HIGHLIGHTS

State departments spending bill

Amid budget cuts, the State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee came up with a $1.3 billion budget bill that chair Rep. Phyllis Kahn says consolidates similar state programs, delays new ones, and makes state government "leaner and more efficient."

Kahn told the Appropriations Committee May 5 that major provisions of HF1315 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham) include: eliminating the State Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA); "severely truncating" the State Planning Agency; eliminating the Department of Human Rights and moving some of its functions to the attorney general's office; eliminating the Legislative Commission on Public Education; reducing the science and technology office in the Department of Energy and Economic Development; and reducing base-level funding to the Department of Natural Resources.

Kahn says the bill puts a high priority on increased use of computers and telecommunications; better evaluation and planning within departments; and a more targeted, accountable, and forward-looking budget process.

The DNR's Game and Fish Fund would get an additional $5 million in hunting, fishing, and trapping license fee increases. And the bill would restore $2 million to the Minnesota Zoo if the zoo finds private funds to match state dollars.

Minority councils receive similar matching grant support in the bill.

The state departments funding bill passed the House floor May 6, and will get conference committee review.

Admissions tax

Patrons of Valley Fair, Canterbury Downs, and the Renaissance Festival could pay higher...
admission prices under a bill the Taxes Committee recommended to pass May 7.

The bill, HF1219 (Kelso, DFL-Shakopee), would impose a 25-cent tax on all admissions to major amusement facilities in Scott County.

County officials, testifying before the committee, say they need the new revenue (about $600,000 to $700,000 per year) to help pay for a new $52 million Bloomington ferry bridge. Without it, they say Scott County would lose matching federal funds for the bridge, and the burden of the cost would rest on local property taxpayers.

Canterbury Downs officials say the new tax would cost the racetrack about $350,000 annually. They say they would have to pay the tax to hold down admission fees, which already include a 50-cent state and local tax. A vehicle tax would be more equitable, says a racetrack representative, because it would raise revenue from cars using county roads to get to the track.

The bill now goes before the full House.

Building grants

New buildings could soon be on the drawing board for small school districts that combine high schools.

Rep. Glen Anderson (DFL-Bellingham), Appropriations Committee chair, is proposing an $8 million grant program that could give qualified school districts up to 75 percent of school construction or remodeling costs. The plan would offer grants as an incentive for small school districts to combine grades with neighboring districts.

Committee staff members say Anderson came up with the idea as a response to the needs of struggling, rural districts, whose shrinking enrollments are forcing program cuts.

The committee will consider the incentive plan next week as a part of the committee's capital bonding bill.

Merging schools

House members sent a measure back to committee from the House floor May 5 that some lawmakers say could only hurt small school districts that want to merge.

HF1035 (Larsen, DFL-Ramsey) would require small school districts planning mergers of secondary grades to negotiate a placement plan with their teachers for teaching positions. If negotiations don't bring about an agreement, the plan would then require districts to place surplus teachers on requested leave according to a combined seniority list.

Rep. Alice Johnson (DFL-Spring Lake Park) says she supports the idea. Mandated cooperation is the logical placement method for teachers who could lose their jobs in a merger, she says.

"Seniority is important in every profession," she says. "It would be no more fair to just throw out employees than it would be to throw out teachers from a small school district."

But the majority of members opposed the idea and say it needs more study.

Rep. Bob McEachem (DFL-St. Michael) who made the motion, says he wants districts to use cooperation as a way to give kids the best possible education. But, he says, this bill would create a state law that would be a road block for local agreements that could stop needed mergers.

Lawmakers say they plan to study the idea and bring it back again next year.

Hazardous waste disposal

On a vote of 125 to 5, the House gave final approval May 5 to HF401 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin), which would impose criminal penalties on those who intentionally mishandle the disposal of hazardous waste.

Legal disposal is becoming increasingly more costly, says the bill's author, Rep. Darby Nelson. And, in Nelson's words, that creates strong economic incentives for illegal actions. The attorney general's office says current laws don't cover many of those actions.

Nelson's bill would target those who intentionally and illegally transport, treat, store, or dispose of hazardous waste. It also goes after anyone who intentionally provides false or inadequate information.

House members amended the bill to clearly define items the bill does not cover, including household hazardous waste, pesticides, and used oil. They also removed a provision which would have paid a reward to anyone who turns in violators to the Pollution Control Agency.

House action

Less than two weeks remain of the 1987 legislative session, and several hundred bills await action. The House made a dent in the work May 4 when members acted on 51 bills during a seven-hour floor session.

Here are some of the bills the House passed:

• HF1204 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park): would allow the Hennepin County Board to hold closed meetings on certain Hennepin County Medical Center business where an open meeting would harm the Medical Center's competitive position.

• HF1319 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca): would authorize the use of vertical wheelchair lifts, inclined stairway wheelchair lifts, and inclined stairway chair lifts in public buildings.

• HF1420 (McDonald, IR-Watertown): would allow people who have Federal Communications Commission amateur radio licenses to install in any motor vehicle, radio equipment capable of receiving or transmitting on police emergency radio frequencies.

• HF1475 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls): would authorize including 50 additional full-time positions within state government agencies in a supported work program for persons...
with severe disabilities, and would allow up to three persons with such disabilities and their job coach to share a full-time position.

- SF409 (House author--Solberg, DFL-Bovey): would broaden the Child Abuse Reporting Act to require certain teachers and health care providers to report any suspected child abuse or neglect within the past three years.

**Minimum fines, restitution**

People who are guilty of criminal or sexual assault would pay to get help for their victims under a bill the House passed on a unanimous vote May 4.

Rep. Dave Bishop (IR-Rochester), author of HF1174, asks "Why should we make anybody else pay for counseling, for victim and witness assistance, if we can make the offender pay for it?"

The bill would impose fines on people the courts convict of assault. The fines would range from a $100 minimum for assault, a $300 minimum for criminal assault, and a $500 minimum for sexual assault.

Bishop estimates the fines would bring in an additional $600,000 which would go to fund local victim assistance programs, including crime victim crisis centers, victim-witness programs, battered women's shelters, and sexual assault programs.

The bill goes next to the Senate.

**Credit card disclosure**

A bill that would require credit card issuers to spell out financial terms and interest rates when consumers apply for credit cards passed the House of Representatives May 4.

Under HF822 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul), all credit card applications in Minnesota would disclose the financial terms of the credit card plan including any late fees, grace periods, membership fees, and all annual charges.

The disclosure requirement does not apply to credit card ads or retail catalogues which do not include a credit card application.

The bill goes now to the Senate.

**Health, human service spending**

The state's $2.24 billion health and human service spending bill passed the House Floor May 2 on a 91-37 vote.

The two-year appropriation bill, HF243 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham), would target human services programs with almost $2 billion dollars, corrections programs with about $196 million and almost $70 million for the Department of Health (DOH).

Most floor debate centered on funds the DOH spends for AIDS research and education programs. Some members say those programs should get more of the department's funds.

Rep. Allen Quist (IR-St. Peter) offered an amendment that would require engaged couples to take a mandatory AIDS blood test. Quist says he offered the amendment because he's concerned about the future of his children and their families.

Opponents to the amendment say mandatory AIDS testing would waste DOH resources on a population group not likely to have the virus. They say attention should focus on high risk groups.

The House adopted the Quist amendment on a roll call vote of 85 to 40.

**State agency funding**

Minnesota lawmakers approved a $2 billion spending bill May 2 to fund the state's agriculture, transportation, and semi-state agencies for the next two years.

The bill, which is headed for a House and Senate conference committee, would provide $26 million over the next two years for the Department of Agriculture, $19 million each for the Department of Commerce and the Minnesota Historical Society, and $1.7 million for non-health boards such as the Board of Accountancy.

For transportation, the House allocated $1.7 billion for the biennium. The federal highway aid program provides $429 million of the state's transportation funds. Other funding comes from highway user taxes ($259 million) and motor vehicle excise tax (MVET) revenues ($45 million).

The MVET transfer differs from the governor's proposed budget recommendation which was to keep highway monies in the general fund. The House recommended a 10 percent MVET transfer over the next two years. Each year thereafter, the transfer would increase 10 percent until all MVET revenues go into highway user and transit funds.

Rep. Jim Rice (DFL-Mpls), chair of the division that put the bill together, says the bill is in line with the House budget resolution.

**DNR cuts**

The State Departments Division of the Appropriations Committee cut $3 million from the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) in an all-night meeting April 30. Instead of getting additional funds for an unusually expensive fire-fighting season, the DNR will have to reduce its general fund base-level to pay the unexpected cost.

Rep. Glen Anderson (DFL-Bellingham), chair of the Appropriations Committee, says reductions in the DNR are a necessary part of the Legislature's efforts to reduce the state's total spending by $225 million.

The commissioner of natural resources would decide which programs and positions to cut in meeting the budget reduction. But the provision would shield certain programs, including enforcement, firefighting, and youth services.
COMMITTEE ACTION

APPROPRIATIONS

Monday, May 4

State departments omnibus appropriations bill
HF1315 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)--recommended to pass as amended.

Wednesday, May 6

Pipeline Safety Act
HF91/SF90 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)--recommended to pass. (SF passed Senate)

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

Sixty-five speed limit
HF295/SF1369 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--not recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

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

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

Child safe house symbol--"McGruff"
HF866/SF853 (Skoglund, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF passed Senate)

Acid deposition control--assessment
HF915/SF865 (Trimble, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF passed Senate)

Dept. of Administration--changes
HF916/SF820 (Lasley, DFL-Cambridge)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

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

Waste water treatment grant program
HF1030/SF1497 (Munger, DFL-Duluth)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

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

Seat belt law--violation penalty
HF1228/SF121* (Veljenga, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended.

Workers' compensation--special compensation fund
HF1450/SF1347 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

State departments--reorganization
HF1095 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)--recommended to pass.

Mental health--adult day training, habilitation
HF1183/SF1010 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF incorporated into SF1521 in Senate Finance Committee)

Disabled child, adult care--program licensure
HF210/SF1113 (Wynia, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

UCC financing statements--computerized filing
HF1297/SF652 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)--recommended to pass. (SF on Senate Floor)

Elk--management plan
HF1351/SF1240 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Economic development loans--secondary markets
HF1399/SF1417 (Otis, DFL-St. Paul)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Federal Reed Act money--appropriations
HF1621/SF1379 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

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

Friday, May 1

Pipeline Safety Act
HF91/SF90 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

Tuesday, May 5

Pipeline Safety Act
HF91/SF90 (Knuth, DFL-New Brighton)--repassed as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee. (SF on Senate Floor)

State departments--reorganization
HF1095 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)--recommended to pass as amended; rereferred to Appropriations Committee.
### Health & Human Services Div./Approps.

**Tuesday, May 5**

- General assistance--literacy training
  - HF177/SF125 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended; referred to full committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

- Social worker licensure
  - HF290/SF1085 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended; referred to full committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

- Marriage, family therapist--licensure
  - HF758/SF1077 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)--amended into HF290. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

- Services for hearing impaired
  - HF64/SF735 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended; referred to full committee. (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

- Federal Reed Act money--appropriation
  - HF1621/SF1379 (McLaughlin, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended; referred to full committee. (SF passed Senate)

**State Depts. Div./Approps.**

**Thursday, April 30**

- Prairie land management program
  - HF626/SF626 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--recommended to pass; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

- Waseca--Clear, Loon lake clean-up
  - HF952/SF1448 (Schoenfeld, DFL-Waseca)--recommended to pass as amended; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Environment and Natural Resources Committee)

- Judges/Judicial fees
  - HF1422/SF1205 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--recommended to pass as amended; held for incorporation into division omnibus bill. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**Saturday, May 2**

- State departments omnibus appropriations bill
  - HF1315 (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)--recommended to pass.

### Tuesday, May 5

**Taxes**

- **Petroleum Tank Release Cleanup Act**
  - HF506/SF536 (Knut, DFL-New Brighton)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

- **Elk--management plan**
  - HF1351/SF1240 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

- **Low-level radioactive waste--siteing process**
  - HF1407/SF1202 (Kahn, DFL-Mpls)--recommended to pass as amended. (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

**CONCURRENCE & REPASSAGE**

- **Friday, May 1**
  - Dakota County--personnel system
    - HF510/SF617 (Jensen, DFL-Lakeville)--repassed as amended by the Senate (105-2).

- **Saturday, May 2**
  - Child restraint carriers
    - HF29* (Welle, DFL-Willmar)--repassed as amended by the Senate (105-22).

- **Monday, May 4**
  - Workers' compensation insurance fund
    - HF26*/SF56 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--repassed as amended by the Senate (105-2).

- **Tuesday, May 5**
  - Handicapped transit standards
    - HF1009*/SF1108 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--repassed as amended by the Senate (122-0).
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**Friday, May 1**

Workers' compensation--smell, taste loss

Little Canada--on-sale liquor licenses

Anoka County--solid waste

**Monday, May 4**

Uniform Transfers to Minors Act amendments

**Tuesday, May 5**

American Swedish Institute--on-sale liquor license

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Education Finance--omnibus bill

**Saturday, May 2**

Health & Human Services Div. Omnibus Bill

**Wednesday, May 6**

State departments omnibus appropriations bill

**SPECIAL ORDERS**

**Thursday, April 30**

Ethical Practices Board changes

Fire, casualty insurance--cancellation

Employment data access--DEED

HMO premium adjustment

Mentally retarded--public guardians

Juveniles--adult prosecution

Alexandria--school board elections

Township--organization, dissolution procedures

**Friday, May 1**

Criminal law--various changes

Light rail transit
Child Abuse Reporting Act--required reports  
HF277/SF409* (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--passed (126-0).

Dram Shop Act--amendments  
HF285*/SF261 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (132-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Property crimes--reclassification  
HF384*/SF286 (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--passed (129-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Retirement--police, firefighters admin. expenses  
HF389* (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--passed (127-0).

Homeowners insurance--flexible  
HF417/SF333* (D. Carlson, IR-Moorhead)--amended; passed (130-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Raccoon dog field trials  
HF501/SF333* (D. Carlson, IR-Sandstone)--amended; continued.

MTC--employment of off-duty police  
HF517/SF420* (Kelly, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (132-0).

Golf club property taxation  
HF533*/SF1052 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--passed (131-1). (SF in Senate Taxes and Tax Laws Committee)

Mobile home park regulations  
HF574*/SF631 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--passed (129-1). (SF on Senate Floor)

Insurance companies--police information release  
HF593*/SF613 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--passed (129-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Chemical dependency professional standards  
HF594/SF673* (Dauner, DFL-Hawley)--passed (131-0).

Conciliation courts--judgments  
HF624*/SF349 (Kuhl, DFL-Moorhead)--passed (127-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Mental illness--information system  
HF647*/SF619 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--passed (131-0). (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Credit card disclosure bill  
HF622*/SF728 (O'Connor, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (119-9). (SF on Senate Floor)

Chlordane--use prohibition  
HF844/SF345* (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--passed (128-0).

Human service programs--residence, finan. responsibility  
HF894*/SF895 (Welle, DFL-Willmar)--passed (131-0). (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Horse racing--class C licenses  
HF1038/SF922* (Redalen, IR-Fountain)--passed (126-4).

Metro governance  
HF1043*/SF1241 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)--passed (130-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Child support--retroactive modification  
HF1046*/SF795 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul)--passed (113-14). (SF in Senate Health and Human Services Committee)

Drainage law--amendments  
HF1078*/SF956 (Jennings, DFL-Rush City)--passed (131-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Duluth--design districts  
HF1106/SF480* (Boo, IR-Duluth)--passed (134-0).

Duluth--Spring Valley plat  
HF1107/SF470* (Munger, DFL-Duluth)--passed (129-0).

Convicted sexual abusers--minimum fines  
HF1174*/SF1422 (Bishop, IR-Rochester)--passed as amended (132-0). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Human rights--employee redefinition  
HF1200*/SF979 (Riveness, DFL-Bloomington)--passed (133-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Hennepin County Medical Center--operation  
HF1204* (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)--passed (127-3).

Eminent domain--court jurisdiction  
HF1252*/SF882 (Clark, DFL-Mpls)--passed (132-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Restitution, court-ordered--Revenue Recapture Act  
HF1274*/SF1117 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--passed (128-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Insurer, agency--contract cancellation  
HF1304*/SF1137 (Milbert, DFL-South St. Paul)--passed as amended (129-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

State building code--wheelchair lifts  
HF1319*/SF1179 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--passed (130-0). (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Community work experience program--deadlines  
HF1328*/SF1233 (Solberg, DFL-Bovey)--passed (134-0). (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Board of Medical Examiners  
HF1556/SF737* (Greenfield, DFL-Mpls)--passed (132-0).

Interior designers, decorators task force  
HF1566*/SF1031 (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)--passed (83-47). (SF on Senate Floor)

Attorney General Office--assistants  
HF1374*/SF1174 (Simoneau, DFL-Fridley)--passed (85-44). (SF on Senate Floor)

Medical assistance--hospice payments  
HF1417*/SF1293 (Segal, DFL-St. Louis Park)--passed (130-0). (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Department of Human Rights--procedures, changes  
HF1419*/SF1201 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)--passed as amended (131-0). (SF in Senate Finance Committee)

Amateur radio operators  
HF1420*/SF611 (McLaughlin, IR-Watertown)--passed (121-7). (SF on Senate Floor)

Risk retention groups  
HF1421*/SF1043 (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Center)--passed as amended (130-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Civil service--disabled workers  
HF1475*/SF1150 (Jefferson, DFL-Mpls)--passed (130-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Welsh case management appeals  
HF1524*/SF1273 (Quinn, DFL-Coon Rapids)--passed (127-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

AYTI directors--appointment  
HF1590*/SF649 (Dorn, DFL-Mankato)--passed (131-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

Tuesday, May 5

Traffic regulation--slow-moving vehicle emblems  
HF156*/SF25* (Redalen, IR-Fountain)--passed (130-1).

Town boards, members--powers  
HF225/SF225* (Battaglia, DFL-Two Harbors)--passed (127-0).

Snowmobiles--highway crossings  
HF268/SF185* (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)--passed (127-0).

Groundwater management--metropolitan area  
HF375/SF353* (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--passed (128-0).

Hazardous waste--criminal penalties  
HF401*/SF818 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin)--passed as amended (125-5). (SF in Senate Judiciary Committee)

Timber permit laws--changes  
HF403*/SF461* (Kinkel, DFL-Park Rapids)--passed (130-0).

Ramsey County--home rule charter study commission  
HF465/SF557* (Kostohryz, DFL-North St. Paul)--passed as amended (78-46).
Corporations—organization, operation regulation
HF1399/SF578* (Carruthers, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—passed (130-0).

Contested elections—appeals
HF1515*/SF1433 (Scheid, DFL-Brooklyn Park)—passed (130-0). (SF in Senate Elections and Ethics Committee)

Police radios—criminal use
HF1619/SF605* (Bertram, DFL-Paynesville)—passed (131-1).

Courts, judges—various changes
HF1622*/SF1007 (Orenstein, DFL-St. Paul)—passed (128-0). (SF on Senate Floor)

SUSPENSION OF RULES

Thursday, April 30

Horse racing—harness track
HF905/SF865* (Reden, DFL-Austin)—passed as amended (98-30).

Friday, May 1

Higher education—omnibus funding
HF1635/SF1515* (G. Anderson, DFL-Bellingham)—passed (127-0).

Saturday, May 2

Omnibus Ag., Transportation, & Semi-States Div./Approps. bill
HF837/SF1516* (Larsen, DFL-Ramsey)—passed as amended (133-0).

GOVERNOR

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Tuesday, April 28

Electronic teller machines
HF28*/SF148 (Skoglund)—Chapter 41.

Minnesota Statutes—gender references
HF742/SF440* (Rest)—Chapter 49.

Wednesday, April 29

Foreign exchange students—deer hunting licenses
HF74/SF73* (Reden)—Chapter 47.

School buses—amber lights
HF126/SF136* (Ozmen)—Chapter 48.

City charter commission—discharge, reformation
SF1067* (Wegscheid)—Chapter 51.

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Thursday, April 30

School districts—mail info
HF235*/SF24 (Hartle)—Chapter 42.

Faribault—state easement
HF505*/SF1058 (Rodosovich)—Chapter 43.

Dept. of Human Services—division name change
HF557*/SF799 (Kelso)—Chapter 44.

Labor-BMS changes
HF1028*/SF1110 (Simoneau)—Chapter 45.

Occupational Safety and Health Act
HF1049*/SF1074 (A. Johnson)—Chapter 46.

Municipal annexation—tax adjustments
HF1377/SF725* (Hartle)—Chapter 50.

Tuesday, May 5

Lemon law—changes
HF845/SF793* (Begich)—Chapter 52.

Metro Waste Control Commission—rate structure

Charter bus drivers—physical exam card
HF1042*/SF988 (A. Johnson)—Chapter 54.

RESOLUTIONS THE GOVERNOR SIGNED

Tuesday, April 30

Pipeline Safety Improvement resolution
HF567*/SF661 (Knuth)—Resolution 5.

Key

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

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### House Bill Introductions

**Friday, May 1**
- **HF1638** - Simonceau (DFL) -- Transportation
  Motor vehicles; providing for lifetime license plates; reducing fees; amending statutes; repealing statutes.
- **HF1639** - Heap (IR) -- Commerce
  Commerce; changing the membership of the commission; amending statutes.
- **HF1640** - Schreiber (IR) -- Taxes
  Tax levy; abolishing certain mill rate or limitation adjustments; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.
- **HF1641** - Begich (DFL) -- Commerce
  Consumer protection; requiring motor vehicle manufacturers to supply a temporary replacement vehicle or to reimburse vehicle owners for rental car expenses under certain circumstances; providing an expedited civil remedy; amending statutes.

**Saturday, May 2**
- **HF1642** - Bauerly (DFL) -- Education
  Education; authorizing the legislative commission on public education to contract for a project; requiring reports; appropriating money.
- **HF1643** - Marsh (IR) -- Governmental Operations
  Sentencing guidelines commission; changing the membership if the commission; amending statutes.
- **HF1644** - Jaros (DFL) -- Taxes
  The city of Duluth; limiting the increase in assessed value for taxes payable in 1987.
- **HF1645** - Kalls (DFL) -- Appropriations
  Claims against the state; providing for the payment of various claims; appropriating money.

**Wednesday, May 6**
- **HF1646** - Blatz (IR) -- Judiciary
  Adoptions; regulating the practice and permitting intermediaries to arrange adoptions; providing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
- **HF1647** - Bishop (IR) -- Judiciary
  Family law; providing for surrogate mother agreements; proposing coding for new law.

**Thursday, May 7**
- **HF1648** - Solberg (DFL) -- Governmental Operations
  Public employees; limiting insurance coverage of retired elected officers; amending statutes.
- **HF1649** - Jefferson (DFL) -- Economic Development/Housing
  Hazardous substances; authorizing loans to municipalities for removal of hazardous substances to facilitate economic development; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.
- **HF1650** - Rukavina (DFL) -- Local/Urban Affairs
  Local government; fixing the terms of mayors of statutory cities; amending statutes; repealing statutes.
- **HF1651** - Jennings (DFL) -- Health/Human Services
  Liquor; increasing the sales tax upon intoxicating liquor; dedicating a portion of the revenue to chemical dependency treatment and alcohol victims compensation; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.
- **HF1652** - Segal (DFL) -- Health/Human Services
  Human services; requiring a study on the feasibility of a mental health training institute.
- **HF1653** - Segal (DFL) -- Health/Human Services
  Human services; requiring a study of mental health services for children.

**House Advisories**

**Saturday, May 2**
- **HA30** - Nelson, D (DFL) -- Metropolitan Affairs
  A proposal to study Twin Cities Metropolitan Area air quality attainment strategies.

**Tuesday, May 5**
- **HA31** - Clark (DFL) -- Health/Human Services
  A proposal to study the effect on Minnesota citizens of premature hospital charges.
- **HA32** - Clark (DFL) -- Health/Human Services
  A proposal to study public efforts in education, prevention and research on AIDS.
- **HA33** - Price (DFL) -- Health/Human Services
  A proposal to study the appeals procedure for enrollees of health maintenance organizations.

**Wednesday, May 6**
- **HA34** - DeBleck (DFL) -- Governmental Operations
  A proposal to study combining the state building code and the uniform fire code.
- **HA35** - Solberg (DFL) -- Judiciary
  A proposal to study the rights of accused sex abusers.

**Senate Files/First Readings**

**Friday, May 2**
- **SF183** - Samuelson (DFL) -- Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
  Snowmobiles; authorizing certain operators possessing a motor vehicle operator's license to cross a highway; amending statutes.
- **SF225** - Adkins (DFL) -- Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
  Towns; providing for powers of town boards and board members; providing for elections; providing conditions for ownership of town cemetery lots; amending statutes; repealing statutes.
SF353--Jude (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Metropolitan water management; authorizing metropolitan counties to adopt ground water plans; relating to notice procedures in certain counties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF751--Samuelson (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Financial institutions; authorizing the deposit of trust funds received by real estate brokers of salespersons in savings and loan associations and credit unions; amending statutes.

SF1114--Solon (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Liquor; limitations on rules of the commissioner of public safety; items which may be sold in exclusive liquor stores; regulating sales of fermented malt beverages; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF1152--Solon (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Alcoholic beverages; limiting imports by individuals; maximum volume for volume prices; purchases by delinquent licensees; restricting employment of minors in nonintoxicating liquor premises; providing for inspections; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF897--Solon (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Liquor; requiring nondiscriminatory prices for sale to retailers; repealing the law requiring filing and maintenance of lists of wholesale prices; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF1072--Piper (DFL)--Appropriations
Utilities; providing for initial and continuing education of public utilities commissioners; lengthening the time period for preparation for a hearing on territorial disputes; raising dollar limit on value of property that public utility may transfer without commission approval; amending statutes.

SF1183--Jude (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Alcoholic beverages; authorizing the city of Minneapolis to issue an on-sale liquor license to the American Swedish Institute.

SF237--Berglin (DFL)--Labor-Management Relations
Employment; requiring employers to notify employees of a lapse or discontinuance of employee health plans; providing remedies; proposing coding for new law.

SF385--Merriam (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Wild rice management; defining enforcement officer, brown trout, unloaded firearm; allowing the commissioner to use the game and fish fund for enforcement; notices on state park and wildlife management area boundaries; expiration date for muskrat farm licenses; the size of shooting preserves; violations of hunting while under the influence of alcohol or controlled substance; license in personal possession; more than one license, in a license year; big game licenses from certain types of license revocations; annual reports for tanners; fur dealers, and taxidermists; under age 16 nonresident under age 16 may purchase a nonresident fishing license oath administration; requirements for wild animals that are gifts; transport more than one big game animal; restrictions on transporting big game animals; trespassing to retrieve wounded game shipping more than one fish; permission to take wild animals; allowing possession of shotgun shells; taking raccoons with lights and firearms; clarifying license to pursue and tree raccoons; restricting the taking of pine marten and opossum; requirement for a license and seals to take beaver damaging property; certain devices to take fish; amending statutes.

SF79--Pogemiller (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Occupations and professions; generally revising and updating the laws relating to licensure of podiatrists; providing for definitions, licensing, practice without a license, disciplinary action, and investigations; providing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF578--Reichgott (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Business corporations; regulating the organization and operation of business corporations; providing for indemnification; providing voting rights; providing for the value, issuance, pledging, and acquisition of shares; and providing for payment on the return of shares; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF1--Moe, R (DFL)--Appropriations
Economic development; rural development; renaming and providing powers to the agricultural resource loan guaranty board; establishing a mineral resources program; establishing duties for the community development division in the department of energy and economic development; transferring the independent wastewater treatment grant program from the pollution control agency to the Minnesota public finance authority; changing the membership of the Minnesota job skills partnership board; establishing the rural development board; establishing the challenge grant program; establishing the rural development board; establishing the challenge grant program; establishing the customized training program; establishing the greater Minnesota corporation; establishing the state supplemental education grant program; establishing the Minnesota public finance authority; providing for a program for revitalization of the cities of St. Paul and Minneapolis; creating a program for funding economic development projects in the taconite tax relief area; permitting investment of earnings of the northeast Minnesota economic protection in venture capital enterprises; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF461--Willet (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Natural resources; changing certain provisions relating to the sale of state timber; eliminating a law relating to white pine blister rust control and cutting notices; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF948--Berglin (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Crimes; permitting evidence showing a tendency to fabricate allegations of sexual assault; requiring three days' notice of intent to introduce evidence of victim's prior sexual conduct; amending statutes.

SF1053--McQuaid (IR)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Crimes; defining the crime of using police radios while committing a criminal act; prescribing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF833--Solon (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Insurance; regulating trade practices; authorizing the payment of differing amounts of reimbursement to insured under individual policies; amending statutes.

SF1516--Merriam (DFL)--Suspension of Rules First and Second Readings
The organization and operation of state government; appropriating money for the department of transportation and other agencies with certain conditions; fixing and limiting fees; amending statutes; amending laws.
Monday, May 4

SF317--Wegscheld (DFL)--

Governmental Operations
Retirement; police and salaried firefighters
relief associations; authorizing the voluntary consolidation of local relief
associations with the public employees
police and fire fund; authorizing the
individual election of applicable benefit
coverage upon consolidation; amending
statutes; proposing coding for new law;
proposing coding for new law.

SF170--Pogcmiller (DFL)--Taxes
Economic development; recodifying
provisions governing housing and
redevelopment authorities, port
authority, state redevelopment
authorities, area redevelopment
municipal development districts, mined
underground space development, rural
development finance authorities, public
development debt, enterprise zones, tax
increment financing, and other local
economic development tools; extending
duration of bond allocation act; removing
certain service persons' preference
provisions from the housing and
redevelopment authority law; modifying
requirements for developers' tax
abatements under the housing and
redevelopment authority law; removing a
seton on certain \ St. Paul\ authority
provisions; allocating bonding authority
subject to a volume cap under federal tax
law; allocating bonding authority to the
city of Minneapolis, located in Hennepin
county, and to the city of St. Paul,
located in Ramsey county; amending
statutes; repealing statutes; amending
statutes; proposing coding for new law;
repealing statutes; proposing coding for
new law.

SF823--Solon (DFL)--

Financial Institutions/Insurance
Banking; authorizing the acquisition of
banks for operation as detached banking
facilities in the city of Duluth
adjacent municipalities.

SF1078--Frederickson, DR (IR)--

Financial Institutions/Insurance
Commerce; regulating conventional
loans; requiring an additional notice of
default under certain circumstances;
amending statutes.

SF1084--Chmielewski (DFL)--

Appropriations
State lands; authorizing the conveyance of
certain lands in Pine county to the
Amherst H. Wilder Foundation;
amendings laws; repealing laws.

SF1204--Luther (DFL)--

Referred to the Chief Clerk
for Comparison
Community dispute resolution programs;
authorizing the state and municipalities to
make grants to programs; proposing
coding for new law.

SF1268--Marty (DFL)--

Referred to the Chief Clerk
for Comparison
Energy and economic development;
providing for the powers and duties of the
commissioner of energy and economic
development; clarifying definitions;
authorizing certain Indian tribes to create
community energy councils; providing
the purpose for which an appropriation
may be spent; amending statutes.

SF1313--Adkins (DFL)--

Referred to the Chief Clerk
for Comparison
Insurance; liquor liability assigned risk
plan; regulating assigned risk plan
premiums; amending statutes.

SF343--Jude (DFL)--

Appropriations
Transportation; authorizing the issuance
of limousine license plates; allowing
limousines to have tinted windows;
amending statutes; proposing coding for
new law.

SF1081--Spear (DFL)--

Referred to the Chief Clerk
for Comparison
Custody; providing that evidence of
domestic abuse is relevant to
determinations of custody; amending
statutes.

SF1084--Schmitz (DFL)--

Referred to the Chief Clerk
for Comparison
Local government; authorizing cities to
impose a street access charge and
providing for its collection; proposing
coding for new law.

SF1097--Peterson, D C (DFL)--

Referred to the Chief Clerk
for Comparison
Crimes; domestic assault; requiring courts
to issue written orders for conditional
release; requiring arrest on violation of
conditions of release; providing for notice
to alleged victims of conditions of
release; amending statutes.

SF446--Jude (DFL)--

Judiciary
Civil actions; limitations on
commencement of actions; providing for
the limitation of actions for the recovery
of wages before administrative agencies;
amending statutes.

SF537--Jude (DFL)--Referred to
the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Public safety; imposing mandatory
minimum penalties on habitual DWI
offenders; amending statutes.

SF785--Peterson, D C (DFL)--

Referred to the Chief Clerk
for Comparison
Crimes; eliminating consent defense to
charge of depriving another of parental
rights; allowing filing of felony charges
before 14 days have elapsed; increasing
penalty for depriving another of parental
rights; amending statutes.

SF830--Pehler (DFL)--Referred to
the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Commerce; regulating nonrenewals and
transfers of franchises; providing civil
liability for unfair practices in relation to
franchises; amending statutes.

SF292--Peterson, D C (DFL)--

Referred to the Chief Clerk
for Comparison
Insurance; health and accident; requiring
coverage for scalp hair prostheses in
certain circumstances; amending statutes;
proposing coding for new law.

SF465--Vickerman (DFL)--

Appropriations
Transportation; providing for reduced
speeds in work zones; providing for
payment of administrative, filing, and
plate fees; restricting unauthorized use of
motor vehicles on public airport property;
defining peace officer; describing
qualifications for aircraft dealers license;
amending statutes.

SF743--Spear (DFL)--Referred to
the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Financial institutions; permitting
additional detached facilities; amending
statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF800--Wegscheld (DFL)--

Referred to the Chief Clerk
for Comparison
Financial institutions; authorizing certain
changes on open-end loan account
arrangements; amending statutes.

SF69--Berg (DFL)--

Appropriations
Natural resources; establishing a
commercial fish raising program;
amending statutes; proposing coding for
new law.

SF911--Hughes (DFL)--

Referred to the Chief Clerk
for Comparison
Education; requiring school districts to
make available instruction in Braille
reading and writing to blind pupils;
proposing coding for new law.

SF915--Reichgott (DFL)--

Referred to the Chief Clerk
for Comparison
Crime; amending trespass law to prohibit
harassment on private property;
prohibiting following and stalking with
intent to harass, abuse, or threaten;
removing requirement that caller not
disclose identity for purposes of
misdemeanor harassing telephone calls;
prohibiting intentional harassment by delivering a letter or object; providing penalties; amending statutes.

SF1230--Piper (DFL)--
Rules/Legislative Administration
Minnesota newspaper society; providing for preservation and interpretation of public areas of the state capitol; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF1308--Marty (DFL)--
Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Game and fish; designation and use of waterfowl feeding or resting areas; amending statutes.

SF802--Willet (DFL)--
Appropriations
Education; appropriating funds from litigation to the state university board; clarifying that the state university board may consider the qualifications of bidders providing for preservation and litigation to the state university board; amending statutes; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF1160--Chmielewski (DFL)--
Environment/Natural Resources
State lands; providing for exchange of tax-forfeited peat lands in Aitkin county.

SF1261--Marty (DFL)--
Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
State building code; changing certain provisions relating to public buildings; amending statutes.

SF1323--Marty (DFL)--
Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Statutes; conforming various laws to judicial decisions of unconstitutionality and suggestions for clarity; amending statutes; repealing statutes.

SF321--Merriam (DFL)--
Judiciary
Public safety; expanding crimes of driving a motor vehicle or a motorboat while under the influence of alcohol or certain substances; amending statutes.

SF1012--Merriam (DFL)--
Education
Education; requiring notice and a hearing for nonrenewal of an athletic coach's contract; requiring grievance procedures for discharge of an athletic coach during the contract period; amending statutes.

SF315--Berg仑 (DFL)--
Appropriations
Health; requiring licensure of home care agencies; providing a home care bill of rights; providing a complaint procedure for home care clients; regulating hospice programs: appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF703--Pogemiller (DFL)--
Appropriations
Occupations and professions; providing for the licensure of private detectives and protective agents; providing definitions; providing board powers and duties; specifying application and administrative procedures; authorizing rulemaking; requiring payment of fees; providing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF971--Pogemiller (DFL)--Taxes
Public finance; modifying and extending means of financing operations of local government and certain nonprofit institutions; providing and income tax exemption for interest earned on certain governmental obligations; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF1272--Wegscheid (DFL)--
Appropriations
Public meetings; requiring certain notice for all meetings; amending statutes.

SF1041--Samuelson (DFL)--
Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Health; providing for a local public health act; defining the powers and duties of boards of health; providing discretionary county ordinances power; authorizing the community health service subsidy; authorizing grants; providing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF167--Lessard (DFL)--
Appropriations
The Minnesota zoological garden; increasing the size of the zoological board; permitting the board to appoint new members to the board; exempting members of the board from filing statements of economic interest; amending statutes.

SF577--Reichgott (DFL)--
Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Business corporations; regulating mergers and exchanges; amending statutes.

SF1048--Lantry (DFL)--
Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Health; making nutrition data reporting discretionary rather than mandatory; governing the hazardous substance injury compensation board; restructuring the commissioner's authority to control activities of carriers of communicable diseases; regulating licensure and inspections of hospitals, nursing homes, life support transportation systems, and eating places, clarifying powers of the office of health facility complaints; changing certain duties of the interagency board for quality assurance; providing penalties; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF300--Cohen (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Education; establishing chemical abuse pre-assessment teams and community advisory teams; requiring teachers to report possession, use, and transfer of chemical substances by students; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF607--Bertram (DFL)--
Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Traffic regulations; peace officers; authorizing peace officers to inspect for regulated tires; amending statutes.

SF377--Marty (DFL)--
Appropriations
State government; regulating the state council for the handicapped; extending the time for appeals by the council from state building code decisions affecting the interests of handicapped persons; changing the name of the council; amending the duties and responsibilities of the council; authorizing the council to initiate or intervene in proceedings affecting handicapped persons; appropriating money; amending statutes.

SF449--Stumpf (DFL)--
Appropriations
Transportation; railroads; requiring occupied caboose car on certain trains; requiring caboose car to be equipped with shortwave radio; imposing a penalty; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

SF555--Brandl (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Human services; prohibiting the use of faradic shock in certain facilities; including certain aversive and deprivation procedures as abuse; amending statutes.

SF175--Pogemiller (DFL)--
Health/Human Services
Health; health maintenance organizations; requiring disclosure of certain exclusions and limitations on coverage; amending statutes.

SF853--Cohen (DFL)--
Appropriations
Public safety; establishing the "McGruff" symbol as the sign for a safe house for children; creating a safe house program; providing penalties; proposing coding for new law.

SF973--Merriam (DFL)--
Appropriations
Peace Officer training; providing money to train conservation officers employed by the commissioner of natural resources; amending statutes.
SF1331--Dahl (DFL)--Taxes
Taxation; providing for refund to manufacturers of excise taxes on automobiles when refund is paid to the consumer; amending statutes.

SF1044--Dahl (DFL)--Education
Education; providing for combined seniority list of certain teachers in districts entering into agreements for secondary education unless otherwise negotiated; amending statutes.

SF1057--Piper (DFL)--Appropriations
Education; requiring the University of Minnesota to study alternative methods for animal testing.

SF281--Marty (DFL)--Governmental Operations
Motor vehicles; abolishing authority to appoint corporations or private individuals other than persons acting on behalf of nonprofit corporations as deputy registrars; providing for transfer of appointments of corporations as deputy registrars to individuals under certain conditions; requiring county auditors or directors of county license bureaus to operate and maintain registration and motor vehicle tax collection bureaus in county seats; providing certain exceptions; permitting counties to contract with private individuals for deputy registrar services in certain instances; requiring the audit of private deputy registrars and contractors; permitting private individuals holding appointments as deputy registrars or qualifying for transfers of appointments held by corporations to continue to operate as deputy registrars; requiring the registrar of motor vehicles to develop a plan for compensating persons who by a certain date purchased corporations holding appointments as deputy registrars; amending statutes.

SF1223--Spear (DFL)--Appropriations
State departments and agencies; creating a commission for the quincentennial of the Hispanic presence in the western hemisphere.

SF232--Cohen (DFL)--Appropriations
Crimes; expanding the definition of crime for victims' rights provisions to include ordinance violations resulting in bodily harm; expanding crimes that entitle victim to notice of plea agreement; granting right to victim to submit an impact statement to the court; requiring officers to give victims a notice of their rights; requiring prosecutors to present to the court a written victim impact summary prepared by the victim; ensuring privacy of victim's request for notice of prisoner release; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF236--Waldorf (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Obscenity; prohibiting the distribution and exhibition of obscene materials and performances; prescribing penalties; amending statutes.

SF234--Pogemiller (DFL)--Governmental Operations
State investments; requiring the state board of investments to adopt an investment policy statement; authorizing state funds to be invested in certain securities; providing conditions of investment; amending statutes.

SF735--Adkins (DFL)--Appropriations
Human services; providing for a statewide interpreter service for hearing impaired persons; altering membership on Minnesota council for the hearing impaired; amending statutes.

Thursday, May 7

SF153--Lantry (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Consumer protection; requiring cash refunds for goods returned on certain retail sales; providing enforcement; proposing coding for new law.

SF1232--Solon (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Public safety; providing an exception for certain public employees; amending other statutes.

SF641--Chmielewski (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Workers' compensation; excluding certain persons from coverage; regulating insurance premium computations for certain public employees; amending statutes.

SF776--DeCramer (DFL)--Appropriations
Natural resources; creating the state board of water and soil resources and providing for its administration and powers and duties; abolishing the state soil and water conservation board and the water resources board; amending the duties of the environmental quality board; appropriating money; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law; repealing statutes.

SF1099--Lessard (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Natural resources; waiving indirect cost billings to the federal government and other states and provinces in certain circumstances; amending statutes.

SF90--Novak (DFL)--Referred to the Chief Clerk for Comparison
Public safety; pipelines and underground facilities; requiring a routing permit to construct a new pipeline; creating the office of pipeline safety and providing and repealing statutes; amending statutes; proposing coding for new law.

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Monday, May 11
8:00 a.m.

APPROPRIATIONS

8:30 a.m.

TAXES
Room 5 State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Gordon Voss. Agenda: HF777 (Cooper) Motor fuels; providing that unleaded gasoline having an octane rating of 90 or less, & sold in MN after June 30, 1987, must be blended with ethanol; etc.

House Session time to be announced.

Tuesday, May 12
8:30 a.m.

PENSIONS & RETIREMENT COMMISSION
Basement Hearing Room State Office Building. Chr. Rep. Wayne Simoneau. Agenda: 1) Meeting minutes. 2) Correspondence. 3) Report from the Commission Actuary. 4) Reports from Fund Administrators. 6) HF940 (Clark)/SF855 (Berglin) Division of Pension. 7) HF1096 (Reiding)/SF317 (Wegscheid) Police & fire voluntary consolidation into PERA-P&F. 8) Extension of actuarial contract with the Wyatt Company.

House Session time to be announced.

Wednesday, May 13

House Session time to be announced.

Thursday, May 14

House Session time to be announced.

Friday, May 15

House Session time to be announced.

Notes

Plans for a light rail transit system in Minneapolis won another victory May 1. By a vote of 96-36, the House passed SF282 (K. Nelson, DFL-Minneapolis). The bill would allow Hennepin County, and any local government or transit board in Minnesota, to develop electric trams, but would reduce from four mills to two the amount counties could levy for light rail.

The state may have found a way to deal with the elk problem in northwestern Minnesota, and compensate farmers for the crop damage elk cause. HF1351 (Tunheim, DFL-Kennedy) would require the DNR to create an elk management plan to keep the animals off agricultural land. The bill would also allow an open hunting season on elk when their population exceeds 20. Cost of a two-person hunting license would be $200.

"The only reason to vote against this bill is to support organ-donor medical services," says Rep. Phyllis Kahn (DFL-Mpls) about HF1228 (Vellenga, DFL-St. Paul), a bill that would impose a $25 fine for not wearing a seatbelt. Half the funds the fine would raise would go to an emergency medical services relief account. Rep. Lee Greenfield (DFL-Mpls) says the measure would save lives, reduce injuries, and improve public health at no cost to the state.

Anyone who violates hazardous waste laws knowing that the violation endangers someone else could be convicted of a felony under provisions in HF401 (D. Nelson, DFL-Champlin), a bill the House passed May 5. The bill exempts household wastes, pesticides, and used oil from the definition of hazardous wastes.

Under 18-year-olds couldn't sell or serve liquor in restaurants, bars, or liquor stores under a bill that cleared the House May 5. But the measure would allow minors to work in convenience stores or pizza places that sell 3.2 beer, says House author Rep. Joel Jacobs (DFL-Coon Rapids).

Metro parks shouldn't get maintenance money from the state's general fund, unless county and municipal parks in greater Minnesota also get state support, says Rep. Howard Miller (IR-Redwood Falls). Backers of state money for metro parks say many parks in the Twin Cities serve the same purpose, and get the same use, as state parks in greater Minnesota.

A bill that would require cremation or burial of aborted or miscarried fetuses passed the House Floor May 7 on a vote of 106-20. HF663 (Steve Wenzel, DFL-Little Falls) would cover only abortions or miscarriages that occur in a hospital, clinic or medical facility.

The Tax Laws Division of the Taxes Committee voted down a proposed cut in the state's 1.75 percent parimutuel tax. Taxes Committee Chair Rep. Gordon Voss told panel members the requested $4.4 million tax break for the race track would mean tax increases or cuts in state services. Other members said it would be imprudent to give a tax cut to Canterbury Downs in a year when state budgeting is tight.

Only 46 percent of the state's eligible voters went to the polls in the 1986 state and congressional elections, says Rep. Paul Ogren (DFL-Aitkin). Statistics from the secretary of state's office show highest turnout in rural and northern areas, and lowest in metro suburbs. To improve voter turnout, Ogren is offering a bill that would authorize a statewide voter registration computer network, allow residents to register when they get a new drivers license, and provide voter registration forms with income tax forms.
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Do You Know

The Common Loon--the great northern diver--is the oldest bird in North America and one of the oldest birds on earth. One fisherman describes its laugh-like call as "the loneliest voice on earth."

A large, brawny bird, its wingspread is nearly five feet. Its body, about three feet long, weighs about nine pounds--three times the weight of a mallard duck and about three pounds lighter than a bald eagle.

The Loon is an agile water bird, but if it lands on the ground, it's stranded. Its feet are back near its tail creating an impossible balance for walking. So, on land, it moves by pushing its belly along in a sliding motion for only a few feet at a time. From the ground, this heavy bird can't gain enough speed to fly.

With this handicap, migration is dangerous for the Loon. But every year, it flies miles inland from both North American seacoasts in search of calm, isolated waters where it can nest and find fish.