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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 HF 775, 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.

Minneapolis 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-Watertown) 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 HF 370, 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.

Stanley Peskar of the League of Minnesota Cities agreed with privatization, but suggested that the process move faster. The state should encourage it by giving some funding priority to cities that choose privatization, he said.

Rep. Daniel Knuth (DFL-New Brighton) didn't object to privatization, but argued for close review of the facility, especially if public money goes into construction costs.

**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.

• 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

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.

Tuesday, Sept 17, 1985

HF1693—Shaver (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Elections; permitting corporations doing business in Minnesota to establish, administer, and solicit contributions from among their shareholders and certain employers for political committees; setting conditions for those activities; allowing corporations to communicate with shareholders, executives, and employees concerning elections; raising thresholds for reporting of contributions and expenditures by political committees and funds; increasing the amount of permissible anonymous contributions; providing a tax credit for contributions to political committees and funds; imposing criminal and civil penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1694—Ogren (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Natural resources; defining terms; maintaining the purity of state waters by restricting the location of hazardous waste disposal sites; amending statutes.

HF1695—Carlson, D (IR)—Transportation
Transportation; providing for certification acceptance of local governments by the commissioner of transportation for federal-aid and state-aid highway projects; amending statutes.

HF1696—Rest (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration
Legislature; reducing its size; amending statutes.

Wednesday, Jan 8, 1986

HF1702—Johnson (IR)—Agriculture
Partition fences; establishing procedures for establishing and sharing expenses of partition fences; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1699—Zaffke (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Licenses; requiring operators of campgrounds and mobile home parks to procure a license; amending statutes.

HF1700—Clausnitzer (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; changing welfare fraud offense provisions; amending statutes.

HF1701—Krueger (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Health; requiring notice warning of sulfite use in preparation of food in eating establishments; proposing coding for new law.

HF1702—Wenzel (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; priority of certain landowners in drawings for doe permits; fee for deer licenses for the elderly; amending statutes.

HF1703—Wenzel (DFL)—Taxes
A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to retain the federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes.

Thursday, Dec 20

HF1704—Olsen, S (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Charitable gambling; authorizing organizations to conduct one event each year at which lawful gambling is conducted without complying with certain regulations; amending statutes.

HF1705—Up hus (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
State lands; consideration for conveyance of a certain tract of department of natural resources land to the city of Melrose; amending laws.

HF1706—Stanius (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF1707—Waltman (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; repealing the suspension of inflation adjustments; repealing statutes.

HF1708—Blatz (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; changing the effective date of the repeal of the residential energy credit; amending laws.

HF1709—Cohen (DFL)—Education
Education; permitting free instruction of nongraduates over age 21; amending statutes.

HF1710—Cohen (DFL)—Education
Education; appropriating money for a grant to the St. Paul School District for a pilot program at Jefferson Alternatives School.

HF1711—Fjoslien (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; changing the effective date of the repeal of the residential energy credit; amending laws.

Wednesday, Jan 20, 1986

HF1702—Johnson (IR)—Agriculture
Partition fences; establishing procedures for establishing and sharing expenses of partition fences; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1703—Wenzel (DFL)—Taxes
A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to retain the federal income tax deduction for state and local taxes.

HF1706—Stanius (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF1707—Waltman (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; repealing the suspension of inflation adjustments; repealing statutes.

HF1710—Cohen (DFL)—Education
Education; appropriating money for a grant to the St. Paul School District for a pilot program at Jefferson Alternatives School.

HF1711—Fjoslien (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; changing the effective date of the repeal of the residential energy credit; amending laws.

HF1712—Cohen (DFL)—Judiciary
Garnishments; providing that a garnishee summons remains in effect until satisfaction of the judgment against the garnishee or one year; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1713—Cohen (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; authorizing the commissioner to adopt an assigned risk plan for licensed day care providers; regulating the creation and operation of the plan; amending statutes.

HF1714—Fjoslien (IR)—Taxes
Certain taxation; income; continuing the subtraction for interest on certain seller-sponsored family farm security loans; amending statutes.

HF1715—Fjoslien (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF1716—Olsen, S (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; repealing the suspension of inflation adjustments; repealing statutes.

HF1717—Backlund (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Elections; providing for confidential investigations of alleged violations of the law governing campaign practices; amending statutes.

HF1718—McPherson (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; rejecting legislative salary increases; amending laws.
Thursday, Jan 16
HF1719—Upshus (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; providing a milk marketing and price stabilization plan; declaring state policy relating to milk; creating a milk stabilization board; authorizing the board to prescribe milk stabilization plans and maximum and minimum prices for marketing milk; requiring licenses for persons involved in milk marketing; prescribing milk marketing violations; authorizing entry, inspection, and investigation of milk marketing practices; requiring records and reports; providing remedies and penalties for violations; prescribing judicial review of board decisions and rulemaking actions; authorizing assessments on milk processors; establishing a milk stabilization fund; authorizing a referendum on continuance of stabilized prices; proposing coding for new law.

HF1720—Omann (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Agriculture; delaying certain mortgage and loan payments; providing for payment of interest by the state; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF1721—Redalen (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; allowing a feedlot pollution control equipment credit for tax year 1983; amending laws.

HF1722—Segal (DFL)—Transportation
Public safety; establishing alcohol safety program; authorizing commissioner to make grants to cities and counties to implement alcohol/highway safety plans; establishing alcohol safety fund by adding $1 to drivers licenses fees; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1723—Segal (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Metropolitan government; authorizing the metropolitan council to make loans to local units of government to acquire homestead property damaged because of its proximity to a trunk highway right-of-way or project; amending statutes.

HF1724—Segal (DFL)—Education
Education; requiring public post-secondary institutions and systems to disclose certain foreign gifts; proposing coding for new law.

HF1725—Schreiber (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; repealing the suspension of inflation adjustments; repealing statutes.

HF1726—Richter (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.

HF1727—Richter (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; moving Wadena county from area one to area four for purposes of potato industry promotion; amending statutes.

HF1728—Ozment (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; rejecting legislative salary increases; amending laws.

HF1729—Blatz (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Family; reducing the statutory time of residency required for a change of name; amending statutes.

HF1730—Blatz (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crime; correcting certain erroneous, omitted and obsolete references in and to the criminal sexual conduct statutes; amending statutes.

HF1731—Blatz (IR)—Labor-Management Relations
Workers' compensation; providing a permanent partial disability rating for certain losses; proposing coding for new law.

HF1732—Blatz (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Firearms; permitting certain licensed dealers and manufacturers to own or possess machine guns and short-barreled shotguns for certain purposes; amending statutes.

HF1733—Piepho (IR)—Education
Education; expanding the definition of eligible institution in the post-secondary enrollment options act; amending statutes.

HF1734—Simoneau (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; expanding the crimes of assault in the first degree and criminal vehicular operation; prescribing penalties; amending statutes.

HF1735—Johnson (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Property; requiring service of notice of foreclosure sale upon the mortgagor; amending statutes.

HF1736—Pappas (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF1737—Stanis (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; rejecting legislative salary increases; amending statutes.

HF1738—Johnson (IR)—Taxes
Natural resources; taxation and forfeiture of severed mineral interests; amending statutes.

HF1739—Price (DFL)—Crime/Family Law
Crime; using force or threat of force against revenue department employees; amending statutes.

HF1740—O'Connor (DFL)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF1741—O'Connor (DFL)—Governmental Operations
Retirement; combined service annuities; amending statutes.

HF1742—O'Connor (DFL)—Regulated Industries/Energy
Utilities; restricting advertising by public utilities; municipally owned utilities, and cooperative electric associations; proposing coding for new law.

HF1743—Vellenga (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations
Unemployment compensation; providing for an exception to coverage for individuals providing certain day care services; amending statutes.

HF1744—Quiet (IR)—Education
Education; revising the definition of school; prohibiting rulemaking; amending statutes.

HF1745—Schafer (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Liquor; increasing the age for licensing, consumption, furnishing, purchasing, or possessing liquor or entering a licensed establishment; requiring information on alcohol and driving; prohibiting certain promotional activities; providing increased penalties for underage offenders; amending statutes.

HF1746—Fricchis (IR)—Transportation
Motor vehicles; defining term; establishing category and system of registration of fleet vehicles; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1747—Sainius (IR)—Education
Education; changing the post-secondary enrollment options act; amending statutes.

HF1748—Piepho (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Liquor; authorizing the sale of newspapers, magazines, and periodicals in exclusive liquor stores; amending statutes.

Tuesday, Jan 21
HF1749—Heap (IR)—Education
Education; allowing transportation aid for certain secondary pupils attending a remote district school for academic reasons; amending statutes.

HF1750—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary
Criminal procedure; providing governmental liability for the defendant's attorney fees and costs when the prosecuting attorney appeals; amending statutes.

HF1751—Dempsey (IR)—Governmental Operations
Public indebtedness; permitting the investment of debt service funds in face amount certificates; amending statutes.

HF1752—Kvam (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Insurance; providing deposit requirements for domestic companies; providing for the licensing of credit life and accident insurance agents; requiring annual reports of claims by insurers; providing for the form of the reports and the information to be included in them; requiring the commissioner of insurance to compile and review all reports and to publish a report; regulating covered claims of the insurance guarantee association; providing temporary joint underwriting of medical malpractice insurance; broadening the fair access to insurance provisions applicable to property insurance; regulating insurance rates and forms; authorizing the creation of assigned risk plans for casualty insurance; amending statutes; repealing statutes.
HF1753—Dempsey (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; changing the property tax payment, settlement, and distribution dates; amending statutes.

HF1754—Dempsey (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; exempting interest earned on certain loans secured under the family farm security program from the income tax; amending statutes.

HF1755—Greenfield (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Minneapolis; authorizing the city to construct and own certain facilities; authorizing the city to levy and collect certain taxes; authorizing the city to issue bonds and expend certain funds including taxes and tax increments to finance the acquisition and betterment of a convention center and related facilities.

HF1756—Olsen, S (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of St. Louis Park; granting the city the powers of a port authority; permitting the city to choose the name of the port authority.

HF1757—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary
Courts; altering the responsibility for the procedure to be followed when filing a change of name with the county recorder; eliminating the limits on the amount of bond to be posted by the clerk of court; prohibiting employees of the clerk’s office from practicing law in the court in which they are employed; amending statutes.

HF1758—Hartle (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF1759—Dempsey (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; property; extending the second installment payment date by 30 days in the case of certain agricultural property; amending statutes.

Friday, Jan 24

HF1760—Tompkins (IR)—Education
Education; providing equity revenue to raise foundation and tier revenue in all school districts to state average; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF1761—Redalen (IR)—Agriculture
Commerce; prohibiting certain mortgage foreclosure and foreclosure sales for one year; prohibiting repossession, foreclosure, and foreclosure sales of certain personal property for one year; providing for an application to the court to allow repossession, foreclosure, and foreclosure sale; prohibiting actions for deficiency judgments; providing for the parties to compromise.

HF1762—Anderson, R (IR)—Education
Education; A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to take action to officially commend those who have assisted the educational process of this country by operating the country’s school buses.

HF1763—Quist (IR)—Crime/Family Law
Crimes; creating certain crimes against a fetus; prohibiting acts which cause the death of or injury to a fetus; imposing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1764—Blatz (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Commerce; providing medical malpractice insurance to health care providers who are unable to obtain the coverage in the voluntary market; providing certification of expert review and the waiver of privilege by health care providers; requiring disclosure of experts; revising the statute of limitations for minors; removing punitive damages; limiting noneconomic losses; changing the collateral source rule; providing periodic payments of damages exceeding a threshold limitation; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1765—Clausenitzer (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; prohibiting local governments from establishing special fire code requirements for small family day care homes; amending statutes.

HF1766—Olsen, S (IR)—Education
Education; Making a technical correction to the capital expenditure aid provision; amending statutes.

HF1767—Schreiber (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; imposing a tax on marijuana and controlled substances; requiring dealers in marijuana and controlled substances to obtain a license; imposing penalties; proposing coding for new law.

HF1768—Dempsey (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; clarifying the alternative minimum tax treatment of gain realized on farm property from inclusion in the estate; amending statutes.

HF1769—Richter (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; repealing legislative and certain executive branch salary increases; amending laws.

HF1770—Richter (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; deer licenses and seasons for certain landowners; amending statutes.

HF1771—Ogren (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; permitting an agreement to finance library construction in McGregor.

HF1772—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary
Courts; increasing fees to be collected; clarifying the income tax; amending statutes.

HF1773—Seaberg (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development
Consumer protection; regulating the labeling, advertising, and distribution of smokeless tobacco products; proposing coding for new law.

HF1774—Zaffke (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; requiring adoption of the 1985 life safety code standards for intermediate care facilities for persons with mental retardation.

HF1775—McDonald (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; establishing a family farm advocate program; providing for “buy-down” of interest rates on certain farm loans; reallocating certain wage subsidy money; providing for mediation of certain agricultural loan disputes; changing certain income and property tax provisions; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

Thursday, Jan 30

HF1776—Olsen, S (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Commerce; providing immunity to municipalities for certain claims; regulating certain self-insurance pools; 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; eliminating joint liability in tort; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1777—Simoneau (DFL)—Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Public safety; requiring smoke detectors in hallways of apartment houses, lodging houses, and hotels; amending statutes.

HF1778—Simoneau (DFL)—Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Public safety; requiring smoke detectors in two-family dwellings; amending statutes.

HF1779—Rose (IR)—Education
University of Minnesota; appropriating money for agricultural extension service and experiment station projects.

HF1780—Dempsey (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; providing additional payments for certain sellers under the family farm security loan program; exempting certain capital gains on farm property from income taxation; providing a subtraction from gross income for interest received under loans for on-farm fuel alcohol facilities; clarifying the insolvency for on-farm fuel alcohol facilities; clarifying the insolvency exemption; appropriating money; amending statutes.

HF1781—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary
Real property; permitting redemption of agricultural homestead; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1782—Anderson, R (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Lakes; permitting the creation of the Pelican Lake conservation district in Otter Tail county with certain powers; providing penalties.

HF1783—Clark (DFL)—Legislative Operations
Collection and dissemination of data; waiving costs for copying data for journalists and the indigent; amending statutes.

HF1784—Clark (DFL)—Health/Human Services
Human services; authorizing earned income savings accounts for general assistance recipients in residential chemical dependency treatment programs; amending statutes.
HF1786—McKasy (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; sales and use; exempting certain sales of pollution control equipment; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1787—Levi (IR)—Education
Education; independent school district No. 832, Mahomet; authorizing a one-time extra capital levy subject to a reverse referendum.

HF1788—Nelson, D (DFL)—Commerce/Economic Development
Consumer protection; requiring the labeling of irradiated foods; prescribing penalties; proposing coding for new law.

HF1789—Skoglund (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Financial institutions; extending the EFT law to terminals located on the premises of a financial institution; amending statutes.

HF1790—Olsen, S (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; exempting certain income of elderly persons from taxation; amending statutes.

HF1791—Johnson (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; providing for a limit in the increase of negotiated rates of certain facilities receiving reimbursement through general assistance funds; amending statutes.

HF1792—Johnson (IR)—Governmental Operations
State government; collection and processing of certain permit fees; transferring appropriations; amending statutes.

HF1793—Johnson (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources
Game and fish; authorizing stocking of fish in certain streams where public access is granted; amending statutes.

HF1794—Gruenes (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; extending the deadline for permanent rules for nursing homes reimbursement under the medical assistance program; amending statutes.

HF1795—Nelson, D (DFL)—Transportation
Highway traffic regulations; reducing alcohol concentration limits relating to evidence of driving under the influence of alcohol; amending statutes.

HF1796—Dempsey (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Agriculture; providing a method for the division of crops on land subject to foreclosure or execution; proposing coding for new law.

HF1797—Dempsey (IR)—Judiciary
Courts; repealing the law that requires the superior court to determine whether vacant judicial offices are necessary; repealing statutes.

HF1798—Ogren (DFL)—Local/Urban Affairs
Aitkin county; permitting the county to levy a tax for development purposes.

HF1799—Anderson R (IR)—Education
Education; independent school district No. 544, Fergus Falls, authorizing a fund transfer.

HF1800—Anderson, R (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; authorizing the counties of Becker, Grant, Hubbard, Otter Tail, Stevens, Todd, Traverse, Wadena, and Wilkin to enter into contracts and agreements for solid waste management.

HF1801—Ozment (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Cemeteries; providing for maintenance of certain cemeteries; amending statutes.

HF1802—McEachern (DFL)—Education Libraries
Regional library basic support grants under certain conditions; amending statutes.

HF1803—Uphus (IR)—Transportation
Traffic regulations; authorizing municipalities to permit handicapped persons to operate three-wheel off-road vehicles on city streets and roads under certain conditions; amending statutes.

HF1804—Nelson, K (DFL)—Environment/Natural Resources
Airports; requiring approval of pollution control agency for expanded capacity at Minneapolis-St. Paul International Airport; amending statutes.

HF1805—Burnham (DFL)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs
Lotteries; proposing an amendment to the Minnesota Constitution, article XIII, section 5, allowing the legislature to authorize a state-operated lottery with net revenues dedicated to reducing school district property taxes; establishing a state lottery agency and a state lottery board; amending certain conditions; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1806—Rees (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance
Credit unions; permitting credit unions to offer self-directed individual retirement accounts; amending statutes.

HF1807—Carlson, J (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
Local government; providing for the coordination of various development authorities in Moorhead and Clay county.

HF1808—Redalen (IR)—Agriculture
Agriculture; providing for mediation before collection practices are initiated against agricultural property; establishing a farm mediation commission and prescribing powers and duties; establishing farm mediation boards; prescribing mediation notices and certain conditions before debt collection is started; providing for voluntary mediation; prescribing procedures for mandatory mediation; authorizing debt restructuring; authorizing postponement orders and requiring farm financial plans under certain conditions; classifying certain data; authorizing closed meetings; authorizing rules; providing for appeals; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1809—Sviggum (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; continuing the subtraction for interest on certain state family farm security loans; amending statutes.

HF1810—Sviggum (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs
City of Red Wing; directing the department of energy and economic development to refund a certain bond deposit; appropriating money.

HF1811—Sviggum (IR)—Education
Education; eliminating comparable high school courses from eligible courses under the post-secondary enrollment options program; requiring notification of intent to enroll by students; encouraging counseling prior to participation; amending statutes.

HF1812—Sviggum (IR)—Health/Human Services
Human services; creating a grant program of caregiver support services; appropriating money.

HF1813—Tjornhom (IR)—Taxes
Taxation; income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF1814—Schafer (IR)—Judiciary
Courts; altering the procedure for providing notice in certain family court proceedings; amending statutes.

House Advisories

Tuesday, Sept 17

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—Stanis (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 highways 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—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.
ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

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Monday, February 3
8:00 a.m.
STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: Effects of the "shortfall"—discussions with the State Planning Agency; World Trade Center; and the Dept. of Labor & Industry.

10:00 a.m.
CRIME & FAMILY LAW, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Blatz. Agenda: HF1757 (Schreiber) Imposing a tax on marijuana and controlled substances. SF31 (Dieneser)/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/Finance, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Dan Loring, MN Dept. of Education will overview the following reports required by the 1985 Omnibus Education Law: 1) Special Education guidelines criteria (Art. 3, Sec. 21); Fund transfer (Art. 7, Sec. 8, Subd. 7); Arts Board (Art. 5, Sec. 8); Occupational Therapy study (Art. 3, Sec. 21); Other reports.


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

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 Robery, 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 Onnen. 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
JUDICIARY, Rm. 300 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Charles Halberg. Agenda: HFxxx (Bishop) Revisor's bill. HFxxx Revisor's bill; gender changes. HF394 (Bishop) Relating to courts; statutes; "Nonpropriety of Statutes act." HF1035 (Dempsey) Relating to property; "Uniform Fraudulent Transfer act." HF1224 (Dempsey) Relating to tax courts; sets judge qualifications; service by retired judge.

Wednesday, February 5
8:00 a.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.


LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Don Valentino. Agenda: Action on HFxxx Privatization for solid and hazardous waste facilities, water supply and waste water treatment facilities. HFxxx PCA housekeeping bill. HFxxx Establishing a technical advisory committee to review rules and establish deadlines for agency technical reviews.

3:00 p.m.

PLEASE NOTE
TO ALL COMMITTEE AND COMMISSION CHAIRS: The deadline for all committee and commission meeting notices is NOON ON THURSDAY OF EACH WEEK. Please send notices in time for the Thursday publication deadline to House Information, 175 State Office Building.
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"—discuss 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: Bloominton; 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 licensure; 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.


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.


1:00 p.m.


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. HF1568 (Knickerbocker) Ethics in government act; making changes relating to campaign bills, complaints and investigations, contributions and transfer of funds.


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