Did You Know?

Legislator "Jolly Joe" Rolette took the bill authorizing the St. Peter move and hid in a St. Paul hotel for eight days. With only a few days left in the 1857 session, Rolette's absence deadlocked the territorial senate for 123 hours.

At the stroke of midnight on the last day of session, just as the president declared the Council adjourned, Rolette burst into the chamber, too late for action on the bill. St. Paul remained Minnesota's capital city.

State of the State

Governor Rudy Perpich says he plans to bring out the "Best of Minnesota" during the next four years. He laid plans for tax reform, commitment to education, and research in his State of the State message to a joint session of the Legislature Jan. 7.

Tax reform tops the governor's list of priorities. "We must harness the momentum of federal tax reform to initiate a major overhaul of our entire tax system," he said.

"This year we will propose the most sweeping reform in the history of this state. Our tax plan will be the fairest and most thoughtful of any state in the nation this year," Perpich said.
The governor's plans call for a revised tax system that is "competitive, honest, simple, and fair." He says he hopes to change the perception of Minnesota as a high-tax state to attract and create more jobs. Perpich also urges continued and increased support of public education. Excellent education will pave the way out for many dependent Minnesotans, he says, and represent "real welfare reform."

The third-term governor asks legislators to join him in establishing a "vital" goal for Minnesota's future. "By the year 2000," he told them, "I propose that 50 percent of the workforce in Minnesota will have an education two years beyond high school, and that 35 percent will have completed at least four years of college."

Perpich also calls for emphasis on research to revitalize areas of the state hurt by the shifting economy. Research investment opens doors into the next century for Minnesota to become a world-renowned research center, he says.

**Minnesota House: 75th Session**

Secretary of State Joan Growe, in line with the duties of her office, sounded the gavel to call the 75th Session of the Minnesota House of Representatives to order Jan. 6.

Opening day activities for 133 House members (one member was absent) included a swearing-in ceremony, adoption of temporary operating rules, and the election of the speaker—a position some legislators peg as the second most powerful spot in state government. The speaker appoints all committee chairs and members and has control over the flow of legislation in the House.

House Majority Leader Rep. Robert Vanasek (DFL-New Prague) placed Rep. Fred Norton's (DFL-St. Paul) name in nomination for the speaker's chair. Rep. Willard Munger (DFL-Duluth), a 22-year House veteran, supported the nomination saying, "His integrity, sense of fairness, and mild-mannered approach...will bring about respect for the high office of the Speaker of the House."

Independent Republicans nominated Rep. Doug Carlson (IR-Sandstone) to lead the House. Minority Leader Rep. William Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park), said Carlson is a true reflection of the four million Minnesotans the body collectively represents. Carlson is a farmer and veterinarian serving his eighth term in the House.

Norton became speaker on a final vote of 82 to 51. This is Norton's second experience in the position. He also served as speaker in the 1980 session.

**House profile**

Twenty-seven members of the House are farmers, the most common of legislators' occupations. Educators come in second with 23; business persons total 17. The remaining members' occupations include 13 in law, 4 homemakers, and 2 auctioneers.

The 1987-88 House of Representatives has 134 members—112 men and 22 women, 83 DFL and 51 IR. One hundred twenty-one members are married; 13 are single. The average age is 45, the youngest is 22, the oldest 76.

Fifty-six House members hold college degrees, 31 have graduate degrees, and 18 have done graduate work. Seventeen have completed some college work and/or vocational-technical training. Twelve members have attended high school.

One House member is returning for a 16th term and 29 representatives are first time members.

**New House committees**

Speaker of the House Fred Norton (DFL-St. Paul) created two new committees this legislative session, and renamed several others.

The new Future and Technology Committee will look at the state's long-range economic and job needs, emphasizing Minnesota's place in the world market. Rep. Leo Reding (DFL-Austin), says the committee is a response to the need to address the governor's initiatives in high tech, research, and education.

The new Metropolitan Affairs Committee will hear Metropolitan Council recommendations and take up the problems of transportation, airport noise, and sewers in the Twin Cities seven-county area. The Local and Urban Affairs Committee will deal mainly with the needs of greater Minnesota communities.

Last year's Commerce and Economic Development Committee has become two committees: Commerce, and Economic Development and Housing. According to Rep. Todd Otis (DFL-Mpls), Economic Development and Housing Committee chair, this separation will put a better focus on creating jobs and developing the rural economy.

The Ways and Means Committee, previously the Budget Committee, will bring together fiscal concerns.

This year, the title of the Regulated Industries and Energy Committee has changed to the Regulated Industries Committee.

This year, the Taxes Committee has two divisions instead of one: Property Tax and Tax Laws.

With horse-racing a reality and the lottery a possibility in Minnesota, "gaming" has been added to the title of the General Legislation and Veterans Affairs Committee, making it General Legislation, Veterans Affairs and Gaming.

Higher Education is its own committee this session, instead of a division of the Education Committee as it was in the 1985-86 session.
### AGRICULTURE
(30 members)

**Mon., 10 am, Basement Rm.**

Information 296-4172

Wenzel-D, Chair

Vice Chair*

- Bauerly-D
- Bertram-D
- Brown-D
- Cooper-D
- Daumer-D
- DeBliek-D
- Dille-R
- Frederick-R
- Hugoson-R
- Kahl-D
- Kalis-D
- Krueger-D
- McDonald-R
- McPherson-R
- Nelson, C.-D

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### AGRICULTURE FINANCE
DIVISION/Agriculture
(13 members)

**Wed., 10 am, Rm. 500N**

Information 296-8635

Schoenfeld-D, Chair

Vice Chair*

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- DeBliek-D
- Frederick-R
- Kahl-D
- Kalis-D
- McDonald-R

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### APPROPRIATIONS
(38 members)

**Mon.-Thurs., 8 am, Rm. 200**

Information 296-4228

Anderson, G.-D, Chair

Vice Chair*

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- Battaglia-D
- Bishop-R
- Boo-R
- Carlson, D.-R
- Carlson, L.-D
- Dorn-D
- Forsythe-R
- Greenfield-D
- Haukoos-R

Staff:
- Molly Grove—Committee Administrator
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  - Dori Vaughan—Committee Secretary
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### HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION/Appropriations
(10 members)

**Mon.-Thurs., 8 am, Rm. 200**

Information 296-4938

Wynia-D, Chair

Vice Chair*

- Anderson, G.-D
- Anderson, R.-R
- Battaglia-D
- Bishop-R
- Carlson, D.-R
- Krueger-D
- Miller-R
- Munger-D

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- Dick Martin—Committee Administrator
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### STATE DEPARTMENTS
DIVISION/Appropriations
(11 members)

**Mon.-Thurs., 8 am, Rm. 300S**

Information 296-4257

Kahn-D, Chair

Vice Chair*

- Anderson, G.-D
- Battaglia-D
- Bishop-R
- Carlson, D.-R
- Krueger-D
- Miller-R

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### COMMERCE
(24 members)

**Tues., Thurs., 10 am, Basement Rm.**

Information 296-5509

Sarna-D, Chair

Vice Chair*

- Anderson, R.-R
- Battaglia-D
- Bishop-R
- Boo-R
- Carlson, D.-R
- Carlson, L.-D
- Price-D
- Dorn-D
- Forsythe-R
- Greenfield-D
- Haukoos-R

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*Vice Chairs not yet appointed; other information subject to change.*
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & HOUSING
(30 members)
Tues., Thurs. 12 noon, Rm. 5
Information 296-4169
Otis-D, Chair
Vice Chair*
Burger-R
Carlon, L.-D
Clark-D
Cooper-D
Dille-R
Freierichs-R
Himle-R
Hugoson-R
Harlos-R
Jefferson-D
Kelts-D
Knickerbocker-R
Knuth-D
Lasley-D
McLaughlin-D
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EDUCATION
(32 members)
Mon., Wed. 8 am, Rm. 5
Information 296-7175
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Vice Chair*
Baucerly-D
Beard-D
Grueses-R
Hurtle-R
Hugoson-R
Johnson, A.-D
Kelso-D
Kinkel-D
Kostohryz-D
McDonald-R
McPherson-R
Nelson, C.-D
Nelson, K.-D
Olson, S.-R
Olson, E.-D
Otis-D
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476 State Office Building 296-7435
Betty Goihl--Committee Secretary
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FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE
(27 members)
Wed., 12 noon, Rm. 5
Information 296-4178
Skoglund-D, Chair
Vice Chair*
Anderson, G.-D
Bertram-D
Blatz-R
Boo-R
Carlson, L.-D
Carruthers-D
Claunziter-R
Frederick-R
Hartle-R
Knickerbocker-R
McKasy-R
Milbert-D
Neuenschwander-D
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FUTURE & TECHNOLOGY
(24 members)
Mon., 12 noon, Rm. 5
Information 296-4305
Reding-D, Chair
Vice Chair*
Baucerly-D
Born-D
Frederick-R
Greines-R
Haukoos-R
Himle-R
Kahn-D
Kelso-D
Knuth-D
Krueger-D
Larsen-D
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Beverly Zaine--Committee Secretary
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GENERAL LEGISLATION,
VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING
(20 members)
Thurs., 12 noon, Rm. 500S
Information 296-4388
Kostohryz-D, Chair
Vice Chair*
Bennett-R
Boo-R
Brown-D
Guiknecht-R
Jensen-D
Knudt-D
Knickerbocker-R
Minne-D
Orenstein-D
Osloff-D
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(28 members)
Mon.-Thurs. 8 am, Rm. 10
Information 296-9194
Simoneau-D, Chair
Vice Chair*
Bertram-D
Burger-R
Carruthers-D
Clark-D
Cooper-D
DeBliek-D
Dille-R
Guiknecht-R
Hepp-R
Jefferson-D
Jensen-D
Johnson, R.-D
Kludt-D
Knickerbocker-R
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(23 members)
Mon., 10 am, Rm. 400N
Information 296-7172
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Vice Chair*

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Bennett-R Olesen, S.-R
Clark-D OshofT-D
Grunes-R Poppenhagen-R
Hartle-R Quinn-D
Jaros-D Redalen-R
Jennings-D Rodosevich-D
Jensen-D Rose-R
Lieder-D Scheid-D
McLaughlin-D Stanius-R
Minne-D Tjomson-R

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RULES & LEGISLATIVE
ADMINISTRATION
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Call of the Chair
Information 296-2955
Vanasek-D, Chair

Anderson, G.-D Pappas-D
Blatz-R Redalen-R
Himle-R Reding-D
Jacobs-D Riee-D
Knickerbocker-R Riveness-D
Long-D Schoenfeld-D
Minne-D Schreiber-R
Munger-D Simonau-D
Nelson, K.-D Thiede-R
Norton-D Valento-R
Oitis-D Voss-D

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TAXES
(34 members)
Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8 am, Rm. 5
Information 296-4226
Voss-D, Chair
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Begich-D Neuenschwander-D
Bennett-R Norton-D
Blatz-R Ogren-D
Brown-D Omen-R
Dauner-D OshofT-D
Dempsey-R Pauly-R
Frisch-R Peterson-D
Himle-R Quist-R
Jacobs-D Redalen-R
Jaros-D Rest-D
Kelly-D Scheid-D
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PROPERTY TAX
DIVISION/Taxes
(17 members)
Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8 am, Rm. 400N
Information 296-1340
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Bennett-R Nelson, K.-D
Blatz-R Neuenschwander-D
Brown-D OshofT-D
Dauner-D Redalen-R
Dempsey-R Scheid-D
Frisch-R Skoglund-D
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McKasy-R Voss-D

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TAX LAWS DIVISION/Taxes
(18 members)
Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8 am, Rm. 500N
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Omen-R

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TRANSPORTATION
(27 members)
Wed., 12 noon, Rm. 10
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Kalis-B, Chair
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Begich-D Leider-D
Brown-D McDonald-R
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Dauner-D Olsen, E.-D
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Dempsey-R Richter-R
Frisch-R Seaberg-R

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WAYS & MEANS
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Carlson, L.-D Olsen, S.-R
Dempsey-R Rice-D
Forsythe-R Schreiber-R
Kahn-D Vanasek-D
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McEachern-D Wyna-D

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<td><strong>APPROPRIATIONS</strong> Room 200 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Glen Anderson. Agenda: Overview of state budget by Department of Finance: 1) Commissioner Jay Kiedrowski. 2) Deputy Commissioner Nellie Johnston. 3) Assistant Commissioner Brian Roberge.</td>
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<td><strong>GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS</strong> Room 10 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: Organizational meeting.</td>
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<td><strong>CRIME &amp; FAMILY LAW DIVISION/Judiciary</strong> Room 500N State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Kathleen Vellenga. Agenda: 1) Overview of state budget by Department of Finance: 2) Temporary committee budgets. 3) Telephone credit cards. 4) Corporate regulation of directors; 5) Data privacy; classification of data in certain adoption reports.</td>
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