of other property; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF2116—Luther (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Elections; providing for removal of certain elected county officials; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF1604—Frederickson (IR)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison
Agriculture; declaring crop ownership; prescribing a procedure for planting crop owners to recover crop values; providing liens on crops and property; prescribing satisfaction and enforcement of liens; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

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