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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.

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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.



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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 to 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 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."

Under the proposed bill, mailings to property owners would also explain assessment appeal procedures.

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 into 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.

Rep. Kathleen Blatz (IR-Bloomington) is author of the measure that would apply not only to motorboats but to all watercraft, including rowboats and sailboats.

Blatz said she decided to broaden the bill when she heard of a young boy who drowned last summer when his drunken adult companion tipped over their boat.

The bill provides penalties and fines similar to those that apply to DWI offenses on land. Officers of the Department of Natural Resources would stop errant boats and give field sobriety tests to operators and then take the operators to the nearest location of a breathalyzer.

On Feb. 17, the Crime and Family Law Committee meeting adopted and recommended to pass Blatz's strike-everything amendment, replacing the language in the Senate bill, SF31 (Diessner, DFL-Afton). SF31 would apply only to people operating motorboats of sixteen horsepower or more.

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

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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 (Olsen, 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-Ottertail)—
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.

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)

Thursday, Feb. 20

- **Liquor—case quantity,
suggested retail prices**
HF1982/SF1819 (Himle, IR-
Bloomington)—heard. (SF in Senate
Public Utilities and State Regulated
Industries Committee)

CRIME & FAMILY LAW

Monday, Feb. 17

- **Boating while intoxicated**
HF456/SF31* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—
recommended to pass as amended.
(See Highlight)

- **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)

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)

Thursday, Feb. 20

- **Proprietary schools—
placement information rules**
HF2193/SF1909 (Gruenes, IR-St.
Cloud)—heard; recommended to pass.
(SF is on Senate floor)

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Tuesday, Feb. 18

- **Wastewater treatment—
privatization**
HF1869 (Valento, IR-Little Canada)—
recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Taxes Committee.

- **Wastewater treatment—
administration of grants, loans**
HF1894/SF1978 (Becklin, IR-
Cambridge)—recommended to pass;
rereferred to Governmental Operations
Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture
and Natural Resources Committee)

- **Winona County—
dam reconstruction**
HF1817/SF1736 (Johnson, IR-
Caledonia)—tabled until next meeting.
(SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural
Resources Committee)

Thursday, Feb. 20

- **Winona County—
dam reconstruction**
HF1817/SF1736 (Johnson, IR-
Caledonia)—recommended to pass;
rereferred to Appropriations
Committee. (SF in Senate Environment
and Natural Resources Committee)
- **Lake improvement
districts—authorization**
HF1782/SF1599 (Anderson, R., IR-
Ottertail)—recommended to pass as
amended. (SF in Senate Environment
and Natural Resources Committee)
- **Waste processing—
site restrictions**
HF1947 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—
recommended to pass as amended.
- **Dept. of Natural
Resources—property sale**
HF1345/SF1405 (Tunheim, DFL-
Kennedy)—recommended to pass. (SF
in Senate Environment and Natural
Resources Committee)

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS

Thursday, Feb. 13

- **Seized animals—regulations
for pounds and dealers**
HF1016/SF1080 (Fjoslien, IR-
Brandon)—recommended to pass as
amended. (SF in Senate Health and
Human Services Committee) (See
Highlight)

Thursday, Feb. 20

- **Lobbyist contributions
during session—prohibited**
HF325/SF84 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—
recommended to pass. (SF in Senate
Elections and Ethics Committee)
- **Election contest laws—
recodification**
HF2075/SF1839 (Shaver, IR-
Wayzata)—recommended to pass. (SF
in Senate Elections and Ethics
Committee)
- **Punch card voting—improvements**
HF2023/SF2032 (Backlund, IR-
Fridley)—recommended to pass. (SF in
Senate Elections and Ethics Committee)

- **Precinct caucuses—postponement for bad weather**
HF2064 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar.
- **Cemeteries—maintenance by towns**
HF1801/SF1701 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)
- **State Fair performer contracts—restrictions allowed**
HF2100/SF1792 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar (SF in Senate Veterans and General Legislation Committee)
- **Smoke detectors—required in apartment hallways**
HF1777/SF1666 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—laid over. (SF in Senate Veterans and General Legislation Committee)
- **Smoke detectors—required in two-family dwellings**
HF1778/SF1665 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)—laid over. (SF is on Senate floor)

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)
- **Police, fire pensions—auditing requirements**
HF2035 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended.

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 (McDonald)—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 (Waltman, 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; referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee) (See Highlight)

Tuesday, Feb. 18

- **Mental health service system**
HF2081/SF1969 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee) (See Highlight)
- **Patient bill of rights**
HF2082/SF1919 (Sviggum, 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)

- **Medical malpractice—law changes**
HF1764/SF1670 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—heard. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee) (See Highlight)

Wednesday, Feb. 19

- **Medical malpractice—law changes**
HF1764/SF1670 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, Feb. 18

- **Mosquito control—permitting seasonal debt**
HF1860/SF1588 (Forsythe, IR-Edina)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Property assessments—requiring notification**
HF1886/SF1955 (Frederickson, IR-Window)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee) (See Highlight)
- **Local government—permitting building commissions**
HF1819/SF1574 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF sent to House Feb. 12)
- **Local government—permitting property sales**
HF1912/SF1797 (Frederickson, IR-Window)—heard; laid over until Feb. 20. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)
- **Bond deposits—reimbursement**
HF1810/SF1765 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Local and Urban Government Committee)
- **Local improvements—county road assessments**
HF1820/SF1575 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Local debt—for warning systems**
HF1853/SF1587 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF is on Senate floor)

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 (Sviggum, 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* (Sviggum, 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* (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—passed.

Key

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

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Where to get answers

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Rm 211, State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155
(612) 296-2314

House Index Department
Rm 211, State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155
(612) 296-6646

House Public Information Office
175 State Office Building
St. Paul, MN 55155
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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 Cathode 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.

To write your legislator, address him/her as follows:

The Honorable (name)
Minnesota House of Representatives
(or Minnesota Senate)
State Capitol
St. Paul, MN 55155

Dear Representative (or Senator)
name:

Bills

Need a copy of a bill?

The Chief Clerk's Office can give you copies of bills and resolutions.

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.

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

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

In the Senate

The Secretary of the Senate's Office (612) 296-2343 and Senate Index (612) 296-2887, Rm 231, State Capitol, provide services similar to the Chief Clerk's Office and House Index. The Senate Information Office, Rm B-29, State Capitol, (612) 296-0504, provides services similar to those of House Information. Call the *Senate Hotline*, (612) 296-8088, for committee meeting schedules.

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.

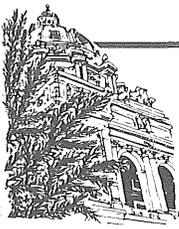
● Conference committee

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.



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BILL INTRODUCTIONS

Bill Introductions

Monday, Feb 17

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.

HF2128—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 refunds; 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—Seaberg (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 penalty; 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—Waltman (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—Becklin (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; proposing coding for new law.

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 issued 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 regulate 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—Ozment (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 commission 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 archaeological 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 recreational 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 to 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

Indian land 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 laws.

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 national guard; 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—McEachern (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 association.

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 anticipation borrowing for AVTIs; clarifying 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/Energy

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 to file certain financial information before taking office; prohibiting 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 will 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—Ozment (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—Stanius (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 partnerships; 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; proposing coding for new law.

HF2259—Ozment (IR)—Health/Human Services

Office of ombudsman; expanding the authority of the ombudsman for the department of corrections to include 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 intan-

gible damages; abolishing the principle of joint and several liability in tort actions; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2274—Frerichs (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; repealing laws.

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.

Thursday, Feb 20

HF2284—Bishop (IR)—Governmental Operations

Minnesota historical society; defining and establishing control over 1905 Capitol furnishings; amending statutes.

HF2285—Waltman (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 inclusion of 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; 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—Frerichs (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—Frerichs (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 seller sponsored family farm security loans; amending statutes.

HF2322—Simoneau (DFL)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; state employees surviving spouse benefits; amending statutes.

HF2323—Olsen, S (IR)—Education

Education; changing the status of the advisory council on uniform financial accounting and reporting standards to a board; enabling the uniform financial accounting and reporting standards board 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; prohibiting the state board from authorizing a school board to transfer money from the debt redemption fund, except as provided in statutes; amending statutes.

HF2325—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.

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.

Senate Files/ First Readings

Monday, Feb 17

SF1636—Moe, R (DFL)—Agriculture

Agriculture; providing for mediation before debt 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 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.

Thursday, Feb 19

**SF1600—Sieloff (IR)—Referred to the
Chief Clerk for comparison**

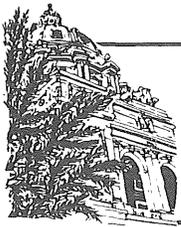
Courts; altering the responsibility for the procedure to be followed when filing a change of name with the county recorder; eliminating the limits on the amount of bond to be posted by the clerk of court; prohibiting employees of the clerk's office from practicing law in the court in which they are employed;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

House Advisories

Wednesday, Feb 19

HA72—Kelly (DFL)—Crime/Family Law

A proposal to study crime victim services, programs and rights.



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ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

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Monday, February 24

8:00 a.m.

EDUCATION, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: Post secondary enrollment option—HF1818 (McEachern); HF1925 (Schafer); HF2152 (Price); HF1811 (Sviggum).

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: HF2124 (D. Carlson) Dept. of Natural Resources reorganization bill.

10:00 a.m.

CRIME & FAMILY LAW, Basement Hearing Room, State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Blatz. Agenda: HF948 (Dempsey) Allowing for a presumption of joint custody. HF2149 (Bishop) Clarifying determination of support under the child support guidelines.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY, Rm. 500 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Elton Redalen. Agenda: HF2143 (Poppenhagen) Allows the Public Utilities Commission (PUC) to allow for automatic adjustments for certain direct energy costs. HF2257 (Redalen) Modifies certain set-asides for horse racing purses. HF2221 (Redalen); HF2283 (Redalen); HF2045 (Pappas) Relating to the Public Utilities commission and the Dept. of Public Service.

10:30 a.m.

LEGISLATIVE COMMISSION ON EMPLOYEE RELATIONS, Rm. 5 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

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Discussion and testimony on HF2003 (Schafer) Relating to Planning Specialist/Technol-

ogy Grant; Little Crow Regional Tele-Network. HF1749 (Heap) Transportation aid for certain secondary students attending a remote district school for academic purposes. Discussion and testimony on the following bills relating to fund transfers: HF1799 (R. Anderson) Independent School District No. 544, Fergus Falls. HF2061 (Richter) Independent School District No. 820, Sebeka. HF2102 (McEachern) Permitting certain fund transfers. HF2323 (S. Olsen) Changes UFARS Advisory Council to a Board. HF2324 (S. Olsen) Transfer from debt service fund not authorized except as provided in M.S. 475.61, Subd. 4. HF2325 (S. Olsen) Establishes a fund transfer committee. Presentation and discussion of concept proposal for Capital Expenditure Funding.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS, Rm. 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Jim Heap. Agenda: HF1945 (Heap) Military pensions; authorizing the Dept. of Military Affairs to purchase certain insurance. HF2089 (Clausnitzer) Regulating systems of sharing or pooling gratuities for waiters or waitresses. HF1873 (Sviggum) Workers' compensation; policy changes. HF2037 (Kvam) Providing that unemployment compensation benefits resulting from acts of God are non-chargeable to employers.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 500 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Terry 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 (Levi) Natural resources; authorizing watershed management organizations to establish taxing districts within minor watershed units of watershed. HF2033 (Voss) Taxation; property; changing the payment date for taxes on certain manufactured homes. HF1502 (Simoneau) 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 locations 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 law provisions to cover organizations which conduct two events a year and distribute \$50,000 or less a year in prizes.

7:00 p.m.

TRANSPORTATION, Rm. 400 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Doug Carlson. Agenda: To be announced.

Tuesday, February 25

8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan. 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, Neil Sherburne, Co-Chair, Regent Selection Process Study Group.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: HF1894 (Becklin) Providing terms and conditions for the administration of waste water treatment plant construction grants and loans. HF1970 (Ozment) Prescribing appraisal for conveyance of surplus state land in Dakota County. HF2071 (Solberg) Regulating payment of severance pay. HF2185 (Sviggum) Providing for the use, administration, or disposal of certain fees and property within the jurisdiction of the commissioner of administration. HF202 (Gutknecht) Prohibiting investment decisions made for non-economic reasons.

8:15 a.m.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT FINANCE DIVISION/Taxes, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Terry Dempsey. Agenda: HF2172 (Redalen); HF2225 (Schafer); HF2224 (McDonald) Taxation; property; removing the school district basic maintenance levy from agricultural land and buildings. HF2094 (Kvam) Taxation; property; allowing certain property owners to appeal assessments directly to the tax or district court.

SALES TAX SUBCOMMITTEE/Taxes, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Sidney Pauly. Agenda: HF1091 (Tunheim) Aggregate removal production; changing the time at which a penalty for failure to file is imposed. 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.

10:00 a.m.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Basement Hearing Room, State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: To be announced.

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES, Rm. 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. John Rose. Agenda: HF1918 (D. Nelson) Providing that mosquito research and management activities are not ecologically disruptive. HF1770 (Richter) Deer licenses and seasons for certain landowners. HF1804 (K. Nelson) Requiring approval of the Pollution Control Agency for expanded capacity at Minneapolis-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 season on crows. HF2080 (Thorson) Declaring state policy relating to paddy-grown rice. HFxxx (Rose) Clarifying definition of "depositor" regarding underground storage tanks. HFxxx (Dyke) Providing for adoption of a sewage treatment system construction code, certification of sewage system contractors and inspectors in certain counties, administration of certification laws by Pollution Control Agency (PCA). HFxxx (Rees) Allows the PCA to terminate sludge ash siting process under certain circumstances.

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 HF1953 (Gruenes) 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 care reimbursements 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.

12:00 noon

JUDICIARY, Rm. 300 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Charles Halberg. Agenda: HF1950 (Halberg) Local park and recreation limited liability. HF1776 (S. Olsen) General liability insurance. HF2084 (McKasy) Limiting liability for psychologists. HF1899 (Rees) Liability in tort for local units of government. HF1849 (Bishop) Civil actions providing for claiming punitive damages.

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS, Basement Hearing Room, State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Jim Heap. 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 (Heap) Creating the Labor Interpretative Center. HFxxx (Jaros) 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.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Don Valento. Agenda: HF2051 (Vellenga) St. Paul special service district. HF2068 (Kvam) Litchfield municipal power investments. HF2111 (Clausnitzer) Medina; pay for gas utility. HF2188 (Becklin) Cambridge/Lindstrom special service districts. HF1875 (Kelly) Ramsey Hospital reorganization. HFxxx (Tompkins) Dakota County library bonds. HF2039 (Tompkins) Housing; interest reduction program. HF1611 (Knuth) Ramsey County library bond. HF2132 (Kelly) Pertaining to Regional Transit Board; adding one senior citizen representative. HF2131 (Seaberg) Mendota Heights special service district. HF2187 (Frerichs) Olmsted County; increasing appropriations for contingent fund.

2:00 p.m.

EDUCATION, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: HF1919 (Levi) Post secondary enrollment option.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY, Rm. 400 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Elton Redalen. Agenda: Continue agenda from Monday, Feb. 24 meeting.

Wednesday, February 26

8:00 a.m.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan. Agenda: To be announced.

EDUCATION, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wendell Erickson. Agenda: To be announced.

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS, Rm. 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Jerry Knickerbocker. Agenda: HF2267 (Knickerbocker) Administrative Procedures Act (APA) reform bill.

10:00 a.m.

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

CRIME & FAMILY LAW, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Blatz. Agenda: HF1958 (Kelly) Providing increased protections and rights to victims of crime. HF2250 (Hartinger) Theft of services.

12:00 noon

JUDICIARY, Rm. 300 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Charles Halberg. Agenda: HFxxx (Halberg) Limited partnerships. HF1821 (McPherson) Condominium plats; requiring certification by land surveyor. HF1949 (Gruenes) Conciliation court; removal to county court. HF2079 (Backlund) Clarifying judgement lien law. HF1898 (Knuth) relating to real property; registered land. HF1822 (McKasy) Trust powers; amendments. HF1996 (Dempsey) 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 (Dempsey) Filling of court vacancies by Supreme Court.

TRANSPORTATION, Rm. 400 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Doug Carlson. 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.

AGRICULTURE, TRANSPORTATION & SEMI-STATES DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 400 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Merlyn Valan. Agenda: To be announced.

HIGHER EDUCATION DIVISION/Education, Rm. 400 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Mark Piepho. Agenda: HF1475 (Vellenga) Establishing a pilot two year program at an AVTI for a Vocational Generalist program. HF1889 (Elioff) Requiring the state board for community colleges to develop upper division programs 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.

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, Basement Hearing Room, State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Tony Bennett. Agenda: To be announced.

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. HF2214 (Burger) Authorizing county boards to set salaries and fringe benefits for its employees. HF1726 (Richter) Providing for grandparents' support of children of their minor dependent children.

12:00 noon

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 400 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Dave Fjoslien. Agenda: HF1914 (Clark) Native American burial sites. HF2030 (Fjoslien) State Veterans Cemetery. HFxxx (Shaver) Optical Scan voting equipment.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS, Rm. 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Don Valento. Agenda: HF1755 (Greenfield) Minneapolis Convention Center. HF1944 (Clark) Minneapolis; appointed unclassified positions. HF1896 (K. Nelson) Minneapolis/Hennepin County vital statistics. HF901 (K. Nelson) Minneapolis Uniform Election bill. HF2129 (K. Nelson) Minneapolis/Hennepin County building commission membership. HF2195 (E. Olson) McIntosh; authorizing bonding to exceed net debt. HF1785 (Backlund) Anoka County park ordinances. HF2015 (Backlund) Metropolitan Waste Control Commission uniform rates and redistricting.

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.

EDUCATION FINANCE DIVISION/Education, Rm. 500 N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Sally Olsen. Agenda: Discussion and testimony on HF1760 (Tompkins) Providing equity revenue to raise foundation and tier revenue in all school districts to state average. Continue discussion of concept proposal for Capital Expenditure Funding.

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS, Rm. 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Dave Fjoslien. Agenda: HF2010 (Shaver) Proposed changes to the Minnesota State High School League.



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