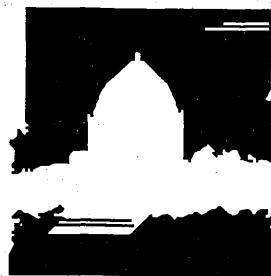




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HIGHLIGHTS

Omnibus tax bill

After five hours of debate and discussion April 29, the House of Representatives passed the omnibus tax bill for 1987 on a vote of 74-59. Under provisions of the 424-page bill, (HF529, DFL-Voss), the state would collect approximately \$490 million more than current law provides.

A breakdown of some estimated increases shows: corporate income taxes, \$240 million; sales and use taxes, \$119 million; telephone gross earnings tax, \$98 million; and cigarette and tobacco products taxes, \$20 million.

The bill proposes a four-level rate structure for personal income taxes, ranging from 4.2 percent to 9.2 percent. And beginning in 1988, if the state budget reserve falls below \$100 million, it would trigger a set of higher income rates, ranging from 4.4 to 9.4 percent until the deficit's made up.

Omnibus farm bill

At the Agriculture Committee's last meeting April 29, lawmakers

hammered out an omnibus farm bill which the committee's chair, Rep. Steve Wenzel (DFL-Little Falls), sponsors.

HF1136, in amended form, would make changes to the 1986 farm real estate debt restructuring program which the Rural Finance Administration (RFA) administers. The program assists eligible farmers struggling with low cash flows and heavy real estate debt by suspending principal loan payments and lowering interest for a period of time.

Wenzel proposes to: rename RFA the Rural Finance Authority, clarify RFA powers and duties, clean up statutory language, modify eligible criteria for the homestead redemption program, and authorize RFA to participate in other federal farm debt restructuring programs and to sell state bonds.

Other provisions in the bill would provide funding for: pseudorabies control, several agricultural research projects, the multi-state grain compact, and the milk-in-schools program which the bill now limits to first-, second-, and third-grade students.

It's a fact!

With a ceremony on the shore of Lake Superior, Minnesota adopted the Lake Superior Agate as the state gem stone in 1969. Artisans use the quartz mineral for jewelry and other artifacts, such as decorative paper weights. Fourteen Minnesota rockhound clubs, including the Minnesota Mineral Club, voted the layered crystal their favorite stone. The club asked Sen. Mel Hansen, a Minneapolis conservative, to carry a bill declaring the agate the state rock. Supporters believed the bill to be noncontroversial, but it met a storm of partisan opposition. It passed after lengthy debate among loud shouts of "no" from opponents who said it was a commercial gimmick and made the Legislature look trivial and ridiculous. Glaciers spread the agate over Minnesota during the last melt about 10,000 years ago.



HF1136 would reactivate the agricultural data collection task force and clarify amendments to the notification procedure for redemption of agricultural homesteads.

The beginning farmers program, also part of the bill, would allow qualifying beginning or re-entry farmers to apply for low-interest loans to purchase land the state or commercial lenders own. If a lender lends a farmer money, the state would guarantee 85 percent of any losses on the loan.

HF1136 goes next to the Appropriations Committee.

Higher education spending

The Appropriations Committee members recommended a \$1.6 billion budget for state higher education April 28.

The bill includes a 10.6 percent increase over the last biennium to fund programs at state universities, colleges, and AVTIs, but falls \$48.5 million short of the governor's recommendation. New budget plans include increased services to special need students and a \$16.5 million increase in available scholarship and grant money for students during the next two years.

Education Division members who put the bill together cut \$33.7 million in spending from their original budget, including a drop of more than \$13 million from the University of Minnesota's budget for the proposed Commitment to Focus plan.

New programs were the target for most of the budget cuts the division made April 24. Division Chair Rep. Lyn Carlson (DFL-Crystal) says the committee hopes to protect system budget bases, and postpone new programs statewide.

Campus child care, a top priority for students statewide, lost half of the \$10.6 million original proposals had slated for state campuses. Lawmakers also postponed planning for the proposed Composite Engineering program at Winona

State until 1989 and cut back dollars that would have expanded course offerings at state universities and community colleges.

Minnesota Trade Office

Minnesota Trade Office employees will move from their current home in the Minnesota Department of Agriculture's building to the World Trade Center in downtown St. Paul.

The World Trade Center developer has given the Trade Office 20,000 square feet on the 10th floor. The only costs to the state are operating expenses for such things as heat and light—about \$9 per square foot.

Also, HF1095 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham), would transfer the trade office's duty to promote, develop, and facilitate trade and foreign investment in Minnesota to the newly named Department of Trade and Economic Development.

On April 28, the Governmental Operations Committee recommended HF1095 to pass and rereferred it to the Appropriations Committee.

Gasohol

By July 1, 1988, all unleaded gasoline for sale in Minnesota for use in motor vehicles would contain the grain product, ethanol, under a bill the Agriculture Committee recommended to pass April 28.

HF777 would require gas stations to sell the ethanol-based gasoline, commonly known as gasohol. The bill's author, Rep. Roger Cooper (DFL-Bird Island), says gasohol is a potential boon to the state's stagnant rural economy. It could, Cooper says, create about 10,000 new jobs in rural Minnesota and increase state revenues.

Supporters of HF777 say gasohol, a new market for otherwise unusable corn and grain, is a way to lessen United States' dependence on foreign oil. Environmentalists claim gasohol will help clean up the air. Pollution Control Agency reports show that

cars burning ethanol-blend fuels emit 24 to 34 percent less carbon monoxide than cars burning gasoline.

But, opponents say, because gasohol is a grain-based alcohol fuel, the product could cause engine problems. They say alcohol and gasoline don't homogenize. They also question the availability of regular unleaded gas for motorboats and small displaced engines.

If HF777 becomes law, it would not apply to marinas or service stations with only one gas pump. And it would not require small displaced engines to use gasohol.

The bill, which goes next to the Taxes Committee, would also repeal ethanol distributors' two-cent tax credit on Oct. 1, 1988.

Spending bill

The Health and Human Services Division of the Appropriations Committee recommended passage of a spending bill April 27 that would decrease available funding for the state's health and human services programs by about \$27 million.

The largest cuts came in medical assistance funds for chemical dependency treatment, the state's emergency employment development program, and medical and general assistance payments.

Division Chair Ann Wynia (DFL-St. Paul) says that even though she hesitated to offer the amendment to cut funds, reductions were necessary to meet the two percent decrease in the state's budget.

The bill now goes to the full Appropriations Committee.

Department of Human Rights

The appropriations division that allocates state department budgets, took a step April 27 toward abolishing the Department of Human Rights as a separate agency and moving its functions to the Attorney General's Office. The proposed move

is part of a \$13 million cut-back in state agency spending.

Rep. David Bishop (IR-Rochester) says the move would improve human rights enforcement. And Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls), division chair, says it would save the state over \$1 million by cutting 11 of the department's 54 positions. "We have to come up with budget cuts," she says. "Postponing and combining functions is the most painless way. We don't have many options left."

But neither the Department of Human Rights nor the Attorney General's Office wants the change. They say transferring the department from the governor's cabinet to a division in an office that has many other responsibilities would degrade the cause of human rights. Opponents also say it could create a conflict of interest, because the attorney general would become an advocate for protected groups.

The division added the proposed Department of Human Rights move to the division's omnibus state departments bill that goes next to the full Appropriations Committee.

AIDS reporting

Under a bill the Health and Human Services Committee recommended to pass April 27, the Department of Health would be able to take action to help stop the spread of communicable diseases, such as AIDS.

The bill (HF1076, Greenfield, DFL-Mpls) would allow health officials to act on reports that people with communicable diseases are spreading them through noncompliant behavior. To stop the behavior, health officials may offer appropriate services such as counseling, treatment, and support services. If a disease carrier continues the behavior, the department may petition a court order to impose the least restrictive remedy. Court orders would not include jail sentences.

Even though the bill covers several

infectious diseases, most debate focuses on AIDS. And supporters say the proposal would touch only a small percentage of those infected with the AIDS virus.

Some panel members say the bill's provisions don't go far enough to protect the public from AIDS carriers. One amendment the committee voted down would have mandated health professionals to report each person that tested positive for the AIDS virus. But the original provision makes reporting an option.

The bill now goes before the full House.

Missing children

Local school districts may play a new role that could help law enforcement officials track missing children.

On April 27, Education Committee members recommended to pass HF259 (Bishop, IR-Rochester) that would require all Minnesota school districts to notify parents or guardians when students are tardy or absent from school. The bill would also require schools enrolling a student for the first time to request a birth certificate or record of registration from the last school, and notify local authorities if they suspect the child may be missing from home.

Bishop says schools that monitor children every day would help cover bases that investigators can't do on their own. The tracking this bill proposes would help eliminate the most common and most difficult form of disappearance--that of a natural parent who takes a child from his or her legal custodian, he says.

Minnesota Zoo

The Minnesota Zoo Board would double in size under a bill the Governmental Operations Committee recommended to pass April 27.

The bill, HF586 (Brown, DFL-Appleton), would increase the

number of board members from 15 to 30. Supporters say that would help the zoo find private sector expertise the state can't afford to provide.

Zoo Director Kathryn Roberts says a larger board would be an opportunity for better representation from the scientific and corporate communities, and assure geographic representation of Greater Minnesota.

Under the bill, the governor would initially appoint the 15 new members. After that, as terms end or vacancies occur, the board would fill the positions.

The proposal would also exempt board members from filing a statement of economic interest with the State Ethical Practices Board--a requirement zoo officials say many potential board members view as an invasion of privacy and a reason to refuse appointments to the board.

It goes next to the Appropriations Committee.

Golf clubs

Sex discrimination is still part of the golf scene in Minnesota, says Rep. David Bishop (IR-Rochester). He says golf clubs have not been following the letter of the law the Legislature passed last year to prevent discrimination during prime playing times on Minnesota golf courses.

Bishop says HF533 would tighten up a law the Legislature passed in 1986 to give golf clubs a property tax break for nondiscriminatory policies. But now, says Bishop, golf clubs are finding loopholes to discriminate and still retain their tax break.

Under the bill, clubs couldn't force a family to choose which spouse will play during prime tee-off times. Currently, says Bishop, some clubs make a couple choose which one will play. He says most of the time the man gets preferential treatment.

The bill now goes to the House floor.

Ways and Means

The Ways and Means Committee met April 27 to approve the taxing limits the Taxes Committee adopted April 24. The panel determined that the new tax limit would be within the \$11.5 billion budget the House is proposing.

Taxes Committee Chair Gordon Voss (DFL-Blaine) says the new biennial tax ceiling will be \$490 million—a \$200 million cut from the DFL's original tax plans. But House Minority Leader Bill Schreiber (IR-Brooklyn Park) says the tax bill will eventually create more than \$600 million in new taxes.

Appropriations Chair Glen Anderson (DFL-Bellingham) told committee members that spending bills would remain within the appropriations limit.

Fiscal policy

The State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee approved a bill that would create a new 18-member legislative commission on fiscal policy, and added the proposal to the division's omnibus bill April 24. The bill's author, Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester), told the committee that the commission, away from day-to-day political debates, would provide objective consideration to fiscal issues.

Bishop says the Legislature deals with an \$11 billion biennial operating budget. But with dedicated funds, user fees, and revolving funds, the state actually has a \$19 billion budget, he says. "We need a policy commission to look into whether we want to continue moving money out of the general fund and into special accounts, and what revenue sources are appropriate for certain state-funded programs," says Bishop. He says the commission would also study funding and timing of capital bonding bills. Rep. Howard Miller (IR-Redwood Falls) says the commission would allow the

Legislature to make its own budget projections, rather than reacting to the governor's recommendations.

Division Chair Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) agrees, suggesting a \$190,000 appropriation for the commission's first two years. Division members voted to support the measure, although Rep. Darby Nelson (DFL-Champlin) says he doubts whether a commission would really affect budget decisions.

The Governmental Operations Committee approved the bill earlier this session. At those hearings, Rep. Glen Anderson (DFL-Bellingham), Appropriations Committee chair, Rep. Gordon Voss (DFL-Blaine) Taxes Committee chair, and Professor James Vernbey of Humphrey Institute of Public Affairs supported the proposal.

'As is' warranties

Dealers sell about 70 percent of their used cars on "as is" terms, says Rep. Joe Begich (DFL-Eveleth), author of HF85. The bill offers a state arbitration program for consumers who buy "as is" vehicles. Begich says defects show up in about 40 percent of those vehicles within 60 days after purchase.

Under HF85, dealers would have to provide a 60-day or 3,000-mile implied warranty on "as is" vehicles they sell for more than \$2,000 or under 100,000 miles. It would also require dealers to set up or participate in an arbitration program to help settle any repair disputes that may arise during the warranty period.

It's hard to know how many of the cars would go to arbitration because, according to Begich, most licensed dealers, especially those in smaller communities, will deal with consumers immediately and won't go to arbitration.

The bill passed the House on a 70-61 vote. It would take effect Jan. 1, 1988 for metropolitan used-car dealers, and Jan. 1, 1989 for Greater Minnesota dealers.

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notes

County home rule charter could soon be a reality in Minnesota under SF557. The bill would set up a Ramsey County Charter Study Commission to determine whether the county should have a home rule charter. The bill requires the 17-member commission to report findings to the county board by June 1, 1988, and to prepare a draft charter for presentation to voters in the 1990 election, if the commission determines a charter is desirable. Rep. Richard Kostohryz (DFL-North St. Paul) is House author of SF557.

Minnesotans could drive 65 mph on rural interstates if HF295 (Bishop, IR-Rochester) becomes law. If caught driving any faster, the speeding violation would go on their driving records. The bill would raise the speed on rural interstates, but retain the 55 limit on freeways in urban areas. It would also apply the so-called 10-mile grace law to 55 mph highways only. Under that law, speeding violations for driving 10 miles over the posted speed, does not affect a driver's record.

Excellent foreign markets exist for such Minnesota products as medical devices, processed foods, wild rice, or computer software according to Minnesota Trade Office executive director Bill Dieterich. He says the Trade Office offers help to business people through seminars, training, and exposure to small businesses which have successfully operated in international trade. The office also leads trade missions to target markets where business people can contact potential buyers or distributors for their products, says Dieterich.

The state should spend more to combat AIDS, says Rep. Allen Quist (IR-St. Peter). "It's radically wrong to spend only one seventieth of the Department of Health's budget on a disease that will become America's number one public health problem in the next decade or decades to come," says Rep. Allen Quist (IR-St. Peter). He says the department should spend between 20 and 40 percent of its budget to combat the spread of AIDS.

The state will have \$2.24 billion to spend on health and human service programs in the next biennium under a bill the Appropriations Committee approved April 30. The bill would earmark about \$2 billion for human services, \$196 million for corrections, and \$70 million

for health programs, among other funding proposals. The Health and Human Services Division of the Appropriations Committee last week cut almost \$27 million in spending from the bill. Cuts were to comply with a two percent reduction in spending provisions from the state's budget.

Minnesota's making *Time* magazine, according to news reports. A new ad campaign to promote Minnesota's health care industry will hit the pages of *Time* May 4. The campaign, a marketing effort of the governor's Commission on Promoting Minnesota Healthcare Resources, features a 16-page advertising supplement focusing on the state's nationally and internationally renowned health care system. Price tag's about \$315,000. State funds provide \$7,500; the rest comes from private donations.

"Robin Hood style" is the term Rep. Phil Riveness (DFL-Bloomington) uses to describe the school aids bill, HF753 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls). Riveness says the bill pulls money from inner suburban districts for statewide distribution. The Appropriations Committee recommended the bill to pass April 28. It was on the floor of the House late Thursday, April 29, after review by the Ways and Means Committee.

Utility companies should contribute as much to solving the acid rain problem as they do to creating it, says Rep. Steve Trimble (DFL-St. Paul). He's sponsoring a bill that would require public utility companies to cover 60 percent of what the Pollution Control Agency spends on acid rain control. Each public utility would contribute to a fund over the next five years. The amount of a company's contribution would depend on the number of kilowatt hours the company sells in Minnesota.

One million dollars may go to the Science and Technology Office in the Department of Energy and Economic Development over the next two years to support Minnesota Project Innovation, the Midwest Technology Development Institute, and the Minnesota Inventors' Congress. Rep. Phyllis Kahn, (DFL-Mpls), chair of the State Departments Division of Appropriations, spoke in support of the programs. And the division voted to include them in the omnibus state departments bill while eliminating some of the office's other functions.

"It's a good program that the businesses like. But we just can't afford it anymore," says Rep. Loren Solberg (DFL-Bovey) about the State Departments Division of Appropriations Committee's decision to eliminate the state Occupational Safety and Health Act

(OSHA) programs. The Federal government is continuing its OSHA programs. But Ken Peterson, deputy commissioner of the Department of Labor and Industry, says if state cuts become law, it would reduce the number of workplace inspections by one-half.

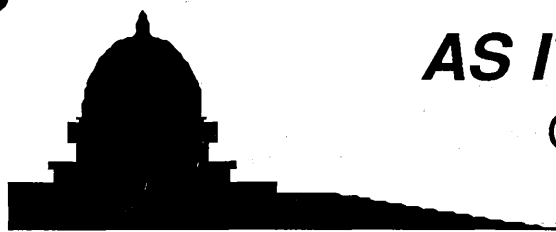
The state's Washington D.C. office lost its \$164,000 funding from the State Departments Division of Appropriation's omnibus bill. Barbara Rohde, office director, says the office provides state officials valuable information on federal legislation affecting Minnesota, and has been successful in bringing federal money into the state. The division voted April 28 to scratch the appropriation that would have supported the office for the next two years.

"Instead of the yo-yo actions that get dealt with only in the battleground scenario of conference committees," says Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester), the Legislature needs a legislative commission on fiscal policy to evaluate and recommend budget action. (see Fiscal Policy highlight)

"It all depends on how the political winds are blowing at the moment," is how Rep. Darby Nelson (DFL-Champlin) describes legislative budget decision-making. He opposes a proposal that would create a legislative commission to study fiscal issues, saying it wouldn't really have any affect on legislative decisions.

The DNR has spent \$3.5 million this year to fight forest fires, Jim Brooks from the department told the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee. Brooks testified in favor of HF601 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey) a bill that would make accidental starting of a forest fire a misdemeanor and provide a \$100 [down from the \$1,000 in the original bill] reward to those who furnish information about fire starters.

Legal difficulties will require two bills to deal with intentional and accidental fire starting as two separate issues. So Rep. Loren Solberg's bill HF601 no longer includes a felony charge for people who intentionally start a fire but deals only with accidental fire starting. Solberg's amended bill gained preliminary approval from a House appropriations division April 24. It will get further committee review before going to the House floor.



AS IT HAPPENS...

COMMITTEE & FLOOR ACTION

April 23-30, 1987

COMMITTEE ACTION

AGRICULTURE

Monday, April 27

Agriculture omnibus bill
HF1136/SF806 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--heard; amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Tuesday, April 28

Ethanol fuel blend
HF777/SF729 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Agriculture omnibus bill
HF1136/SF806 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Agricultural development program
HF1194/SF426 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Agriculture--council on rural development
HF1279/SF1016 (Jenning, DFL-Rush City)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Agriculture Finance Div./Ag.

Friday, April 24

Agriculture omnibus bill
HF1136/SF806 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Agriculture Committee (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

APPROPRIATIONS

Tuesday, April 28

Higher education--omnibus funding
HFxxxx/SFxxxx (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Education Finance--omnibus bill
HF753/SF583 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Thursday, April 30

Omnibus Health and Human Services Div./Appropriations bill
HF243/SF278 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Omnibus Ag., Transportation, & Semi-States Div./Approps. bill
HF837/SF776 (Rice, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Health & Human Services Div./Approps.

Friday, April 24

Paternity/child support revisions
HF163/SF242 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to full committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Monday, April 27

Health & Human Services Division omnibus bill
HF243/SF278 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Tuesday, April 28

Chemical dependency fund
HF995/SF788 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to full committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Medical insurance--low-income demo project
HF1045/SF1069 (Murphy, DFL-Hermantown)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to full committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Mental health--adult day training, habilitation
HF1183/SF1010 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to full committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Disabled child, adult care--program licensure
HF1210/SF1183 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to full committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

State Depts. Div./Approps.

Thursday, April 23

Reinvest in Minnesota--amendments
HF886/SF841 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)--heard; laid over. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Waste water treatment grant program
HF1030/SF1497 (Munger, DFL-Cambridge)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

Friday, April 24

Legislative Commission on Fiscal Policy
HF547 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--recommended to pass as amended; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill.

Forest fires--expenses, rewards
HF601 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--recommended to pass as amended.

Conservation officers training
HF804/SF973 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--recommended to pass; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Dept. of Natural Resources--Forest Mgmt. Fund
HF834/SF879 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Fire fighting--DNR indirect costs
HF1181/SF1099 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

State agencies--telecommunications, computer expenditures
HF1315 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill.

Workers' compensation--special fund
HF1450/SF1347 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Employment Committee)

COMMERCE

Tuesday, April 28

Retail sales--cash refunds for returned goods

HF65/SF153 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Telephone calling devices--restrictions

HF124/SF184* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended.

Steam turbines regulation

HF1343/SF1232* (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)--recommended to pass as amended.

EDUCATION

Monday, April 27

Missing children--school check

HF259/SF235 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF passed Senate)

Teacher seniority--school agreements

HF1035/SF1044 (Larsen, DFL-Ramsey)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

ENVIRONMENT & NATURAL RESOURCES

Tuesday, April 28

Fish farms--commercial raising programs

HF275/SF69 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Drainage law--amendments

HF1078/SF956 (Jennings, DFL-Rush City)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Game, fish laws--recodification

HF1172/SF385 (Trimble)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Rice Creek Watershed District--levy limit increase

HF1473/SF678 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Taxes Committee. (SF passed Senate)

FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS & INSURANCE

Friday, April 24

Hair prosthesis--policy coverage

HF71/SF292 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Detached facilities--permit application

HF791/SF743 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Liquor liability

HF1482/SF1313 (Osthoff, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

GENERAL LEGISLATION, VETERANS AFFAIRS & GAMING

Tuesday, April 28

Fair Campaign Practices--changes

HF236/SF247 (Scheid, DFL-St. Louis Park)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Voting systems--city changes

HF756/SF466 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

GOVERNMENTAL OPERATIONS

Friday, April 24

Virginia--firefighters' relief association benefits

HF12/SF9 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Hibbing--police, firefighters survivor benefits

HF549/SF549 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Public pension plans--effects of marriage dissolution

HF940/SF855 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Judiciary Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

Teachers Retirement Association--Rule of 90

HF944 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee.

Phone equipment--hearing impaired

HF1002/SF1029 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Millerville--volunteer firefighters service pensions

HF1153/SF1052 (C. Nelson, DFL-Barrett)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Mankato--police benefit association changes

HF1176/SF1054 (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Rules and Legislative Administration Committee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Low-level radioactive waste--siting process

HF1407/SF1202 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Amateur Sports Commission

HF1460/SF1112 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Hibbing--council member's PERA option

HF1531/SF1425 (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)--returned to subcommittee. (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Monday, April 27

Zoological Gardens--board membership changes

HF586/SF167 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

State departments--reorganization

HF1095 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)--heard; amended.

Tuesday, April 28

Ground water management--metropolitan area

HF373/SF353 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Mental health ombudsman

HF516/SF514 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

State agency heads--salary ranges

HF727/SF674 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

State departments--reorganization
HF1095 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)--
recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES

Thursday, April 23

Pregnancy counseling
HF204/SF283 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--
not recommended to pass. (SF on Senate
Floor)

Elderly study
HF438/SF408 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis
Park)--recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Mental health ombudsman
HF516/SF524 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--
recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Governmental Operations
Committee. (SF524 amended into
SF583, which is in Senate Finance
Committee)

**Mental retardation resident
programs**
HF781/SF747 (Rodosovich, DFL-
Faribault)--recommended to pass as
amended; rereferred to Appropriations
Committee. (SF in Senate Finance
Committee)

Chemical dependency fund
HF995/SF788 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Appropriations Committee)

Podiatrists regulation--update
HF1008/SF79 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF on
Senate Floor)

Group health insurance
HF1203/SF810 (McLaughlin, DFL-
Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in
Senate Finance Committee)

Day care smoking--prohibition
HF1283/SF962 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF on
Senate Floor)

Store-to-door grocery delivery
HF1323/SF720 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended;
referred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Public health fund
HF1499/SF945 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--
recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Tuesday, April 28

**Medical Assistance--nursing
home therapies**
HF819/SF872 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass; rereferred to
Appropriations Committee. (SF in
Senate Finance Committee)

**Human service programs--
residence, finan. responsibility**
HF894/SF895 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)--
recommended to pass. (SF in Senate
Finance Committee)

**Community services conversion
project**
HF1022/SF908 (Kelso, DFL-Shakopee)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF in
Senate Finance Committee)

Department of Health--changes
HF1076/SF1048 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF on
Senate Floor)

Pre-admission screening
HF1222/SF593 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF
passed Senate)

Child care sliding fee
HF1350/SF712 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF in
Senate Finance Committee)

Board of medical examiners
HF1356/SF737* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended.

**Medical Assistance--hospice
payments**
HF1417/SF1293 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis
Park)--recommended to pass as amended.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**Federal fiscal disallowances--
altering allocation**
HF1496/SF946 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF in
Senate Finance Committee)

JUDICIARY

Tuesday, April 28

**Obscene materials, performances--
prohibition**
HF402/SF236 (Reding, DFL-Austin)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF on
Senate Floor)

**Public pension plans--effects of
marriage dissolution**
HF940/SF855 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF on
Senate Floor)

**Uniform Transfers to Minors Act--
amendments**
HF1029/SF1050 (Kludt, DFL-Moorhead)--
recommended to pass; placed on Consent
Calendar. (SF on Senate Floor)

**Harassment on private property--
prohibition**
HF1115/SF915 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF on
Senate Floor)

Domestic assault law--changes
HF1129/SF1097 (Kludt, DFL-Moorhead)--
recommended to pass as amended. (SF on
Senate Floor)

**DWI--mandatory minimum
penalties**
HF1165/SF537 (D. Nelson, DFL-
Champlin)--recommended to pass as
amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Courts--gender bias study
HF1214/SF950 (Pappas, DFL-St. Paul)--
recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**Asbestos claims--statute of
limitations**
HF1396/SF1136 (Carruthers, DFL-
Brooklyn Center)--recommended to pass
as amended; rereferred to Rules and
Legislative Administration Committee.
(SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Amateur radio operators
HF1420/SF611 (McDonald, IR-
Watertown)--recommended to pass as
amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

**Public defenders--salaries,
training, state funds**
HF1595/SF1345 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--
recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
(SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Police radios--criminal use
HF1619/SF605 (Bertram, DFL-
Paynesville)--recommended to pass as
amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Courts, judges--various changes
HF1622/SF1007 (Orenstein, DFL-St.
Paul)--recommended to pass as amended.
(SF on Senate Floor)

LABOR-MANAGEMENT RELATIONS

Monday, April 27

**Workers' compensation--delivery
system**
HF913 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--
recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Governmental Operations
Committee.

**Workers' compensation--smell,
taste loss**
HF979/SF916* (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)--
recommended to pass as amended; placed
on Consent Calendar.

**Human rights--employee
redefinition**
HF1200/SF979 (Riveness, DFL-
Bloomington)--recommended to pass as
amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

**Federal Reed Act money--
appropriation**
HF1621/SF1379 (McLaughlin, DFL-
Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended;
rereferred to Appropriations Committee.

LOCAL & URBAN AFFAIRS

Tuesday, April 28

Ramsey County--home rule charter study commission
HF465/SF557* (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended.

Duluth airport authority--employees
HF714/SF494* (Jaros, DFL-Duluth)--recommended to pass.

REGULATED INDUSTRIES

Monday, April 27

Liquor stores--items for sale
HF1148/SF1114 (Jacobs, DFL-Coon Rapids)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Low volume brewers--licensing
HF1265/SF1053 (Olsen, IR-St. Louis Park)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF on Senate Floor)

Little Canada--on-sale liquor licenses
HF1365/SF1290 (Valento, IR-Little Canada)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF on Senate Floor)

PUC--rates of return, non-utility income
HF1430/SF1194 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--recommended to pass; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

American Swedish Institute--on-sale liquor license
HF1562/SF1183 (Schreiber, IR-Brooklyn Park)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF on Senate Floor)

TAXES

Thursday, April 23

Omnibus tax bill
HF529/SF445 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--heard. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Friday, April 24

Omnibus tax bill
HF529/SF445 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Tuesday, April 28

Golf club property taxation
HF533/SF1032 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Health insurance--retired teachers
HF1144/SF1082 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to amended; rereferred to Education Committee. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Anoka County--solid waste
HF1629/SF1504 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass; placed on Consent Calendar. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Thursday, April 30

Minnesota Housing Finance Agency bill
HF508/SF506 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Highway sound barriers--local improvements
HF867/SF748 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Traverse--county agricultural society
HF1156/SF1144 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Itasca County--economic development
HF1302/SF1224 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Gillette Hospital--clarify tax exemption
HF1442/SF1296* (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended.

TRANSPORTATION

Thursday, April 23

Sixty-five speed limit
HF295/SF1369 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

Bus driver training
HF1087/SF862 (K. Nelson, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Vehicle weighing--solid waste disposal facilities
HF1451/SF1145* (Rice, DFL-Mpls)--heard; laid over for interim study.

FLOOR ACTION

CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE

A final vote on a bill the House previously passed in another form, to include amendments of the other body [Senate], of a conference committee, or amendments made after reconsideration.

Wednesday, April 29

East Grand Forks--land sale
HF750*/SF715 (Lieder, DFL-Crookston)--repassed as amended by the Senate (123-0).

9-1-1 emergency phone service
HF839*/SF783 (Rukavina, DFL-Virginia)--repassed as amended by the Senate (108-13).

CONSENT CALENDAR

Bills on the Consent Calendar may be considered for final passage by the House. Each bill has had two prior readings and has been acted upon by one or more standing committees. Each bill has been printed and copies have been placed on the members' desks for at least one day. Bills on the Consent Calendar did not appear on General Orders and therefore were not considered by the Committee of the Whole. Bills on the Consent Calendar were placed there by a recommendation of a standing committee which considered the bill to be noncontroversial. Pursuant to the Rules of the House, bills may be removed from the Consent Calendar and referred to General Orders if ten members object to the bill because it is controversial. Amendments may be offered to bills on the Consent Calendar without unanimous consent of the members and each bill is given a Third Reading prior to final roll call.**

Monday, April 27

Wild animal storage--probable cause for search
HF513/SF365* (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (128-0).

DWI--highway workers
HF515/SF324* (Carruthers, Brooklyn Center)--passed (125-0).

Boating while intoxicated--prosecution
HF598/SF59* (Beard, DFL-Cottage Grove)--passed (126-0).

Independent School District 916--bonding
HF978/SF698* (Kostohryz, DFL-N. St. Paul)--passed (127-0).

School district fund--transfers

HF1185*/SF371 (Cooper, DFL-Bird Island)--passed (125-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Little Falls--liquor license

HF1495*/SF990 (Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls)--passed (113-6). (SF on Senate Floor)

Wednesday, April 29**Veterans service officers--certification**

HF418/SF161* (Minne, DFL-Hibbing)--passed as amended (132-0).

Uniform Statutory Rule Against Perpetuities

HF1050/SF157* (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--passed as amended (130-0).

POWs, MIAs--Capitol plaque

HF1503/SF721* (Jensen, DFL-Lakeville)--passed (133-0).

Dept. of Public Safety--**Emergency Management Div.**

HF1544/SF1349* (K. Olson, DFL-Sherburn)--passed (131-1).

RULE 1.10

Under Rule 1.10 of the House Permanent Rules, after the House adopts a budget resolution, any bill relating to taxes or raising revenue shall be acted upon whenever requested by the Chair of the Committee on Taxes, and any appropriation bill shall be acted upon whenever requested by the Chair of the Committee on Appropriations.

Wednesday, April 29**Taxes omnibus bill**

HF529*/SF445 (Voss, DFL-Blaine)--passed as amended (74-59). (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

SPECIAL ORDERS

"To Be Acted Upon Immediately Preceding General Orders" Special Orders is a list of bills the Rules Committee designates for priority consideration. After debate and/or amendment, they may immediately be given a third reading and placed upon final passage. A procedure used to select from among bills which have had a second reading those that the Rules Committee determined should have priority.

Thursday, April 23**Used car sales--regulation**

HF85/SF18 (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--passed as amended (70-61). (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Retail credit card interest rates

HF242/SF495 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)--passed as amended (70-62). (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Hearing aid repairs--itemized billing

HF456/SF94* (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)--passed (116-10).

Eyeglasses--unregulated sales

HF466/SF1372 (Sarna, DFL-Mpls)--passed as amended (126-2). (SF on Senate floor)

Membership camping regulation

HF487/SF710 (Peterson, DFL-Princeton)--passed as amended (129-0). (SF on Senate floor)

Lemon law--changes

HF845/SF793* (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--passed (114-13).

Consumer education

HF945/SF914 (Price, DFL-Woodbury)--passed as amended (120-9). (SF in Senate Education Committee)

Health, dating, buying clubs--registration

HF949/SF772 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)--passed (129-2). (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Monday, April 27**Boiler operating regulations**

HF115/SF1015* (Begich, DFL-Eveleth)--passed as amended (126-0).

Provisional license--homemakers

HF142*/SF29 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)--passed (121-1).

Farmer-Lender Mediation Act--changes

HF210/SF89* (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--passed (129-0).

Financial institutions--regulation changes

HF291*/SF691 (Winter, DFL-Fulda)--passed as amended (105-19). (SF on Senate Floor)

Absentee ballots

HF376/SF248* (Price, DFL-Woodbury)--passed as amended (129-0).

Equipment parts regulation

HF454/SF341* (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--passed (122-1).

Medical coverage--increase

HF464*/SF579 (L. Carlson, DFL-Crystal)--passed (126-0). (SF in Senate Commerce Committee)

Lake improvement districts--meeting notice

HF521* (Jennings, DFL-Rush City)--passed (125-1).

Metropolitan Airports

Commission--chair
HF654*/SF923 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)--passed (120-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Superintendents--selection

HF853*/SF759 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)--passed (105-22). (SF on Senate Floor)

Aeration operations--liability

HF909*/SF801 (Brown, DFL-Appleton)--passed (113-10). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Sentencing Guidelines**Commission--membership**

HF969* (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (124-0).

Firearms--convicted felons

HF990*/SF1321 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--passed (128-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Boating while intoxicated laws--enforcement

HF1015*/SF992 (Rest, DFL-New Hope)--passed (125-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary)

Adoption--notifications

HF1041/SF1478 (Wagenius, DFL-Mpls)--passed as amended (130-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Retirement--miscellaneous benefit provisions

HF1103*/SF1049 (Kostohryz, DFL-N. St. Paul)--passed (124-0). (SF in Senate Governmental Operations Committee)

Humane Society--abolishment

HF1113*/SF1452 (Kludt, DFL-Moorhead)--passed as amended (123-5). (SF on Senate Floor)

School districts--self insurance

HF1230*/SF1426 (McEachern, DFL-St. Michael)--passed (125-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

State property--lease extension

HF1263*/SF1143 (Bauerly, DFL-Sauk Rapids)--passed (127-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Lake County--liquor license

HF1281*/SF873 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--passed as amended (130-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Peace officers--licensure, authority

HF1312*/SF1199 (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (71-55). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Lake County/Two Harbors--land sale

HF1412*/SF1276 (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--passed (102-16). (SF on Senate Floor)

Wednesday, April 29**Retirement--lower vesting standards**

HF463*/SF1063 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--passed as amended (132-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Sex abuse offenders--stayed sentences

HF674*/SF947 (Blatz, IR-Bloomington)--passed (130-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Hospital expansion moratorium
HF668* (Gruenes, IR-St. Cloud)--passed (129-0).

Community service block grant funds
HF856*/SF921 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--passed as amended (132-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Hazardous waste facilities--guarantor
HF872*/SF1346 (Long, DFL-Mpls)--passed (130-1). (SF on Senate Floor)

Juveniles--adult prosecution
HF1111* (Otis, DFL-Mpls)--amended; laid over.

Precinct caucus--date change
HF1327*/SF1243 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--passed (113-11). (SF on Senate Floor)

Water diversion plans--restrictions
HF1507*/SF1092 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)--passed (129-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Key

HF--House File
SF--Senate File
HF#/SF#--companion bills
*--version of the bill under consideration
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Q&A

QUESTIONS YOU'VE ASKED

• What is legislative immunity?

Legislative immunity refers to Section 10, Article IV of the Minnesota Constitution which says: "The members of each house [House of Representatives and Senate] in all cases except treason, felony, and breach of the peace, shall be privileged from arrest during the session of their respective houses and in going to or returning from the same. For any speech or debate in either house, they shall not be questioned in any other place."

• What is the wording of the oath of office that representatives take after election?

Section 8, Article IV of the Minnesota Constitution says: "Each member and officer of the Legislature before entering upon his [her] duties shall take an oath or affirmation to support the Constitution of the United States, the constitution of this state, and to discharge faithfully the duties of his office to the best of his judgment and ability."

So each elected representative takes the following oath: "Do you solemnly swear that you will support the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Minnesota, and that you will faithfully discharge the duties of the office to which you have just been elected to the best of your judgment and ability, so help you God?"

• Who is the Speaker Pro Tempore?

Speaker Pro Tempore is a member the Speaker of the House, the presiding officer of the House, appoints to preside in his absence. This session, Speaker Pro Tempore is Rep. Dee Long of Minneapolis.

• What does "majority" and "simple majority" mean?

A majority, needed for final passage of a bill in the House, is 50 percent plus one of all elected members of a legislative body: 68 votes in the House; 34 votes in the Senate.

In a committee, subcommittee, division, and Committee of the Whole, a simple majority is 50 percent plus one of those members present and voting.

• What is a minority report?

A minority report contains the opinion of a minority of the members of a standing committee who disagree with the recommendations in the committee report on a bill or resolution. The House takes up the minority report before the committee report, and if the House adopts the minority report, it stands as the report of the committee on an issue.

As with the word, "session," the word "report" has several uses in the Legislature in addition to "minority report":

- 1) Some people use report instead of the more commonly used, traditional term "reading," as in the reading of a bill;
- 2) Committee report: recommendations of a standing committee that a bill or resolution "be passed" or "be passed as amended," with or without reference to another committee;
- 3) Comparison report: formal announcement by the Chief Clerk of the House or Secretary of the Senate that companion House and Senate bills are identical or nearly identical;
- 4) Progress report on Conference Committee: report to the full body by a conferee, updating members on the status of a conference committee's negotiations.

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IN THE HOPPER...

BILL INTRODUCTIONS

April 24-30, 1987

House Bill Introductions Monday, April 28

HF1623--Vanasek (DFL)-- Ways & Means

State government; creating a legislative budget office; providing for its duties; providing for a director of the legislative budget office and the manner of the director's appointment and service; eliminating the department of finance and transferring its powers and duties to the department of revenue; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

HF1624--Larsen (DFL)-- Commerce

Commerce; regulating personal property locker facilities; providing licensing and bonding requirements; regulating rental agreements; providing minimum health and safety standards; proposing coding for new law.

HF1625--Solberg (DFL)-- Health/Human Services

Veterans; requiring the construction of a veterans home in Grand Rapids with the use of nonstate funds and providing for the operation and administration of the home; proposing coding for new law.

HF1626--Kahn (DFL)-- Regulated Industries

Alcoholic beverages; directing the commissioner of public safety to establish a program for approving courses to train servers of alcoholic beverages in responsible sale and consumption; proposing coding for new law.

HF1627--Kahn (DFL)-- Regulated Industries

Alcoholic beverages; authorizing cities and counties to issue licenses permitting on-sales of alcoholic beverages during certain hours when on-sales are otherwise prohibiting; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1628--Kahn (DFL)-- Environment/Natural Resources

Environment; requiring as assessment to be paid by nuclear fission electrical generating plants to fund the costs of certain high-level radioactive waste programs; proposing coding for new law.

HF1629--Simoneau (DFL)--Taxes
The county of Anoka; exempting an allocation of issuance authority for a solid waste project from the notice of issue filing deadline.

HF1630--Blatz (IR)--Judiciary

Child Abuse; requiring a clergyman who knows or has reason to believe a child is being abused to report the information to law enforcement authorities or the local welfare agency; amending statutes.

Wednesday, April 29

HF1631--Segal (DFL)--Education

Education; requiring the commissioner of education to study the feasibility of establishing regional language schools.

HF1632--Jaros (DFL)-- General Legislation/ Veterans Affairs/Gaming

Building standards; adopting a uniform act for the application of building and fire-related codes to existing buildings; proposing coding for new law.

HF1633--Pelowski (DFL)-- Education

Education; allowing a school district to use someone other than a traffic or police officer to control traffic in certain circumstances; amending statutes.

HF1634--Blatz (IR)-- Health/Human Services

Child care; expanding eligibility for child care sliding fee program; providing for reimbursement of child care provider accreditation fees; creating an office of child care providers assistance in the department of human services; increasing the number of certain licensing inspections; requiring a study of day care funding sources; requiring a privately operated child day care in capitol complex; establishing state policy for certain inspections; exempting construction materials and equipment from sales tax; creating a tuition tax credit; creating an employer tax credit for child care operations; establishing state grants to county government; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

HF1635--Anderson, G (DFL)-- The bill was read for the first time and laid over one day.

The organization and operation of state government; appropriating money for education and related purposes to the higher education coordinating board, state

board of vocational technical education, state board for community colleges, state university board; University of Minnesota, and the Mayo medical foundation; with certain conditions; decreasing the state portion of instructional cost at area vocational technical institutes; requiring tuition rates to be based on credit hours; appropriating funds from litigation to the state university board; requiring the state university board to consider qualifications of bidders in capital projects; allowing the state university board to receive nonstate funds for constructing a building on state land, and to control bidding, contract awards, and construction; specifying duties of the higher education coordination board in mission differentiation and program approval; expanding the higher education coordinating board's role in student planning; establishing a child care grant program; providing for increased admissions counseling; creating task forces on quality assessment and common course numbering; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

Thursday, April 30

HF1636--Price (DFL)-- Health/Human Services

State government; transferring the powers and duties of the department of health and its commissioner with respect to the regulation of health maintenance organizations to the department of commerce and its commissioner; making various technical changes; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

HF1637--Pappas (DFL)-- Financial Institutions/Insurance

Financial institutions; permitting additional detached facilities; amending statutes.

House Advisories Monday, April 27

HA25--Rodosovich (DFL)-- Referred to the Committee on Governmental Operations

A proposal to study changes to the Minnesota administrative procedure act.

HA26--Tjornhom (IR)-- Referred to the Committee on Metropolitan Affairs

A proposal to study the effects of aircraft noise on property values.

COMING UP NEXT WEEK...

ADVANCE COMMITTEE SCHEDULE

May 4-8, 1987

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Senate Files/ First Readings Wednesday, April 29

SF1296--Berglin (DFL)--Taxes
Gillette Children's Hospital; clarifying
the hospital's exemption from certain tax
provisions; amending statutes.

SF678--Novak (DFL)--Taxes
Natural resources; authorizing Rice Creek
watershed district to increase the
administrative fund amount.

SF863--Wegscheid (DFL)--
Referred to the Chief Clerk for
Comparison
Horse racing; authorizing the racing
commission to issue an additional license
for a racetrack in the seven-county
metropolitan area to be used for standard-
bred racing; amending statutes.

Thursday, April 30

SF473--Brandl (DFL)--
Appropriations
Health; requiring the commissioner of
health to transmit the major reports on
human health effects of low-level
ionizing radiation.

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Monday, May 4

10:00 a.m.

The House will meet in Session.

Tuesday, May 5

8:00 a.m.

Appropriations
Room 200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Glen Anderson
Agenda: Omnibus State Departments
Division Bill

Education Division/
Appropriations
Room 300N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lyndon Carlson
Agenda: Overview of State University
System bonding proposals

Tax Laws Division/Taxes
Room 5 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Dee Long
Agenda: HF740 (Kostohryz)-related to
horse racing. Public Testimony.

8:30 a.m.

Property Tax Division/Taxes
Room 400N State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Lona Minne
Agenda: To be announced.

10:00 a.m.

The House will meet in Session.

Wednesday, May 8

8:00 a.m.

Appropriations
Room 200 State Office Building
Chr. Rep. Glen Anderson
Agenda: To be announced.

10:00 a.m.

The House will meet in Session.

Thursday, May 7

10:00 a.m.

The House will meet in Session.

Friday, May 8

10:00 a.m.

The House will meet in Session

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Information Office
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LEGISLATORS

Who represents you at the State Capitol?

The House Public 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 Public Information Office publishes the *Official Directory of the Minnesota Legislature* and the *Members Directory*, both including legislators' committee assignments. You can get copies in the House Public Information Office when available.

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 he/she sponsored in the current session. Staff members can help you use the CRT.

Where members sit in the House Chamber

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

United States Congress

The House Public 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* for a 24-hour recorded message on the day's committee activities on bills, (612) 297-1264.

Which bills become law?

Bills that became law are on the CRT in House Index. The House Public Information Office also publishes brief summaries of new laws each session. Call the Information Office to get on the summary mailing list.

COMMITTEES

Standing committees and committee assignments

The Members Directory lists committees and committee assignments. Both are available in the House Public Information Office and Chief Clerk's Office.

GOVERNMENT

The Legislature - how it works

The House Public 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 brochure showing the structure of state government. Staff members can 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 Information (612) 296-0504, Room 231, State Capitol, provide services similar to the Chief Clerk's Office and House Index. The Senate Information Office also provides services similar to those of House Information. Call the Senate Hotline, (612) 296-8088, for committee meeting schedules.

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 the Senate, or both. To become a law, all bills must pass in both the House and Senate, and go to the governor for his signature.

The idea

Anyone can propose an idea for a bill - an individual, consumer group, corporation, professional association, governmental unit, or the governor. Most ideas come from members of the Legislature. The revisor of statutes puts the ideas for bills into proper legal form as a bill for introduction. Only legislators can introduce bills into the lawmaking 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 for identification as it moves through the legislative process. The chief author may select up to four other authors, whose names also appear on the 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) number (SF224, for example). Each HF in the House 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 on three separate days for all bills.) The presiding officer of the House or Senate refers the bill to an appropriate committee for 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 stating its actions and recommendations to the House or Senate.

General orders

After approval of the committee report in the House and Senate, the bill has its second reading and goes onto General Orders--a list of bills waiting House action. House members, acting as the Committee of the Whole, discuss bills, debate the issues, adopt amendments, and present arguments. They may recommend that a bill "do pass," recommend postponement, or have 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 a bill on the Calendar must have the unanimous consent of all House members in this final vote. By committee recommendation, non-controversial bills may bypass 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 or 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, the governor may: sign it, and the bill becomes law; veto it (return it with a "veto message" stating the objections); pocket veto the bill (take no action and let adjournment of the Legislature, in effect, veto the bill); or line veto portions of appropriation bills. If the governor does not sign or veto a bill within three days after receiving it, and the Legislature is in session, the bill automatically becomes law.



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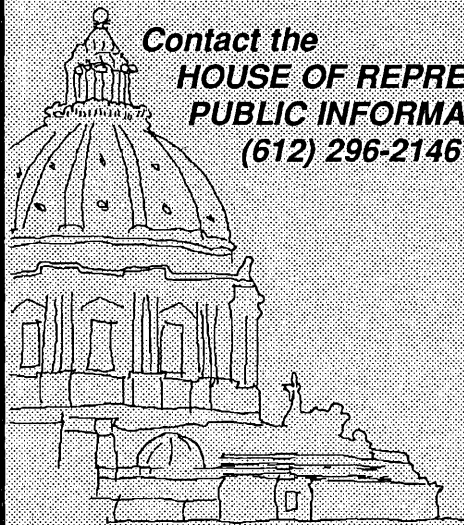
Speaker of the House: Fred C. Norton
Majority Leader: Robert E. Vanasek
Minority Leader: William H. Schreiber

Government is for everyone... Be a part of it

For information on:

- who your representative is
- legislators' districts, addresses, phone numbers
- bill status
- committee meeting schedules
- committee action
- and other questions about state government

**Contact the
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Do You Know

Marble, granite, limestone, and sandstone went into the construction of Minnesota's Capitol. But controversy arose among the Board of State Capitol Commissioners over which type of stone to use. They had to consider affordability, strength, durability, and beauty. Also, some wanted to use only Minnesota-quarried stone. But Minnesota granite wasn't as pretty, was more expensive, and more difficult to prepare than Georgia marble. The compromise decision was to use St. Cloud granite for the basement, Georgia marble for the exterior. The marble was cut to size in Georgia to save on railroad transportation costs, and polished in St. Paul to provide Minnesotans with jobs. Cutting the sixteen 21-foot flawless columns exhausted the Georgia quarry of its marble.

