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HIGHLIGHTS

Milk stabilization board

Legislation that calls for a state control milk board to set milk prices that producers, wholesalers, and retailers can charge, moved out of the Agriculture Committee March 5, despite opposition from the Minnesota Grocers Association and the Minnesota Farm Bureau.

The seven-member milk stabilization board's job would be to come up with a fair pricing and marketing program in the state for dairy products, says Rep. Sylvester Uphus (IR-Sauk Centre), sponsor of the legislation.

Uphus, whose district is in Stearns County, one of the largest dairy counties in the state, says the current pricing system doesn't work. He says the proposed program would give farmers a better chance at a good price for their products, and consumers a reasonable price at store counters.

Opponents argue that the bill is not on the side of the consumer, nor the retailer, nor the dairy farmer. They say more states are abandoning milk control boards, and Minnesota should not adopt one.

HF1719, which the Minnesota Dairy Producers, Farmers Union, and the Department of Agriculture supports, goes before the Governmental Operations Committee for approval before moving to the House floor.

All-terrain vehicles

The estimated 130,000 all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) in Minnesota have "no legal place to operate or run," Rep. Douglas Carlson (IR-Sandstone) told the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee March 5.

That's why Carlson—and the committee—recommended passage of HF1015, his ATV regulation bill that stalled in the Legislature last year.

The bill would fix registration fees for the vehicles, and decide who could operate them and where. It also would use money from an ATV account for development of local off-road trails and safety programs.

Like snowmobiles 20 years ago, ATVs have become popular recreational vehicles. But that has caused problems in outstate Minnesota, Carlson said, where a lack of state regulation has led to drag races at airports and vehicle interference on hunting land.

The full Appropriations Committee hears the bill next.

Education cooperation

School districts may have an opportunity to combine their resources into a cooperative learning package under a bill the Education Committee recommended to pass March 5.

Now in the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee, HF2192 would allow individual districts to join in cooperative 'education districts.' These districts, could share faculty and students, thus broadening possible program offerings within local communities.

The bill's sponsor is Rep. Merlyn Valan (IR-Moorhead). He told committee members that education districts would be a logical way to stretch the limited budgets that plague small schools—and a crucial option for improving education in rural Minnesota.

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Living wills

Living wills allow people to forbid the use of medical procedures that would prolong their lives if death is imminent. March 4, the Judiciary Committee heard HF1301, a bill that would give Minnesota a law to permit such wills.

The bill's author, Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester) says living wills are appearing with more and more frequency, but until the state adopts a law, they may face court challenges and reluctant doctors.

A supporter of the bill, Helen Johnston, representing the American Association of Retired Persons told the committee:

"I would extend to all of you who are so much younger than the rest of us that you think about this for yourselves and your family. It's very important from a financial aspect. And it is important from an emotional standpoint.

"One of the greatest things I cherish is my mother's last words to us. The Lord is going to take me; don't hold me back. She died at 98," said Johnston.

The committee planned to take the bill up again.

Investments

Last year, the State Board of Investment adopted a resolution to get rid of investments in South Africa and Namibia.

This year, Rep. Gil Gutknecht (IR-Rochester) tried to stop it with HF2020. Originally, the bill would have prohibited the board from making investment decisions for its \$10 billion pension fund for anything other than economic reasons.

Gutknecht told the Governmental Operations Committee March 4 investment decisions on political or social grounds are inappropriate. Arguing that boycotts haven't worked in the past, he cited the U.S. boycotts of Cuba and the Soviet Olympics, and the Poland grain embargo.

But Rep. Kathleen Vellenga (DFL-St. Paul), opposed the bill saying no investment decision should be made in a vacuum. "This is the kind of argument that was used when people owned slaves. They said they couldn't give the slaves their freedom because of economic reasons," she said.

The two representatives finally collaborated on language that would direct the investment board to make its investment decisions "primarily" for economic reasons.

As amended, the bill goes next to the Rules and Legislative Administration Committee.

Caboose requirements

Trains that travel through Minnesota would each have a caboose—and in each caboose would be a conductor if HF789 (Backlund, IR-Fridley) becomes law.

The bill stems from concern over Minnesota's 6,000 train crossing intersections and an industry trend toward sometimes running trains that are two miles long.

According to Backlund, railroad companies dispensed with occupied cabooses to cut costs. "But an important safety feature got lost when they did that," Backlund told the Committee on Regulated Industries and Energy during its March 3 meeting.

"The engineer can't see what's going on at the end of the train, but the caboose conductor can, he said. "If something falls off the train, or if the train is blocking an emergency vehicle from crossing the intersection, or if brush fires are starting from train sparks, the conductor can radio the engineer to stop the train so that the problem can be taken care of."

Responding to concern over agricultural transportation costs, the committee amended HF789 to mandate cabooses only on trains that are longer than 55 cars so the legislation would not affect the shorter, grain-bearing trains.

The bill is now in the Labor-Management Relations Committee.

Juvenile justice recodification

Revision of Minnesota's juvenile justice code, which has been under discussion for about two years, will take at least another year.

On March 3, the Crime and Family Law Committee narrowly voted to lay over HF1893 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights) for further study during the interim.

The Senate passed its version, but House committee members decided the bill would make too many changes to hustle it through in a short session.



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Rep. Marcus Marsh (IR-Sauk Rapids) suggested interim hearings to help resolve the concerns of some groups that oppose the bill, including hospitals and therapists.

Rep. Randy Kelly (DFL-St. Paul) urged the committee to act. Such a complicated, far-reaching bill will never please all parties and they've been discussing the bill long enough, he said.

Marsh's motion prevailed.

The bill does not deal with juvenile crime, but addresses programs for mentally ill and chemically dependent juveniles.

Medical malpractice, general civil liability

Two bills that target rising insurance costs in both general civil liability and medical malpractice cases passed the House on March 3. The House restored several provisions in the bills which the Judiciary Committee had removed.

The restored provisions in the general civil liability bill, HF1776 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park), include: a \$250,000 cap on non-economic damages, a prohibition on punitive awards in all civil actions, and an end to the "joint" obligation of a defendant in a civil suit to pay more than his or her share of an award if other defendants can't pay their shares—the so-called "joint and several liability."

The amended bill would add several exceptions to a municipality's liability under state law. It would prevent double recovery of damages through jury awards and other insurance, mandate periodic payments of future damages exceeding \$100,000, and exempt future awards from prejudgment interest.

The House also approved an amendment that would limit the amount of contingency fees an attorney could collect in most civil actions. The limits would be 33 percent of the first \$200,000 recovered, 25 percent of the next \$200,000, and 10 percent of any amount over \$400,000.

House amendments to the medical malpractice bill, HF1764 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington), would put a cap of \$400,000 on non-economic damages, such as pain and suffering, tighten the standard for awarding punitive damages, and require insurance companies who write liquor and products liability and medical malpractice lines of insurance to provide extensive financial data to the state each year.

Other provisions of the bill would: prohibit a plaintiff from collecting twice for the same damage (collateral source rule); mandate periodic payments of future damage awards over \$100,000; exempt judgments for future damages from prejudgment interest; and reduce from 19 years to 6 years the tolling period a minor has before the statute of limitations begins to run in all civil actions.

The bills now go to the Senate where SF1593, a bill dealing with the same subject matter as the two House Files, awaits Senate floor action.

Clarification

See highlight "Postsecondary options," page 3, last week's Session Weekly.

In paragraph 3—"The mandatory age for compulsory attendance in Minnesota would also rise from 16 to 18 years of age or high school graduation."—is currently a *study* rather than an amendment to HF1919 (Levi, IR-Dellwood).

High School League

The Minnesota State High School League, a voluntary association of public and private high schools that governs interschool athletics, may have to alter its rules some if HF2010 (Schafer, IR-Gibbon) becomes law.

On Feb. 28, the General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee recommended the bill that calls for modification of league rules. However, the law would not go into effect if the league adopts rules substantially similar to those in the bill by March 1 of next year.

Parents and others have criticized the league for controlling activities of high school athletes during summer vacation and in the off-seasons of various sports.

Former Olympic hockey coach Herb Brooks told the committee league rules are too restrictive and a threat to high school hockey.

"High school hockey is going to become a club sport in Minnesota, because the hockey people will withdraw their support and form very sophisticated junior leagues throughout the state," Brooks said.

"You will see high school hockey go down. You will see the student involvement in the school activities diminish. And I think that is a very crucial thing," he said.

Farm credit

A bill supporters say could pump as much as a billion dollars into the staggering farm market, won the Agriculture Committee's preliminary approval Feb. 28.

The new capital would come under HF2372, a bill that would create a two-tier loan program which the state would finance through the sale of state bonds.

The program works like this:

Part one would create the Rural Finance Administration (RFA) to issue state revenue bonds, the proceeds of which would buy participation interest in loans that lenders would make available to farmers to either restructure their debts or to finance farm operations. RFA could purchase up to 85 percent of participation interest in the loans.

Part two would set up a security fund that would function as credit enhancement for the revenue bonds the state would issue to finance the loan program. Proceeds from the sale of general obligation bonds the commissioner of finance would sell at the request of RFA, would go into the fund. (Bond sale could not exceed \$250 million.) The commissioner could transfer monies from the fund to RFA, if the revenues of the loan participation are not enough to make payments of principal and interest due on the revenue bonds.

Rep. Merlyn Valan (IR-Moorhead), author of the bill, says the program could help farmers' cash flow, reduce their interest costs, and help them to reorganize.

Parental leave of absence

The Labor-Management Relations Committee Feb. 28 tabled a bill that would have allowed new parents up to one year of unpaid work leave. The bill would have prevented employers from penalizing natural or adoptive parents who gave reasonable notice for time off.

Some people call HF1620 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls.) the "yuppie" bill. But it applies to parents of any income, the author said.

"This bill is more than well-intentioned," Rep. Peter McLaughlin told the committee. "It's trying to address the way the workplace and the family coincide in this society. 'Ozzie and Harriet' is not what the world is about anymore."

Parents and child-care workers testified in favor of the bill. But Francis Fitzgerald, a spokesman for the Minnesota Association of Commerce and Industry (MACI), said the bill presents three problems: 1) the cost of training replacement workers, 2) the rise in unemployment taxes upon the replacement's release, and 3) the possibility that the replacement or the replacement's spouse will become pregnant.

The committee plans an interim study on the issue.

Elk hunts

State legislators want to try a new approach to the troublesome elk problem in northern Minnesota. They're suggesting a hunt.

Under terms of HF2281 (Rose, IR-Roseville), which the Environment and Natural Resources Committee recommended Feb. 27, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would establish a limited hunting season for the animals.

The bill comes from the DNR's unsuccessful attempts to carry out last year's legislation that required them to move the state's last 50 elk away from a northern area where they were damaging farm land.

Wildlife and environmental groups support the bill. John Moriarty of the Wildlife Society's Minnesota Chapter said other states found that hunting made the elk wary of humans and helped to rejuvenate the herd.

But Mary Ann Satre, a northern Minnesota farm wife, opposed the bill. A hunt on "tame" elk will do nothing to stop crop damage, she said. "Other states have succeeded in moving them. What's wrong with us?" she asked.

The bill would require a \$200 license elk-hunting license that two people could share. The money from license and application fees would go to reimburse farmers for land damages.

Wild rice

On Feb. 27, the Environment and Natural Resources Committee acted to help Minnesota regain its place as the nation's leading producer of wild rice.

The committee recommended passage of HF2080 (Thorson, IR-Bemidji). Under the bill, the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) would sell up to 10,000 acres of northern Minnesota public land annually for cultivated-wild-rice farming.

Harold Kosbau, chair of the Minnesota Wild Rice Council, told the committee that California pulled ahead of Minnesota last year as the top wild rice growing state in the nation—a position Minnesota always claimed.

Last year, California produced nearly 10 million pounds of cultivated wild rice to Minnesota's four million.

Minnesota growers want to expand production to meet growing consumer demand, but the best land in northern Minnesota is publicly owned, according to Kosbau.

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

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COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Friday, Feb. 28

- **Agricultural Resource Loan Guaranty Program—changes**
HF2356/SF2153 (Uphus, IR-Sauk Centre)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- **Wildlife depredation program**
HF2342/SF2281 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- **Minnesota Rural Finance Administration Law of 1986**
HF2372/SF2091 (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee) (See Highlight)

Wednesday, March 5

- **Interstate grain marketing compact**
HF2164/SF1531 (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF passed; sent to House Feb. 20)
- **Milk stabilization board—created**
HF1719/SF1595 (Uphus, IR-Sauk Centre)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee. (SF is on Senate floor) (See Highlight)

APPROPRIATIONS

Ag., Transportation & Semi-State Div./Approp.

Thursday, March 6

- **Soft drinks, non-alcoholic beverages—registration**
HF1852/SF1703 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)
- **Fleet vehicles—registration**
HF1746/SF1641* (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (HF language amended into SF)

State Departs.
Div./Approp.

Wednesday, March 5

- **All-terrain vehicle—regulation**
HF1015/SF1065 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF is on Senate floor) (See Highlight)

COMMERCE & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

Tuesday, Feb. 18

- **Rochester—on-sale liquor license**
HF1850/SF2006 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)
- **Real estate, mortgage loans, securities—regulation**
HF1984/SF1854 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)

Tuesday, Feb. 18

- **Rochester—on-sale liquor license**
HF1850/SF2006 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)
- **Real estate, mortgage loans, securities—regulation**
HF1984/SF1854 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)

CRIME & FAMILY LAW

Monday, March 3

- **Theft of services—technical changes**
HF2250/SF1914 (Hartinger, IR-Coon Rapids)—recommended to pass. (SF sent to House March 3)
- **Guardian ad litem—mandated for child abuse**
HF2243/SF2102 (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Criminal law—procedure changes**
HF851/SF1014* (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **Juvenile justice—recodification**
HF1893/SF1646 (Seaberg, IR-Mendota Heights)—laid over for the interim. (SF in Senate Rules and Administration Committee) (See Highlight)
- **Juvenile escapes**
HF2366/SF1982 (Sviggum)—heard. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Wednesday, March 5

- **Shoplifting—detention clarified**
HF2050/SF1730 (Bennett, IR-Shoreview)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate floor)
- **Child support—withholding rules clarified**
HF2391/SF1721 (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate floor)
- **Child abuse—immunity for disclosure**
HF2392/SF2135 (Stanius, IR-White Bear Lake)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate floor)

- **Marijuana—terms clarified**
HF1278/SF923* (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass as amended.

EDUCATION

Friday, Feb. 28

- **Library service fees**
HF1677/SF1540 (Thorson, IR-Bemidji)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)
- **AVTI representation—on UFARS and ESV councils**
HF2106/SF2233 (Hartle, IR-Owatonna)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Education Committee)
- **Proprietary schools—placement information rules**
HF2193/SF1909 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Rural Education Association**
HF2101/SF1698 (Thiede, IR-Pequot Lakes)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Fund transfers—debt service limits**
HF2324/SF2242 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)
- **Transportation—remote Robbinsdale students**
HF1749/SF1608 (Heap, IR-Plymouth)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Wednesday, March 5

- **State leased lands—selling procedure**
HF2169/SF2023 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Cooperative education—through districts**
HF2192/SF1750 (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in Senate Education Committee) (See Highlight)
- **Performance-based education—research sites**
HF2157/SF2010 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Thursday, Feb. 27

- **Wild rice—state land sale**
HF2080/SF1967 (Thorson, IR-Bemidji)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee) (See Highlight)
- **Wild rice—license fee disposition**
HF2138/SF2015 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass and rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

- **Pollution Control Agency—terminate siting procedures**
HF2296/SF2131 (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- **Sewage treatment—codes, certification**
HF2409 (Dyke, IR-Worthington)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **Loggers permits—extending provisions**
HF2139/SF1951 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- **Underground storage tanks—depositing regulations**
HF2337/SF2186 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- **Raptors—propagation, sale**
HF2170/SF1925 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- **Waterfowl—feeding, nesting areas**
HF2137/SF2014 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- **St. Croix marina—expanded slip use**
HF2310/SF2096 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—not recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- **Water diversion—permits, specifications**
HF2316/SF2037 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- **Elk—hunting season established**
HF2281/SF2060 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee) (See Highlight)
- **State parks—changing boundaries**
HF2466/SF2217 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- **DNR—game, fish fund**
HF2395/SF2236 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

Tuesday, March 4

- **Fish stocking—authorized in certain private lands**
HF1793/SF1659 (Johnson, IR-Caledonia)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)

- **Game and fish laws—recodification**
HF1652/SF1526 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

Thursday, March 6

- **Mississippi River Act—resolution**
HF1971/SF1829 (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate floor)
- **State historical site—renaming, changing boundaries**
HF2165/SF2018* (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—recommended to pass.
- **Lake public access—restrictions**
HF2146/SF1949* (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **Hazardous waste dumping—rewards for information**
HF2160/SF2017 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate floor)
- **Drainage and wetlands—revision**
HF2357/SF2104 (Jennings, L., DFL-Rush City)—heard. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- **Pearl Lake lakeshore—sale authorized**
HF2200/SF1745* (Brinkman, DFL-Richmond)—recommended to pass. (SF on Senate floor)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

Thursday, Feb. 27

- **Non-profit organizations—trust funds authorized**
HF2268/SF2078 (Rees, IR-Lakeville)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)
- **Bank liability limits—DEED loans excepted**
HF2266/SF2073 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)
- **Savings associations—open end loan accounts allowed**
HF1956/SF1823 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Replacement life insurance—notification required**
HF1916 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **Group health insurance—provided for ineligible**
HF1907 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—heard.

Wednesday, March 5

- **Retired public employees—insurance, HMO policies**
HF1330/SF1349* (Becklin, IR-Cambridge)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
- **Long term care insurance**
HF1953/SF1782 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

GENERAL LEGISLATION & VETERANS AFFAIRS

Friday, Feb. 28

- **State High School League—changes**
HF2010/SF2029 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Education Committee) (See Highlight)
- **Firearms, bows—transportation of**
HF2130/SF2194 (Sparby, DFL-Thief River Falls)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee)

Thursday, March 6

- **Apportionment—Ottawa township changed**
HF1247/SF1151 (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **School elections—comply with election laws**
HF1140/SF1132 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)—referred to Elections subcommittee for interim study. (SF in Senate Elections and Ethics Committee)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Friday, Feb. 28

- **Public Employee Labor Rel.—defining, regulating**
HF2428 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **State land—easements conveyed**
HF2453/SF2259 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- **Historical interpretive ctrs—providing procedures, limits**
HF2468 (Carlson, J., IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass.
- **Chiropractic—regulations**
HF2358/SF2151 (Tjornhom, IR-Richfield)—recommended to pass as amended; referred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)
- **Crosby, Ironton—land transfer**
HF2407 (Thiede, IR-Pequot Lakes)—recommended to pass.
- **Public Utilities Commission—structural changes**
HF2221/SF1869 (Redalen, IR-Fountain)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Monday, March 3

- **State employees—contract ratifications**
HF2166/SF1916 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)
- **Fees for agency services—regulated**
HF1979/SF1850 (Johnson, V., IR-Caledonia)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

Tuesday, March 4

- **Shakopee correctional facility—sale authorized**
HF2351/SF2115 (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)
- **State property—exchange authorized**
HF2427/SF2173 (Norton)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)
- **Divestiture—prohibited**
HF2020/SF2185 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee) (See Highlight)

Wednesday, March 5

- **Libraries—surplus documents**
HF720/SF496 (Quist, IR-St. Peter)—recommended to pass. (SF sent to House)
- **Administrative Procedures Act—clarifying emergency rules**
HF1101/SF985 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)—recommended to pass. (SF O Senate floor)

Thursday, March 6

- **Economic development—rural**
F2095/SF1790* (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—heard.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Friday, Feb. 28

- **Mandate Control Act of 1986**
HF2332 (Onnen, IR-Cokato)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Governmental Operations Committee.

Tuesday, March 4

- **MA/GAMC reimbursement for mental illness**
HF1880/SF1654 (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Thursday, March 6

- **Long-term care—swing beds, moratorium**
HF1932/SF1841 (Onnen, IR-Cokato)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

- **Food assistance**
HF2093/SF1868 (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—tabled temporarily. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)
- **Licensing requirements—excluding certain programs**
HF2182/SF2082 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Intermediate care facilities—life safety requirements**
HF1774/SF1580 (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Life support services—licensing requirements**
HF2297/SF2147 (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Air ambulance services—certain exemptions**
HF2350/SF2171 (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Developmental disabilities—family subsidy program**
HF582/SF0600 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)
- **Adoption subsidies**
HF2490/SF1980 (Stanislaus, IR-White Bear Lake)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Inspection of agencies**
HF2311/SF1774 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

JUDICIARY

Tuesday, March 4

- **Farm foreclosures—right to crop value**
HF1796/SF1604 (Frederickson, IR-Windom)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Conciliation court—removal to county court**
HF1949/SF1897 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Judgment lien procedures—clarified**
HF2079/SF1939 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF sent to House)
- **Trust powers—changes**
HF1822/SF1714 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—heard, laid over. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Uniform Trade Secrets Act—revised**
HF2275/SF2016 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Non-profit corporations**
HF2388/SF2094 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Prosecuting attorneys—offenses specified**
HF2239/SF2087 (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

- **Living will**
HF1301/SF1133 (Bishop, IR-New Ulm)—heard as amended; laid over until March 7. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee) (See Highlight)

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Friday, Feb. 28

- **Unemployment compensation—change of address notification**
HF2240/SF1995 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)
- **Parental leave of absence**
HF1620/SF1777 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls.)—tabled for interim study. (SF in Senate Employment Committee) (See Highlight)

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS

Thursday, March 6

- **Bowlus firehall—exceeding debt limit**
HF2464/SF2223 (Omann, IR-St. Joseph)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
- **Washington County—bonds for water systems**
HF2418/SF2205 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
- **Cologne fire and city hall—exceeding debt limit**
HF2328/SF2127 (McDonald, IR-Watertown)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
- **Washington County—building sale to hospital**
HF2202/SF1794* (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.
- **Grand Rapids—central school commission**
HF2236/SF2052 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Minneapolis Park Board—setting elections**
HF2405/SF1985 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls.)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Metropolitan waste control—uniform rates**
HF2015/SF1963 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)

- **Sartell—redevelopment district**
HF2396/SF2196 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
- **Unclaimed county property**
HF2406/SF2160 (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—recommended to pass. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **McGregor library—construction financing**
HF2105/SF1793* (Ogren, DFL-Aitkin)—recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES & ENERGY

Monday, March 3

- **Railroads—requiring cabooses**
HF789/SF421* (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Labor-Management Relations Committee. (See Highlight)
- **Solicitation—automatic dialing**
HF2300/SF1631* (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—laid over.
- **Energy efficiency—municipal enforcement**
HF2253/2132 (Clark, DFL-Mpls.)—heard. (SF is on Senate floor)

TAXES

Friday, Feb. 28

- **Charitable gambling—taxation changes**
HF2331 (Shaver, IR-Wayzata)—heard as amended.

Tuesday, March 4

- **Litchfield—tax increment financing district**
HF2210/SF2040 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
- **Local government—economic development districts**
HF1990/SF1996 (Valento, IR-Little Canada)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
- **Distressed counties/const. materials—sales tax exempt**
HF2154/SF2048 (Boo, IR-Duluth)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
- **Bloomington stadium site—fiscal disparities exemption**
HF2123/SF1968 (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—heard as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Thursday, March 6

- **Bloomington stadium site—fiscal disparities exemption**
HF2123/SF1968 (Himle, IR-Bloomington)—heard as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)
- **St. Cloud convention center—taxes authorized**
HF2126/SF1966 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Local Government Finance Div./Taxes

Monday, March 3

- **Property owners—appeals directly to court**
HF2094 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **Hazardous waste—containment site selection**
HF1968/SF1952 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to full Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Agricultural and Natural Resources Committee)

TRANSPORTATION

Thursday, Feb. 27

- **Truck sizes, weights—10 percent overload district**
HF2374/SF2181 (Valan, IR-Moorhead)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)
- **Transportation omnibus bill**
HF2429 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—recommended to pass as amended.
- **Bigelow, St. Cloud travel information center cost**
HF2260/SF2119 (Dyke, IR-Worthington)—recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Friday, Feb. 28

- **Motor vehicles—loading restrictions**
HF2205/SF2013 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)—recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)
- **Gas tax, state park road account, truck weight**
HF2333/SF2189 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Transportation Committee)

Wednesday, March 5

- **Railroads—sale of leased property**
HF2002/SF1546 (Carlson, D., IR-Sandstone)—recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF passed; sent to House March 4)
- **Collector military vehicles**
HF2303/SF2035 (Norton, DFL-St. Paul)—recommended to pass as amended; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF is on Senate floor)

- **Driver's license compact**
HF2475/SF1841 (Frerichs, IR-Rochester)—referred to the Public Safety subcommittee for further study. (SF is on Senate floor)

Thursday, March 6

- **Three-vehicle trailer combinations—interstate hwy.**
HF2255 (Rose, IR-Roseville)—recommended to pass as amended.

FLOOR ACTION

CONSENT CALENDAR

Thursday, Feb. 27

- **Local improvements—county road assessments**
HF1820/SF1575* (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed.
- **Local debt—warning systems**
HF1853/SF1587* (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed.

Monday, March 3

- **Dakota County, Hastings—state land sale**
HF1970*/SF1935 (Ozment, IR-Rosemount)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Litchfield investments—municipal powers**
HF2068*/SF1922 (Kvam, IR-Litchfield)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Energy—cost adjustment**
HF2143*/SF1989 (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—passed. (SF in Senate Public Utilities and State Regulated Industries Committee)
- **Duluth School District 709—civil service**
HF2294*/SF2130 (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Corporations—foreign corporation agents**
HF2317*/SF2184 (Zaffke, IR-Backus)—passed. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Wednesday, March 5

- **Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee—organization changes**
HF2265*/SF2085 (Levi, IR-Dellwood)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **American Indians—authorizing memorial plan**
HF1599*/SF2268 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—passed. (SF in Senate Veterans and General Legislation Committee)
- **Real property—condominium plats**
HF1821*/SF1682 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)

- **Attorney General—**
authorizing assistants
HF1966*/SF1820 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

- **Architects, engineers, land surveyors—licensing exception**
HF2001*/SF2265 (Clausnitzer, IR-Maple Grove)—passed. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)

- **Loggers permits—**
extending provisions
HF2139*/SF1951 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)—passed. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

- **Raptors—propagation, sale**
HF2170*/SF1925 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

- **PERA membership—**
county historical societies
HF2348*/SF2267 (Fjoslien, IR-Brandon)—passed. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

- **State land—**
easements conveyed
HF2453*/SF2259 (Rodosovich, DFL-Faribault)—passed as amended. (SF in Senate Agriculture and Natural Resources Committee)

SPECIAL ORDERS

Thursday, Feb. 27

- **Court administration—**
miscellaneous changes
HF1757/SF1600* (Dempsey, IR-New Ulm)—passed as amended.
- **Clay County, Moorhead—**
development authorities
HF1807*/SF1760 (Carlson, J., IR-Moorhead)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **State retirement**
investment choices expanded
HF1926*/SF1796 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—passed. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)
- **State councils—**
voc/ed director reclassified
HF1928*/SF1795 (McPherson, IR-Stillwater)—passed. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)
- **Metropolitan governance—**
revisions and corrections
HF1991*/SF1913 (Stanisus, IR-White Bear Lake)—passed. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

- **Secretary of State—**
housekeeping changes
HF2014*/SF1838 (Backlund, IR-Fridley)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Sexual abuse laws—**
technical correction
HF1730*/SF1751 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Rochester—**
on-sale liquor license
HF1850*/SF2006 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Property assessments—**
requiring notification
HF1886*/SF1955 (Frederickson, IR-Windom)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Mediation—debtors, creditors**
HF1969*/SF1898 (Boerboom, IR-Cottonwood)—passed. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Monday, March 3

- **Incorporation requirements**
HF1900/SF1612* (Poppenhagen, IR-Detroit Lakes)—passed as amended. (SF passed; sent House Feb. 20)
- **Medical malpractice—**
law changes
HF1764*/SF1670 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)—pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee) (See Highlight)
- **Liability—**
municipal, general civil changes
HF1776*/SF1936 (Olsen, S., IR-St. Louis Park)—pass as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee) (See Highlight)

Wednesday, March 5

- **Restrictive**
covenants—expiration
HF1635*/SF1517 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)—passed as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)
- **Vital statistics—**
county registrars
HF1940*/SF1860 (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Child abduction by parent—**
limiting felony dismissal
HF1978*/SF1971 (Kiffmeyer, IR-Big Lake)—passed as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)
- **Real estate, mortgage**
loans, securities—regulation
HF1984*/SF1854 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—passed. (SF in Senate Economic Development and Commerce Committee)
- **Police, fire pensions—**
auditing requirements
HF2035*/SF2112 (Gutknecht, IR-Rochester)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Court administrators—**
salary procedure
HF2044*/SF1946 (Knickerbocker, IR-Hopkins)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Mental health service system**
HF2081*/SF1969 (Sviggum, IR-Kenyon)—passed. (SF is on Senate floor)

- **Sexual solicitation—children**
HF1835*/SF1592 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **World Trade Center—**
terms of office
HF2009*/SF2033 (McKasy, IR-Mendota Heights)—passed as amended. (SF is on Senate floor)
- **Juvenile prostitution—**
increasing penalties
HF2012*/SF2007 (Marsh, IR-Sauk Rapids)—passed as amended. (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)
- **Double jeopardy law—repealed**
HF1842/SF1597* (Dimler, IR-Chanhassen)—passed as amended.

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Monday, March 3

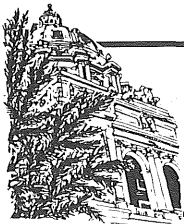
- **Local government—**
permitting building commissions
HF1819/SF1574* (McPherson)—Chapter 312.

Wednesday, March 5

- **Incorporation requirements**
HF1900/SF1612* (Poppenhagen)—Chapter 313.
- **Local debt—**
for warning systems
HF1853/SF1587* (McPherson)—Chapter 314.
- **Local improvements—**
county road assessments
HF1820/SF1575* (McPherson)—Chapter 315.
- **Nursing home reimbursement**
HF1794*/SF1579 (Gruenes)—Chapter 316.

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

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March 3 - 7

BILL INTRODUCTIONS

Bill Introductions

Monday, Mar 3

HF2469—Frerichs (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development

Public safety; restricting local requirements for stairways to be enclosed in certain buildings; requiring local governing bodies to consider certain facts before enacting ordinances affecting housing; defining the term "stories"; amending statutes.

HF2470—Bishop (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development

Occupations and professions; barbers; providing for compensation of board members for the performance of their examination duties; amending statutes.

HF2471—McDonald (IR)—Laid over

A memorial resolution urging the United States Congress, the United States General Accounting Office, and the Congressional Research Service to investigate the incidence of dirty grain shipped from the United States, and its effect on American agricultural exports.

HF2472—McDonald (IR)—Laid over

A resolution memorializing the President and the Congress of the United States to repeal the Federal Reserve Act.

HF2473—Metzen (DFL)—Transportation

Motor vehicles; increasing the amount of the bond required of self-propelled recreational vehicles dealers; amending statutes.

HF2474—Skoglund (DFL)—Crime/Family Law

Crimes; making it a felony to assault or injure a pregnant woman; expanding the crime of criminal vehicular operation; imposing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2475—Frerichs (IR)—Transportation

Compacts; enacting enabling language for Minnesota to join driver license compact; allowing exchange of driver license information with other states; promoting consolidated, complete driver record; proposing coding for new law.

HF2476—Frerichs (IR)—Transportation

Public safety; motor vehicles; eliminating redundant and surplus language; correcting inconsistent provisions in statutes; requiring certain information on petition for judicial review of license revocation determination; changing fee for motorized bicycle permit renewal for persons 18 years of age; permitting donor designation on minor donor's driver's license or identification card; abolishing automatic reinstatement of revoked or suspended driving privilege of nonresident in certain circumstances; extending effective period for provisional drivers' licenses by one year; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2477—Riveness (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; creating a joint underwriting association; requiring participation by insurers; proposing coding for new law.

HF2478—Riveness (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; prohibiting certain tying arrangements; providing deposit requirements for domestic companies; extending coverage under the insurance guaranty association act; extending certain filing, approval, and disapproval dates; broadening fair plan coverage; regulating fraternal benefit societies; regulating forms; amending statutes.

HF2479—Riveness (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; requiring certain annual reports of property and casualty insurers; regulating rates and forms; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2480—Haukoos (IR)—Governmental Operations

State government; requiring a study on the feasibility of building a parking ramp on certain property.

HF2481—Vellenga (DFL)—Health Human/Services

Human services; providing for outpatient commitment; defining "incapacitated person" to include one who needs mental health services; providing for guardianship and conservatorship to alleviate mental illness; amending statutes.

HF2482—Sherman (IR)—Crime/Family Law

Crime victims; authorizing the payment of certain reparations to victims of the crime of tampering with a witness; amending statutes.

HF2483—Gruenes (IR)—Governmental Operations

Retirement; public employees retirement association; permitting the purchase of prior service credits by certain employees; amending statutes.

HF2484—DenOuden (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Minnesota zoological garden; authorizing a lease and management contract; abolishing the state zoological board; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2485—Erickson (IR)—Education

Education; requiring instruction in stewardship of land and water resources; in all schools; authorizing aid for education in stewardship of land and water resources; requiring the commissioner of education to perform certain duties; requiring the board of teaching to amend rules relating to teacher preparation institutions and entrance licenses; proposing coding for new law.

HF2486—Omann (IR)—Crime/Family Law

Corrections; authorizing the commissioner of corrections to contract for an inmate visitation program; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2487—Stanius (IR)—Health/Human Services

Human services; regulating work activities of handicapped persons in state facilities; amending statutes.

HF2488—Stanius (IR)—Health/Human Services

Human services; expanding the commissioner's power to grant funds for services for mentally ill persons; amending statutes.

HF2489—Stanius (IR)—Health/Human Services

Human services; providing for conditions requiring monthly reporting by recipients of aid to families with dependent children; amending statutes.

HF2490—Stanius (IR)—Health/Human Services

Human services; providing for exhaustion of benefits from other programs before payment of adoption subsidies; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2491—Sherman (IR)—Taxes

Taxes; exempting certain real property from taxation; amending statutes.

HF2492—Sherman (IR)—Local/Urban Affairs

Winona county; permitting the county to convey certain real estate to a county agricultural society.

HF2493—Stanius (IR)—Health/Human Services

Human services; exempting certain nursing homes from financial statement audits; amending statutes.

HF2494—Shaver (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development

Commerce; authorizing payment of a certain nominal referral fee by timeshare developers; amending statutes.

HF2495—Zaffke (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy

State government; establishing an oil furnace audit program; amending statutes.

HF2496—Simoneau (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations

Unemployment compensation; regulating benefits and contribution rates; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2497—Bishop (IR)—Judiciary

Venue of actions; modifying venue in actions to recover possession of personal property; amending statutes.

HF2498—Ozment (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; providing for reduction in the rate of excise tax on gasoline sold for marine use at qualified service stations; amending statutes.

HF2499—Dyke (IR)—Environment/Natural Resources

State parks; requiring a permit for the use of metal detectors in state parks and other public areas; providing penalties; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2500—Begich (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations

Transportation; prohibiting railroad company from holding employee liable for negligence resulting in damage to company property during the course of employment; proposing coding for new law.

HF2501—McDonald (IR)—Laid over

Game and fish; establishing a program to compensate landowners and lessees for damages done by wild animals; appropriating money.

Wednesday, Mar 5**HF2502—Dyke (IR)—Taxes**

Homesteads; increasing rural homestead exemption to 160 acres; amending statutes.

HF2503—Boo (IR)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; joint self-insurance employee health plans; providing an exemption from regulation; amending statutes.

HF2504—Gutknecht (IR)—Taxes

Taxation; exempting from taxation the gasoline purchased by certain transit systems; amending statutes.

HF2505—Ogren (DFL)—Health/Human Services

Human services; requiring federal mental health block grants to be used for qualified community mental health centers; amending statutes.

HF2506—Pappas (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; delaying the effective date of the repeal of the residential energy credit; amending laws.

HF2507—Krueger (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; individual income; eliminating the age restrictions on the pension income exclusion; modifying the income offset; amending statutes.

HF2508—Stanislaus (IR)—Health/Human Services

Human services; affecting eligibility for medical assistance and general medical assistance care; augment the state's power to recover payments from third parties; abolishing the requirement of a separate application for general medical care; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF2509—Dimler (IR)—Taxes

Taxes; exempting from gasoline excise tax propane fuel for vehicles operating under permit; amending statutes.

HF2510—Sparby (DFL)—Agriculture

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress of the United States to investigate and take action to effect changes in the wheat grading and marketing process.

HF2511—Shaver (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development

Prohibiting the use of electronically pre-recorded messages in telephone solicitations; proposing coding for new law.

HF2512—Simoneau (DFL)—Labor-Management Relations

Unemployment compensation; regulating benefits and contribution rates; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF2513—Bennett (IR)—Commerce/Economic Development

State government; prohibiting public entities from engaging in business in competition with the private sector; establishing a private enterprise review commission; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2514—McEachern (DFL)—Education

Education; establishing exemplary centers for learning opportunities; requiring the state board of education to select exemplary programs; appropriating money; proposing coding for new law.

HF2515—Nelson, K (DFL)—Education

Education; requiring the state board of education to study its school desegregation rules and recommend changes.

HF2516—Gruenes (IR)—Governmental Operations

State departments and agencies; creating a commission for the quinquennial of the Hispanic presence in the western hemisphere.

HF2517—Segal (DFL)—Health/Human Services

Adoption; requiring counseling prior to the adoption of foreign born children; making foreign born children eligible for subsidized adoption payments; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

Thursday, Mar 6**HF2518—Brandl (DFL)—Education**

Education; authorizing a second chance educational program for certain children and pupils; proposing coding for new law.

HF2519—Bishop (IR)—Health/Human Services

Health; providing for a declaration by competent adults that life-sustaining treatment be withheld or withdrawn; adopting provisions of the uniform rights of the terminally ill act; providing for creation of a durable power of attorney for health care; imposing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2520—Begich (DFL)—Taxes

Taxation; imposing levy limits on certain towns and cities; altering provisions governing distribution of certain taconite tax proceeds; reducing the taconite railroad gross earnings tax rate; reducing occupation and royalty tax rates; providing for the deduction of taconite production taxes and transportation costs; amending statutes.

HF2521—Segal (DFL)—Financial Institutions/Insurance

Insurance; creating a joint underwriting association; requiring participation by insurers; proposing coding for new law.

HF2522—Miller (IR)—Regulated Industries/Energy

Utilities; public safety; allowing certain counties to petition public utilities commission and department of administration to delay implementation of 911 emergency telephone services for two years; prohibiting 911 access charges in areas where 911 is not available; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF2523—McKasy (IR)—General Legislation/Veterans Affairs

Minnesota high school league; requiring due process on certain conference matters; establishing certain requirements for expulsion from a conference; amending statutes.

HF2524—Clark (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A resolution memorializing the President and Congress to declare that the United States will refrain from testing nuclear weapons and negotiate a test ban treaty with the Soviet Union.

HF2525—Forsythe (IR)—Appropriations

Military affairs; providing for pay of public employees in certain military service; amending statutes.

House Advisories

Monday, Mar 3**HA73—Seaberg (IR)—Crime/Family Law**

A proposal to study revisions to Juvenile Court Act and other laws relating to juveniles.

Wednesday, Mar 5**HA74—Forsythe (IR)—Crime/Family Law**

A proposal to study presentence investigation reports.

HA75—Hartle (IR)—Education

A proposal to study programs on family life education in the schools.

HA76—Osthoff (DFL)—Rules/Legislative Administration

A proposal to appoint a special committee to investigate actions of the Ethical Practices Board.

HA77—Boo (IR)—Education

A proposal to study the issue of adult literacy in Minnesota.

HF78—Johnson (IR)—Appropriations

A proposal to study asphalt cement pricing.

Senate Files/ 1st. Readings

Thursday, Mar 6**SF1526—Merriam (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison**

Natural resources; recodifying laws governing wild animals in general, the taking and possession of game and fish, and the management of natural resources; providing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF1848—Willet (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

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

SF985—Merriam (DFL)—Referred to the Chief Clerk for comparison

Administrative procedure; clarifying provisions relating to emergency rules; defining order and rule; limiting certain agency actions; requiring an order to be rendered in accordance with the contested case procedures of the administrative procedure act; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.



March
10 - 14
**Advance
Committee
Schedule**

**Monday, March 10
8:00 a.m.**

STATE DEPARTMENTS DIVISION/Appropriations, Rm. 300 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Gaylin DenOuden. Agenda: HF1946 (Dimler) Veterans affairs; providing for use of departmental resources by certain organizations. HF2073 (Minne) Corss country ski license fees to be used for maintenance of trails.

8:30 a.m.

FISCAL DISPARITIES/TAX INCREMENT FINANCING SUBCOMMITTEE/Taxes, Rm. 500 S State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: HF2467

(Schreiber) Tax increment financing. HF2286 (Schreiber) Bond allocation. HFxxx (Schreiber) Fiscal disparities.

12:00 noon

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

**Tuesday, March 11
8:15 a.m.**

TAXES, Rm. 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: HF2333 (D. Carlson) Providing for use of county state aid highway funds on highways providing access to outdoor recreation areas. HFxxx (Gutknecht) Gas tax exemption for certain transit systems. HF2148 (Svigum) Exempting certain alcohol mixtures.

12:00 noon

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

**Wednesday, March 12
8:15 a.m.**

TAXES, Basement Hearing Room, State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Bill Schreiber. Agenda: HF2467 (Schreiber) Tax increment financing. HF2286 (Schreiber) Bond allocations.

12:00 noon

The House of Representatives will meet in Session.

**Thursday, March 13
8:15 a.m.**

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

**Friday, March 14
8:15 a.m.**

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



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